

Town hosts 'Magic Weekend'



Oct. 30 and 31 is 'Magic Weekend' in Stouffville, with magic shows at several occasions including the High School, Latcham Hall and Main Street. Here Dave Houston, (centre), of Altona helps tie up Puffy's size 18

shoe with the help of Claremont's Dan Laffey and his magic wand. A preview of magical things to come was held at the Rec. Centre, Thursday.



'Herbie' The Clown will be on stage at shows in the High School, Oct. 30 and 31. He'll also be strolling the streets of Stouffville. Herbie loves working with balloons, creating all kinds of interesting charac-

ters. Here he perfects a monkey in a banana tree for Rec. Centre manager Marlene McKee-Wetheral. This is the Festival's 6th anniversary.

—Jim Thomas

Fire-eater to perform at show for students

STOUFFVILLE — Principal Peter Bright of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School has promised every precaution will be taken, Oct. 28, when fire-eater Ashley Vann of Brampton appears on stage.

The beautiful 26-year-old Brampton girl will highlight a 90-minute show, a preview to Stouffville's 'Magic Weekend', Oct. 30 and 31.

Ashley is one of only a few female fire-eaters in North America and the only female illusionist in Canada.

In her seven years on tour, she has been badly burned on two occasions. "These accidents," she explains, "occurred during 'experiments' and not public performances."

Regardless, Principal Bright is taking no chances. Fire escape procedures will be spelled out in detail before the start of the show. Such explanations are now mandatory at all public functions, not just this one, Mr. Bright explains.

Magicians will be in the school most of Wednesday. Three

'magical' guests will host a workshop for 60 members of the Grade 11 Drama Class in the morning. Later, several magicians will tour the cafeteria and demonstrate other 'tricks of their trade'.

A shortened version of the Friday night and Saturday afternoon

shows will take place from 1:30 to 3:15.

Mr. Bright says he enjoys feats of magic, even admits to having a few tricks of his own up his sleeve.

He rejects criticism of magic. "It's fun," he says, "there's nothing devious about it."

Sign Bylaw

Off-street business seeks recognition

BY BRUCE STAPLEY
STOUFFVILLE — In a debate that showed the basic philosophical differences held by Council members with regard to off Main Street businesses, approval was given, Oct. 13, for Park Drive Antiques to erect a sign on Main, directing people to their location on Park Drive North.

"The business community provides a valuable service to this town," stated Mayor Fran Sainsbury, "I see no reason why we should make things difficult for them."

Irv and Nancy Brewda, owners of the antique showroom on Park Drive, had applied to Council for a minor variance to the Town's sign bylaw that prohibits the erection of new signs directing traffic to off Main Street businesses.

Both Councillors Jim Sanders and Wilf Morley were adamantly opposed to the application being discussed let alone approved.

"These people probably paid less for a commercial property off Main Street than on," claimed Sanders, "they shouldn't expect the same amenities to which a Main Street commercial site is entitled."

Several members suggested areas like Park Drive North should never have been zoned

commercial in the first place. However, Councillor Ron Robb, visibly irritated by the length of the debate, claimed the Town should have down-graded these properties prior to their purchase. He charged that Mr. and Mrs. Brewda were deserving of the same privileges as any other commercial site owner.

"I see nothing wrong with a few side streets downtown having attractive little businesses and attractive signs," commented Councillor Margot Marshall.

Mayor Sainsbury charged Mr. Sanders with assuming too much in his claim that off-street commercial properties sell for less than those on Main. This argument was supported by the applicants.

"Having paid the price we did for the property, we wouldn't have gone for it had we known we wouldn't be entitled to the same rights as commercial businesses on Main," Mr. Brewda said.

He denied a sign at the corner of Park Drive and Main would create any traffic congestion on their street.

"You'll find a lot more traffic at the numerous yard sales held on the front lawns of residential properties any Saturday than we'll attract," he stated.

Student fashion models

The Parents' Group of Whitchurch Highlands School are hosting an event, Thursday, (to-morrow), that's different.

It's a fashion show, with several students serving as models.

Time of the promenade is 7:30 p.m.

Highlands School is located at the corner of Warden Avenue and the Bloomington Road.

Apparel will be provided by Klassy Kids and Graylane.

Proceeds will be used for school projects.

Admission is \$3 adults, \$1 children. Refreshments will be served.

Editor's Mail

Charity provided in Canada too

Dear Editor:

Apart from a few ambiguities surrounding Mr. W.J. Winkler's Letter to the Editor, published in The Tribune's Oct. 7 issue, one senses he has a definite interest in the welfare of Canadian widows and orphans.

However, a little investigation would have saved him from the insult he threw at those who sold the democrat for the African widows and orphans.

Members who once owned the democrat are very committed to Canadian widows and orphans as well by providing food and help for the homeless both in this locale and

others. They maintain a viable mission to widowers and widows each Wednesday of the year. Their interest in African widows and orphans is only an extension of the work already being done here in Canada.

It is my hope that Mr. Winkler's interest in the widows, the needy and the underprivileged in Canada is not reduced to attacks on charity organizations but that he too is doing something about their plights, for to speak and not to act makes us empty barrels causing much noise.

Sincerely,
David K. Mensah,
R.R. 3, Stouffville

Co-op program praised

STOUFFVILLE — "It's going beautifully."

That how Peter Bright, Principal of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School describes the Co-op Placement Program at S.D.S.S. Its looked on as one of the best in York Region.

At present, 63 students enjoy part-time placement with various firms in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"We appreciate the work status provided our young people by the business community," Mr. Bright said.



Farm replicas completed from memory

A display of farm replicas, crafted all from memory, attracted the attention of many people attending the Wesley Church-sponsored bazaar in the Vandorf Community Hall, Saturday. The

skilled craftsman is George E. Richardson, formerly of Conc. 2, Whitchurch and now of Newmarket.

—Jim Thomas



Fair's Immediate Past-President honored

Mrs. Mary Beare, Markham Fair's Immediate Past-President, was honored at a banquet and dance, Saturday evening. She was presented

with her Past-President's Pin by the Fair's 1987 President, Rick Wannop.

—Jim Thomas



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