

Editor's Mail Memories

Dear Editor:

Bruce Stapley's column on barbershops and hair-cutting, (Tribune Community Focus, Feb. 3), was interesting. I'm sure it helped the older generation recall and relive some of their more memorable "barbering experiences."

Since I'm in the over-70 age group, I can go back to the "shave and a hair-cut two bits" era. In my case, however, no one in our family ever went to a barber until at least age twenty, or had some special function to attend.

Father cut hair, mother cut hair, then all four of us boys learned to cut each others hair.

These, of course, were the "good old days down on the farm." In 1939, I came to the city to achieve business and social success where you had to have a cut or a trim every two weeks.

Then, by about 1965, the cost had risen to nearly three dollars, and I began remembering "the good old days".

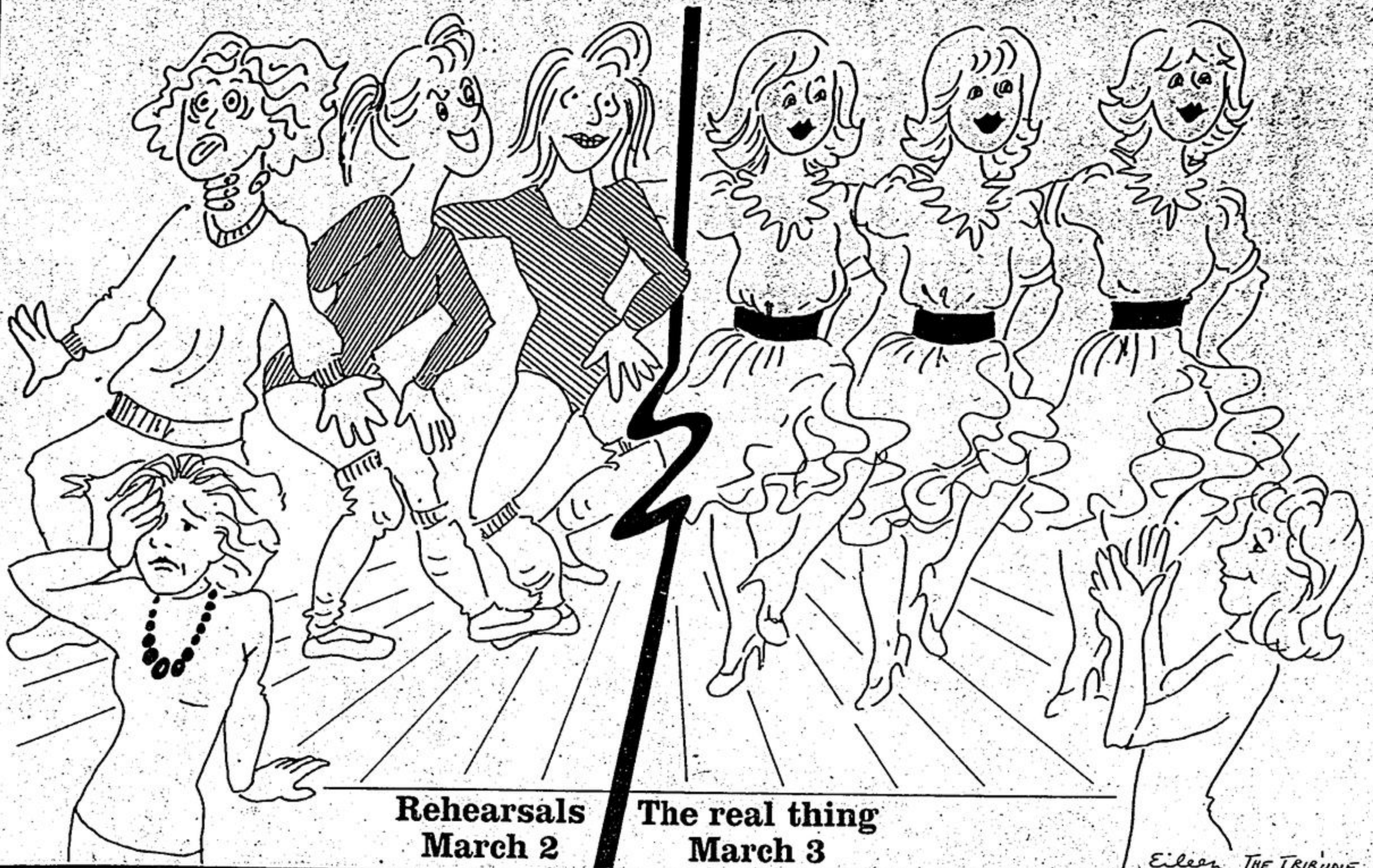
Right then, I purchased an adjustable mirror, attached it to my camera tripod, and from that day to this, I haven't attended a barbershop or hair-cutting salon.

