

Editor's Mail



Is it parking?

'Preschool should stay'

Reader opposes headline stance

Dear Editor, Do I detect editorial prejudice with the caption "open letter applauds mayor" appended to Rosemarie Robincranath's letter in the Nov. 28/87 Weekender?

Perhaps in my retirement I have lost track of time but your bias is favorable headline-grabbing for the mayor in an election year.

Where is your honesty and integrity of the press to summarize such a well-written and presented letter in this manner?

How does one interpret "more than astonished" to witness her (Mayor Bell's) rather emotional and prejudiced outburst in favor of the smoker in public places," to mean approval or support.

Allergies have been my bane for many years. The least of these is not offensive fumes but second-hand smoke. A family member has a major medical problem from smoke-polluted air.

Over the years I have evaded confrontation with those who befool our air by leaving malls,

restaurants, theatre line-ups, elevators, washrooms and other public areas.

I emphasize the word public which in any worthy dictionary means common to all, for the good of all.

Why should I become a recluse? Why should I give up social interface so others can aggravate the existing pollution to our environment?

Too little thought is directed towards the silent but deadly second-hand smoke killer amongst us — as deadly in the long run as total unlicensing of alcohol and drugs to the public.

I, too, look for the day in which the proposed amendments to by-law 190-86 are approved, enforced and recognized for non-smokers rights in public places.

Let our town council be less timorous, as was the city of Toronto, and exemplify their humanity to humankind.

Finally, a pie on the caption writer. Do I detect a closet smoker?

A.E. Lewis Markham, Ont

Dear Editor, May I offer a suggestion to Regional Councillor Ron Moran, who in the Nov. 21 Weekender states that "there's just not many places we can put a day care."

Please leave Kiddies Country Preschool exactly where it is.

Since pre-school locations are at a premium, renew owner Cindy Rudolph-Smith's lease on the town-owned Women's Institute on Woodbine Ave. so this excellent facility can continue to enrich children during their pre-school years.

Parking congestion seems to be the stated reason for the town's decision. Surely, the town would not force the closure of such a valuable service on such a flimsy excuse.

Parents use the town's parking lot for no more than 10 minutes four times a day and when the Woodbine Ave. widening is completed, parking on the north side of the building will once again be accessible.

We love letters

If you have a beef or want to pat someone on the back, sit down and write a letter to the Weekender.

Deadline is noon Thursday prior to publication. Names may be withheld on request at the discretion of the editor.

The address is 9 Heritage Rd., Markham, Ontario L3P 1M3.

Dare I say the real reason for the non-renewal is a matter of money? By selling the property the town can use its proceeds toward the new town headquarters.

I suppose when considering such a lavish project, council is

obliged to obtain funds from any "available" source.

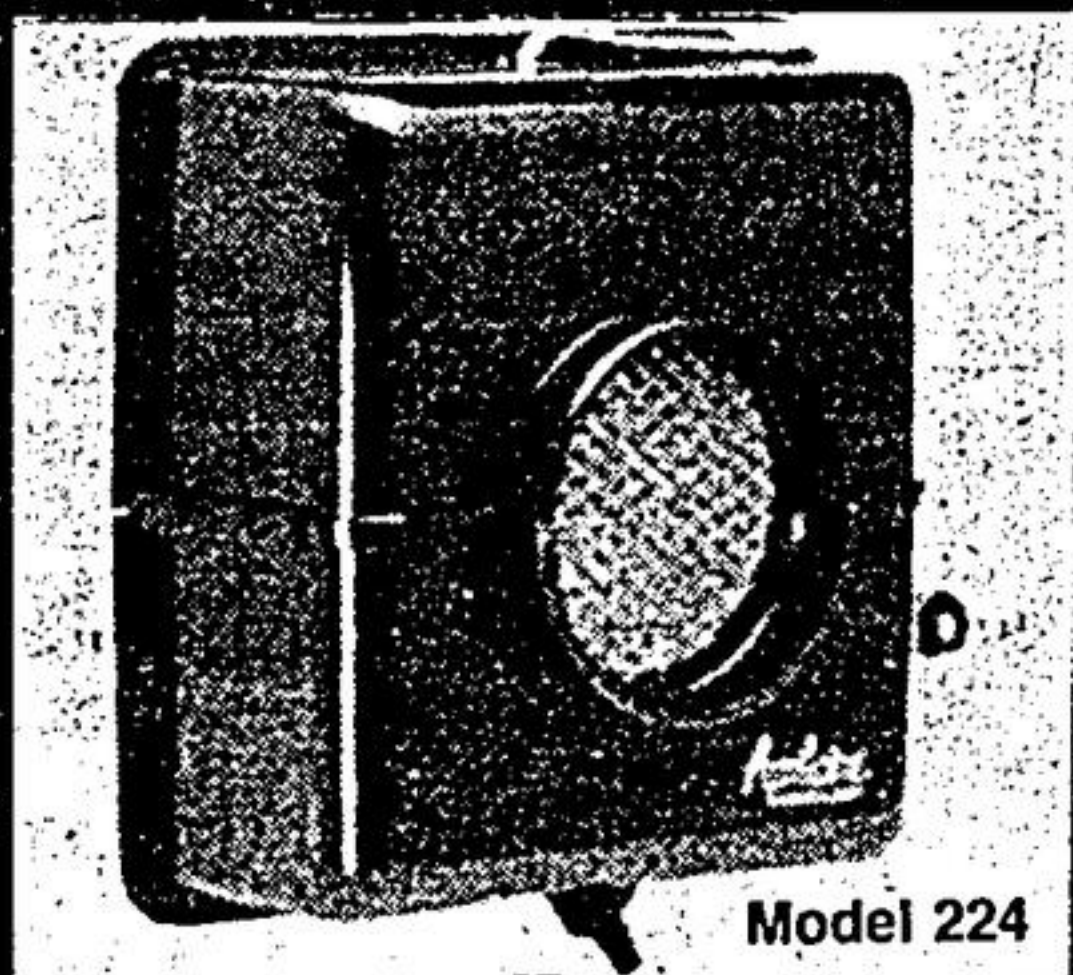
However, our children must not be short-changed in the deal. Their needs must not be forgotten.

Linda Hirsch Unionville

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