Two-tiers best

It is very doubtful a three-tier system with senior public schools is best for the children, in spite of the recent popularity of that opinion in some parts of Markham.

Parents who have been swayed to this opinion would do well to reconsider.

The more children are segregated by age in the schools, the less opportunity they have for social experience.

A child needs to spend as much time as possible with older and younger individuals, including adults.

School largely monopolizes the child's time and too much confinement to one age group there is bad.

The public school board should stick to the policy of having a two-tier system with only elementary and high schools.

Vote for United Way

The York Region United Way ended its first campaign this week with \$150,000 pledged out of \$250,000 sought.

The main reason for missing the target was that our school boards refused to -allow payroll deduction of contributions by employees.

Dear editor:

Dear editor:

to town taxes.

United Way tries to do

Letters

Mayor Tony Toman in a political Markham.

Rowe's platform

Upon reading the article on Page One government.

in last week's Liberal (Nov. 17)

candidate Gord Rowe, I checked our

tax bill and found our taxes increased

But eight per cent of the increase was

due to region. Approximately 18 per

cent of the increase was due to school

On further checking I found Rowe

voted for the municipal and regional

Mayor David Schiller voted against

This makes it very difficult to un-

make municipal restraint top priority.

underpass on Markham Road.

Canadian transport commission.

Voters please check facts.

more letters

A6-7, C13, C17

public before Schiller became our

For some time Rowe has felt regional

be completed in 1978.

before 1981.

received.

mayor.

approximately 30 per cent.

the high regional budget.

better and more cheaply many things which local government would otherwise be called upon to

Voters should press upon Dec. 6 local election candidates the need for support of the payroll deduction concept in future United Way campaigns.

In the past he has run twice for the

government should take over local

Just try to imagine what it will be like

RUBY BIRCH,

299 Elmwood Ave.,

Richmond Hill, Ont.

Adams also sought

another nomination

As Barry Nicholls observed two The suggestion the mayor is really

The latest evidence is The Liberal's Conservatives in York Centre, but he

cartoon of Nov. 17 showing Markham has now decided to continue his work in

Hard to understand

regarding municipal spending as if this happens. This election is very

quoted by Richmond Hill mayoralty important, with issues like this at stake.

weeks ago the silly season is here eyeing provincial office is ludicrous.





lynda's lashes

No more Thornhill hockey in P.Q.?

By Lynda Nykor

THORNHILL - One of the disadvantages of writing for a weekly newspaper is that it's sometimes difficult to be topical.

Momentous events occur that you'd like to comment on.

But by the time the paper hits the newstand, what you thought was of such moment sounds a little stale.

Still, once in a while things happen that affect all of us so deeply and have consequences which linger for so long. that even week-later observations have their place.

I refer, of course, to the election last week in Quebec.

It's been interesting, in the intervening days since Levesque's decisive victory took us all by surprise, to note the kinds of comments it's evoked, even right here in this area.

Local comments

Let them go, is the one heard most

Or, we can get along without them a lot more easily than they can without

Can we? I have a feeling that even if a separate Quebec was to go down in flaming economic defeat, we right here in this most English part of English Canada would still be the big losers.

The most obvious loss would be the Gallic flavor that makes our country just a little different, with its French-English composition, from anyplace

else in the world. And if we lost Quebec, wouldn't we also have to say goodbye to the Maritimes?

Big lump

The five remaining provinces west of Quebec would be a pretty dull, homogenous lump.

If in two years Quebec does seccede, and Trudeau's still in office, we'd have a foreigner for a Prime Minister. Can the prime minister come from a different country.

Would we have the same flag? Maybe one red bar and a maple leaf?

There'd be differences closer to Our children would no longer have any reason to learn French in school,

which would proably lower our tax bills considerably. On the other hand, my daughter wonders where Grade 7 classes would

go for trips. Portage-la-Prairie? Humboldt, Saskatchewan? Not that these aren't fine places, but

can they offer 300 years of history?

Everyday things

What would we call the Bank of Montreal over there on the corner afterwards? And what would we find on the flip side of our cereal boxes?

