

Shop Sundays? mixed feelings

By DENISE McDONALD
The decision should be left to the individual.
Such was the sentiment expressed by a majority of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Business Improvement Area Board (BIA) members, regarding Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding municipalities' much-heated debate whether to allow Sunday shopping.
"I think it should be left to the discretion of the owner," said

chairperson Sandra Stronach during last Wednesday evening's monthly meeting.
However, member Tommy Thompson is worried should a majority of downtown business people decide against opening, "the stone would be forever cast" for those who had wished to open.
"I think if places like Uxbridge and Markham were to open, while we remained closed, our business would be killed," he said. "I also agree it should be left up to the individual, but not if every other municipality around us is open. I myself don't want to be, but I'm not in a position to lose \$1,000 a month."
Businessman Bob Ancheril disagreed.
"I'm against Sunday opening, that's the only day of the week I have to myself," he said. "If I

have to work seven days for my own store, I might as well do something else."
While new member Councillor Nick Tatone assured members the Region would coordinate the entire activity for its municipalities, he did feel it would be beneficial for the BIA to make their opinions known.
"I don't think it hurts to express your feelings as a group, in any way, shape or form," he said.
"But we don't agree as a group," added Mrs. Stronach, summing up the problem exhibited by most parties since this issue came to light.
"If I'm losing money and my trade is going elsewhere, I want the right to be open and keep what I've got," concluded Mr. Thompson.

Long-time respected farmer

Douglas Gee was well-known and highly respected in the Victoria Square and Gormley communities where he farmed until his retirement to Richmond Hill 12 years ago.

Mr. Gee passed away Jan. 26 in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto. He'd been in ill health about two years, and while home for Christmas, his stay at other times was often brief due to a blood condition that required repeated transfusions.

Mr. Gee was born at Leslie Street, R.R. 2, Gormley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gee.

He was an active member in the congregation of Victoria Square United Church where he served as Sunday School superintendent and in other offices.

He later served as an elder in the congregation of the Markham Gospel Chapel.

He was a Life Member of The Gideon Society.

Mr. Gee was proud of his family, three sons, Ron of Markham; Bryan, R.R. 2, Gormley; Norman of Shelburne; five daughters, Shirley Archibald of Richmond Hill; Audrey Fullerton, Mesquite, Texas; Margaret Humphries, Gainesville, Florida; Sheila Kelly, Thornhill; Lois Hyder, Calgary, Alberta; and 24 grandchildren.

A brother, Fraser, resides at Victoria Square.

The service was held Jan. 29 from the Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill, with spring interment Victoria Square Cemetery.

Mr. Wm. Yuille of the Markham Gospel Chapel delivered the message, assisted by Mr. Eric Tennant and Mr. Andre Henriquez. Mr. Douglas Jones rendered a beautiful solo.

The pall-bearers were all grandchildren — Robert, Michael and Paul Gee; Steven and Brent Archibald and Jim Forde.

Library events

STOUFFVILLE — During the month of March, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is presenting the following programs:

Tues., March 7: A free travel presentation on Florida by Jim Gilliland. This will include both slides and overheads. The sub-

Last call for cookies

Girl Guide cookies are on sale. Orders can be obtained by calling Kathy Brillinger at 640-1294, (urban area), or Marion Cuddie, 473-3686, (rural area). The deadline for placing orders is Fri., Feb. 24.

ject relates on what to see in Florida plus tips on getting there.

Tues., March 28: Two sessions will be presented on the filling out of income tax forms. This service is meant to assist senior citizens and wage-earners as well as those who only file in order to claim the Provincial and Federal refundable tax orders.

It is not meant for those who file returns of a complex nature.

Times follow — 2 to 4 p.m., and 6 to 8:30 p.m.

There is no charge for income tax sessions, but interested persons are asked to register in advance at the Library.

Can-Due Amnesty Week is Feb. 19 to 25.

Notes

Frustrating

By JIM THOMAS
The time schedule for traffic lights on the Stouffville Road between Hwy. 7 and Woodbine Avenue is one of nerve-racking frustration for city-bound commuters not to mention firefighters and ambulance operators. A red light at McCowan Road means red lights at Kennedy Road, Warden Avenue and possibly Woodbine Avenue, too. While this may not be intended, it's the way it is. A timing change would save many frayed tempers not to mention gas fumes and brake.

One reason

Why all the hay and straw spread about the excavation at the new Sunoco Service Centre site, Winona Drive and Main Street West, Stouffville? According to one observer, it's to give the gasoline more horsepower!

