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'Friends' alienated — Morley

By JIM THOMAS
Editor

STOUFFVILLE — For a brief moment, Friday, Fran Sainsbury supporters sat squirming on their seats.

The incident occurred near the conclusion of an All-Candidates Forum at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

It related to Stouffville's inclusion on 'The Big Pipe', the huge York-Durham sanitary sewerage system that crosses Markham, south of Hwy. 7.

Mayor Sainsbury momentarily dropped her guard on cost coverage of the service. Candidate Wilf Morley was quick out of the corner.

Morley charged developers should absorb 100 percent of the expense since they would eventually benefit. He further claimed the incumbent had alienated those regional representatives in the municipalities of Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

"We must get in there and negotiate," he advised, "we need every one of those people. Our mayor has alienated most of them."

He also objected to the use of the word 'pawns' mentioned by Mayor Sainsbury with reference to the Town's position of strength at the Region.

Earlier, Morley got in a quick left jab when he stated: "Whitchurch-Stouffville is crying for leadership."

Mrs. Sainsbury responded with "everyone knows 'The Big Pipe' will be paid for by developers." She said further that even with support from the majority of municipalities, Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan still hold the balance of power.

A shortage of affordable housing was the Forum's most contentious issue. None of the candidates had an immediate solution although Don Bigioni, (Ward 6), suggested negotiating with would-be developers as the most direct method.

Councillor Jim Sanders, (Ward 6), said the problem is region-wide and should be dealt with at the regional level.

Both Sainsbury and Morley advised against use of the old arena site for this purpose.

Crawford Thomson, also a mayoralty candidate, recommended "grouping people together."

"As a 21-year-old, my biggest concern is having a roof over my head," he said.

Mayor Sainsbury explained that only 77 units could be accommodated in the present sewage system. She predicted no major residential build-up in Stouffville for at least five years.

Downtown merchants get into the act

A major renovation project is underway throughout Stouffville's downtown core extending from Albert Street to Park Drive. Improvements, undertaken by the Bank of Nova Scotia in co-operation with the town and council, will include new lighting, new sidewalks and other refinements. Shown here in an display of energetic enthusiasm are merchants Ann Ray, left, Bob Archerill and Sandra Strouch, but a president. —Jim Thomas

Off-street complex

STOUFFVILLE — For the past several months, residents have been watching the progress of a building at the rear of The Earl of Whitchurch, Main Street West, not knowing its purpose.

The facts are these:

It's a 7,200 square foot office and commercial facility.

The Earl's Court Whitchurch-Stouffville Office and Commercial Complex should be completed by Dec. 1. The owner and building is Michael Larkin of Maylar Construction Co., Markham.

The complex will include six retail spaces on the ground floor and six offices above. A walkway will extend to Main Street with parking for 35 cars.

The site was purchased from Stouffville Machine Inc., located immediately to the north.

The commercial units have areas as small as 400 square feet, Mr. Larkin said. However, these can be combined to make up to 2,000 square feet if required. Lease offers are now being accepted.

Positive signs

STOUFFVILLE — Physicians at York County Hospital, Newmarket, have warned family members 'not to get their hopes too high' but 17-year-old Debra Surman, Manitoba Street, Stouffville, continues to improve.

"She's still a very sick girl, but her vital signs are good," Terri Surman, her mother told The Tribune Monday.

Debra was critically injured in a single-vehicle accident near Newmarket Oct. 16.

A Grade 12 student of SDSS, Debra remains in intensive care and assisted by a breathing machine but fully conscious.

"She understands when we talk," her mother said, "and today, she waved to one of her friends."

Visiting is not encouraged, Mrs Surman explained. Cards and letters may be sent to Post Office Box 615, Stouffville.

Team hazing almost fatal

CLAREMONT — An initiation or 'hazing', forced on two members of the Kent State University hockey team, almost killed a 19-year-old Claremont student, The Tribune was told Monday.

Tim Evans, son of Dean and Carolyn Evans, Barkley Street, Claremont, collapsed after being forced-fed alcohol in the basement of a private home.

He spent three days in hospital including 24 hours in intensive care.

Tim is attending Kent State on a hockey scholarship.

"It was pretty scary for awhile," Dean Evans, his father said, "Tim almost died."

Mr. and Mrs. Evans motored to Ohio on learning of the near-tragedy.

Dean said 'hazing' is common at most universities in both Canada and the United States. "This one got out of hand," he stated.

Tim's lapsing into unconsciousness was due to an allergic reaction," Dean explained.

Due to the seriousness of the incident, all hockey games involving the Kent State team have been cancelled for the season, Dean said.

"This is severe, but I feel the university did the right thing," he stated.

Tim, he said, is determined to continue his studies and complete his year.

"Right now, he wants to get on with life and forget about the whole thing," his father concluded.

Voters in dark

No federal all-candidates meetings are planned for Whitchurch-Stouffville, Carolyn Collins, a spokesperson for Conservative Bill Attewell told The Tribune this week.

"Bill's anxious, but there's nothing he can do," Mrs. Collins said. "The candidates can't organize meetings themselves. It's up to someone or some organization to do it."

Due to boundary realignment, Whitchurch-Stouffville is part of the new federal riding of Markham.