I can look in the small mirror, see my reflection in the large bathroom mirror, and with comb, clippers and scissors, snip here and clip there, just like an old pro.

Sorry if I've offended any hair-cutting entrepreneurs who are only trying to make a living.

Sincerely,
Charles Clarke,
Unionville

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ROAMING AROUND City cyclists in town

BY JIM THOMAS

What are two young ladies supposed to do when a man, old enough to be their father, sits down beside them in a restaurant and tries to strike up a conversation?

In the big city, they do what Maureen and Brigitte did Sunday. They try and ignore the interloper, hoping he'll take the cue and go away.

Unfortunately, small town journalists aren't so easily discouraged. Not this small town journalist anyway. The "cold shoulder" only creates a challenge. Reporters love challenges.

So it was Sunday. I was westbound on Main Street when I spotted two seemingly energetic girls cycling east. Others saw them too. They "peeped" their hellos as they passed. Even a dog left its garbage bag of vitals to tag along.

There has to be a story here, I said to myself. Not that bike pedalers are so unusual. But in February? They have to be part-polar bear, I concluded.

Indeed they were; frigid I mean. At first. However, the ice-cold reception quickly thawed when I proved, (beyond a shadow of a doubt), I was interested only in their extra-curricular vocations.

Our meeting occurred at the Country Club Donuts, a popular stop-off point for way-faring strangers.

I sat a stool apart, but moved one seat closer as the interview continued.

"Who did you say you were?" asked Brigitte.

"And what newspaper are you with?" enquired Maureen.

They then looked at each other as if to say, "should we trust this guy?"

Following a minute's silence, they concluded that, yes, they could. Our interview was all downhill from there.

Each summer and fall, group cyclists are common to Stouffville. But they set such a fast pace, it's hard to overtake them in heavy traffic let alone stop them.

Since Brigitte and Maureen had stopped on their own accord, there was no inconvenience; for them or for me.

Maureen, 26, is a graduate of McMaster University, Hamilton. Brigitte, 22, is an economics major at Waterloo.

Both are members of the Scarborough Cycle-Racing Club.

"You're looking at the female contingency," Brigitte explained, "it's a male dominated sport."

I caught a tinge of irritation in her voice.

"It's training and will-power against strength and endurance," she explained in separating the genders.

She sounded confident the former, if put to the test, could overcome the latter.

"Anything a man can do, a woman can do better," I responded.

That really broke the ice. The two gals, the ultimate in physical fitness, keep in shape all winter cross-country skiing. Come spring, (even as early as February), they take to the highways and biways of Ontario.

Scarborough to Stouffville's a favorite Sunday jaunt, Maureen said. On occasions, they go as far as the Holland Marsh.

This was their first outing of the season.

"In addition to conditioning, cycling relieves stress and frustration," explained Brigitte.

The racing season extends from May through October, the girls continued. Brigitte has participated in both Provincial and Canadian competitions. Maureen has taken part in meets in Quebec.

On occasions, they race against the clock but sometimes against each other.

To safeguard the cyclists, roads should be closed off to traffic, said Maureen. This isn't always possible so "protective" cars travel front and rear.

Brigitte's been struck twice and injured. More often, accidents occur when closely grouped cyclists collide with each other, she said.

How much does a racing bike cost? I enquired.

Anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000 Brigitte replied.

Maureen's worn out several. Brigitte

hopes to make hers last.

On trips like to Stouffville, Sunday, they travel light — a canteen of drinking water and an air pump. They're never that far from the city that they can't find a resting place, like a coffee and donut shop.

So it was Sunday, two pre-spring cyclists and a nosy newsman.

