

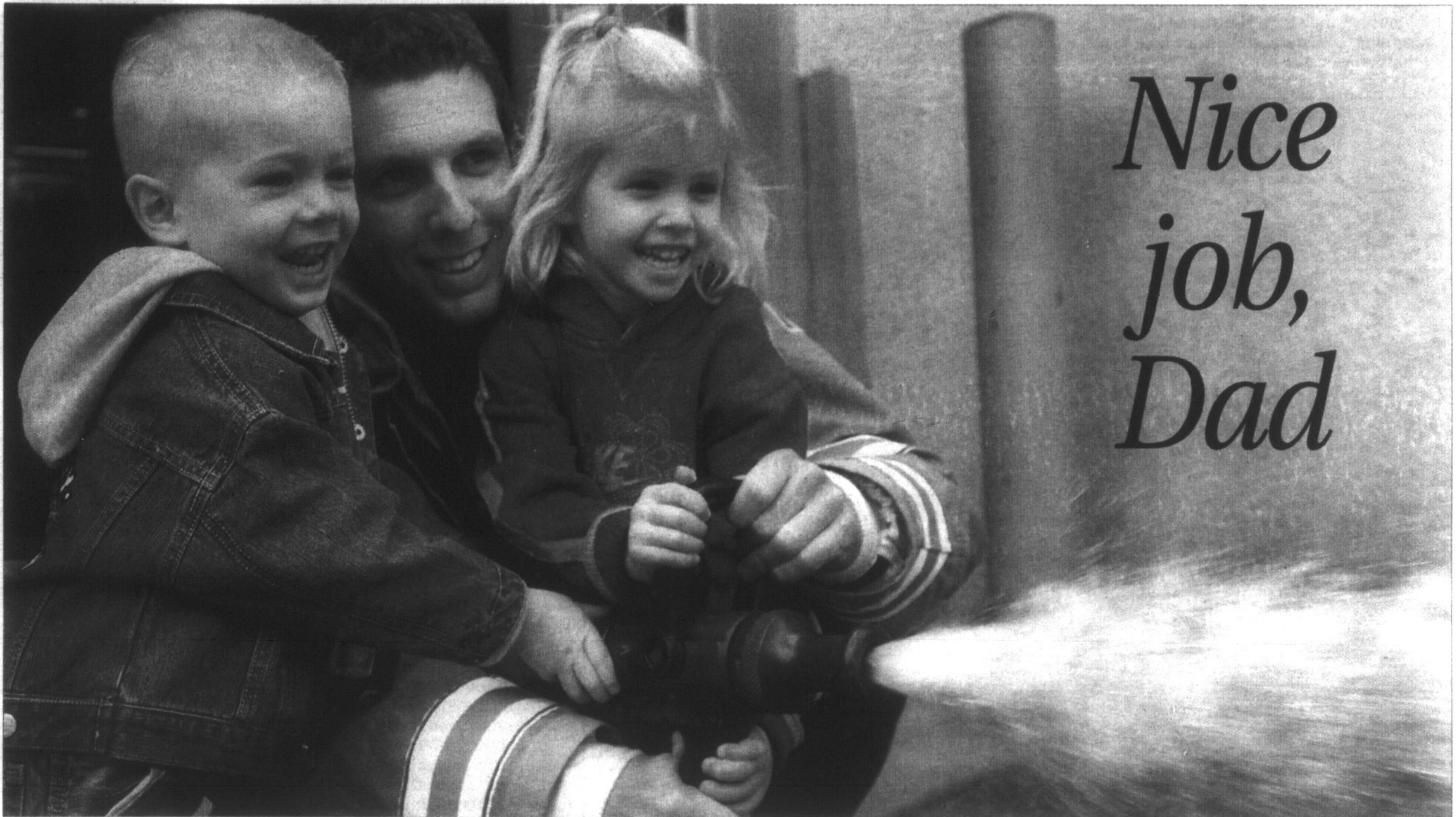
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*Nice  
job,  
Dad*

STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Firefighter Chris Leonard shows son Owen, 2, and daughter Taya, 4, what he does for a living during Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services' open house at the Main Street fire hall Saturday. Firefighters will be at tonight's Stouffville Spirit hockey game promoting fire prevention week. For additional photographs from the open house, see page 10.

*Markham mayor backing Liberal incumbent in local riding*

## Emmerson won't endorse federal candidate

BY SIMONE JOSEPH  
Staff Reporter

Should municipal politicians endorse the federal candidate of their choice?

No, says Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Yes, says Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, who is publicly backing Liberal incumbent Lui Temelkovski in the Oak Ridges-Markham riding.

The riding includes Whitchurch-Stouffville and portions of Markham, Richmond Hill and King.

An advertisement for Mr. Temelkovski appeared in Saturday's Sun-Tribune that contained a photograph of Mr. Scarpitti with a quote from the Markham mayor. "Lui cares. To me, that matters!" it reads.

A media release from Mr. Temelkovski's campaign manager Bill Attwell carried the same message.

"(Frank) has known Lui for many years," said Mr. Attwell, not to confused with former local Conservative MP Bill Attwell.

Mr. Scarpitti is a long-time Liberal and a former party candidate.

"It's a tough call," said Mr. Emmerson, who is a fourth term mayor. "You have the freedom to do whatever you want, but I wouldn't do it. I vote, but I won't endorse anyone."

"After the election, I have to work with whoever is elected and I think the candidates

should be conscious of that."


When Mr. Temelkovski asked for an endorsement this fall, Mr. Emmerson said no.

He said he will endorse candidates when they are seeking party nominations, including Conservative candidate Paul Calandra and former provincial Conservative candidate


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