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Hospital dinner a success

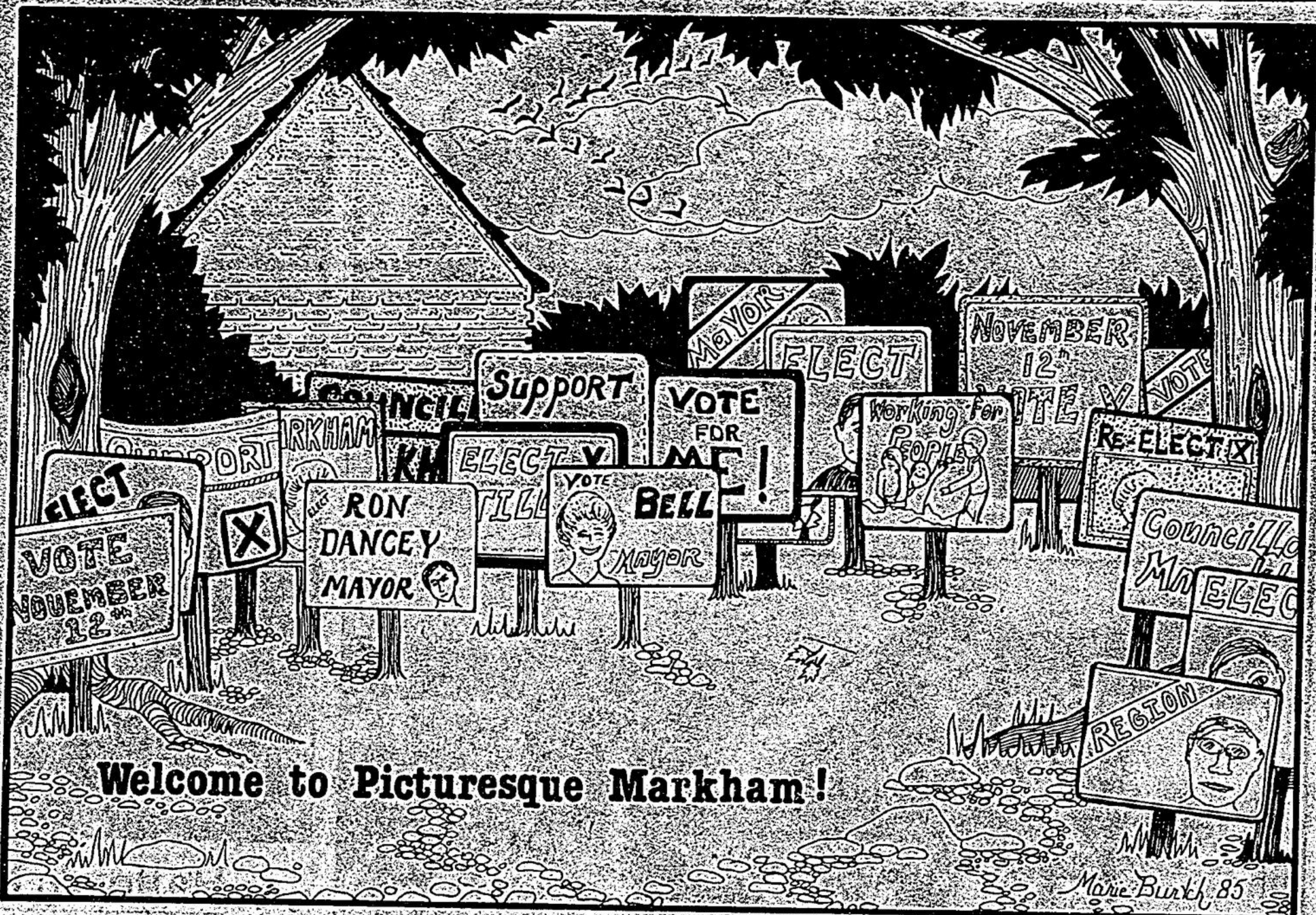
Many different events have been held to raise money for the Markham, Stouffville Hospital Fund. But one of the most pleasant turned out to be a Markham Has Heart Gala Dinner co-sponsored by Melba's Restaurant and the Markham Economist and Sun on Monday.

The gourmet dinner served by Melba's owners Paul and Michael Suddick and the relaxed atmosphere of the evening combined to make a delightful time for the 50 people attending.

Although not the largest money making event for the hospital, it will still net more than \$3,500. The idea for the dinner came from the restaurant's owners — who took over the business earlier this year.

The event demonstrates the diversity of fund-raising activities and the depth of support for the project in Markham and Stouffville areas. It's obvious that people feel very strongly about the need for a new hospital.

The dinner was only the recent in a long line of gala events in support of the hospital. Let's hope there will be many more of them.



Speaking Out

How do you feel about the recent provincial budget? (Asked on Main St., Stouffville and Main St., Markham)



Laura Leger
Homemaker
Stouffville

"I don't like it much at all. They all seem to bring the taxes up and they never seem to come down. I wonder if they ever will."



Wes Chapman
Accountant
Scarborough

"I don't like it very much at all. It makes one wonder if (raising taxes) it is ever going to stop. They'll make more promises the next time there's an election I guess."



Dave Richardson
Golf pro
Unionville

"I think we're all paying too much as it is. It seems to me that we're constantly getting gouged by the government. My biggest complaint is the gas tax."



Joan Williams
Homemaker
Markham

"I think our taxes are high enough as it is now. The way things are most people can't even afford it anymore."

Weekender Mailbag

It 'stinks' at UHS

Dear Sir:
Recently, my family and I attended the opening of the new Unionville High School. It is a beautiful building, but it stinks. And the stink is causing some people to be sick. After attending the ceremonies and touring the building, I developed a sore throat and light headedness.

My daughter, a student at the school, reports headaches, stomach aches, and difficulty concentrating in certain classrooms. In fact, the building may be an ecological time bomb for both staff and students. In recent years, it has been discovered that the air in buildings can, and does, make people ill.

Researchers are discovering the harmful effects of the emissions from literally hundreds of twentieth-century chemicals from products used indoors on a regular basis.

The Toronto Board of Education recently released a report detailing the negative effects of indoor air pollution in school buildings. (Recommendations For Action On Pollution and Education in Toron-

to, 1985, Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5T 1P6)

One of the major things that the report's authors feel contributes to poor indoor air quality is gassing off of materials during building construction and renovations.

The Unionville High School, although occupied since Sept. is not yet finished. Fumes from varnishing and painting and smells of new carpet and cork wall coverings are pungent.

Combined with construction dust and a possibly unbalanced ventilation system, we have a situation that could be affecting the health and learning ability of our children.

I urge the Board of Education, teachers, and parents to look carefully at the air quality in our schools. An immediate, partial remedy, particularly with the onset of the heating season, would be to regularly air out the buildings. Our children deserve the best educational environment possible.

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