

Letters

Nothing will bring Markham Fair back

Dear editor:
In a world of inflation, poor government, over crowded schools, high interest rates, controlled wages and record high profits for large corporations, we live in a sad society.
Our pleasures are few and those that are left seem to keep diminishing as our leaders in society continually mess up our lives.



Ted Medley
... faults town council

The Markham Fair has gone from our backyard, gone from Highways 48 and 7, gone from the heart of Markham, where children can walk to and see the lights and feel the excitement only a fair can bring. It is supposed to be bigger and better yet, with lots of room. But how much has gone from the glitter and mood that this sight brings.

The fair has gone and nothing I can do will bring it back.

I won't be able to walk over and smell the fever in the air as this fair is beginning to get organized.

I shall miss you, old fair, as I am sure deep in their hearts so will the people of Markham Town.

Thank you society for taking away, but thank you even more for what's to come.

Over 2,900 people have told this town they don't want this property to be zoned residential.

The town council (whose job it is to represent the people) have decided they know better and have put this intended change of rezoning in the official town plan.

Dr. Jack Luftman, bless him, led a small group of us to save this property. But we were opposed by all of town council as well as the editor of The Economist and Sun.

We have worked hard to do something we feel the town people believe in. That is to stop a development from coming onto this site.

I fault our town council and mayor. But I also feel more citizens could have written your council member and told him or her your thoughts.

We can still fight this rezoning, as we shall. But how long can one fight city hall?

TED MEDLEY
18 Paradise Ave.,
Markham, Ont.

Juvenile impulse too strong

Dear editor:
Your recent coverage of York County board of education problems is to be commended because public opinion may well become the means of solving them.

However, the spate of over-accusing and over-defending tends to divert attention from real issues in values education.

An extremist act weakens its own cause by arousing antagonism.

The authors of the Hall-Dennis report, Dr. Spock, Dr. Kohlberg and others who favored child per-

missiveness, meant well.

They all had an interesting theory that moral autonomy would produce responsible citizens and many people trusted that theory.

But the 'do your own thing' attitude produced enough new problems that public opinion started to return toward standards of conduct and standards of achievement at least five years ago.

When the board sought public comment on its program of juvenile peer group decision making last month, it got a firm mandate for change.

The message was that teachers should teach — using positive guidelines and personal example.

The staff director of research had already reported the dilemma discussion approach "may be no more effective than traditional methods."

Other research has reminded us juvenile impulse is too strong for juvenile reasoning and needs the moderation of either experience of consequences or education.

The experiment had value — if only to learn what not to do. No one intended harm.

Now it should be possible to make useful adjustments without getting 'uptight' — or getting others 'uptight'.

Everyone, not just teachers, sets examples. To the extent that this (or any) situation requires self-restraint, everyone has an opportunity and a responsibility to show such an example.

Our voters may wish to separate the issue from its superficial distractions.

ERIC BAKER,
RR 2, Gormley, Ont.



Eric Baker
... solving education problems

Roman didn't offer to back newspaper

Dear editor:
Many thanks for the news story on the impending birth of The North Star, Richmond Hill's new tabloid newspaper.

However, I must point out a discrepancy between fact and a statement made in that story.

I am quoted as saying the mayor of Markham, Tony Roman, offered financial backing but that the offer had been turned down.

In fact, I was asked if Mr. Roman was a financial backer of the enterprise. I answered, "No, and if he had offered financial support, it would have been turned down."

I hope this explanation will clarify an otherwise excellent story and will serve as a public apology for any embarrassment caused to Mr. Roman.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS,
Editor, The North Star,
Richmond Hill, Ont.

Gorilla unsafe pet

Dear editor:
As a Thornhill resident, I find the recent story about the gorilla very appalling.

Disgust, however, turned to fear as I realized this sick person (the owner, not the animal) is one of our neighbors.

A 400-pound plus gorilla is not the safest animal to have around.

True, there are reports there was a cage built into the garage.

But the owner also boasts about having the gorilla toilet trained and trained to eat at the table.

What toilet and what table?

Did she live with the gorilla or did she move this beast back and forth into the house?

Somehow, I get the feeling I have missed something, or that I don't

completely understand.

Although, according to The World Wildlife Fund, this Black Mountain Gorilla is not yet on the "endangered species list", it may soon be if this type of practice continues.

I hope the authorities are looking into the situation. Perhaps the owner feels she was not cruel to the ape.

But if taking such an animal from its environment and training it to live with people is not cruelty, then what is?

What about the reported lack of care?

The poor animal is out of its misery. Let this be a lesson so it will never occur again.

ALEX EBERSPAECHER,
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655 Deaths

SMITH, Derrick

Suddenly, on Friday, October 15, 1976, Derrick, dear son of Leslie and Hilda Smith of 105 Carlton Road, Unionville (formerly of Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill), dear brother of Kathryn, John and Mark. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill. Service was held on Monday morning. Cremation. clw16

STEWART, Mary S.

Suddenly at her home in Oak Ridges on Monday, October 18, 1976. Mary S. Duguid in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Frederick S. Stewart. Dear mother of Norah, Gordon, Margaret, Kathleen, Violet. Also survived by nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends were received at the B. E. Ring Funeral Home, 7783 Yonge Street, Thornhill. Service was held in the chapel Wednesday at 2 p.m. Interment Beechwood Cemetery.

