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**SPORTS**

# Pan Am dreams up in the air

## Cockburn on crutches following surgery on broken ankle

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For Karen Cockburn, the surgery required to repair a broken left ankle incurred while preparing for the 2014 world trampoline championships in Daytona Beach, Fla. was carried out successfully in Toronto last week.

Now it's a matter of wait and see when the 34-year-old Stouffville resident and three-time Olympic medallist can make a full recovery with the hope of returning to the trampoline and possibly represent ing Canada at the 2015 Pan American Games.

In describing the extent of her injury once the initial swelling subsided, Cockburn cited one side

of her ankle had a straight break while the other side was broken in pieces.

*"We will see how it feels and if I can strengthen it (her ankle) enough and jump again and see what the timeline will be."*

To repair her injured ankle, Cockburn revealed surgeons inserted a series of pins and screws Nov. 18.

"Everything went well," Cockburn said of her recent surgery. Saying she did not ask doctors

too many questions just after her surgery, Cockburn anticipates she will know a little more about the extent of her injury in a medical follow up Dec. 5.

During that time, she anticipated further X-rays will be carried out.

Currently moving about on crutches, Cockburn estimated she will remain immobile until at least the end of December.

After that she hopes to be back on her feet and get on a rigorous physiotherapy program

"We will see how it feels and if I can strengthen it (her ankle) enough and jump again and see what the timeline will be," she said.

"Right now, though, it's hard to say when I will be back on my feet."



**KAREN COCKBURN:** Olympic trampoline medallist will know more about her injury next month.

## ACTON HAS COMPANY IN CANUCKS CAMP

Stouffville's Will Acton has a change of address.

The Edmonton Oilers traded the centre to the Vancouver Canucks for left wing Kellan Lain last Thursday.

The players were teammates at Lake Superior State University. Both played in the Ontario Junior Hockey League, Acton for the Stouffville Spirit and Lain for the Oakville Blades.

Acton, 27, started the season with the Oilers, but was playing for their American Hockey League team in Oklahoma City at the time of the deal. His father, Keith, is associate coach of the Oilers.

He is now with the Canucks AHL affiliate, the Utica Comets.

Acton has appeared in 33 NHL games during the past two years, scoring three goals and assisting on two more.

The other Spirit grads who have played in the NHL all did it with the Canucks: Mike Duco, Chris Tanev and Darren Archibald.

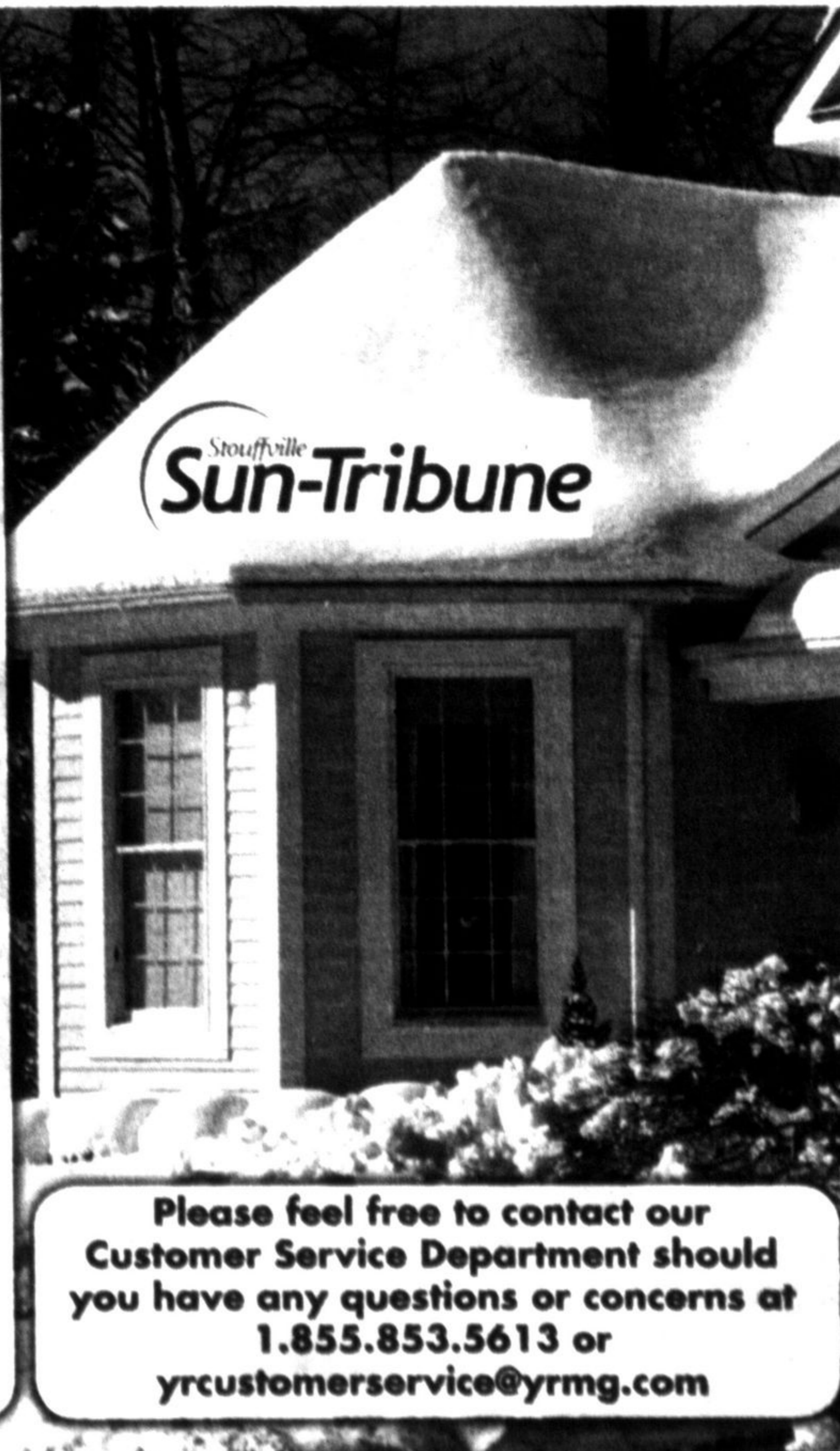
Tanev remains in Vancouver, Archibald is in Utica and Duco plays for the Indy Fuel of the East Coast Hockey League.

- Jim Mason

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- Stouffville Martial Arts (61 Ringwood Dr.) • Stouffville Toyota Dealership (Millard & Hwy 48) • TD Bank - Main Street • Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre (Lobby) • Whitchurch - Stouffville Municipal Offices (Lobby) • Whitchurch-Stouffville 2 Arenas • Willow Springs Winery (5572 Bethesda Rd Stouffville)

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