What would we call those skinny fried

potatoes? English fries? Students of Canadian literature in our high schools and universities would However, in reality the board had have to give up Marie-Claire Blais and Roch Carriere and Mordecai Richler

During my term as president of the and a whole host of others. The Thornhill Thunderbirds wouldn't Assocition we sent a letter in May of go to Quebec City for hockey tournaments anymore, and the Montreal We asked the board to divide up Canadiens would no longer be partly Markham into wards so as to guarantee ours.

Solitudes touch

Don't kid yourself that our two solitudes haven't touched in funny little ways at times. They have.

There may be a lot of Yahoos out there who'll be delighted to see Quebec

go its separate way. They're the ones who heaped such obscene abuse on our York North MP Barney Danson's riding assistant when the air-traffic controllers question was

telephone and go home in disgust. They're the ones who thought the English-Canadian media's constant Fairways Ratepayers' Association for carping at the Montreal Olympics was initiating the action, and to the just terrific.

to the fore, that she had to hang up the

They're the ones who talk about "frogs." in not so polite conversation. I'd like to think there's at least an equal number of us with the sense to see what we'll be missing.

King school hopefuls should have spoken

I was disappointed the candidates for board of education weren't slated as speakers for the recent Wednesday allcandidate meeting in King Township.

The meeting was a success in all other respects. But I am afraid many citizens find it difficult to attend more than one meeting.

If he still wanted a seat at Queen's The trustee candidates are scheduled Park, he obviously would not have to speak this week Nov. 24 at All Saints resigned the nomination he won in April Church, King City.

To schedule them separately from the candidates for mayor or council Why does not The Liberal mention tends to down play the importance of that mayoralty challenger, Bob Adams, their function.

contested the Liberal nomination for However, I'm sure the public is

goes to education. It is the job of the trustees to ensure we get our money's I hope the electors of King Township

aware of the vital role of the trustees.

Over 50 per cent of our tax dollars

will turn out to assess the candidates. I believe we in King have been fortunate in the excellent representation we've had over the past term from

Trustees Zajac and Coburn. They will provide the experience and continuity essential to the effectiveness

of the public board of education. (MRS.) ELIZABETH

MacLENNAN.

In your editorial you credit the York

County board with bringing about this

representation for Thornhill, Unionville

We received a reply from Doug Allen,

board chairman, in which he stated it

wasn't within the power of the board to

He suggested we direct our request to

In September of this year council

voted to establish the present school

There, the credit for this "significant

Rather, it should go to the Bayview

action" shouldn't go to the York County

Markham Town council, which we did.

divide up a school area into wards.

and the old town of Markham.

"most significant action"

RR 3, King City, Ont.

Tony Roman has said he is putting School ward credit should go to others

I read with interest your editorial last week (Nov. 17) entitled "Watch those school wards", in which you emphasized that the creation of education nothing to do with it. board wards in Markham may have great significance for the future of York Bayview Fairways Ratepayers' County board of education.

I fully agree with you. But I feel you 1976 to the York County board. have given credit where, in fact, credit

isn't deserved.

Public consensus on taxes. Only about four per cent was due education exists now

Thornhill, Ont.

MICHAEL WOOD,

2 Silver Brook Ct.,

to run again provincially.

Adams given us that assurance?

editorial cartoon in poor taste.

munity out of dedication not lust.

I find The Liberal's presentation of

the facts less than objective, and the

Tony Roman has served this com-

We are fortunate to have such a hard-

working mayor, especially when the job

brings him cheap shots like your lewd

this riding in 1975?

Dear editor:

derstand Rowe's platform promise to The late Harry Truman's remark Also at a public meeting in 1975, Rowe "never underestimate the public, it supplied financial figures regarding the knows what is going on" has been confirmed emphatically for me in the He included the region's net cost past few days.

figure of \$270,000 and advised it should Talking with over 100 parents, many of whom are young mothers of small On checking with the region I find children, I have learned enormously they only received order in about meanings of basic skills. council to make application to the

Yes, there is a concensus that every youngster needs to understand what is If the underpass is authorized, at the being read - "reading out loud" said very earliest the completion won't be one father, "is dramatic art!"

There is the basic of being able to Also the amount of grants will be write clearly and legibly, also in a indicated when authorization is lively, interesting style. Last but by no means least is facility

in adding, subtracting, and dividing Also, please remember all ("if only to complete an income tax the meetings we had closed to the Further, the parents see preparation

for earning a living as a basic of prime Not only the tools of a particular

career are seen as important but the things of holding a job like hard work, punctuality, and a real caring for an honest day's work for an honest dollar. To the basic of earning a living

York Region should be first

therefore, vocational subjects like my children are trained to gather inelectrical engineering, drafting, automotive mechanics and so on, are just as vital for some young people as the arts and the sciences.

