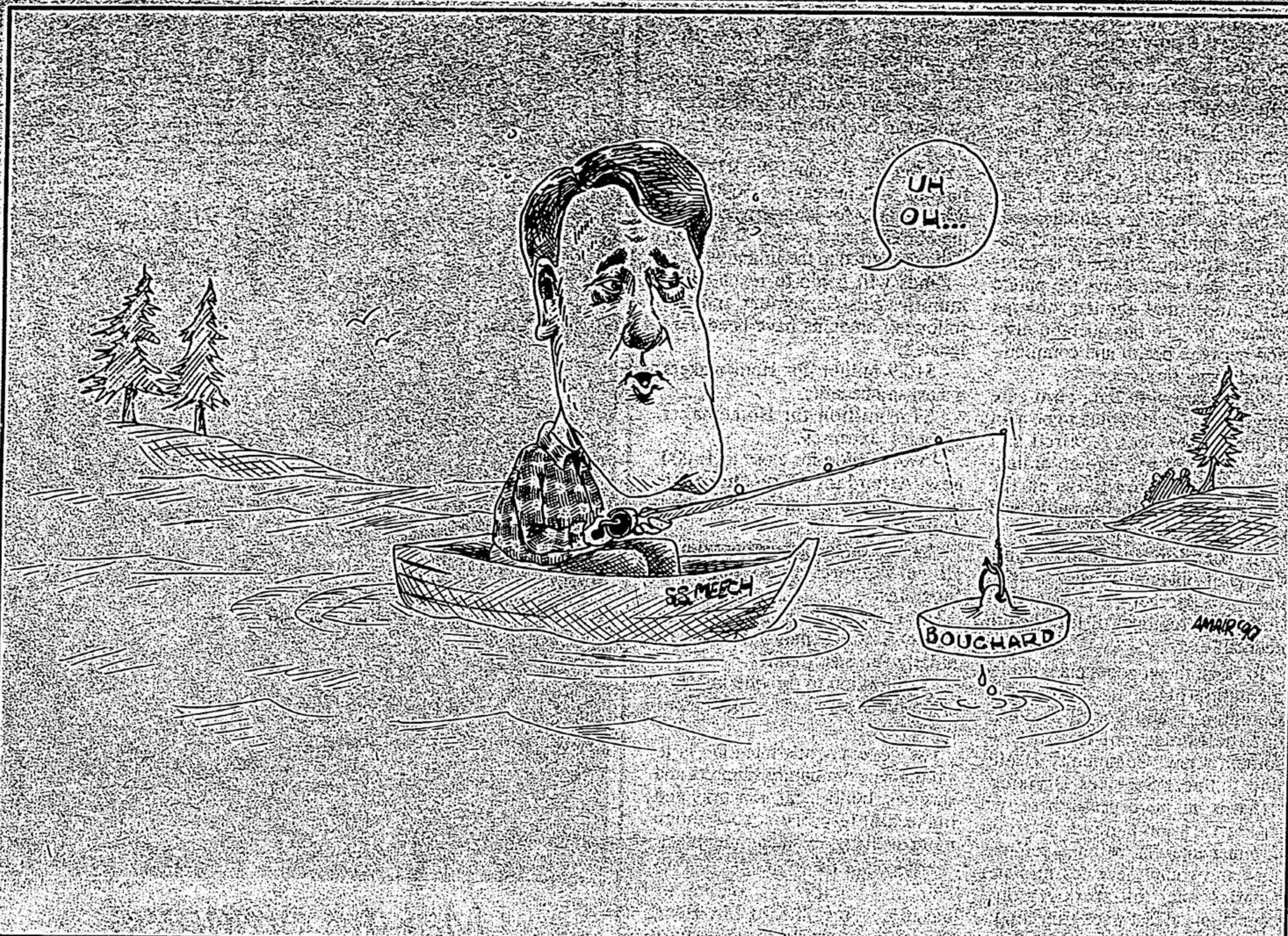


Comment Page



York DHC is needed

York Region's recent round of discussion and debate in bringing together a steering committee for a district health council is long overdue.

And, when brought together and pressed into action in York Region, it should do away with many of the bureaucratic and political roadblocks that have held up our hospitals in the past when seeking funds or equipment.

