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# Merchant will fight film seizure

STOUFFVILLE — "I'll fight it—I have to."  
 Blane Burnie of Stouffville Sound and Music feels "betrayed" by recent police action that resulted in charges of possession and circulation of obscene material being laid against himself, his partner, Tom Brilinger and staff employee William Edward Card.

Mr Burnie, a town businessman 13 years, claims he has a reputation to protect and resents any action by police that could give him and his associates a criminal record.

In all, 51 tapes, valued in excess of \$4,000, have been seized. Some of the same movies are currently being shown in Toronto theatres, he says. He feels if anyone should be charged, it's the distributor.

What bothers Burnie most is the way the raid was carried out. He said two months ago, police from York Region visited his premises and requested two cassettes be removed from the shelves. He readily complied, expecting such checks of his stock would be common practice. Instead, two different officers came in with search warrants and informed him charges would be laid.

"I'm no judge of what is and what isn't obscene," Burnie told The Tribune. "Each store owner should be provided a list so he knows what's permissible and what isn't." He described the situation as "degrading and embarrassing."

Burnie says that to fight the case could cost him up to

\$20,000. Even worse, it could drag on for up to eight months.

He says the police acted on a complaint. He notes, however, that no one has ever complained to him. He denies the claim such tapes are purchased by children. All are marked "adult", he explained, and none (at his store) are sold to customers under eighteen.

Burnie shudders at the

thought of a conviction. It could effect his bonding and the future of his business.

And still he wonders—what constitutes something obscene; where does one draw the line?

"Kind of strange," he concluded, "a movie can show violence; even someone being decapitated; that's okay, but not sex. We see worse right in our own living rooms."

## Donations now \$14,000

MARKHAM — The Charlie Warriner Fund has topped \$14,000. This latest figure was announced Monday by Allan Nichols, R.R. 1, Gormley.

Charlie Warriner is the 21-year-old Markham area man, partially paralyzed following a freak hockey accident last December.

The money will cover the cost of a fully-equipped lift-van, including the installation of hand controls.

In addition to private donations, \$1,725 was raised through a dinner and dance at The Stagecoach Restaurant, April 30 and \$1,405 at a dance, euchre and crokinole party in the Victoria Square Community Centre, May 13.

"I had no idea it would be anything like this," Mr Nichols told The Tribune. The response, he said, had surpassed all expectations. Isobel Nigh of Stouffville,

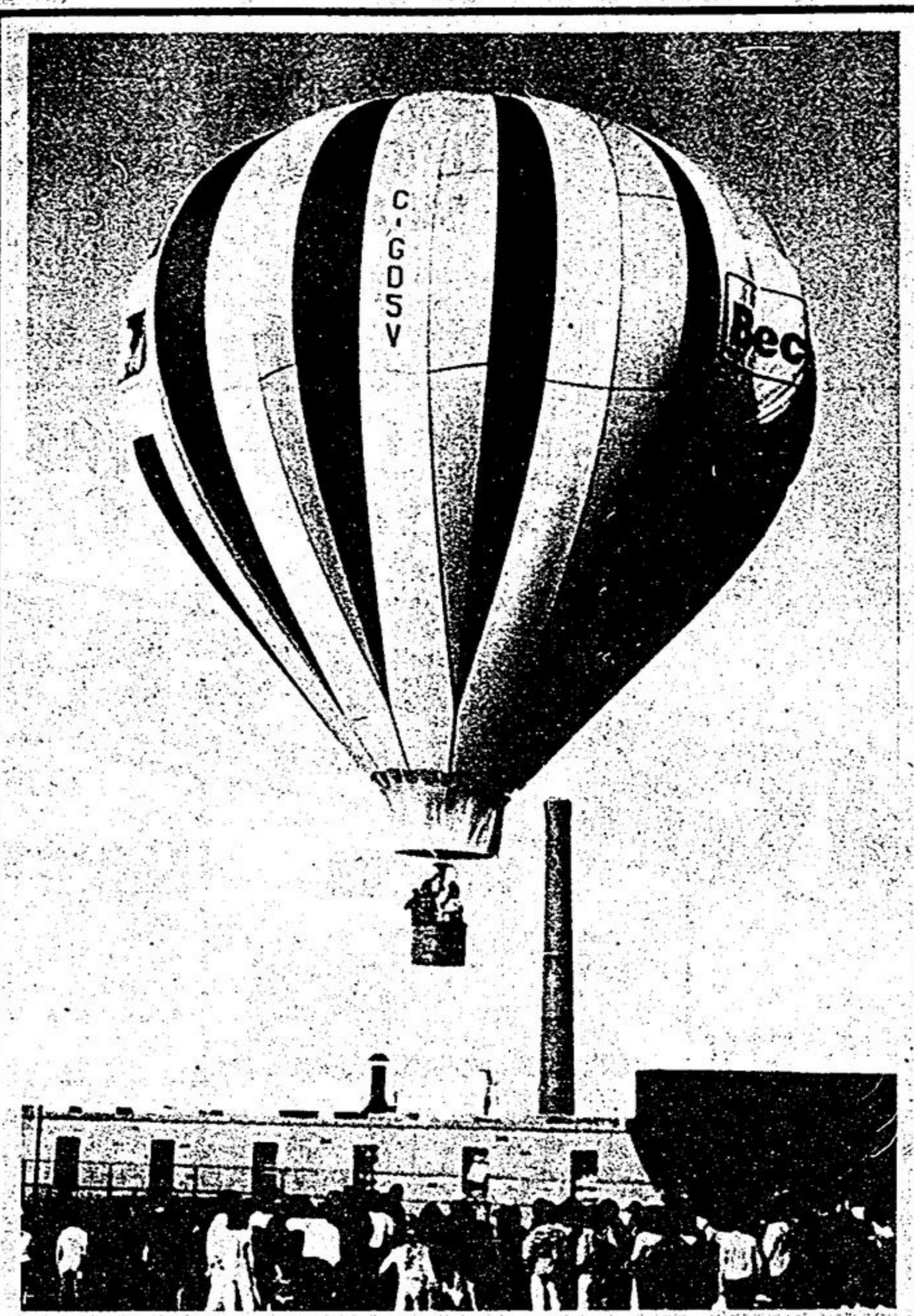
a main organizer of Friday's event, said she was "very pleased". She noted that "caller" Frank Barkey had attended from Blackstock at no charge and the Victoria Square Lions Club had donated the hall. "About the only thing we had to buy were doughnuts," she said. Many door prizes were also offered including a year's membership at Rolling Hills (Firefighters) Golf and Country Club, valued at \$550. The winner was Ellis Britton of Claremont.

