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## No-smoking rule 'burns' councillor

STOUFFVILLE — Councillor Ron Robb has described as "dishonest" and "deceitful" a Town policy that will ban smoking in a multitude of areas beginning August 1, 1988.

Councillor Robb told a meeting Feb. 23 he's not opposed to a smoking ban as such but to the way Council had gone about it.

"It's happening everywhere," he conceded, "and I don't object. However, smoking areas were mentioned on the questionnaire. Now, you're banning smoking altogether."

Locations include — the Town Hall, the Building Department,

the Works Department, the Fire Hall and the Rec. Centre.

The lounge at the Rec. Centre is excluded when rented out for private functions.

A Smoke-Enders course will be offered all Town employees wishing to kick the habit.

Councillor Robb stated the original intent of the smoking ban had been altered. "Employees weren't told and replies weren't requested," he said.

"Additions were made after the fact," he stated.

Robb admits that informed or not, the smoking ban would likely have passed. "But more would have disagreed," he maintains.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury observed that out of 46 persons accommodated in the Town Hall, not more than six employees and two councillors smoke.

Councillor Wilf Morley said the layout of the building makes it difficult to establish smoking areas.

Councillor Margot Marshall described herself as "a social smoker"

### In ring?

Political observers expect Peter Atkins to declare himself a candidate for the Markham Conservative federal nomination at a press conference in the Chimo Hotel, Woodbine Avenue, to-morrow night.

The new Riding includes the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Atkins, son of Markham Senator Norm Atkins, recently led a successful campaign and seized control of the Riding executive from former MP John Gamble.

Gamble declared his candidacy last November but bowed out of the nomination race after pro-Atkins supporters gained control.

Should he decide to run, Atkins will join former Don Valley East MP Bill Attewell as the only other 'official' candidate in contention.

"If I must stop smoking by Aug. 1, I might just as well stop tomorrow. I'd be better for it anyway."

Councillor Jim Sanders called it "a disgusting habit." "Why should we encourage it?" he asked.

Interim-steps approved by Council starting immediately follow:

(1) Smoke-free areas in every department. (2) Staff shall not smoke when dealing with the public or in another's work area. (3) Smoking areas be established in each building. (4) Smoking not be permitted in the committee room, but a 10 minute break be held hourly, if requested. (5) Smoke-enders course be established.



Twenty-two-year-old Julia Wallace of Ballantrae, a third-year student at the University of Western Ontario, has a new record release on the market entitled 'Old Memories Never Die.' People closest to the music industry claim the song has all the potential for a hit. It was composed by Julia's brother, William Wallace III.

## Ballantrae's Julia Wallace

### New record release

BY JIM THOMAS

BALLANTRAE — For 22-year-old Julia Wallace, Jasmine Crescent, Ballantrae, this could be her big break.

The third-year University of Western Ontario student recently released a record entitled 'Old Memories Never Die.' Those with an ear close to the pop music industry are confident Julia has a hit-bound sound.

The lyrics were penned by her brother, William Wallace III. The recording session was produced by Robert Hathaway.

As soon as I heard it, I said that's the song for me, Julia enthused during an interview Friday. The recording was made at Marigold Studios, Toronto.

Music, both vocal and instrumental, is very much a part of the Wallace family. Julia's enrolment in a voice degree major at London, O.S., is a four-year course.

Her ultimate goal is to audition for the Toronto Opera School.

At the moment, I'm country and western, Julia says, "but really, I like all kinds."

Julia's been singing for as long as she can remember.

She also plays the piano and the guitar, "a little bit."

As a young girl, she sang on several occasions at concerts in Ballantrae Public School, then in Variety Shows at S.D.S.S.

She graduated from Stouffville High in 1985. A good studio with professional back-up is very important, Julia says. She has high praise for Marigold Productions and the support they've provided.

Her label is Skyhigh Records.

Julia's new 45rpm release is available locally at Wheels Entertainment in the Stouffville Mall, Main Street West.

You're sure to love it when you hear it. Every one else does!

## Fear Srs. could lose their homes

STOUFFVILLE — As far as Councillors Ron Robb and Margot Marshall are concerned the recent reassessment update, completed by the Region of York, isn't all it was cracked up to be.

Councillor Marshall said the tax hike could be such as to force many senior citizens from their homes by 1990.

Councillor Robb said a number of residents in the Musselman's Lake and Ballantrae areas face serious water problems.

"Is there some way we can hold off on a tax bill increase until the water situation is resolved?" he enquired.

"I don't think it's fair to sock a tax hike to people whose properties aren't at the value they could be because of water problems," concluded Robb.

## Squirrels blamed

MUSSELMAN'S LAKE — Squirrels are blamed for a fire, Feb. 24 that caused an estimated \$15,000 damage to the home of Larry Jones and Kerstin Fetz, Lakeshore Road, Musselman's Lake.

Mr. Jones said he discovered piles of cones in the attic. He believes the rodents stripped insulation from electric wiring created a short circuit.

Larry said everything was normal when he left the house around 5 a.m. Kerstin went to work at 6:30. The fire was discovered by a passing motorist around nine.

