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## York off the mark with injunction bid

Whitchurch-Stouffville's voice at York Regional Council was finally heard (among others) last week when a bid by the 'Big Three' to seek a Sunday shopping injunction was quashed.

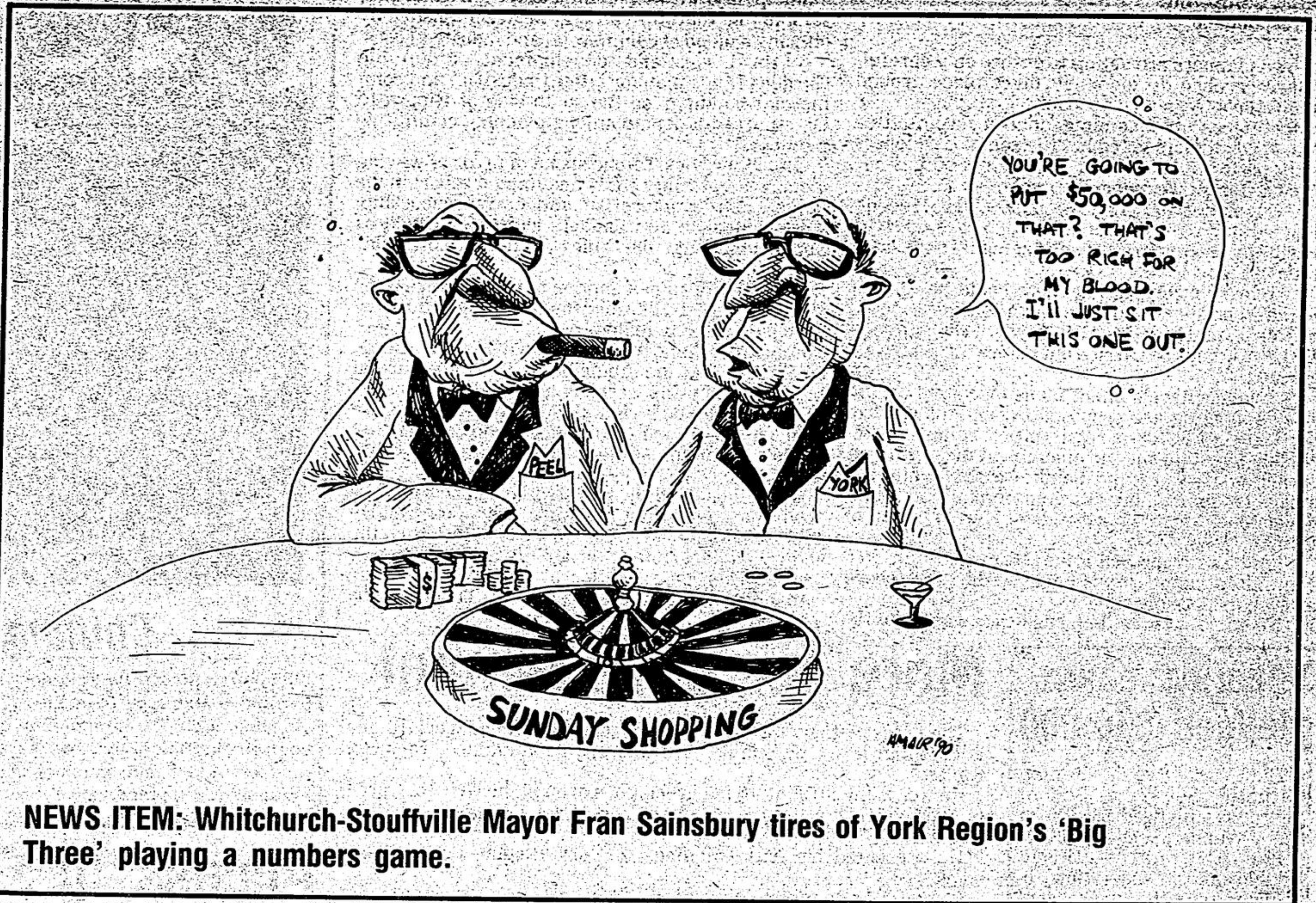
The Big Three — Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill — tried to win approval to seek an injunction and stop Sunday store openings until dealt with by the courts.

