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What will you do with your extra hour?

Don't forget to 'fall back' tonight?

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An hour; 60 minutes; 3,600 seconds; approximately 4 per cent of a day.

With daylight savings shifting clocks back tonight, you get a precious extra hour. With the cosmic timekeepers' largess in mind, Big Brothers Big Sisters and FedEx Express Canada, through Angus Reid, surveyed 1,003 adult Canadians in September and asked what they would do to change the world if they had one hour.

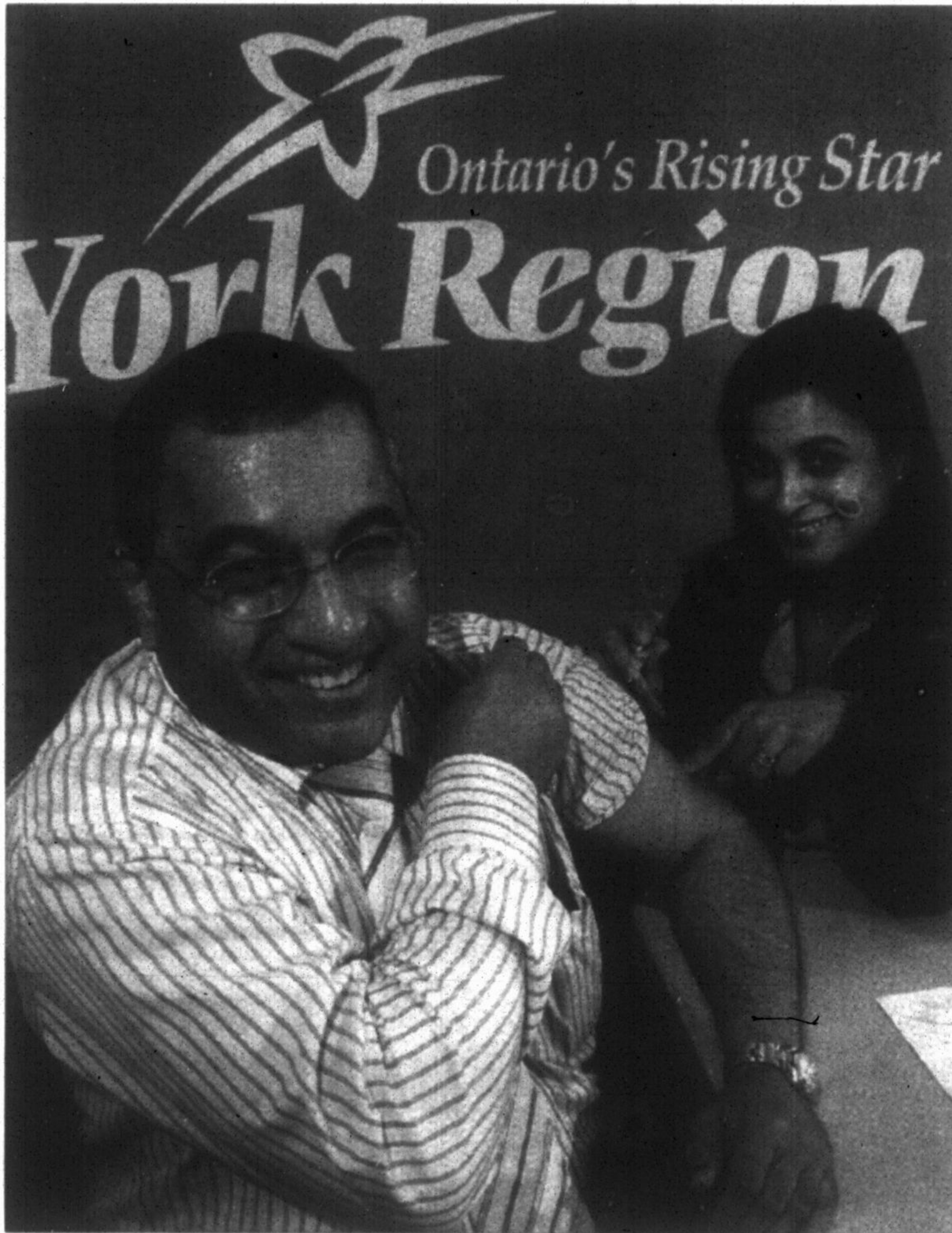
In an advocacy bid to inspire people to make time to volunteer, the two organizations continue to engage people in a Facebook discussion on how a single hour can change lives and strengthen communities.

Not surprisingly, the FedEx Value of an Hour survey results show just how overworked, stressed out and time crunched Ontarians actually are. Twenty-three per cent of Ontarians surveyed were so time deprived, they said they would use their extra hour to sleep, compared to 22 per cent nationally.

Another 28 per cent would spend their hour catching up on chores and household errands, versus 24 per cent in other parts of Canada.

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BIG SHOT



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York Region's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Karim Kurji rolls up his sleeve for his flu shot from public health nurse Razia Amod at regional headquarters this week. The region is hosting free influenza clinics from now to Dec. 2, including one in Stouffville, Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Lebovic Leisure Centre. For more information, visit york.ca/flu

TOWN HALL

Politicians underpaid: councillor

Hargrave wants parity with other York towns

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Whitchurch-Stouffville's mayor and councillors may give themselves raises next year, if Councillor Rob Hargrave gets his wish.

The councillor presented a notice of motion during Tuesday night's council meeting to have their salaries made on par with that of East Gwillimbury.

"For the hours and the time we're putting into this job, there needs to be some parity," Mr. Hargrave said during the meeting.

Right now, Mayor Wayne Emmerson earns \$42,148.63 annually, while councillors each have a salary of \$27,729.66.

The mayor's job is full-time, while the councillors' position is classified as part-time.

Even with a proposed raise to \$60,000 for the mayor's position and \$38,000 for councillors, Mr. Hargrave told The Sun-Tribune they would still be the lowest paid town staff members.

Mr. Hargrave said salaries for Whitchurch-Stouffville council, including the mayor, should fall somewhere between Newmarket, which is on the tail-end of its growth, and East Gwillimbury, which is at the beginning of its development.

Newmarket's mayor earns \$86,396 while East Gwillimbury's mayor has an annual pay of \$61,191, according to a report from town

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