The driver awakened Mark Kokurewicz, a next door neighbor. Mr. Kokurewicz turned in the alarm. He also rescued Larry and Kerstin's pet dog 'Maxine' trapped inside.

Larry and Kerstin have taken up temporary residence at The Maples of Ballantrae Lodge, R.R. 2, Stouffville.

## Vandorf man killed

VANDORF — A Vandorf man died Thursday when struck by a car on Woodbine Avenue in Markham.

Police said Bahaddin Alizadeh was hit while attempting to cross Woodbine, north of Steeles.

Time of the accident was placed at 2:20 p.m.

According to reports, the 83-year-old Executive Drive resident was struck by a southbound van while crossing the road, 50 meters north of the nearest intersection.

## No changes in IGA staff

STOUFFVILLE — Rick Hensman, manager of the Stouffville IGA, will continue in this position, Alex Ramey, the supermarket's new owner announced this week.

John Ramey, son of the owner, has been named general manager of both the Stouffville and Beaverton units. Mr. Ramey Sr. also owns the IGA store in Port Perry.

Bob Grieve is the operations manager at Beaverton.

The association of Mr. Ramey Sr., with the Stouffville IGA goes back to 1970 when he purchased the business from the late Glenn Ratcliff. He became president of Stouffville Supermarkets Ltd., (IGA) in 1973 and later the same year entered into a 50-50 partnership with Jack Chambers.

Last month, he purchased Mr. Chambers' shares, the transaction concluding March 2, (today).

It was Mr. Ramey that introduced IGA to Canada back in 1951. He later served as vice-president of retail operations for the com-

pany, resigning this position in 1969.

Mr. Ramey anticipates no changes in the Stouffville store.

"As always, the prime objective of IGA is to provide quality products at the lowest possible prices," he said.

Mr. Ramey says he's pleased son Jack has taken up residence near Uxbridge. This makes it convenient for him to visit both Stouffville and Beaverton stores on a regular basis, he explained.

Mr. Ramey says he's also happy Mr. Chambers' son Steve is remaining on staff. "I requested it," he concluded.

## Carpentras, France Cultural exchange

STOUFFVILLE — A student exchange between Whitchurch-Stouffville and Carpentras, France could become a permanent association.

Maureen Cunningham, Head of Moderns at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, exchange student Claire Chedot and parent Doug Alles have requested our Town 'twin' with Carpentras so as to form a closer link between the two communities.

They addressed a meeting of Council Feb. 23.

Twinning, explained Mrs. Cunningham, is a formal activity whereby two towns are linked for the purpose of cultural education, friendly relations and the sharing of a common heritage.

For the most part, activities are ceremonial, Mrs. Cunningham said. For example, when students from SDSS visited Carpentras last spring, they received a flag from the city and were guests at a civic reception.

In April, she said, 75 Carpentras students are coming to Whitchurch-Stouffville. She's hopeful similar courtesies can be accorded our guests.

Mrs. Cunningham said the student delegation from Stouffville was royally treated in Carpentras. Members were presented not only with a city flag but also three beautiful medallions. These items, she noted, have no perma-

nent home. Through a twinning arrangement, they could be displayed in the Municipal Office.

After listening intently to the presentation, Council referred the recommendation to a committee meeting for further consideration.

## Changing scene

RINGWOOD — Changes continue to occur at the Ringwood intersection of Hwy. 48 and the Stouffville Road.

Latest proposal before the Town comes from Ross and Maria Gallo of Gallo Real Estate Limited.

They wish to erect a new office building at a site on the north-west corner.

To permit this, an amendment to the Official Plan is required, changing the property from Rural to Commercial.

The application reads:

"The existing building is situated very close to two major roads, namely Hwy. 48 and the Stouffville Sideroad. After careful consideration, we feel it's not feasible to add to the existing structure. A new building, situated further back, would be more appealing, therefore enhancing the entrance to Stouffville. We're hoping this proposal will receive favorable consideration."

Mr. and Mrs. Gallo give additional space requirements as reason for the request.

**Liz praised**

"She was fabulous!" That's how Stouffville's Jan Perry described the performance Saturday of Canada's Elizabeth Manley at the Olympic Figure Skating Championships in Calgary.

Jan (Smith) Alber, Street North and sister Jo Ellen of Burlington, attended the Olympics together.

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## Students in danger

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council has ruled a sidewalk along Sunset Boulevard "not a priority at this time."

The Orchard Park Home and School Association disagrees.

In a letter to the municipality through engineering co-ordinator Paul Whitehouse, the executive committee is asking the municipality to reconsider the importance of this project.

Members point to the hazard for children walking on the road both to and from Orchard Park School.

"We're not asking immediate installation of sidewalks along the whole of Sunset Boulevard. What we are requesting is a sidewalk on at least a portion of the road from the school exits to the nearest side street," the letter reads in part.

The executive is asking a Town representative to come and observe the situation "after school and under winter conditions" to better understand parents' concerns.

The correspondence concludes: "Parents feel strongly about this. We reiterate our request for action BEFORE an accident occurs."

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