Corcoran may seek Tory candidacy YORK CENTRE - For Liberals in about 30 seconds - at a meeting last a lot more fun.

this riding, nomination of a provincial month. candidate for the next election was For the Conservatives, though, Anthony Roman, mayor of Markham, again himself, provided the election

disposed of quickly and neatly — in chances are the same procedure will be



Tony Roman ...will try again

William Corcoran ...may challenge Roman

says he'll again seek the Tory doesn't come between May and July nomination at the convention April 22. when his professional commitments

Possible candidate turned to Richmond Hill Councillor we'll be ready if and when it happens." William Corcoran.

sideration." Roman, asked whether he would before." confirm rumors that he'll be trying again, said simply, without hesitation:

"Yes, I confirm it." There's the possibility of other candidates, but at this stage local votes to Roman's 13,083 and Snedker's Tories agree it will be a showdown between the two municipal politicians if

Corcoran enters the race. Whoever wins will face first-term Liberal MPP Alf Stong, nominated without opposition at his party's convention in February.

No NDP action

York Centre New Democrats haven't set a date for their convention, but it will be discussed by the party executive at a meeting this weekend.

Tony Snedker, a Thornhill Secondary teacher who ran for the NDP last September, said the executive is not previously entered provincial considering several possible candidates politics.

but has not approached any of them yet. Two-time defeated candidate He said he would be happy to run

wouldn't allow the time. Other Conservatives, however, are "We're not particularly expecting an looking for a new face and they've early election," Snedker said, "but

In good shape "A lot of people have been asking me He added the NDP is in "very good to run," Corcoran said, "but it came up financial shape. Whenever the camall of a sudden. I'm giving it con- paign comes, we'll be starting off with more money than we've ever had

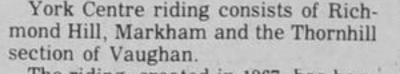
Under Snedker in the last election, the NDP increased its share of the vote from 11 per cent in 1971 to 23 per cent. Stong won that election with 14,913 *

8,140. For 35-year-old Stong, a Richmond Hill lawyer, it was a first try at politics and for Roman, 40, it was the second time he was the unsuccessful Conservative candidate.

6-year mayor Roman is in his sixth year as

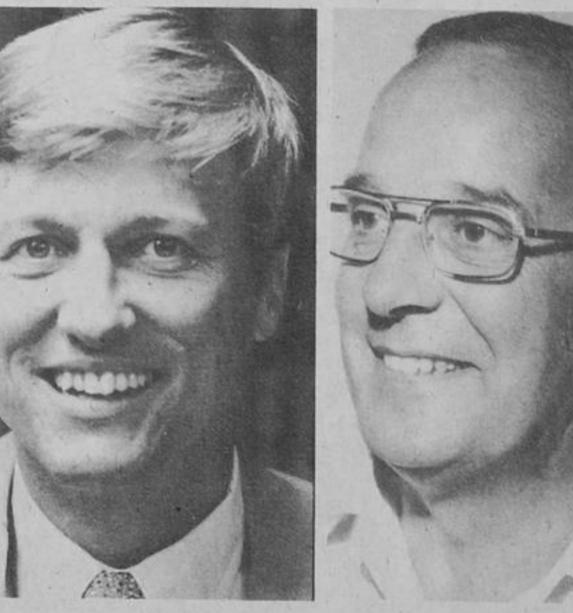
Markham mayor and previously served as councillor and deputy reeve. Corcoran was elected to Richmond Hill council in 1972, representing Ward 5 in the northern part of town. He has

MPP Alf Stong



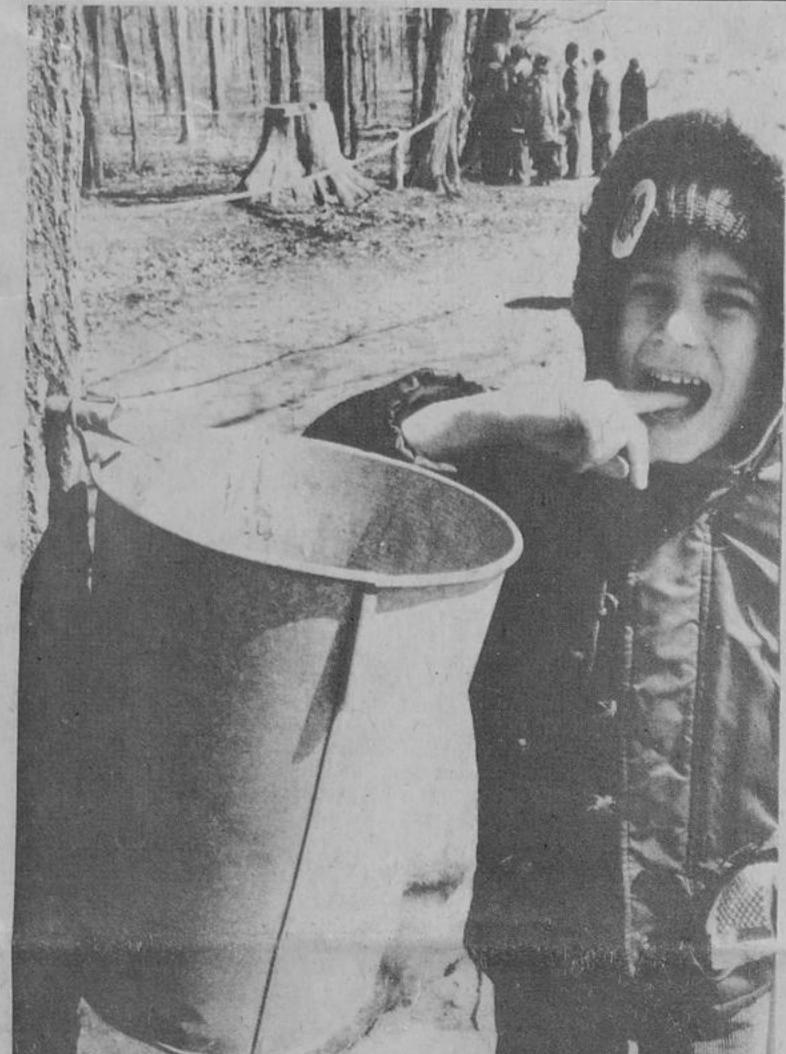
The riding, created in 1967, has been from politics last year.