But that would be a foolish and costly duplication of what has already been done in Peel.

What purpose would a similar injunction here achieve? It would close the stores in the meantime, but at considerable taxpayer cost.

Any decision made by the court will be binding across the province. And if the losing party launches an appeal, which is likely, the final decision will still affect all regions.

Peel has taken the lead in seeking the injunction. There is no justifiable reason for York to dip into regional coffers to achieve the same result.



NEWS ITEM: Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury tires of York Region's 'Big Three' playing a numbers game.

## Gay Pride Day asks for a little too much

I couldn't believe my eyes!

There they were in newspaper black and white — a bunch of gays and lesbians lobbying outside Queen's Park holding banners, chanting, kissing or doing whatever else homosexuals do besides flaunt their sexuality openly and shamelessly around the city.

And what do these people want?

Oh, nothing much. Just to have one 24-hour day officially proclaimed 'Gay Pride Day' in their honor.

What for? What do they want to prove? We all know what they do — so let them do it, but why should we all have to acknowledge the fact that the gay community is proud to be gay?



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Do they have special plans reserved for such a day? Can't you just imagine it?

Let's get with it.

I know people are gay. I have a few friends who are gay. But it's not something the whole world should have to acknowledge.

I don't know many citizens who just casually accept the fact that their neighbor, Joe, sleeps with Sam. Or that Joanne prefers

Brigette to Brandon or that their son is seen flitting around the house in mom's negligee.

There are a lot of questionable things in this world. And there are a lot of young, naive people who are trying to cope with our fast-paced, ever-changing world of choices.

But would it be good to send a message to these sometimes confused teens that society accepts homosexuality?

I applaud Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton for standing up to these people by turning down such a ridiculous request.

Even if a respected government official empathized with this group of people, do they think one would actually promote something like this?

I think not. They're having enough trouble dealing with the abortion issue let alone taking a pro/con stand on whether the city should be proud of its homosexual population.

I am all for freedom of speech; to each his own; beating to a different drum; and all that other stuff that makes us the envy of communist-run countries.

But it is getting out of hand the way homosexuals demand that society reserve a day so they can be proud of their sexual practices.

I think I'll write a letter to Mayor Eggleton and request one day for a large group of people I know that sleep with the opposite

sex. We're all proud of that too.

Let's call it "Man-Woman Sex Pride Day" or "Proud Not To Be Gay Day."

Why should we let a these groups remind us what they do behind closed doors? Who cares if they're proud of it. If society celebrates these sexual practices by creating a special day, we're in for more of the same.

Hollywood is already jumping on the gay bandwagon and easing to the gays' demand to let it all out in the open.

Are we going to be subjected to a sitcom next year, with daddy, daddy and adopted child, going through the pressures of wondering who will play baseball and who will bake cookies for the poor dear.

That should be a lot of laughs — and it wouldn't surprise me if it happened.

Everyone is proud of things they do, and many are worth acknowledgment. But why do a group of gays want so desperately for society to be proud of them? Pride comes from within.

The right to be proud of a group's acts should not be the issue. You don't see major charity groups staking claim in city hall to "Proud We Raise Money for the Sick Day."

"Proud I Can Grow a Boston Fern Day," or "Proud I Baked My First Chiffon Cake Day" could be next on the agenda if city council had succumbed to the "Gay Pride Day" request.

Whatever happened to the closet. Homosexuals should face the fact that they are not something Canadians want to be proud of. If gays want to be proud — fine, be proud.

But be proud quietly!

### Editor's mail

## Blood clinic a success

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the extra effort put forth by your newspaper in promoting the recent Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic in Stouffville, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459.

A special thank you is also extended to the donors who waited so patiently to give the "gift of life."

Your response to the currently crucial need far extended the Red Cross projection of 170 units. In total, 271 people attended the Legion Hall clinic, with 249 units of blood being collected.

Your overwhelming response was most satisfying; a true demonstration of thoughtfulness.

The next Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic will be held at Stouffville Legion Hall on April 6 from 2-8:30 p.m.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely

Aurelia M. Smith

Chairperson, Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic

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