

"Girl Next Door"

Awards in 4-H

Involvement in 4-H Club work has been both enjoyable and educational for 18 year old Cathy O'Connor, McCowan Road, R.R. 2, Markham; so enjoyable in fact, "work" is hardly the proper word. She has many awards to show for her participation. Cathy's our "Girl Next Door".

A graduate of St. Mark's School, Stouffville, Cathy's now a student in Grade 12 at St. Roberts, Thornhill. She plans to go on to the University of Guelph in a Hotel and Food Administration Course.

Membership in 4-H has presented many challenges and led to many accomplishments. One of the most memorable is an exchange trip in cooperation with a girl from Acme, Alberta. Cathy is one of five in a close family circle that includes a brother Brian and three sisters, Maureen, Eileen and Monica. She's been coast to coast across Canada and to Florida. Hoped for holidays include Ireland and Europe.

Cathy's a qualified lifeguard, receiving this certificate at Markham's Centennial Pool. She served in this capacity at Glenbrook Camp one season and enjoyed it.

This spring, she hopes to see the realization of a dream — a horse of her very own. Horseback riding is a "favorite recreation."

An extremely busy girl, Cathy still finds time to do chores at the barn after school and assists in



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Jim Thomas

her father's veterinary office, Saturdays.

no problems; quite the opposite. She enjoys the policy since it tends to cut down competition. Every so

often, a "Civics Day" is authorized. This allows students to wear clothes of their choice.

Editor's Mail

Select false alarms!

Dear Mr. Thomas: I wish to respond to your editorial entitled, "Must Halt False Fire Calls," which appeared in the January 20, 1982 Tribune.

I agree that every effort must be made to control false alarms, since they are a nuisance to our very efficient Fire Department and to the dedicated men who serve as volunteers.

I cannot agree, however, with some of the assumptions you appear to make, (e.g.): "running around town on wild goose chases"; and also the implication that certain fire alarm systems are not properly maintained.

Parkview Home has precipitated a number of false alarms during 1981, so perhaps I may comment on at least our situation.

Late in 1980, a smoke detector system was installed at Parkview, and this sensitive equipment has been the cause of a number of "false" alarms.

May we draw to your attention the following:

(1.) The smoke detector system, was installed in order to conform to Government requirements, and for the purpose of providing maximum protection to our Residents.

(2.) The system was installed according to Government specifications and is approved by Comsoc and the Ontario Fire Marshal.

(3.) Our Fire alarm system is serviced and maintained according to strict Government standards, both as to the frequency and the

quality of the inspections, by Government approved technicians.

(4.) Since the type of smoke detectors required are a relatively new technical development, some have malfunctioned. These units were immediately replaced, and we have had no false alarms since September 4, 1981. One alarm during the past year was due to a nearby lightning strike, and two due to a Resident burning toast. Would you call these "false"?

The pertinent point is, how can anyone know an alarm is a false alarm? You suggest that for false alarms, a "run" could be made with only a few men. Who would determine when an alarm is a false alarm? As you are aware, every minute

after an alarm occurs is of vital importance.

We have discussed this with Chief Walter Smith and he has assured us the Fire Department must respond to every call, and they or we can never assume an alarm is a false one. We cannot take chances when human life is at stake.

May I say, in closing, we have nothing but admiration and gratitude for the heroic men who serve so efficiently on the Stouffville Fire Department.

Sincerely,
J.M. Nighswander
Administrator.

Dog-owner praises clinic for concern over pet

Dear Editor:

In these troubled times with cynicism creeping into the hearts and minds of so many, I still find that love and concern for one another abounds. I'd like to cite one significant instance.

This is a letter of joy and gratitude, written

during a personal time of grief. It relates to the staff of the Stouffville Veterinary Clinic, Drs. Hacking and Gall in particular.

We have had the good fortune to own two beautiful Airedale Terriers and one West Highland White Terrier, all members of our family several years.

On Jan. 11, "MacDougall", out Westie, was taken to the clinic for the removal of a growth. All went well.

On Thursday of the same week, our beloved "Sheba" was found with a growth as well. She was admitted for surgery Jan. 18.

The growth was

removed and all seemed to be going well. Dr. Hacking suggested we call at 6:30 p.m. to see if she had sufficiently recovered to return home. Our daughter Tanya, Sheba's devoted companion and myself, drove into town to retrieve her.

There, a nice young lady met us and accompanied us into the examination room to await Dr. Gall.

