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Fran going for mayoralty

Councillor Fran Sainsbury is going after the mayor's job in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The Town's pollution fighter informed incumbent Tom Wood of her intentions, Thursday. However, she wasn't planning to make her move public until Aug. 1, she said, but Wood verified what had been rumored here for the past two weeks.

Election date is Tues. Nov. 12. The term is three years.

"After five years the people have a democratic right to exercise their franchise," Councillor Sainsbury told The Tribune, with reference

to the fact there has been no election for mayor in all that time.

The 49-year-old former public school teacher turned real estate salesperson says she's determined to preserve the quality of life the people have come to appreciate in Whitchurch-Stouffville. At the same time, she hopes to attract more industry into the municipality and thereby create more jobs.

Councillor Sainsbury admits her on-going confrontation with the former provincial Environment Ministry over the Hwy. 48 landfill site had proved a good "training ground." She calls it "eleven years of experience."

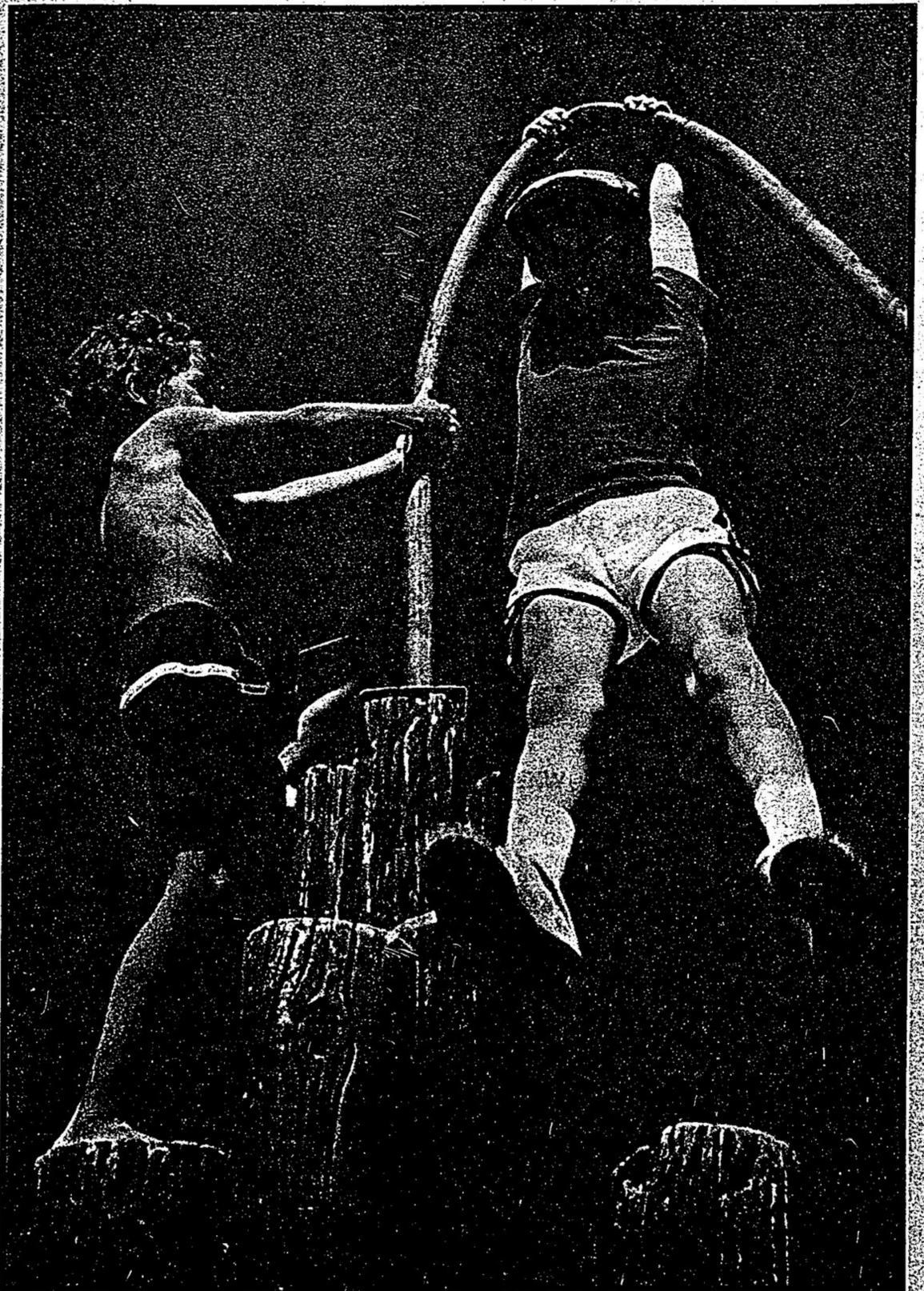
"No one's a chief before he's an Indian," she said.

Councillor Sainsbury is vice-chairman of the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee of Council. She's also acting chairman of the Business Improvement Association and Council's representative on the Museum Board.

Mayor Wood declined to reveal his election plans saying only if he decides to run, it'll be to win.



FRAN SAINSBURY



Marc Cote, 9, (right) of Markham swings on the climbing apparatus at Morgan Park playground on Parkway Ave., while Frankie Luetz, 7, waits

his turn. The local parks are popular spots for youngsters during these lazy, hazy days of summer. — Sjoerd Witteveen

Please help!

Is Whitchurch-Stouffville the friendliest town in Ontario?

Ged Stonehouse, Chamber of Commerce President has suggested a way to prove this reputation. He wants residents to open their homes to families without homes.

The problem has occurred in the Westfield Heights Development. Prospective home-owners sold their properties elsewhere, expecting to move into their new residences this summer. However, due to strikes in the building trades, completion of these houses has been delayed.

"There could be as many as ten families or as few as three," Stonehouse told The Weekender. Their stay could range from two to six weeks.

"Parents are concerned about not being able to enroll their children in school," Stonehouse explained. He said that while some have acquired emergency accommodation elsewhere, several are still looking.

Anyone with available room is asked to call The Chamber of Commerce at 640-5993.

The Chamber president said Whitchurch-Stouffville has long been known for its friendliness. "Here's an opportunity to show it, to say we're glad you're coming and we hope you'll like it here."

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