I learned a lot about cycling. I trust they discovered something about Stouffville — a town where friendly conversation can occur between perfect strangers as well as between close friends.

Editorials

Prohibition falls short

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council took a positive step last week when it established a no-smoking policy within Town-owned buildings.

This is good. However, as so often is the case, the policy doesn't go far enough. It should have been extended to include all areas of public domain — restaurants, stores,

supermarkets, all enclosed premises frequented by people.

True, it's been a battle. But the non-smokers, (and the responsible smokers), are winning.

This doesn't mean the chronic cigarette, cigar and pipe-puffer can't continue his habit. It means only he can continue his habit in designated areas or the great outdoors.

We don't smoke. But except in the car, smoke doesn't bother us. However, as parents of a chronic asthmatic, we know the problems second-hand smoke can cause. It's scary.

To-day, people wouldn't think of "lighting up" in a doctor's office, a dentist's office or in a hospital.

No one smokes in church.

So why should the practice be allowed in any other enclosure?

The time is fast approaching when it won't — except in designated areas. In the public interest, Town Council should 'bite the bullet' and make the move.

Sooner or later it's going to come. Better for Council to make the decision on its own than be pressured by public opinion.

Don't stop half way

The most important meeting in the history of the Stouffville Business Improvement Area, (BIA), will be held Wednesday evening, (to-night).

The location is the lounge of the Rec. Centre. The time is 7 p.m.

Members will be asked to approve a \$100,000 expenditure that, accompanied by a Government-approved PRIDE grant; a commitment by Hydro and Council will give the downtown business core the 'shot in the arm' it needs.

In our opinion, the improvement plan has come too far to suddenly stop. Even in the past two years, the area's been greatly enhanced, and people have responded.

Twice the business is done downtown now than before; partly because of growth and partly because of improvements.

Some towns have been content to go half-way, then rest on their laurels. Don't let this happen here.

Let's see the plan through to completion. The business dividends will be immeasurable.

Set project timetable

Residents of Phase I in Stouffville's Westfield Estates have just cause for anger, frustration.

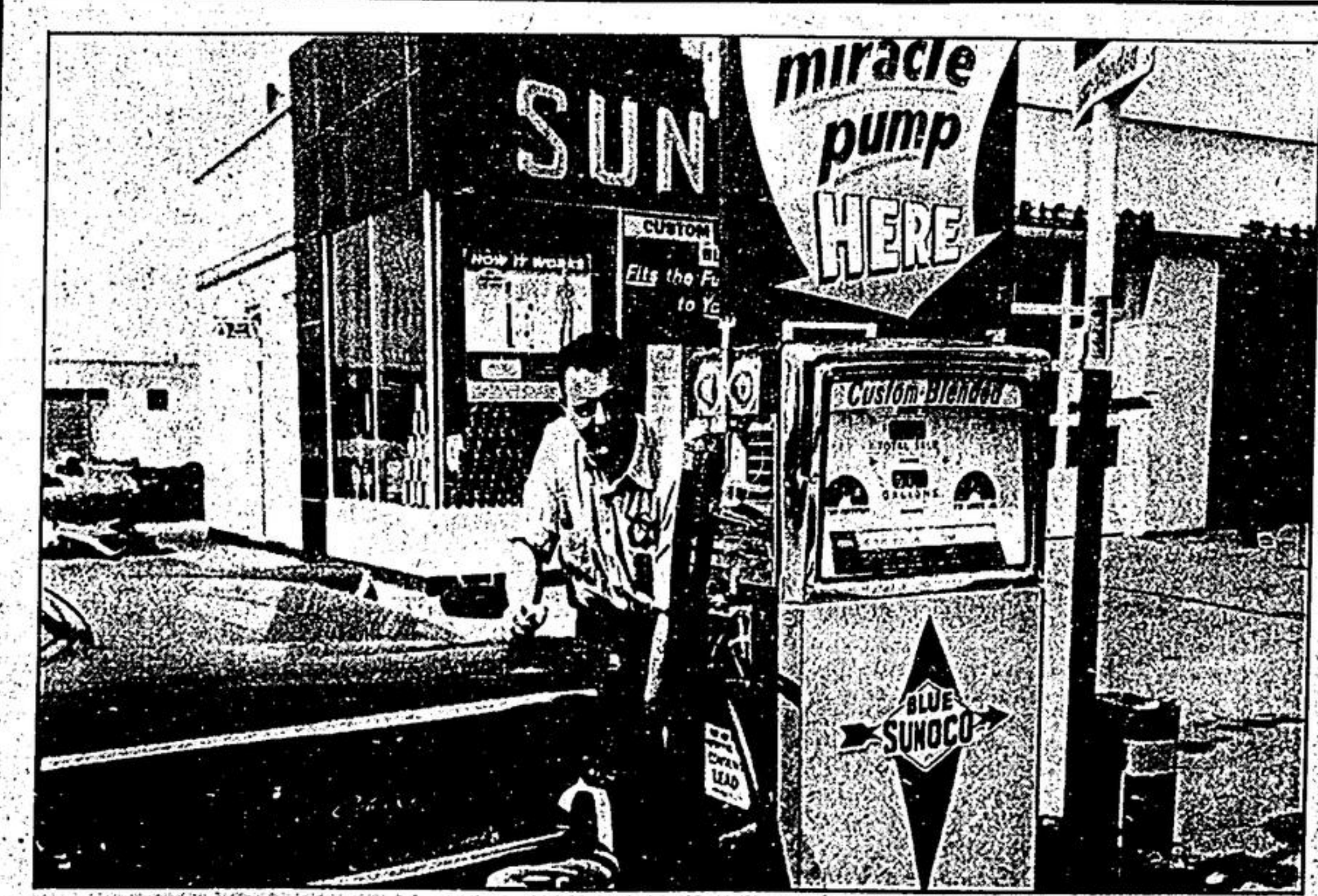
They've been waiting three years for completion of their properties.

