

It does not burn

But the four floodlights that will set off the flame on this 35-foot high candle when it is raised at Queen's Park tomorrow do. The candle was made in Thornhill by Design Tubes Company Ltd., 115

Torbay Road, to commemorate energy conservation week, out of fibres made from waste corrugated newsprint. Putting in the flame are Bill Foster, and Bob Alebon, both of Thornhill.

Operation Catch-Upgets \$30,600 federal grant

Catch-Up, the tutoring program co- Local Initiative Program grants. ordinated by David Porter of Richmond

PD day here this week

AURORA - Ethical relations in education, the disruptive child, implications of mathematics in the formative years and reading and the gifted child are some of the topics York county elementary teachers will be dealing with Thursday and Friday during professional development days.

The sessions will be held at schools in Aurora, Newmarket and Bolton.

together to discuss the various issues, there will also be speakers from the board and from the teaching

Education Director Sam Chapman, and York County Board of Education trustees Joy Horton, John Stephens and Margaret Coburn, plus representatives from the Thornhill parents' his reasons are negative.

Christian day for the kids

out of their hair during the professional on." activity day tomorrow, (Thursday), Thornhill churches have an answer.

Seven churches are jumping into the breach with a Christian Education Day. The day of crafts, drama, games and music for children built around a central religious theme is sponsored by Thornhill churches.

Glenda MacNaughton, one of the organizers, says 110 children have preregistered but more are welcome to attend the activities which will be held at Henderson Avenue Public School from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

If successful, the churches are treasurer; Sandra Speirs, secretary; planning to follow up on another CE day with more of the same in another Breslow, Larry Breslow and Gordon

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RICHMOND HILL - Operation North federal riding to receive new

MP Barney Danson announced that a Hill, is one of five projects in York total of \$76,500 will go to the projects to provide community services and employ 15 people.

Operation Catch-Up will receive \$30,600 to provide a social-academic support program for troubled young people who have difficulty coping with the regular school system. The project will create six jobs.

Information Markham is awarded \$10,200 to continue with its programs of community service. The Community Aid '77 project will provide transportation for Participation House and ascertain the continuing involvement of 38 permanent and five temporarily handicapped adults.

HELP Information in Woodbridge gets \$15,300 to assist in its work with social services and aid to newcomers.

Kortright Centre for Conservation is to get \$10,200, and the North York Association for Children with Learning Disabilities will get the same amount

South America film

RICHMOND HILL - A film presentation and travel talk, A Preview of South America, will be held in the McLaren auditorium of Richmond Hill public library on Wright Street tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m.

Admission is free, and all local carefully, especially program costs, in residents are welcome.

Changes required in theme park plan

MAPLE - Dave Fraser does not entrance was off Major Mackenzie that Leisure Centres would pay for all

amendments last week.

"I don't want snakes and wild and surrounding area. animals there," said Councillor Fraser. Fraser suggested several changes in

there was no way he would vote for it.

And Terry Goodwin does not want the Council wants a new interchange on entrance to the proposed 320-acre Highway 400 at Rutherford Road to amusement park to be from Major serve the park proposed by Leisure once Leisure Centres gets the amend-Centres of Canada Ltd. The theme These and other changes sent the amusement park, which would be proposed official plan change to allow similar to two others operated by the the park, back to Vaughan staff for same owners in the United States, has sparked a major controversy in Maple

Councillor Goodwin said that if the wording, all intented to make it clear

municipal services which the development requires.

Councillor Lorna Jackson said that ment in their "grubby little hands" they will be able to use it in bargaining.

Councillor Ab Hollingshead said that unless the amendment was passed, government agencies that had to comment on the project to decide its feasibility would not do so.

School trustees approve custodians' pay rollback

AURORA — It's taken a long time, Education finally got together as one.

Monday night, in a unanimous recorded vote of 20-0 the board approved a rollback to 8 per cent as the (custodians).

The original figure was 12 per cent and had been approved by the local last will go to \$5.09, with maintenance men

Stephens to run again

THORNHILL - Trustee John 9.5 per cent, which includes the in-Stephens has announced his intention to crement. run for re-election for York County board of education.

Stephens, who is separate school trustee for Markham and Richmond Hill, will be seeking his second term on

He said the provincial government's recent directives toward a core curriculum, plus moves by the board toward fiscal responsibility, have convinced him he should run again. Secrecy attitude

"There is still an attitude within the system that the public can't be told everything, because the information might be misunderstood," he said. "As a result, there is still too much

secrecy and withholding of information, which can only lead to mistrust and a diminished confidence in the system as a whole. "I look to a system where people are

treated with respect, courtesy and dignity," Stephens said. "I want to see confidence and a good working rapport restored between the

teachers and our administration. Costs spiralling "Education costs continue to spiral, and 1977 will be no exception. Trustees will have to examine the budget

order to achieve a responsible budget."

The board also approved a 12 per cent but members of York County Board of increase to CUPE Local 1734, negotiating chairman Dorothy Zajac of secretaries and technicians.

> Inflation Board for approval. CUPE 1734 voted to go on strike as of

pay increase to CUPE Local 1196 Oct. 20, but withheld any action until final negotiation. Hourly salaries for caretakers now

> getting \$6.19. The vote was 17 for, two against, with one abstention.

Tentative settlement was also which is one of the lowest for an reached with the elementary teachers, covering the three main issues of pupilteacher ratio working conditions and salary grid.

The vote was also 71-2-1. In the latter category, the increase is

A joint statement from board King, and Dean Bodkin, representing The proposal will now go to the Anti- the teachers, said the increases "were necessary in order to maintain parity with the secondary school teachers

. . . . " The latter had received a salary plus cost of living allowance that "generated more dollars than that of the elementary agreement for the 1975-76 school year."