Charlie attended the function and thanked everyone for their interest and support.

### Golf club break-in

MELVILLE — York Regional Police are investigating a break-in, Thursday, at The Windmills Golf Clubhouse, Kennedy Road, R.R. 1, Unionville. Clubs, tools and a quantity of liquor were stolen. The loss is valued at over \$8,000. The thieves also attempted to open the office safe but failed.

**A Sour Note**  
 Police are seeking a customer who entered the Stouffville Sound and Music and purchased a violin for \$535. He paid \$195 cash for the instrument and post-dated two cheques for \$170 each. Both were later returned marked "no account".



The 80's way to travel

Orchard Park Public School, Wednesday, was like a scene from the motion picture "Around the World in Eighty Days", as a giant hot-air balloon took off into the wild blue yonder. While several students were anxious to go for a ride, Principal John Hincks kept a close eye on possible stowaways. The balloon is owned by the Beckers Milk Company. —Jim Thomas

## Whitchurch-Stouffville Town-only tax average-\$216

STOUFFVILLE — For municipal purposes only, the average home-owner in Whitchurch-Stouffville will pay \$216.12 in 1983, up \$28.02 over last year.

However, combined with education and regional costs, the average taxpayer here will "fork over" \$1,150.00. Education expense "consumes" \$677 of this figure.

Locally, the tax hike is 14.9 per cent with \$95,000 earmarked for new and improved services. A debenture payment on expansion of the Stouffville fire hall and the setting up of an auxiliary fire station at Ballantrae, accounted for much of the increase, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune. Recreation expenses are also up, he said.

The budget total stands at \$1,816,831 with \$1,381,666.29 to be raised through taxation. Grants and subsidies make up the difference.

Cut-backs were made in several areas, Mayor King

explained, including the Library. The library board's request was \$16,000 more than received. Current economic and employment conditions were considered, he said.

Costs related to fire protection are up by \$87,784; recreation by \$45,788 and the library by \$4,293.

Mayor King said \$75,000 had been set aside in the budget for road improvements in the Cedar Beach area of Musselman's Lake. This work, he said, would be completed in 1983 with the residents paying 50 per cent of the cost.

## "Full-of-life Christian" Loss mourned

STOUFFVILLE — "A young and beautiful girl who, at an early age, gave her heart to Jesus Christ."

With these words, Rev. Fred Francis of Wesley Free Methodist Chapel, Scarborough, described the life of 21-year-old Brenda Gilbert, victim of a tragic two-car collision, May 8, on Hwy. 48, north of Mount Albert. Rev. Francis delivered the eulogy in cooperation with Rev. Jim Clubine at the funeral service, Wednesday, in the Stouffville Missionary Church where Brenda and husband Brent attended. Brent remains a patient in York County Hospital, Newmarket.