Though by its very nature a bureaucratic body, a health council will decide on behalf of York's health care facilities and providers what is needed, and where it will go.

And, when there is a mechanism in place to avoid duplication of services or in-fighting among York's hospitals or other facilities, the people who most need the help will benefit.

It's a slow process in developing a district health council that will work in this region, but one that is essential, particularly at a time when York is struggling to catch up with the runaway growth of the 1980s.

The time to even-handedly decide on needs is now. This is the task the health council faces.

Who's your choice for top citizen?

It's that time of year again. The leaves have turned the west end of Stouffville's Main Street into a living canopy, people are busy in their gardens, slo-pitch athletes are getting fit again, in the town park, and the Tribune is gearing up for its annual search for the community's Citizen of the Year.

And, given the impressive array of past recipients, this year's choice will once again personify the type of individual who makes Stouffville a fabulous place to be.

The names and faces that adorn the 'wall of fame' at Stouffville's Recreation Complex is a virtual who's-who of selfless, energetic and community-minded citizens who we all know.

Jim Thomas, for instance, was seen by many last year as a person who not only had "the write stuff," but who transcended the role of



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community newspaper editor to be one who helped better the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Others, such as Lorne Boadway, Jean Barkey, Wayne Feasby, Fran Sainsbury, and Dr. John Button, illustrate the wide scope of talent that is homegrown here in Stouffville.

Now, as plans for this year's event get into full swing, we seek your help in telling us just who you think should be chosen the 1990 Citizen of the Year.

Is it your neighbor? A friend? A student, or senior citizen? You tell

us. There are no strict rules for nomination, and our panel will sift through the entries as the deadline nears.

But the beauty of choosing our Citizen of the Year, or Sportsman of the Year, is that it officially recognizes the efforts and contributions our own residents make to the community.

Editor's mail

Psychic Fair loathsome

Dear Editor,
A man once said "To be silent is to consent to something."

Therefore, I find it necessary to speak out and share my feelings with you.

The last eight months as "The Barn" director has given me the opportunity to meet and get to know many wonderful kids and their families in the area.

Sometimes they choose to share personal things with me that are of a happy nature, and sometimes they share something that is unpleasant and that would break your heart.

I have found that regardless of financial status, age, or religious beliefs, many people are hurting in some area of their lives in our community.

I've learned to appreciate and love everyone that comes to The Barn, and since learning of the Psychic Fair, have become protective. I do not want any harm to come to any one.

The Psychic Fair has really

opened my eyes to the physical and spiritual needs in our community, and I have decided to make a commitment to the areas in need.

I commend the promotions department in Stouffville Place Mall for trying to help others make ends meet, but at the same time, as a Christian, I have to detest the recent method that was attempted.

God has created us, knows us, and has told us what is best for us. Therefore, it would be most advisable for us to obey His advice and stay away from these innocent looking, but deceptive practices.

The word "occult" means hidden, secret, sinister, dark or mysterious. The term can be applied in general to extra-sensory experiences and phenomena (ESP).

There are many types of fortune telling, horoscopes, palmistry, the use of a rod and pendulum, card laying, reading tea leaves and more. Some fortune tellers use crystal ball and others fall into a trance, but perhaps the most dangerous type

may not appeal to some.

I think there's a basic human desire that compels most of us to pat someone on the back when we see that a job is well done.

Who do you think is our Citizen of the year for 1990?

Judging by the nominations received to date, there are quite a few worthy recipients out there. And it makes our job more fun when we see the community get involved in the campaign.

Take the time to think about it, and turn to page 7 in this edition if you already have someone in mind.

We'll be waiting anxiously to find out your thoughts on the matter.

are those who hide behind a religious facade.

Read Acts 16: Occultism is not a hobby in which people dabble.

It is dangerous and you don't have to go far to hear the sad testimony of it.

Many people through ignorance and curiosity have fallen prey to it. People who conduct such practices are specialists only at causing neuroses in their clients, and we should further say that this also applies to those newspaper editors who allow horoscopes to be printed in their publications.

In closing, I would like everyone in Stouffville and areas to know that some stores in Stouffville Place Mall have had to close because of a lack of support.

My wife and I are sympathetic to the situation and will do our part in supporting all of our merchants in this area.

Please do the same.

Sincerely,
Bill Watts

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