

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

What are you doing about rising gasoline prices?

—asked at Giant Tiger in Stouffville Tuesday afternoon

Dianne HALL



I prefer certain gas stations because my car performs better with that company's gas, so I go there regardless of the price.

Georgia MORGAN



I buy my gas in Stouffville because Uxbridge gas stations won't lower their prices.

Janice LONG

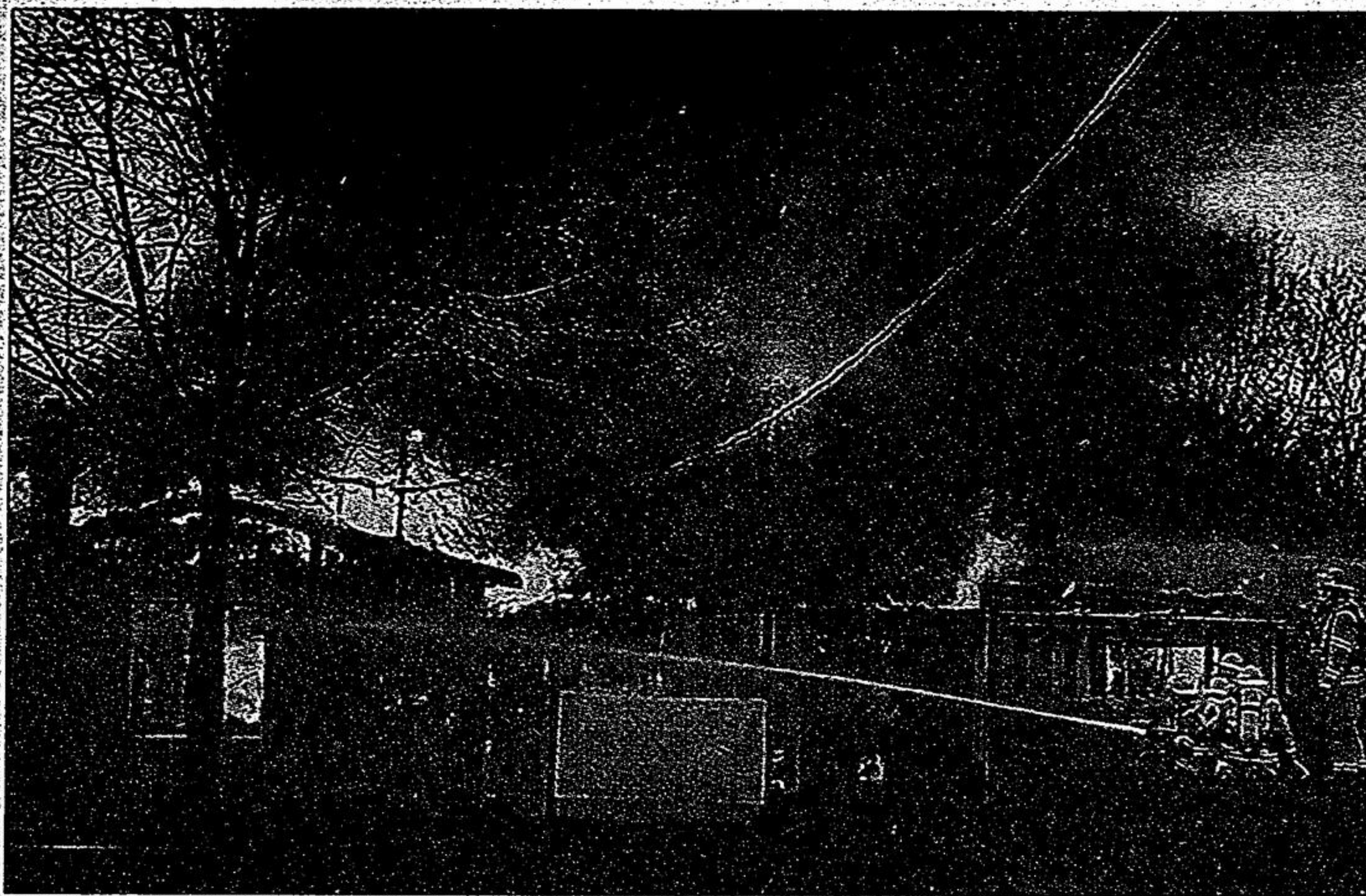


I go around and try to find the lowest price I can. Other than that, how can you change your driving? You still have to go to work and shop.

George DEFOREST



I am keeping my driving to a minimum. I am cutting out any extra trips and doing more than one thing each trip.



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Nobody home

A \$200,000 blaze leveled an unused dog kennel near Ballantrae Sunday night. Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services responded to the blaze at 15820 McCowan Rd., near St. John's Sideroad and found the 4,000-square-foot empty building "quite involved", Deputy Chief Paul Stover said. "It spread quickly," he said. The structure was under renovation at the time of the fire.