York Centre riding consists of Rich- held continuously by the Liberals. Don Deacon was elected MPP that year and served until his retirement



...Liberal's choice

Tony Snedker ...NDP ready for election



(Photo by Hogg)

Tasty Canadiana

The sap was flowing last weekend at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area on Gormley Sideroad, and people turned out in droves to view the process, old and new, for making maple syrup. Pictured above, Jason Helfernbarra (6) of Willowdale is caught sampling the sweet water that drips from the spigot into the pail in traditional early Canadian fashion. Behind, modern plastic tubes carry sap efficiently to processing centres for conversion to syrup or sugar. Visitors to Bruce's Mill will be able to watch the sugaring off and enjoy pancakes and fresh maple syrup from 10 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. weekends to April11.

Inside The Liberal

Budget talk 'hot air'

School Trustee John Stephens sees board cost cutting measures as a lot of hot air. See his Guest Spot column on Page A-4.

It was the biggest year ever for York Central Hospital Auxiliary's fund-raising efforts, with a total of \$35,000 turned over for needed projects. See Page C-1.

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'Nice tall building' is ruled out by OMB RICHMOND HILL - Local residents places, be sufficiently tall to hide a staff felt the "distinct characteristics" . . . Forty-five feet would be a

skyline if restaurateur Gabriel Osmond said. Gabrielides had his way.

buildings" of our own, say about 250 feet high, Gabrielides told Municipal Board hearing at town hall last week. The OMB didn't agree.

In fact, it not only approved a town by-law limiting building heights, it ordered the town to go even further in the same direction.

60-foot maximum

The new limit 'to building heights in the old Richmond Hill village area is 45 feet (four or five floors) with an extra 15 feet allowed for elevator housing. As approved by town council last May, the bylaw would have set a maximum height limit of 60 feet, with

or without elevator housing. Gabrielides, owner of fried chicken franchises and rooming houses in Richmond Hill, was the only speaker at the hearing to plead the case for taller buildings.

"Why should there be maximum of 60 feet?" he asked. "It doesn't make any

Preserve hilltop

The answer, according to town solicitor Tom Fraser, is that the town wants to preserve the distinctive hilltop skyline of church spires and trees.

Gabrielides remained unconvinced and said he thought a skyscraper here and there "would be something nice for Richmond Hill. People are always admiring all the tall buildings in downtown Toronto."

Another speaker at the hearing, Citizens' Advisory Group chairman Dawn Osmond, said the 60-foot limit was too high.

council," she said, "but a 40 to 50-foot council committee meeting this week. limit would be even better.

Unique skyline "We should preserve the unique paying it off. skyline of Richmond Hill, with The region has approved, but not historical church spires which pierce issued, \$17 million in debentures and

directions." A building of 60 feet would, in some exceed \$27 million this year.

wouldn't have to be jealous of Toronto's large part of a church spire, Mrs. of the Hill skyline should be main-reasonable limit."

We ought to have "some nice tall questioned by Fraser, said the planning "personally I think 60 feet is too high or five residential floors.

A 45-foot building is considered Town planner Kathy Pounder, She also offered the view that adequate for four commercials floors

\$68.1 million budget

School tax to rise 16%

AURORA - York County Board of Education has approved a budget of \$68.1 million, which will bring about a mill rate increase of 16.6 per cent. Each mill is worth \$20 on a home assessed at \$20,000.

mill rate hasn't been determined, taxpayers will pay 15 per cent of the those who wanted to cut less. total public school requisition.

Monday night, the board applied last year's surplus of \$975,000, plus \$1.3 million of its reserve fund, cutting it down from its original figure of \$69,088,594.