SHOTT, John, (1896 - 1976)

John Shott, passed away in his sleep after a short illness on September 18, 1976 at York Central Hospital, in Richmond Hill, Ontario. A 10 year resident of Richmond Hill, Mr. Shott was employed for 35 years until retirement by Abitibi Paper Co., in Iroquois Falls, where he resided for 42 years. Interment was on Sept. 25, 1976 at Abitibi Cemetery, Iroquois Falls. Burial services were by Father Rev. Philippe Breen. Pallbearers were: John Dochylo, Peter Mokry, (of Toronto) Thomas Buzzubetz (of Timmins), Tom Holjevac, Gerard Snyder, Otto Shott (Iroquois Falls). Honorary pallbearers, Murray Podrucky, Mike Bonk. Pre-deceased by his wife Kathrina in 1939. Mr. Shott is survived by an only son, Otto. Special thanks to everyone for their condolences and floral contributions, also to Karl Smith and Mrs. Mike Hotzalo for their considerate assistance. His last thoughts were of his many friends. Sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Nurses and Staff of York Central Hospital, also to Dr. Leonard Krystolovich, Dr. B. W. Granton and Dr. J. J. McGuire for their compassion and treatment during his illness.

GROVES, Raymond

Suddenly, at his home, at Stoney Point, on Sunday, October 17, 1976. Ray Groves, beloved husband of Hazel Baker, dear father of Laurie and Leah (Mrs. R. Tierney). Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill. Funeral service on Thursday, October 21, 1976, at 3 p.m. Cremation. clw16

EVANS, Elmore Graham

At his late residence 19 Rainbow Drive, Woodbridge, Ontario, on Monday, October 18, 1976. Elmore Graham Evans beloved husband of Winnifred Attridge Morris, formerly of Lindsay, Ontario and the late Edith Upshall, son of the late Maurice and Martha Evans. Dear father of Lorna (Mrs. Jim Pettigrew) loved grandfather of Richard, Susan and Catherine, beloved brother of Lily (Mrs. P. Usher) Gerie (Mrs. A. Kitchener) Frances (Mrs. G. Morris) Adell (Mrs. V. Livingston) and Ruby (Mrs. G. McBride). Rested at the W. R. Scott and Son Funeral Home, 7776 Kipling Avenue, (at Hwy. 7, Woodbridge). Town of Vaughan. Service in the chapel on Wednesday, October 20, at 2 o'clock. Interment Brampton Cemetery. (For those who desire a contribution to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family).

SULLIVAN, Audrey

At Newmarket, after a lengthy illness, on Thursday, October 14, 1976. Audrey, beloved wife of Frank Sullivan of Richmond Hill, sister of Dorothy and Robert. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill. Service was held on Monday morning. Interment Richmond Hill Cemetery.

SPANNER, John

Suddenly, on Thursday, October 14, 1976. John Spanner, beloved husband of Martha Walker, of Richmond Hill, dear father of Marguerite McMahon of Nova Scotia, loved by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill. Funeral service was held in the Richmond Hill United Church, on Monday afternoon. Interment Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto. Remembrances may be made to the John Spanner Fund, c/o Richmond Hill United Church.

SMITH, Albert Henry (Bert)

At Princess Margaret Hospital, on Wednesday, October 13, 1976. Bert Smith, beloved husband of Kathleen Babcock of Elgin Mills Rd., West, Richmond Hill. Dear father of Carol (Mrs. Jack Waller), Russell, Patricia (Mrs. Albert Norman) Rodney, Richard and Chari. Grandfather of Denise, Douglas and Steven, dear brother of Sydney, Tillie, Christopher and Betty. Rested at the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill. Service was held on Saturday morning. Interment Maple Cemetery.

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J.O. Slingerland, D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health

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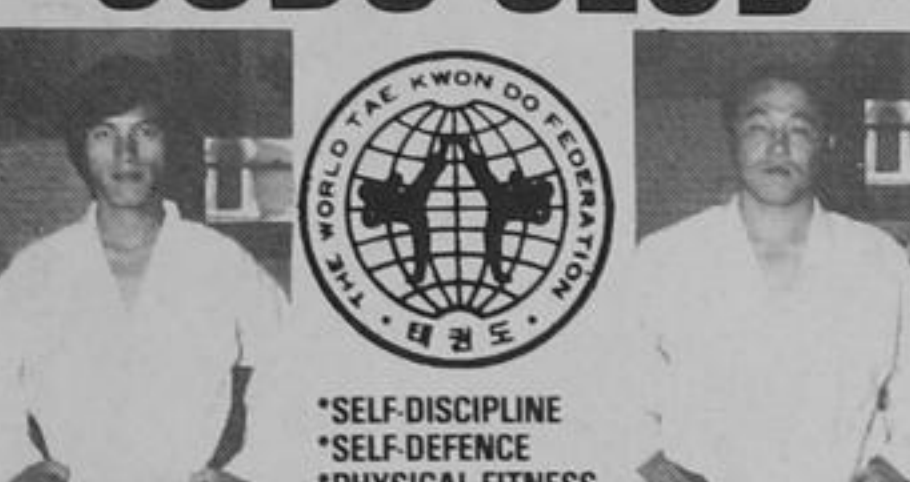
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