When he entered, I could tell by the look on his face that our Sheba would never come home. She had died 20 minutes after our call.

Dr. Gall admitted that breaking such news is indeed difficult. She was only 4½ years old and a very dear member of our family.

We granted his request to perform an autopsy in an effort to learn the cause of death.

Sheba, we discovered later, had died as the result of a blood clot, related to an injury caused when she was struck by a car two years previous. She was badly hurt at that time and almost died. By God's grace, she was

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"Right to Life" speaker

Condemns abortion

By Jim Irving

STOUFFVILLE — Grim and sometimes bizarre tales related to the act of abortion, and its consequences, were unfurled before a gathering of teen listeners at the Stouffville Pentecostal Church, Thursday night, by Chuck Roche, chairman of the Durham Region Right to Life Association.

Using figures, pictures and his own dedicated rhetoric, Mr. Roche, a teacher at Stouffville Dist. Secondary High School, kept his young listeners hanging on her every word, as he repeated his theme that "the taking of a life cures nothing."

"Why pick on the unborn child?" Roche asked. The answer is that the latter isn't "viable," or capable of sustaining life; it isn't human, is the argument in favor, he said.

Such a view is entirely wrong, the speaker said. It is no way better illustrated than at an accident, where the first thing that's done by those in charge, is to look for a heart beat in the victim, no matter how badly he or she might seem. Next, is a check for brain activity.

"They go all out to rescue," he said.

With the "unborn child," the fetus is breathing 18 days after conception; after six weeks its brain is functioning, it is sucking its thumb, breathing and urinating. By 10 weeks, all functions are developed; it is just not fully grown.

"The only thing it's guilty of is its dependence on its mother," Roche said.

By aborting the fetus up to 30 weeks after conception, "there is no question a living being is having its life

snuffed out," the speaker said.

"It is difficult to convince people of the horrors of abortion," Roche said. However, he said, one has to tell his audience without making them feel guilty in the process.

The women concerned weren't guilty, because "they found out too late," or weren't informed of what was involved.

Roche said that Dr. D. C. Morgentaler, the Montreal physician, who specialized in abortions, was "making a tremendous buck" by

the practise. Morgentaler had also invented a method where the fetus was taken by suction. The later ripped the baby to shreds and also violated the mother, he said.

Another method is through the administration of salt poison into the amniotic sac, when they are unable to remove the fetus from the uterus. With this, the baby burns to death within two hours.

He said reasons for abortion, include having handicapped children,

the wrong sex, and "convenience."

Roche urged his listeners to respect the life of the unborn child. "If you, together, can save one life, then you have something of which to be proud."

He said, also that, "If the people of Stouffville would get off their butts and form a Right to Life Association, I'd be glad to help."

Roche showed a short film, depicting a young unwed mother-to-be, pondering her dilemma, and finally deciding to have the child.

At the Library

A fine exhibit

Here at the Library, we like to breathe a little life into each month as it comes our way. It's what we call month to month resuscitation. February has always needed an extra puff to perk it up and set it ticking. After all, it arrives on the scene jaded by January's economy and burdened with the meteorological responsibility for a groundhog shadow with a temperamental shad-

ICONS

This February promises to be a vital one. It starts with a fascinating display of icons (some of which date from the 14th century) in Latham Gallery. The exhibition begins Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. and, following the opening ceremony, Father Theodore Kaufas, a noted painter and icon scholar, will discuss the exhibits. Everyone is invited to attend this month-long showing.

FREE OFFER! Sorry if that sounds like a pitch for

detergent but we want to draw attention to the Library's new Festival Film Club which makes its debut Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. with the 1933 movie classic The Invisible Man. Admittance to the introductory showing is free and it's hoped that many who attend will become Club members, eligible to attend a series of fine movies throughout the year. Sign up film fans for a reel bonanza!

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complete set of Mitchell's repair manuals for domestic and foreign cars in our collection, as well as a beginners' course of guitar lessons on cassette tapes. Photocopied sections of the Mitchell's may be checked out on a regular loan and the guitar kit may be borrowed for one month.

DIET MATTERS

There are several excellent special diet cookbooks and here are three recent publications that have been recommended by patrons who have used them: Low Cholesterol Cuisine (Mabel Cavaiani), Light Desserts: the Low Calorie, Low Salt, Low Fat Way (Deborah Kidushim-Allen), Lean Cuisine (Barbara Gibbons and Consumer Guide Editors).

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