The Tribune was told local PCs are holding a 'Meet Bill Attewell Night' at Deer Park Inn, Wed., Nov. 16 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Our ratings

By JIM THOMAS
Editor

Undoubtedly, many attended the All-Candidates Forum at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Friday, with their minds made up.

For those of you who didn't, how did you rate the would-be office-holders?

On a scale of 1 to 10, we placed each as follows:

MAYOR — Wilf Morley, 8; Fran Sainsbury, 7; Crawford Thomson, 3.

WARD 3 — Nick Tatone, 7; Johan Aaltink, 4. WARD 5 — Doug Alles, 7; Marie Adams, 6. WARD 6 — Don Bigioni, 7; Jim Sanders, 7.

The All-Candidates Meeting, Wednesday, (tonight), at the Vandorf Community Hall, could see a complete reversal of merit marks. Watch for our assessment in The Tribune's Nov. 9 edition.

Daring break-in

STOUFFVILLE — A daring break-in at the LCBO store in the A&P Plaza Tuesday morning resulted in the theft of liquor valued at close to $3,000.

Entry was gained by smashing a glass panel in the front.

The cases were taken out the back.

Before leaving, thieves spray-painted the image of a man on the walkway outside, with a peace insignia nearby. Police are trying to translate its meaning.

A staff spokesman said it would be next week before an inventory is taken and the losses known.

New Firestone Store

Second to none

STOUFFVILLE — Stouffville's new Firestone Store, that opens officially this Saturday at 138 Sandiford Drive, will be a model for all of North America.

Partners Gary Ardila and Michael Ang are pleased with the co-operation received, particularly from contractors Ken and Dick Sandiford of A&S Construction, Stouffville.

"They've been super people to work with," Michael told The Tribune, "never once did they let us down."

An official grand opening is planned for later this fall.

The store boasts an area of 5,000 square feet with six bays, four for cars and two for trucks.

The service shop is fully computerized.

There's also a spacious showroom and lounge.

Mr. Ardila, formerly of Stouffville and now of Unionville, will operate the franchise here. Mr. Ang's in charge of another store at 1165 O'Connor Drive.

The Firestone firm, he said, selected the Stouffville site following an extensive market survey. There are about 26 independently operated Firestone stores in the Metro area, he explained.

On the occasion of Saturday's opening, many specials are featured including all-season steel belted radials from $44.95 and an oil change, lube and filter for $16.95.

Young mother showed courage

STOUFFVILLE — Following a courageous ten-month fight with lung cancer, Tanya Owen, 25, died Oct. 25.

It was Tuesday morning, that physicians on the staff of Toronto General Hospital told family members there was nothing more they could do. Mrs. Owen passed away that afternoon.

"She never lost hope," husband Mark told The Tribune, "she displayed great courage."

Prior to her illness, Tanya was employed on the staff of Savex Drugs, working in both the Stouffville and Markham stores. She, her husband and son David, 2, lived in an apartment above 45 Main Street West. Her parents, Rene and Yvonne Mongrain reside on Tenth Line South.

Service was held Friday from the O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville, with interment Stouffville Cemetery.

Classic car stays in town

STOUFFVILLE — Dave Simmonds' 1948 Lincoln Continental convertible will stay in Stouffville.

The classic car, one of only 452 made by Ford and one of only 39 known to exist in North America, was purchased by Denny and Donna Alsop at the Christian School auction held at Wilson's Sales Arena, Uxbridge, Saturday.

The purchase price was $16,000.

"I knew it was around," Denny said later, "they're very rare."

The local insurance agent already owns a 1935 Ford sedan delivery; a 1938 Ford panel; a 1948 Chev one-ton and a 1966 Corvette.

He admits he's not quite sure what he's going to do with his latest acquisition.

The heavily-chromed automobile, powered by a v-12 engine and equipped with power windows, cruise control and other extras, was donated to the auction by Mr. Simmonds, a member of the Christian School board. It's purchase price new was said to be $4,500.

While the Continental attracted much attention, a pair of skybox tickets for the first Blue Jay game in the Skydome, also rolled up bids. Trustee Bert Dekkema of Unionville was successful at a price of $200 each.

"It's historic," Mr. Dekkema said of the upcoming event. He's already asked a friend to go along.

A bedroom suite brought $2,000 and a GE color TV sold for $500.

One quilt sold twice. The first purchaser bought it for $650, then donated it back. It sold a second time for $500.

Altogether, the sale grossed close to $34,000. The money will go towards the purchase of two new portables at the site.

Auctioneer Neil Bacon was in charge.

Pumpkin prizes

It was a tough chore but judges Bruce Stapley and Susan Layine finally came up with three winners in The Tribune's Best Jack-o-lantern Contest Monday.

First prize, a Swatch Watch from Barthau Jewellers, goes to Jenni Turner, 44 Albert Street North.

Second prize, Dinner for two at Kellington's, was won by Shannon and Sarah Hopper, 169 Harold Street.

Third prize, a family size pizza from Mr. G's to [illegible] and Chris Crockford [illegible] Church Street North.

Receiving an Honorable Mention [illegible]

Stouffville's Denny Alsop has added yet another automobile to his fleet of classic cars. On Saturday, he purchased a 1948 Lincoln Continental convertible at the Christian School auction in Uxbridge. His successful bid was $16,000. —Jim Thomas

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