However, March is not the month to push the panic button and cash in Revenue's performance bond. That should have occurred last September when work could still be completed.

Everything's at a standstill now, at least until spring.

We endorse resident Flora McDonald's recommendation of a timetable. Set out the work to be done and when. This will force Revenue to toe the line, or else!

So far, the developer's been calling the shots and Council's been made to look like fools.



Mickey Hunt operated spotless service centre 21 years

For 21 years, (1956-1977), Mickey Hunt, Elm Road, Stouffville, operated the Sunoco Service Centre at Main Street West and Winlane Drive, Stouffville. Bill Holden, now of Giles Chev-Olds Ltd., was a partner during a portion of this period. Mick (above) and Bill kept the station in immaculate condition. Mick is now a staff employee with the Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Town of Markham.

—Jim Thomas

Editor's Mail The cause

Mutuals, equities, blue chips, bulls and bears! This is mostly stock exchange jargon to the uninitiated.

A few months ago the world's financial markets were turned upside down.

But by what?

The American budget and trade deficits; tension in the Persian Gulf? These problems have been around for a long time. So why the panic?

The market now seems to have come back, but conditions that allegedly started the run are still with us and likely will be for some time.

The pundits said 'a correction' was too high. So what do we believe? Regardless, it was a very costly slide for many people all around the world.

I have more than a sneaking suspicion that ordinary people are being manipulated by financiers and political leaders whose outlook towards the rest of the world is hardly philanthropic.

It seems incredible to me that millions of people's lives in the industrialized world can be adversely affected by the actions of gamblers and risk-takers.

I have no sympathy for the investor who bemoans the fact he lost 'X' numbers of dollars in the stock market crash. He takes that risk and knows the consequences. However, I have sympathy for those who have been or could be hurt by him and thousands of others of that ilk.

After all, what does it matter to them if the indexing of pensions is delayed; that consumer prices are rising and the dollar isn't worth what it was.

I may sound a little harsh in describing the actions of the financial and commercial institutions but it could be 'parasitical'.

Adam Johnstone,
R.R. 1, Stouffville

Nightmare

I wish to add my support to the appeal by Mrs. Karen Chubbuck and others on Kennedy Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville, for barricades in the area between the Bloomington and Vandorf Roads.

To say it's a hazard is putting it mildly. To me, it's a nightmare especially if you're a motorist looking over the edge of a 50-foot ravine.

I've seen barricades in far less dangerous locations. I hope York Region isn't waiting for a 'death count', like the province before, it moves to erect protective barriers.

(Mrs.) Gordon Blake,
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