

## Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

### What will be the most important issue in the federal election?

asked at Sobeys in Stouffville Tuesday evening

Natasha SHAH



Health care and taxes. OHIP is cutting back services and we have to pay a premium. What other new services are being added in?

Daren FOELLER



Health care. The (provincial) budget knocked out physiotherapy and vision care. I am afraid of what the next budget might bring if the Liberals get in again.

Amelia POPLAWSKI

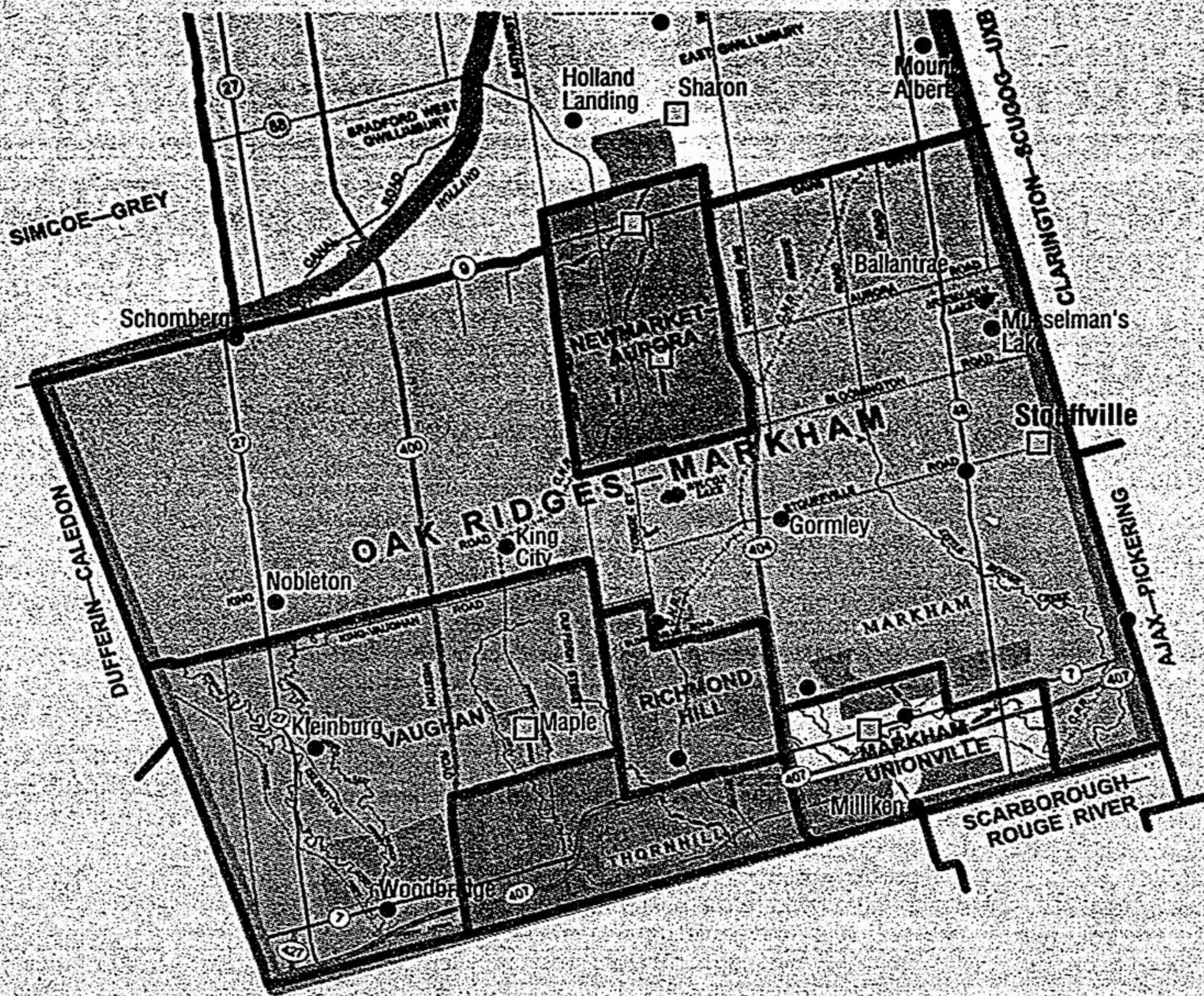


The increase in taxes. Especially since Dalton McGuinty made the promise not to add taxes and is doing exactly that. Federally, a tax increase will have a strong impact on families.

David LLOYD



What can be done about energy prices? They have been going steadily up for the past two years and eventually lead to high consumer product prices.



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PAMELA COURTOT: Consultant won NDP nomination Tuesday.



LUI TEMELKOVSKI: Businessman won Liberal nomination in upset.



BOB CALLOW: Conservative candidate campaigning on wheels

## Riding voters in foul mood

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Writer

With three pots of geraniums in her shopping cart, Gerri Gargal of Markham would rather discuss gardening than the June 28 federal election.

The Markham resident is not alone: Oak-Ridges-Markham voters are in a foul mood.

"At this point, it's hard to know who to vote for. I'd like to see a complete switch-around in Ottawa," Mrs. Gargal said. "But, of the leaders, I just don't know about any of them."

Mrs. Gargal works in the health care field, where she witnesses a great deal of waste.

Federal and provincial dollars are not spent wisely, yet politicians don't identify or correct the problems, she said.

The search for the truth in the federal political arena has become very difficult, Brian Wideman of Musselman's Lake said.

"It's hard to believe what any of them say this time out," Mr. Wideman said.

In the 2000 federal election, Mr. Wideman voted Progressive Conservative.

But switching to the new Conservative party is not automatic.

"I'm not too sure about them

either," Mr. Wideman said.

Voters have not been told the truth, he said.

"When you've been lied to as often as Canadians have, making a decision is difficult. I just don't know what I will do with my vote," he said.

A.L. Wells of Oak Ridges knows what she's doing June 28: she's staying home.

"I don't like any of them," Mrs. Wells said. "They're all a bunch of liars. From now on, I'll believe what they say when I see it. I'm not supporting this election. I've had enough of them. I've had enough of their rising taxes."

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## Briefly

### Gas bar employee robbed at gunpoint

A Ringwood gas bar attendant got the "scare of his life" shortly after midnight Monday, when he was ordered to the ground by an armed robber with a rifle.

"He's OK, but he really got a bad scare," said another attendant, who asked not to be named, at the Ringwood Gas Bar at Stouffville Road and Hwy. 48.

A man produced a rifle and ordered the attendant to the ground, then grabbed money from the cash register, as well as cigarettes. He fled to a waiting vehicle, which was seen traveling south on Hwy. 48.

York Regional Police are searching for two men, one possibly Asian, between 20 and 29 years old.

The man with the rifle was wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and tan pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

### Public works crew tops

Whitchurch-Stouffville's public works department drove away the winner last week in the seventh annual York Region Public Works Challenge.

The competition highlighted work-related skills and expertise in infrastructure repair and equipment operation. It was hosted by Richmond Hill and included public works teams from each of the region's nine municipalities.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville's team of Bill Reed, Sean Nesbitt, Glenn McNeill and Joe Burnett finished first overall.

"This is a very important achievement," Mayor Sue Sherban said.

"Our public works department is tops and this award reinforces what our town already knew: it is committed, knowledgeable and hard working. The department makes Whitchurch-Stouffville a better place to live."

—Joan Ransberry

## Quoteworthy

**'When you've been lied to as often as Canadians have...'**

voter Brian Wideman,  
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