A beautiful singer and a talented pianist, Brenda was a "full-of-life Christian", he said.

His voice breaking with emotion, Rev. Francis admitted to "no easy answers". "Words are trite at a time like this," he said,

"but the grace of God is sufficient".

Brenda was born July 9, 1961, the daughter of Jim and Annette Sturge, R.R. 3, Stouffville. While her parents lived at Goodwood, she attended Uxbridge Secondary School, then Dr. G.W. Williams in Aurora



BRENDA GILBERT

following their move to the Ballantrae community. After graduation, she enrolled at Seneca College. She and Brent were married Nov. 8, 1980 and only two months ago, purchased a new home at Sutton, "their pride and joy", her parents said.

On occasions, she helped out at Emmanuel International and at Teen Ranch near Caledon where her sister and brother-in-law, Audrey and Glenn Cordery are assistant directors.

She was an employee on the staff of Topp and Zarefsky, solicitors, Sheppard Avenue, Scarborough.

Besides her husband and parents, she is survived by four brothers, Tom and Don of Brougham; David in Gravenhurst; Edward at home and two sisters, Lorraine (Mrs. Robert Farquharson), Ajax and Audrey (Mrs. Glenn Cordery) of Caledon. Interment was made at Stouffville Cemetery.

## To protest abortions

YORK REGION — York Central Hospital at Richmond Hill is coming under fire from the Right To Life Association.

The York South Branch of this organization claims abortions are being performed there "by choice". The membership is protesting this policy.

On Sunday, May 29, a Silent March will be held at the hospital site on Trench Street between 2 and 3 p.m.

"We have exhausted all other means of showing our community's rejection of these merciless killings at York Central," a committee spokesperson said, "the destruction of innocent human lives must stop".

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### Piped water

WHITCHURCH — Thirteen home-owners in the former Twp. of Whitchurch will receive an alternate water supply, piped directly from Stouffville's arterial system. However, a project of this magnitude takes time, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune.

Contract tenders closed May 12.

All thirteen residents were given an opportunity to obtain bottled water until the hook-up was complete, but not all complied, he stated. It's his understanding, however, that all have agreed to utilize piped-in supplies.

This service was contained in an agreement worked out by the Town and owners of the landfill site as part of a compromise in allowing dump operations to continue into 1985.



"Fashion in Action" May 25

One of the most colorful fashion shows yet held in Stouffville, is planned for the High School auditorium, next Wednesday, May 25 at 8 p.m. Models will include lovely Susan (Lee) Farrow of Rupert Avenue with apparel by the Marguerite Shoppe and Villager Men's Wear. Susan's sister, Julie Roy will be in charge of make-up. In addition to the fashion promenade, several music and dance numbers will be featured. Proceeds will go to the Town Recreation Centre Fund.

—Jim Thomas

### Deadlines

May 23, (Victoria Day), is a holiday. The Tribune Office will be closed. However, the publication date, (May 25), is unchanged. To enable staff to maintain deadlines, all display, real estate and classified ads must be in no later than 5 p.m., Friday. Your co-operation is appreciated.

### Presents cheque

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville's Recreation Complex Fund is \$1,000 richer, thanks to the generosity of Montreal Canadian centre star Keith Acton, and \$1,100 richer, thanks to the generosity of his wife.

"I've kept a close eye on the needs and desires of the new sports complex, and I don't see why we can't all pull together and make it a reality," the fast-skating forward told a meeting of council last week.

"When I was a kid, there was always an arena for me to skate and play hockey in," he said, "I'd like everyone else to have the same opportunity."

On presenting the cheque to Mayor Eldred King, he said: "I thought it was for \$1,000, but my wife must have made a mistake—it's for \$1,100."

Said Mayor King: "The Town appreciates very much this very generous donation to the recreation complex. We also thank you for the recognition you have brought to our municipality through your professional skills."

### Muster

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Fire Brigade will host its second annual muster, June 11, with a mammoth parade down Main Street and competition in the Park.

Time of the procession is 11 a.m., with the "games" to follow at one. Co-ordinator of the event is volunteer Charles Jackson.

### Charged

Thirty-eight-year old Richard Pettersen of Scarborough, driver of a southbound vehicle that struck the Gilbert car head-on, has been charged with criminal negligence causing death.

A police spokesman with the Beaverton Detachment of the O.P.P., verified this, Tuesday.

Pettersen suffered only a broken nose in the crash. Brenda Gilbert, 21, of Sutton and formerly of Stouffville, died instantly. Her husband, Brent, is recovering in York County Hospital, Newmarket.