Think spring!

While it's been a relatively mild winter, the cold snap last week had most folks wishing for spring. To hasten the season, The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has already announced Maple Syrup Days at Bruce's Mill as March 14 to April 2. That's only 17 days away. I bet you feel warmer already.

Music Night

If you're one to circle dates on your calendar several months in advance, give you this one. The 19th annual Sacred Music Night, hosted by St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, is Friday, May 5

at 8 p.m. And, yes, Bob Davies will be there. I hope you will be, also.

Doing well

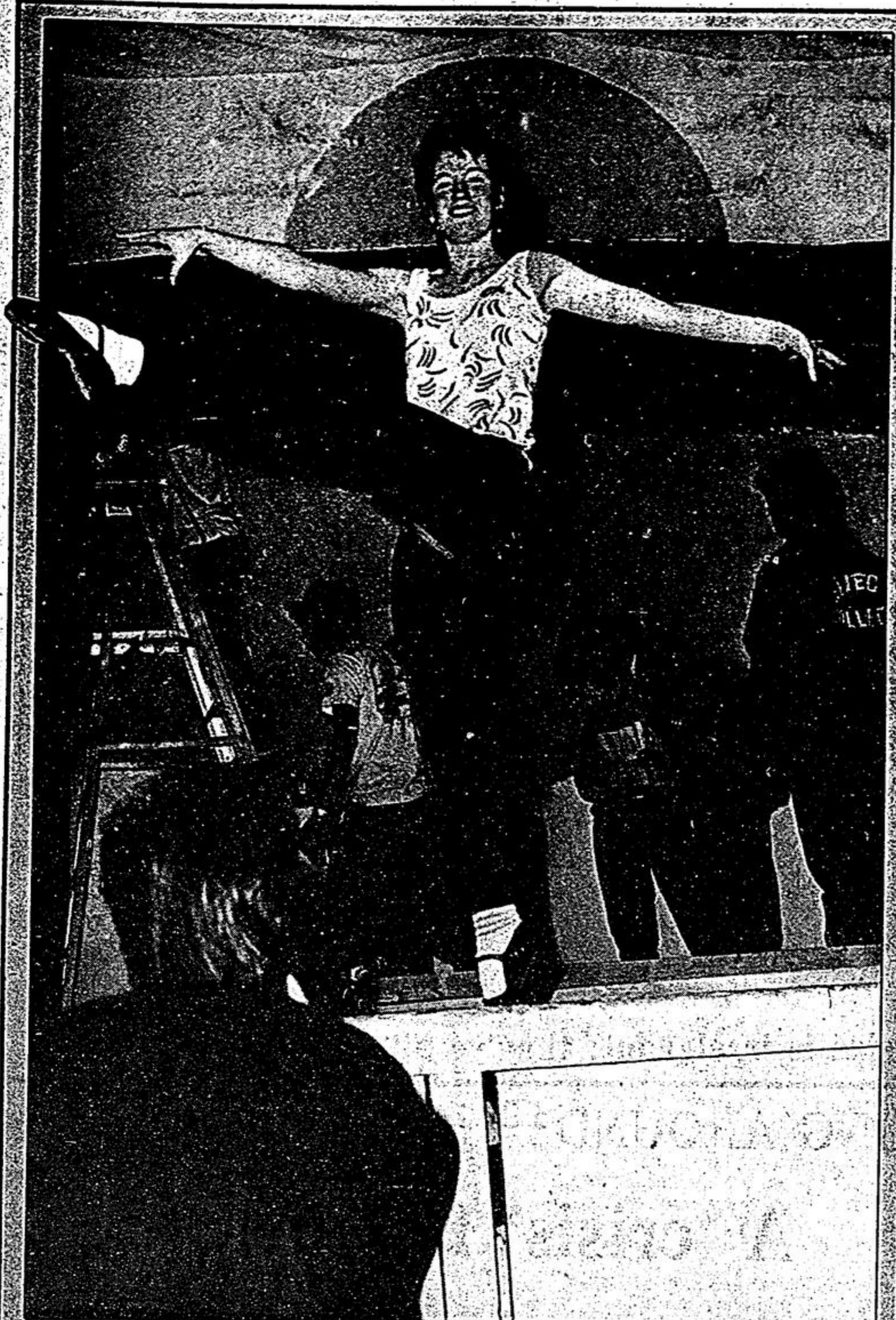
I'm calling it the first wonder of the floral world. Back in December, Alex Davidson, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville, presented me with a potted dandelion in full bloom. It's life expectancy at the time was about two weeks. But it fooled us both. Not only is it alive and well, a second bud is about to burst forth any day now. I turn it daily for maximum sunlight, even talk to it occasionally when we're both feeling a little bit depressed. It's responded like nothing else I've ever grown. Come May, Alex and I will toss a coin to see whose lawn is honored with a transplant.

