

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

What are the greatest concerns of young people today?

— Asked in Stouffville

Jared KIATIPIS



The perception of older people to teens in a negative way and older students intimidating younger students are concerns.

Romaine LOFTMAN



My only concern would be maintaining the marks for university. We've got our mid-terms so we know where we stand.

Kevin HENNINGS



A main concern is to finish high school and live life to the fullest.

Ryan BAHADORI



International issues concern me, such as the war in Iraq. We follow the news closely.



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

A shoe lies under a bus that struck a teenager in Markham Monday. Stouffville nursing student Melissa Pim witnessed the collision and administered first aid to the victim.

Stouffville nursing student aids teenager struck by bus

BY JOE FANTAUZZI
Staff Writer

Melissa Pim just happened to be there.

Ms Pim, 29, of Stouffville was the first to administer first aid to a teenager struck by a bus Monday afternoon while crossing Hwy. 7 in Markham.

The 17-year-old woman was crossing Hwy. 7 at Albert Street around 3:20 p.m., when she was struck by a short Laidlaw school bus turning from Albert on to Hwy. 7.

The rear wheels of the bus ran over her legs, York Regional Police Sgt. Courtney Chang said at the scene.

Ms Pim had been stopped in her van with her children at Cosburn Road and Hwy. 7, east of Main Street, when she saw the driver's side of the bus strike the young woman.

"It literally happened 10 feet away from me," she said.

The teenager's companion had a cellphone and called 9-1-1.

Ms Pim, a nursing student, encouraged the young woman to "stay still and not to move."

"She was in a lot of pain," Ms Pim said, adding the woman was crying and bloodied. "She was very scared."

Within minutes, emergency

responders arrived, administering professional first aid and blocking traffic in the area.

The young woman's father also arrived, Ms Pim said.

"I said, 'This is a miracle,'" The young woman was taken to hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

"I'm just glad I could help," Ms Pim said.

Ms Pim noted she saw the bus driver reach for her radio immediately after the collision.

The intersection was closed while police investigated.

The 59-year-old female bus driver is charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian.

Police probe alcohol link in fatal crash

Drivers are still getting behind the wheel after drinking heavily the night before under the mistaken assumption they are sober, Ontario Provincial Police Const. Dave Woodford said today.

Const. Woodford made the comment in the aftermath of a crash this weekend on Hwy. 404 near Aurora Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville that claimed the life of a 23-year-old Keswick woman. Her name is not yet available.

"A lot of people think they're sober when they're still impaired," Const. Woodford said, adding many motorists think if they can walk straight, they are fine to drive.

"A lot of people are driving and they don't get into collisions, but they're driving impaired. They're out there."

At about 6:15 a.m. Sunday, a Ford Windstar heading north on the 404 left the highway and ended up in the centre median. The woman, who was not

wearing a seat-belt, was thrown from the minivan. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver and another passenger were taken to Southlake Regional Health Centre with minor injuries.

Police believe alcohol was a factor, but not the cause of the crash, which kept the highway closed until noon.

"If everyone had their seat-belt on, we wouldn't be looking at a fatality," Const. Woodford said.

— Joe Fantauzzi

Briefly

Toronto driver killed after car slams into tree

A Toronto man is dead after crashing into a tree in Whitchurch-Stouffville Sunday.

The man was headed north on Kennedy Road, north of Bloomington Road, in his 1992 Acura Integra when the car left the road and slammed into a large tree about 5:20 p.m., York Regional Police said.

The 59-year-old driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

His name was not available. A probe into the crash continues.

If you have any information about the crash, call police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7703, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or leave a tip at www.1800222tips.com

Spirit at home tonight

The Stouffville Spirit hosts the expansion Villanova Knights of King City tonight at 7:30 at the Stouffville Arena. The Spirit defeated Orangeville in Provincial Jr. A Hockey League action Saturday. For more information, see page 21.

Correction

Revenue up at Nofrills

A story in last Thursday's Sun-Tribune on the effects of big box stores should have stated that revenues are up this year at Nofrills in Stouffville.

The Sun-Tribune regrets the error.

Quoteworthy

'I called him out, I went on the Internet, I did everything but go to his house and fight him in his driveway.'

— Canadian heavyweight boxing champion Ray Olubowale on attempts to get his last fight. See Jim Mason's column on page 6.

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