These parents, my teachers here and now, also recognize we are all citizens living in a state. We need our youngsters to learn how

to live in our country, and so, languages, geography, history and literature become basic to citizenship. Character bulding was another

basic voiced; parents perceive the sense of a rather traditional viewpoint. Human beings are composed of three powers: body, mind and spirit. To pull. these together to make an interesting individual of character, art, music and drama are viewed as instruments.

Additionally, art, music and drama are ways by which reading, writing and arithmetic can be sharpened and ap-So there we are "back to basics"

. . . but not quite!

Adding to my excitement in listening to these views, a basic very special to my heart was mentioned: thinking! As a mother stated this afternoon "if

formation from a large number of sources, then to sort out the 'wheat from the chaff', and then get to ideas, and then try the ideas out, they are home free, they can cope with

and living in York County. RUSSELL REES.

Thornhill, Ont.

anything' Thank you ma'am. Harry Truman! You are still alive out.

18 Thorneybrae Dr.,

Markham Town council for carrying it WALTER GULA. Trustee candidate, 82 Dawn Hill Trail, Thornhill, Ont.

ward system.

Hill plan fails law

By Robert Marquis

THORNHILL - The chairman of Richmond Hill planning committee, Councillor Marylo Graham, Mayor, Dave Schiller, and Councillor Mike Burnie have indicated one of the reasons for seeking re-election for the years 1977 and 1978 is their interest in completing the Official Plan. On numerous occasions the

ratepayers of South Richvale-Langstaff area have raised questions on the Official Plan and have been told that it will not be ready until 1977. However, the Planning Act,

must follow.

Planning duties

"Every planning board shall investigate and survey the physical, social and economic conditions in relation to the development of the planning area, etc . . . and It shall (a command):

(a) prepare maps, drawings, texts, statistical information etc.

(b) hold public meetings and publish information for the purpose of obtaining the participation and co-



planning area in determining the Section 12(1), outlines the solutions of problems or matters procedures every planning board effecting the development of the planning area. (c) etc." Contrary action

> Only after the participation steps outlined on 12(1) are followed can the plan be prepared and recommended by the planning board be submitted to the council. Such plans adopted by council

operation of the inhabitants of the

It is contrary to the act for the planning board to complete the residents of the area.

then are referred to the minister. One can see that participation of residents, is required by the act at an early state of planning. The present Richmond Hill

members have failed to comply with the above requirements of law to this date. The act does not state the plan is to

be completed, then presented to the inhabitants for discussion. If it is done this way, then the

inhabitants are placed in the position of being adversaries to "their" plan rather than being participants, as required by law. 'For region also

The requirements of the act also apply to the York Region Official Plan. Again there has been the failure to comply with Section 12(a)(b) of the act.

Possibly a change of the present Official Plan, then present it to the elected representatives is in order.

> (Richmond Hill citizen Robert Marquis lives at 46 Roosevelt Dr. in the Thornhill postal area, in the neighborhood also often referred to as Langstaff. - Editor.)

to have core curriculum Dear editor: all of our children the way we want at a The people who have asked me to This week positive steps are being represent them on the school board say taken in education. I want to be the they want sound business experience to King trustee on the York County board run the \$68 million education business of education to see that we are among especially since I understand that the first to implement core curriculum nearly half of the present board is made and standards across the county.

Teachers Federation "At What Cost" matter how well intentioned it is. hear that the qualified teachers were sibility as trustee to represent the also concerned and confused by the people who elect me - to speak for lack of standards and made definite them both with their voices and my own recommendations to correct this.

- to make policies designed to educate

up of teachers and teachers' families. At the Ontario Secondary School To me that's a conflict of interest no conference last week, I was happy to I believe it would be my respon- 6446.

price we are willing to pay. I have very definite ideas of how to

provide the essential skills and standards and services which all of our children need and to keep taxes down at the same time. I'll be happy to share them with

anyone who calls me at 727-4981 or 884-

VINCE DeVITA, Trustee candidate, RR 1, King, Ont.