

## Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

### Should Canada put more into its Olympic athletes and sports programs?

Asked at the Stouffville A&P Tuesday morning

Corinne BERRILL



We may have adopted a 'beaten before we start' attitude because we are overwhelmed by the U.S. media, which is definitely slanted.

Georgia TZEKOU



Athletes usually compete for pride, their country and their parents, but having more money might help them to be better prepared.

Michael CLEVERDON



Definitely, for coaching and so the athletes don't have to have jobs on the side and have more opportunity to train.

Bob WEBB



Definitely! In other countries, athletes can put 100 per cent of their effort into their sport because they don't have to earn money, too.



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## Quarter century of work

Edwin Lawes takes a look at some of the art exhibited during the past 25 years at Latcham Gallery in downtown Stouffville. In the foreground is Meditation Throne by Ron Baird from 1985. Mr. Lawes looks at Newsflash, a knitted woolen blanket from 1995 with news headlines. The show opened Friday and continues until Sept. 26. For more information call 905-640-8954.

## Trucks scare Lemonville residents

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
Staff Writer

Speeding trucks on McCowan Road, the racket of slamming tailgates resounding through the neighbourhood and the possibility of questionable fill materials going into a defunct gravel pit have prompted Lemonville residents to turn to the town for help.

They're worried about the safety of 11 children in the neighbourhood, many of whom ride bicycles on the road. Several residents, some of them seniors, take daily walks and ride bicycles as well.

Almost 40 residents at a Neighbourhood Watch meeting put their concerns in a petition delivered to Mayor Sue Sherban last week.

Under an agreement between Whitchurch-Stouffville and Bloomington Land Company, trucks bringing fill to the company's former gravel pit aren't supposed to use McCowan Road.

"The road is too narrow and not built for heavy truck traffic," resident Marion Wells said. With speeds sometimes exceeding 100 km/h, the safety of residents is at risk, she added.

"Lemonville is a hamlet," resident Dave Probert said, "and the vision years ago was certainly not to have this heavy,

heavy truck traffic."

Residents have noticed a decrease in trucks since the Neighbourhood Watch meeting. There has also been increased police presence on McCowan and Kennedy roads and Warden Avenue.

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The pit operator is required to control the routes of his trucks and is instructing truckers to stay off McCowan, said Tom Parry, the town's director of development services. They are supposed to use Bloomington Road and Hwy 48 when coming to and from the pit in that area.

Although rumours have been flying around the hamlet that McCowan Road is to be widened in 2005, that is definitely not the case, said Daniel Kostopoulos, project manager for York Region's transportation and works department.

No new capital projects have been planned for McCowan south of Bloomington under the

region's 10-year construction program.

Dave Chapman, who bought Bloomington Land Company from James Sabiston, is being proactive in working with the town to meet all requirements, Mayor Sue Sherban said.

A system of recording licence plate numbers of trucks coming into the pit has been instituted to make tracking loads easier and town staff are keeping a close eye on what's being brought onto the site. "We want to work with the owner to make sure all the appropriate checks and balances are put in place," Mrs. Sherban said.

Photographs by residents which have been delivered to the mayor, show materials such as insulation, metal pipes, concrete and wood were deposited at the pit. Those pictures confirm "there are some materials that should not have been brought in," Mr. Parry said.

While company inspectors are responsible for checking loads and pulling disallowed materials, the town is making five or six spot checks each week, Mr. Parry said, to ensure the fill agreement is being upheld. Filling began at the pit in July.

Mr. Chapman was not available for comment.

## Briefly

### Rider 36th at Olympics

Belinda Trussell was part of the Canadian dressage team that placed ninth overall in the team competition last weekend at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Riding Royan II, the 32-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville resident earned a score of 66.00 per cent to place 36th overall in her Olympic debut.

"I am pleased because we had a clean test. I wanted higher marks, but I can be happy with those I have been given. My horse had very good changes, was rhythmic in the extended trot and the serpentine. He came short in the canter walk. I would have liked him to go a touch more forward," she said.

"It's my first Olympic competition. I love every minute of it. I would describe it as a world feeling. This competition is extremely different from those I have contested in the past.

### Pyjamas in fashion downtown tonight

Tonight's the night to wear your pyjamas on Stouffville's Main Street.

Midnight madness returns to Stouffville from 7 to 10 p.m.

Merchants in the downtown area are holding a giant sidewalk sale and offering a variety of specials.

Roving pyjama spotters will hand out prizes for those brave enough to wear their night time attire in public during the Stouffville Business Improvement Area event.

The York-Durham Academy for the Performing Arts and other arts groups are performing in front of the Clock Tower and wannabe Idols can perfect their karaoke singing at the Lions Gazebo.

Giles Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd. will have a display of new vehicles and the ATC Corral will bring several four-wheelers to Main Street.

## Quoteworthy

**The municipality has not even given \$1 to this project!**

Joanna Reesor-McDowell, director of Parkview Home, talking to town councillors Tuesday. See story on page 1.

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