Nurse was hero during SARS crisis

BY LISA QUEEN
Staff Writer

York Region palliative care nurse Linda Campbell knows the value of being by the bedside of a cherished father with a terminal illness.

She was there for her 61-year-old father, Tom Robertson, when he died from stomach cancer seven years ago.

"I was very, very close to my dad," she said.

"It (death) is never the right time. It doesn't matter what age they are. It changes your life forever."

While Ms Campbell helps the dying and their families every day, her experience with her father's death meant she understood the plight of Laura Quintero Sierra, who did not want to stray from her 88-year-old father's side as he lay dying of a chronic lung disease at Markham Stouffville Hospital 14 months ago.

So, despite severe restrictions imposed at the hospital during the SARS crisis, Ms Campbell arranged for meals and blankets to be brought in for Ms Sierra.

She also bathed and shaved the elderly man, put on his favourite cologne, tended to his bedsores and changed his clothes.

She laughed and cried with



LINDA CAMPBELL, Palliative care nurse at Markham Stouffville named Ontario's nurse of year.

Ms Sierra and, despite the SARS restrictions, arranged for her parents to spend time together.

Last weekend, Ms Campbell was presented with the Nightingale Award as Ontario's nurse of the year based on Ms Sierra's nomination.

As much as Ms Sierra praised Ms Campbell's support and dedication, the nurse had equally kind words for the woman who nominated her for the award.

Laura herself never left her father's side, not even to go out into the hall. She was just there when I came on duty and she just didn't leave. She was amaz-

ing," Ms Campbell said.

Caring for dying patients during the SARS outbreak made an emotional job that much worse.

"It was a very sad time. It was very difficult for the nurses to do their jobs in all that garb. But it was more difficult for the families and the patients with the severe restrictions on visitations," Ms Campbell said.

"It was just so sad to see people, their only contact with anybody was staff and all they could see was our eyes. We were instructed to go in and do what we had to do and get out."

The married mother of three children, selected from 94 nominees, insists other nurses on the palliative and complex care floor are just as deserving of the award.

"I always say, I'm just a nurse. I just go and do my job every day. I do try to make a difference in people's lives," she said.

"All the nurses on our unit are like that. They're amazing, incredible. All the nurses are there because they choose to be. It's a heavy care unit. When things get tough, our staff is great and they're very supportive."

The award, presented annually during National Nursing Week, is given by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario and the Toronto Star.

Briefly

Man killed, children safe in Ballantrae crash

A Saturday afternoon head-on collision in Ballantrae claimed the life of a Newmarket man, but the proper use of child safety seats is being attributed to saving the lives of two toddlers in the crash.

Jordan Andrews, 3, and his sister Lauren, 18 months, of Musselman's Lake were properly secured in child safety seats in the back seat of an eastbound 2001 Ford Escape when it was hit head-on by a 2001 Sunfire, driven by Francis Bourqui, 61, of Newmarket.

The accident happened on Aurora Road just west of McCowan Road. Mr. Bourqui was pronounced dead at the scene.

The children's mother, Kim Adshade, 30, was airlifted to Sunnybrook hospital for life-saving surgery. She is in fair condition.

The children's father, David Andrews, 31, received minor injuries. The family was on its way home to Musselman's Lake when the accident happened. The Sunfire crossed the centre line, Const. Kim Kilby said.

The children's grandmother applauds the children's parents for having the youngsters properly secured.

"The car seats saved the children," Carol Andrews said.

Middleton at breakfast

Mark Middleton, former director of Stouffville's Emmanuel International, is the keynote speaker at Whitchurch-Stouffville's first prayer breakfast Thursday.

The breakfast, starting at 7:15 a.m. at Sleepy Holly Golf and Country Club on Tenth Line, was spearheaded by Mayor Sue Sherban and local churches.

Tickets are \$15 per person and available from Candlelight and Memories, 6198 Main St., or by calling 905-640-1910, ext. 230.

Quoteworthy

Two parents had lost their children and I'd lost my reputation.

Russell Stover, on tragic 2000 boating accident. See Jim Thomas' column on page 7.

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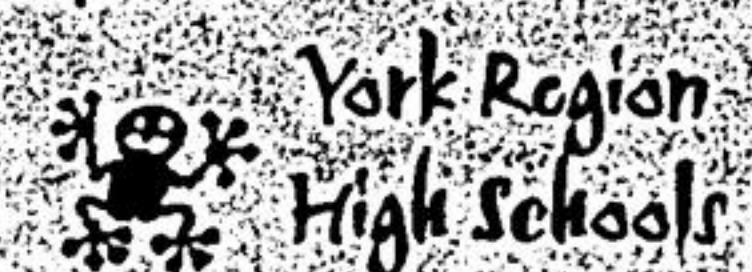
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