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Join the caravan

— Sjoerd Witteveen

As part of education week, James Robinson Public School students put on a multicultural caravan at the school. Taking a break in the school playground are (left to right) Kristin Nakamura, 5, Aya Nakajimas, 5,

Chihiro Nakajima, 3, and Jodie MacKay. Kristin, Aya and Chihiro were dressed in authentic Japanese costumes. For more pictures on education week, see Page 23.

MP's wife borrowed millions

Put your money where your mouth is.

That, in effect, is what Deputy Prime Minister Erik Nielsen told the Liberal Opposition during a heated debate in the Commons, Wednesday.

Still the centre of controversy is York Peel M.P. Sinclair Stevens. It was Noreen Stevens, the Riding Member's wife who allegedly acquired a \$2.6 million loan from Anton Czapka, the co-founder of Magna International Inc., a well-known auto parts firm.

DENIED KNOWLEDGE

Stevens denied knowledge of the transaction.

With Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Vancouver to attend the official opening of Expo '86, and Mr Stevens in Washington, it was Nielsen who bore the brunt of the verbal assault.

However, he managed to keep Government critics at bay by suggesting they lay charges and therefore put their seats on the line. Under parliamentary procedure, M.P.'s who lay charges and fail to have them proven, are required to resign.

DEMANDS REJECTED

Nielsen rejected demands to refer the matter to the Commons committee on privileges and elections.

Prior to his departure, Mr Mulroney said, in his opinion, the York Peel Member had fully complied with the conflict-of-interest rules governing cabinet ministers.

He pointed out that Mrs Stevens, a prominent lawyer, had acted not as a trustee of her husband's business but in the role of a solicitor. She is vice-president of a real estate firm called Cardiff Investments Ltd.

NOTHING WRONG

Robert Boyce, assistant deputy registrar-general, administers and monitors the conflict guidelines established, in part, by the Mulroney Tories. Boyce also claims Mr Stevens has done nothing wrong.

Mansion work may begin in '86

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
Staff Reporter

The owners of a century-old Stouffville landmark will proceed with a revised plan of renovation at a cost of nearly \$400,000.

Jack Chang of Magnetic Realty Investments Limited hopes to begin work later this year on the old Mansion House Hotel, at the corner of Main and Edward Streets.

"We'd like to start in November or December of this year if it goes according to plan," Mr. Chang said in an interview Thursday.

He and partner Leslie Morocz have submitted a revised proposal along with a new Committee of Adjustment application for several minor variances.

A complete overhaul is planned for the present home of a submarine sandwich franchise, 24-hour photo shop and boarding house.

The owners originally submitted plans calling for the development of a two-tier licensed restaurant and lounge to the rear of the existing Mr. Submarine outlet.

Mr. Chang said the proposed dining establishment has since been reduced to a one-storey facility to keep within the project's budget.

He stressed the redevelopment plan is very much alive even though Magnetic was recently refunded \$475 of a preliminary planning report fee related to its application for a zoning bylaw amendment.

Mr. Chang claimed questions about structural difficulties were not a factor in the decision to alter the design concept.

The co-owner said his architects have examined the existing facility and confirmed it is

structurally sound.

The family-style restaurant, tentatively named Corks and Caps, would be adjoined by about

eight one and two bedroom apartments. The sub shop and other retail space will be upgraded and expanded.

Weekender's press run up to 30,000

Effective today's issue, the pressrun of The Weekender increases to 30,000 copies.

"This 20 per cent increase (from 25,000) is a result of rapid growth in the market and response from both readers and advertisers," said Publisher Bruce Annan.

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kham and added motor runs in rural areas around both Markham and Stouffville make the increased distribution possible.

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