



With region symphony Sunday

First violinist, Richmond Hill's George Moseley, of York Region Symphony Orchestra, limbers up a bit as he gets ready for Sunday's concert of the York Symphony

Orchestra at St. Andrew's College in Aurora at 8:30 p.m. Guest soloist will be pianist Chia Yue Chou, performing Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue.

York Region crime up 3%

Police Chief Bruce Crawford's quarterly report on crime, presented to York regional police commission last week, shows crime in the region is up three per cent so far this year, compared to the same time last year.

Police investigated 2,006 criminal occurrences, including 299 break and enters, 196 car thefts, 233 major thefts, 525 minor thefts and seven cases of arson. The force has solved 63.5 per cent of the crimes, the report

showed. The report also showed sexual offences, offensive weapon charges and assaults, were all down. Said Commissioner Gladys Rolling: "You're doing very well in the sexual offences." "We usually do very

well in the sexual endeavors," was the chief's reply.

3 YRP officers to RCMP college

Inspector Clifford Cox of the Richmond Hill division of York Regional Police, and Staff Inspectors Tom Shields and Donald Hillock of the Newmarket division, will attend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police College in Ottawa for extra training this fall.

The six-week course begins in May, with the final course in the fall. The officers will attend at different times. The program includes instruction in

leadership principles, planning, the sociology of crime, internal controls, the use of statistics, patrol administration, staffing and traffic supervision.

Admission is restricted to senior police officers, who are in policy-forming positions in police forces of 40 or more officers.

Except for a slight weekly meal charge, the course is free.

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Favor Markville mall

By Larry Johnston

Markham planning committee gave the Markville Mall approval in principle last week over the objection of lawyer Paul Mingay. Mingay, who said he was representing himself and several clients, felt the town should not have given the project its blessing without the commitment of a major department store in the mall.

"The earlier indications of council and marketing surveys that were done were that a major department store should be included. The implication of the Official Plan is that it ought not to proceed without a major department store," said Mingay. He argued that while a major department store would help keep shopping dollars in Markham, a mall anchored by a junior department store would

only drain business away from existing stores. Without denigrating what a Woolco or K-Mart can do, the level of shopping services would be the same as already exists in town to a large degree," said Mingay. The original conceptual model which JDS, the developers, displayed last year, showed three major department stores in the completed 900,000 sq. ft. mall at McCowan Road and Highway 7.

Behind the mall was a crescent of apartment buildings with more homes further north. On the west was an artificial lake with a hotel and office building on the bank. The latest concept shows the offices to the north. JDS is negotiating with the Hudson Bay Co. Ltd. to be the major tenant. Mingay said from what he could see, the plan showed a mammoth

parking lot in front of a commercial store. "There should be something of significance in the heart of a town of 60,000 people. You should not feel you are just passing through another neighborhood of Scarborough," he said. He added the development was predicated on a population of 20,000 within a short period of time. He said this was overly optimistic.

Helicopter crashes

A Toronto man received cuts and abrasions after having to make a crash landing in his helicopter in a field near Gormley Sideroad and Leslie St., about 9:45 a.m., Apr. 21. According to police, Glenn Irving, 25, of 307 Poynte Rd., was on a routine training flight from Buttonville airport in his two-seater craft. The engine began to falter and he had to put down in the field. The \$30,000 helicopter was destroyed.

Other stores that will be in the mall, according to the planning director, are Miracle Mart, Canadian Tire and Woolco. Mingay, a lawyer experienced in the municipal field, said if the developers do not succeed in getting the major Planning Director Ted Januszewski said JDS first phase, they have felt council's opinion would strengthen their allowing their plans to get hand in negotiations with moving anyway.

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