

More editor's mail

'90s to be time of change?

Dear Editor,
Will the '90s be the turnaround decade?

Revolutionary events of the past few months have shown once again that the spirit of freedom will prevail. We are now at a time when the "war system" is breaking down and we can expect more peaceful and rational government.

However, just as we begin to enjoy this new freedom and security, we are forcefully awakened to the threat of total environmental breakdown.

As in previous decades when we feared nuclear annihilation, today we fear a total environmental breakdown. Environmentalists suddenly are being hailed as the wise and knowledgeable saviors we need.

Economic realities were the main causes of the "war system" breakdown.

It was not the experts of war and the atomic scientists that saved us from nuclear annihilation, it was the will of the people demanding services, food, clothing, shelter, health and freedom that forced a change in the direction that may save the planet.

Economic realities will also cause our consumer system to breakdown. We are burdening our planet with an ever-increasing pile of waste, household garbage, packaging, sewage, hazardous chemicals, radioactive waste and many forms of industrial waste.

Neither developed nor Third World countries will be able to afford the true cost of waste disposal.

Our future depends on our recognition of this cost and our refusal to incur the debt. Real

costs of waste disposal must be paid.

Only then will we develop a life ethic that can save the planet. Only then will we establish the reduction, recycling, re-using and recreation techniques essential to a healthy lifestyle.

It took four decades for us to recognize and react to the costs of the "war system."

If we are to save this planet, the '90s must be the turnaround decade.

Jim Sanders
Councillor, Ward 6

Dentist wants accuracy regarding fluoride debate

Dear Editor,
Re: Mayor Sainsbury's remarks on flouridation

It seems we shall always have creationists, flat earthers and anti-flouridationists with us. The latter are a small, ill informed but very persuasive group who sway public opinion disproportionately, and have been responsible for the lack of this most

valuable preventive measure in many communities.

While I am not accusing Mayor Sainsbury of belonging to this group, I believe her remarks were ill conceived and arise from this same lack of information.

Freedom of choice is the basis of democracy but one would expect the public to be given unbiased information in order to arrive at an informed opinion. Statements such as, "I don't like flouridation" and "chlorination is bad enough" are not worthy of a public figure.

I hope you will do a great service to your readers by very carefully reporting the remarks of Dr. Bullen when she meets with council.

J.R. Scott DDS
Vandorf

CHAMP story 'fitting tribute'

Dear Editor,
The War Amputations of Canada and its Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program would like to thank you for your Oct. 25 article on Champ Jeff Card.

Jeff is a wonderful inspiration to the younger members of CHAMP. He plays an active and vital role within the program, counselling and encouraging others to achieve as he has.

Your article is a fitting tribute to one as giving as Jeff.

Maggie Melenhorst
Media Relations Co-ordinator
Assistant Director,
Communications

Uxbridge veteran thanks community

Dear Editor,
A sincere thank you to all the residents of the Township of Uxbridge who so generously contributed to our Poppy Fund.

I would also like to thank the following businesses which had our Poppy Boxes in their care:

The following businesses also donated to the fund separately:

The Uxbridge Black Hawks, Jim Campbell Insurance, Don Cordingley Gradall, Texas Burger, Rush Photo, Dr. Tom Stepopoulos, Glitch Canada Ltd., Len Graphics, Dawson Wholesale, Williamson Pontiac Buick, Uxbridge Dental (Dr. Epp), Pickering Village Foods, General Trust, Uxbridge Fire Brigade, William Morgan, Uxbridge Public School, Optimist Club, Coca Cola, Uxbridge Shoe Repair,

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Holiday bird count a success for locals

Dear Editor,

For 30 years, Pickering naturalists have held a Christmas Bird Count on Boxing Day. The most recent count was the highest one ever recorded within the former Township of Pickering.

Despite high winds and record low temperatures, 50 participants counted 80 species, and 17,800 individual birds.

From daylight until dusk each group combed one of the 12 sections assigned to them. In order to tally the results, they met at our home for soup and other refreshments.

Some of the findings for the day that were a pleasant surprise were:

Three mockingbirds, 208 house finches (only one was reported in 1984), 248 Bohemian waxwings, 4,119 Canada geese (a new high), three snow geese, two black-crowned night herons, 400 crows, 1,700 snow buntings, 16 red-breasted nuthatches, one barred, one saw-whet and five long-eared owls, one pintail, one shoveler, 38 redhead ducks, one kingfisher and one red-bellied woodpecker.

Annually, some 50,000 take part in North and South America, under the auspices of the National Audubon Society. Results are published in "American Birds" and information is used by researchers to study bird populations and trends.

Edge and Betty Pegg
R.R. 2, Claremont

Ballinger's briefing

Smoking legislation is a first for Ontario

BILL BALLINGER
Durham-York MPP

Ontario is the first province to legislate a smoke-free environment in the workplace. As of Jan. 1, the Smoking in the Workplace Act is in full and enforceable effect.

Briefly, the new law sets out clear guidelines on smoking in the workplace and affects 90 per cent of the Ontario workforce in commercial, manufacturing and mining operations, hospitals, social agencies and educational institutions.

It prohibits smoking in enclosed workplaces, a partially or fully completed building, mines or tunnels separated from the outdoors.

However, residential workplace areas such as hotels or detention centres are excluded from the legislation.

Employers may designate a smoking area in the workplace. If they choose to do so, employers are required to consult with joint health and safety committees at their place of business, a similar committee of employee represen-

tatives, or a workers' health and safety representative.

Designated smoking areas cannot exceed 25 per cent of the total space of the workplace. Moreover, the law requires employers to make every reasonable effort to accommodate a person who does not wish to work near a designated smoking area.

Employees who lodge a complaint under the law are protected.

This year marks the beginning of a new decade for all of us. It's absolutely amazing how quickly the '80s have come and gone and it seems almost like yesterday that I was sworn in at Queen's Park as your provincial representative.

This past year has been a busy time both in the riding and at Queen's Park. Constituents' input through phone calls, letters, public meetings, social functions and appointments at our community office in Mount Albert is helpful to me as your provincial representative.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE NOTICE TO CLOSE, STOP UP AND SELL LANES

TAKE NOTICE THAT The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to pass a by-law to close, stop up and sell lanes shown on Registered Plan 209, and lying west of Lot 12, Plan 199 and west of Lot 33, Plan 209 and between Lots 6 and 5, Plan 199 and between Lots 27 and 26, Plan 209, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville shall, at the hour of 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27th, 1990, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Buildings at 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario, hear any person who claims that he/she will be adversely affected by the by-law and applies to be heard.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 10th day of January, 1990.

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