My thanks

A personal thanks to Rev. Howard Minaker of Bethel Pentecostal Assembly at Ringwood for the beautiful 1989 scripture text calendar. One of these always occupied a place of prominence in our kitchen "down on the farm." It contained a Bible verse for every day of the year and so does the '89 version. Some things, (fortunately) don't change.

Rough ride

Here's hoping the Ninth Line between Stouffville and Hwy. 7 is improved prior to the opening of the Markham-Stouffville Hospital, otherwise a patient's condition could go from serious to a critical within a period of six miles.



Don't look now, but somebody's watching

In preparation for Variety Show '89, rehearsals are in full swing at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. Here dancer Beth Bowman, 17,

goes through a routine above the watchful eye of producer Mark Gornik. Show dates are March 2, 3 and 4. — Jim Thomas

Robin Hood comes alive

GOODWOOD — Goodwood residents will want to circle the dates of April 13 and 14 on their kitchen calendars.

That's when Robin Hood comes to town.

The musical, presented by the children of Grades 4, 5 and 6, will

take place in the gymnasium of Goodwood Public School.

Lead roles have been assigned to the following:

Alan-a-Dale — Wendy Haggert; Prince John — Shyla Brennan; Little John — Aaron VanNostrand; Robin Hood — Rob

Housser; Maid Marion — Colleen Segriff; Friar Tuck — Eddie McDonald; Sheriff — Jill Bunker; King Richard — Mathew Gregory and the Court Jester — Shayna Segal.

Staff organizers are — Tessie Dempster, Jane Sobil and Fran DeMarco.

'Girl Next Door'

Leadership qualities

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — The summer of 1990 will be special for Terrell Junkin, Rose Avenue, Stouffville.

She'll qualify to serve as a camp counsellor likely at Mary Lake, near Huntsville. She and girlfriend Jan Hart are taking the Leader In Training course this summer.

Terrell loves camp. She's been attending the past four years.

Her parents, Allan and Sharon, have a cottage in Haliburton. There, she and sister Tracy, 14, can swim, water-ski and wind-surf to their hearts' content.

Terrell's our Girl Next Door.

Water-skiing, however, isn't Terrell's only skill. She's an avid downhill skier, as well, taking to the slopes at Devil's Elbow and Horseshoe Valley whenever possible. She first took lessons at Dagmar instruction. Terrell feels it's very necessary

She's yet to suffer an injury. This week, Terrell and others from Stouffville High, are enjoying five ski-days in Quebec. Volleyball and basketball are other favorite recreations.

Terrell chooses English and Drama as enjoyable subjects at S.D.S.S. She gives Mr. Eldridge an A-plus on her teacher honor roll.

Terrell will soon complete a course with Young Drivers. She hopes to obtain her license in April.

This pleasant 16-year-old says her friends are, and always will be, a meaningful part of her life. In addition to Jan (Hart), she counts Julie Coleman as special.

Terrell's farthest trip abroad has been to Texas. An aunt resides in Dallas. If given the opportunity to go further, her choice is Switzerland. There, Terrell could really put her skiing skills to the test.

Slide tour of Gaspé

Rev. Wayne Reed, pastor to the congregation of Stouffville United Church, will show slides of the beautiful Gaspé region when the Horticultural Society meets, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m., in the lower auditorium of the United Church.

Projects are: (1) A homemade Valentine, (a) Adults, (b) Juniors.

(2) An arrangement, either fresh or artificial.

The cats' meow!

PICKERING — Dogs will take a back seat, Feb. 26. Cat-lovers will move to the head of the class.

The National Cat Club is holding a show at the Pickering Recreation Complex, Valley Farm Road.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 200 entries are expected.



Sixteen-year-old Terrell Junkin, Rose Avenue, Stouffville, is taking a Leader In Training course this summer, and hopes to serve as a camp counsellor next year. Terrell's favorite High School subjects are English and Drama. She gives staff teacher Mr. Eldridge an A-plus. — Jim Thomas

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