A pupil-teacher ratio of 21.3 has been established for the present school year, elementary school system in the province, according to the statement. Any improvements occurring in it,

"will be recommended to improve class size at the primary level," it was noted. The teachers were to vote on the agreement today (Wednesday).

Angel owner's dog feels poorly, too

RICHMOND HILL - Ruth Kenyon said thallium poisoning gorilla did.

"I haven't taken the dog to a clinic because myself and the vets are not too friendly," Mrs. Bowman told The Liberal yesterday.

The gorilla and the dog were brought up for 10 years together, she

Meanwhile, scientists now performing tests on Angel are looking at the possibility of a heavy metal poison as a cause of death.

veterinarian for the division of pleted. laboratory animal science at the "I would welcome a court case," University of Toronto, said in- Mrs. Bowman said. dividual animal hairs are being "I'm hoping that they want to mercury.

Richmond Hill and town of Vaughan

have decided Halloween will be held

Oct. 30. Markham has left the decision

All three municipalities scheduled a Sunday.

recent council meetings in response to treat.

with the ghosts and goblins.

Bowman, owner of the gorilla Angel was possible, although the evidence that died almost a month ago, now is not yet conclusive. Traces of says her dog, a 10-year-old Dober- thallium, a common rat poison, will man pinscher, has begun to display eventually leave the body, he said, many of the same symptoms the but can be picked up in the body

Results from tests performed on the gorilla's internal organs showed no traces of the poison. Kenyon said tests on the gorilla's

hair may take "a couple of months to complete." The Ontario Humane Society is

also waiting for the results of these tests. Chief inspector Don Hepworth has said that the OHS may lay charges against Mrs. Bowman but he was unwilling to say anything Dr. Jim Kenyon, staff more specific until tests are com-

examined for the detection of heavy meet me in court rather than metals such as thallium, arsenic or making accusations through the newspapers."

For the first time since 1971,

Halloween falls on a Sunday night and

coincides with the end of daylight

saving time, which ends at 2 a.m.

The sessions will be held at schools in Aurora, Newmarket and Bolton. As well as the teachers getting together to discuss the various issues, the speakers from the speakers f

THORNHILL — If there's one thing positive about these days, it's that he's going to run for York County board of education in December.

"I don't want to be negative," said vote." Gula, a teacher in Westview Centennial in North York, "but I'm unhappy about some things."

He said he didn't want to run -"We're a close family" - but he had English to Grade 12, plus standardized attended many school board meetings testing. over the past 21/2 years and often left THORNHILL - For mothers who are "feeling frustrated and a bit bewildered wondering how to keep the youngsters by some of the things that have gone

Roberts heads

Hillcrest group

RICHMOND HILL - Stewart

Roberts of 118 Avenue Road has been

elected 1976-77 president of Hillcrest

Other members of the executive are:

Joan Hooper, past president; Rik

Ellery, vice-president; Sandy Millstein,

Residents Association.

Gula said he would like the board to Among those taking part will be Walter Gula, 82 Dawnhill Trail, is be "more responsive and open to the "Twenty people are a lot to get along

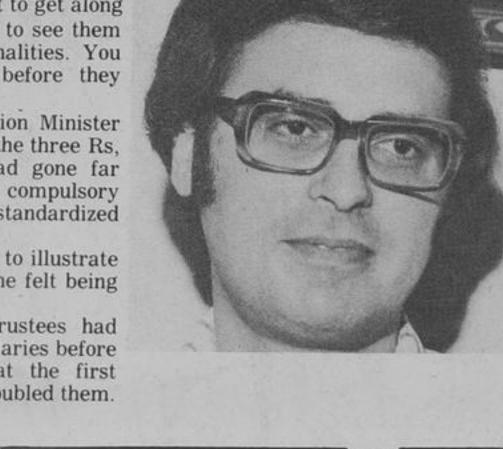
together, but I would like to see them However, he's a bit worried that all try. It's a bout of personalities. You often know the verdict before they He agreed with Education Minister

Thomas Wells's return to the three Rs, but didn't think Wells had gone far enough. There should be compulsory

Gula gave two examples to illustrate the kind of "frustration" he felt being on the outside looking in:

He said none of the trustees had mentioned raising their salaries before they were elected, but at the first meeting in 1975 they had doubled them.







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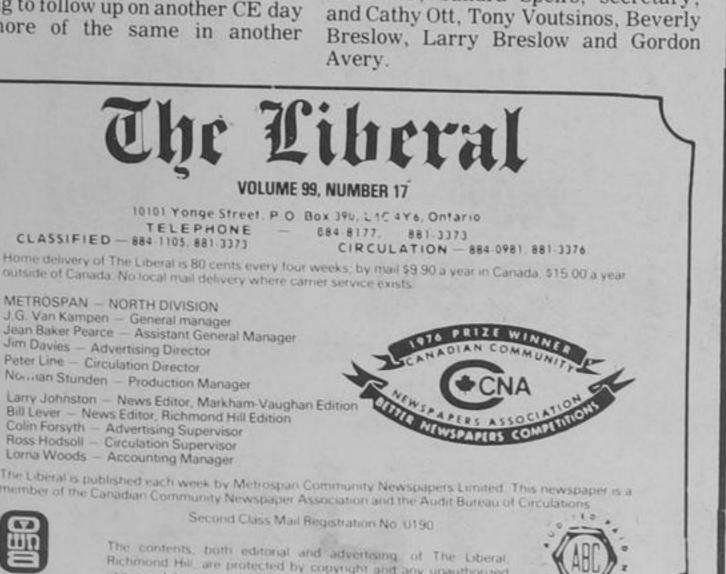
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