After provincial grants have been applied, York taxpayers will have to pay a total of \$32 million.

Region's debt said too high

NEWMARKET - Increasing debts and high interest rates force too much of a burden on York region taxpayers, "I basically support the action of Regional Treasurer John Hlynski told a The region, he said, cannot continue

to increase its debt faster than it is

the sky and can be seen from all another \$17 million is required. Hlynski said the total should not

bickering, trustees seemed happy to program for only those students who reach the compromise figure.

produced the middle-of-the-road budget figure, trustees had divided almost In Richmond Hill, although the exact evenly into two entrenched factions those who wanted to cut further and

Though the board had talked of a In arriving at the \$68 million figure "top-down" budget, in which it would set a total budget figure, then make cuts in expenditures to fit, that process faltered Monday night.

Soon after they began discussions, trustees were caught up in a line-by-line debate of the draft budget.

original plan by a motion from

\$35,718,000. After lengthy debate, the motion was the public next week. defeated.

line-by-line efforts. They had cut about \$75,000 from the secondary school budget by ordering an increase in productivity (administration personnel in the schools will teach more and teachers will have less spare periods) of about 31/2 per cent.

They had also trimmed about \$10,000 by halting expenditures on conferences and fees for courses that staffers at-

When they returned to their line-byline efforts, the trustees could not reach concensus on anything.

Weary after almost six hours of They tried to make summer school a needed the courses to complete their Until Markham Trustee Don Sim school year. They failed to agree.

> They tried to save on the master teachers program by cutting the whole thing and putting those teachers back in

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Amusement site study released MAPLE - Engineering reports,

They were snapped back to their commissioned by Taft Broadcasting Company, the U.S. firm which has Markham Trustee Don Cousens, who proposed building a 320-acre called for a budget with a requisition of amusement park on land about half a mile from Maple, will be available to The reports deal with the park's

Then the trustees returned to their impact on traffic, ground water, the natural environment and social patterns in Maple, Vaughan and the Metro

This literature, as well as other information, will be featured at "open house" programs April 8, 9 and 10 at Maple community centre.

A representative of Family Leisure Centres of Canada, a subsidiary of Taft, told the Liberal the impact studies cost the company about \$300,000.

In addition to providing reports, the company will be sending representatives to discuss the park with interested citizens.

410 goals wasn't enough to win this hockey game

By Fred Simpson

RICHMOND HILL - It wasn't exactly of earthquake proportions but a group of local youngsters made history on the weekend.

What did they do? Well, sir, they created a new world's record. Right here.

That's what. It may never happen again. Time will record that seven youngsters of able body and mind,

They played 24 hours and 21 minutes of non-stop road hockey on a local tennis court at the back of the Rich- said Reggie in an outburst of modesty mond Hill Arena.

6:21 a.m., set the following:

The old record was 24 hours and was set by some unknown in New York City. Who, are the heroes?

The roll call: Reggie Golub, 11, Greg Christenson, 10, Steve Irwin, 12, James Gwillam, 12, Anthony Cronin, 12, John Cronin, 15, and Paul Cronin, 8, all of Roseview Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Quotable comment from one of the was okay. You're allowed to sleep five participants.

Was tired "Man, was I tired," said Reggie Golub. "The worst part was my feet.

Around 2 p.m. the next day. a.m. Friday of last week. In fact, we dropped the ball at a second to 6 a.m. a few minutes. They were great."

They got pretty sore. Not at first. Later.

What happened? What happened after that? March 27, the year of our Lord 1976, at goals which was the tops. Jamie had six tranquilizers." Gwillam was second with 240."

What was the score? "We edged them out by 424 to 410," and then added. "But I'm not sure. Just use that score as an example."

Casualties, yet There were a few casualties. with the ball," continued Reggie. "It

made his nose bleed. Another fellow got a ball in the eye. "One other guy went to sleep but that

minutes over every hour." Who were the other heroes?

Unsung heroes

You guessed it. The unsung heroes. Moms and dads. "Our parents supplied us with sand-"We started right on the button at 6 wiches and fried chicken during the night. Some of them played with us for

Were you tired after the ordeal? "Man, was I tired," concluded "Well," said Reggie, "I scored 263 Reggie. "I went home and slept like I

> Where on earth did you get the idea? "We saw it on television. The record was set in New York and we decided to break it. Gee, I hope they recognize it." Finally:

Would you like to do it again? "No, not this. But a friend and I have something else in mind for the summer. "One of the fellows got hit in the nose We'd like to set a new record for sitting on a garage roof.

"But don't print that. It's just an idea. We might not do it." Okay.



(Photo by Hogg)

History-making hockey

For 24 hours and 21 minutes, a gang of Richmond Hill boys played non-stop road hockey to set a world record for longest game ever. Final score was 424-410, or something like that. Participants were Reggie Golub, Greg Christenson, Steve

Irwin, James Gwillam, Anthony Cronin, John Cronin and Paul Cronin, all from Roseview Avenue. Their parents were on hand to supervise the action, and to provide well-earned sandwiches and fried chicken.