

Magical powers displayed at library

Aida Scores with Local Students

Stephanie and Joel Green of Second Street were among the 35,000 children who visited SkyDome to watch the final rehearsal of Aida. "I thought it was neat," said 11-year-old Stephanie. "The Jumbotron really helped because it was in Italian, so they showed the words in English on the screen." The elephants and lions "didn't do much, but it was nice seeing them. It was just fun being in the SkyDome."

The sphinx was what really impressed nine-year-old Joel. "It was huge, about 30 feet tall, although the real sphinx is much bigger. At the very beginning they had it open but then they closed it." He also liked the music and the sound effects.

Christmas Fair a Feast For Ballet Fans

Orchard Park Public School's first Christmas Fun Fair and Craft Sale on Nov. 18 will be offering some very special prizes for lovers of the arts. The first prize in the raffle is a set of four



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tickets to the opening night of the National Ballet's Nutcracker, and among the prizes for the silent auction are a pair of Karen Kain's ballet shoes and signed posters of Kain and Veronica Tennant. Among the host of other prizes in the auction are a pair of men's hockey gloves valued at \$150 and a computer printer.

Second GO Train Still On The Cards

As far as public relations manager Tom Henry is aware, GO Transit will be providing a second train for Stouffville in the near future. "It was originally stated that it would go into service late this year. I don't think that's changed." He was unable to give details on when the service would start or what time the second train would be running, "that's still being worked on."

For Cat Read Caterpillar

Sheila McLeod needed all her magical powers in her role as the Wacky Witch at Stouffville Library's annual Halloween Hoot.

With 20 pumpkins to judge and a crowd of 60 lively youngsters including clowns, witches and several Batmen to entertain, she had just "one and a half pages to help me," because one of them, Dan Stainton, had taken a tumble from his bike and had his arm in a sling.

The whole affair was a resounding success and a helpful audience was only too happy to suggest the most suitable garb for a witch, chosen from a collection of amazing dressups Sheila had brought along. And if you think witches need black cats on their broomsticks, think again. "With the help of a magic spell the au-

dience brought up a big green caterpillar and they don't know why witches are so hung up on black cats," explained the wacky witch, "Caterpillars are much better at hanging on during flight."

Skunk Leaves His Mark

There's no truth in the rumor that a noxious odor pervading Orchard Park School last week came from a new perfume worn by staff or from the principal's aftershave, a source close to the school told The Tribune this week. "There was a skunk in the backyard and some boys from Grades 5 and 6 approached it and started fooling around," said the source, who didn't want to be named. The skunk responded by doing what comes naturally and about five boys got sprayed. Parents were summoned to remove the offending students, and one mother made her son put a plastic bag over himself before she allowed him in her car. Animal Control was advised and no further sightings, or sprayings, have been reported.

Pre-teen Dance a Hit

A Halloween Dance for pre-teens at the Recreation Complex was an unqualified success, says organizer Peter Arnott. "It was a costume party for Grades 6, 7 and 8 and 77 participants came out." A local disc jockey provided excellent entertainment and parent volunteers also came in costume. "The kids helped to decorate the facility the night before the dance. We've begun to establish a

parent-student committee that's going to help oversee student dances and the recreation department will be actively involved in that." The group plans to hold a pre-Christmas dance and each dance will feature a different theme. Parent volunteers can call Peter Arnott at 640-6527.

Remember, Remember the 5th of November

That's when Brits everywhere celebrate Guy Fawkes Night, in memory of the unfortunate fellow who made the fatal (to him) mistake of trying to blow up King James I and members of his Parliament in 1605.

Vera and Peter Lidster of O'Brien Ave. decided to mark the big occasion this year by inviting friends and neighbors round to enjoy some British gourmet delights such as mushy peas, treacle toffee and roasted chestnuts. The star of the show was a huge bonfire, topped by the appropriate Guy and accompanied by an impressive display of fireworks. To complete the ethnic flavor, all the guests were invited to take part in a conker contest.

Farewell to June

On Nov. 6 June Deegan, of Home Support Services was presented a book for her retirement at home support's volunteer luncheon. June hopes to enjoy some travelling during her retirement. Her first trip will be to visit her daughter in California.

Diabetes canvassers come knocking this week

As part of the ongoing fight to find a cure for diabetes, the Markham/Stouffville branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association kicked off its 1989 fundraising campaign this week.

This year's fundraising goal is \$25,000.

More than 7,000 people in the Stouffville and Markham areas have diabetes and recent medical developments have renewed hope that a final cure is within reach, according to a release from the local branch.

The Markham and Stouffville fundraising drive will include a door-to-door canvass in Stouff-

ville and Markham which began Monday.

The local branch will also spearhead a corporate donations campaign targeting 100 of the top companies in the Stouffville and Markham communities.

As well, the Markham/Stouffville branch of the association is looking for local residents willing to volunteer their time during the house canvass.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call Markham/Stouffville Branch President Gitta Gamm at 640-6471 or Debra Murphy in Markham at 294-1568.

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