

Removal of no left turn sign debated

A 'No Left Turn' sign at Ninth Line South approaching Main Street will be left where it is for now, Council decided last Tuesday night.

Local resident Chris Trowse requested that Council remove the sign, which prohibits left turns from 4-6 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. on Saturdays. Public Works Director Paul Whitehouse said staff has been reviewing traffic movements at the intersection, which includes Fairview Avenue, to monitor the number of cars making left hand turns onto Main Street.

It was recorded there were about two left turns made every three minutes during the week, and one turn every three minutes on weekends.

"During that time staff also noticed 30 traffic infractions of driving regulations," Mr. Whitehouse said.

He added that two new traffic lights have been added to Main Street, including the Summitview Public School and the Market Street lights, which breaks up heavy traffic.

However, before removing the sign, he recommended traffic flow from Summitview to Hwy. 48 continue to be monitored before a decision is made.

"I think it's a policing matter," Mr. Whitehouse noted, but recommended an independent consultant be hired to monitor the traffic along Main Street.

Council voted to defer removing the sign.

Library offers fun programs

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is gearing up for the winter season with lots of programs for the whole family.

Beginning Jan. 9, an eight-week course for children aged 12 and up, the library is hosting its Canada Safety Council babysitting course. Registrations are being accepted now. The fee is \$30 and the course will run Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m.

Children are invited to enter a float in the library's miniature Santa Claus parade and prizes will be awarded for the best float.

Start with a shoe box, cereal box of box of similar size; cover it and decorate with cutouts and figures to create a winner.

Entries should be handed in by Dec. 22 at the library where the miniature floats will form the parade.

Preschooler programs are underway as well, and registrations are now being accepted for 1991 library workshops. Storyhour runs from Jan. 8 to March 1 for ages 3-5 for \$25; Crafts run from Jan. 10 to Feb. 28 for ages 4-5 for \$40 and Music runs from Jan. 9 to Feb. 27 for ages 3-5 for \$30.



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Bear buddies

Local children will benefit with the help of a cuddly teddy bear during emergency situations in a new program for the area. The bears, donated by State Farm Life Insurance, will be given to children during emergencies to com-

fort them. Welcoming the newest emergency crew members are (from left) State Farm representative Sandy MacKenzie, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury and Fire Chief Bill Brown.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council update

Mayor nominated

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury has been nominated as a "Woman on the Move" candidate in a Toronto Sun competition, Council heard last week.

The Toronto Sun will choose 10 top working women from the hundreds of entries it has already received to salute the personal and professional accomplishments of successful women on the move, stated a letter from Lifestyle Editor Marilyn Linton.

Mayor Sainsbury was to attend a luncheon at the SkyDome Hotel in Toronto, where each nominee received a gift, lunch and entertainment.

Transit survey

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Mobility Transit Committee will soon be circulating a survey to find out how many handicapped or disabled residents in the municipality would use the service.

Council was presented with a draft questionnaire last week, put together by committee volunteers, including Heather Andrews of Parkview Home for the Aged and Marg Britton, of Christ Church Anglican.

The transit service is intended for those people who, regardless of age, are unable to be independent to travel.

The committee encourages anyone who falls under the medical category of "being dependent on such a service to travel," to promptly fill out the survey and return it to the Mobility Transit Survey either at Christ Church or at Parkview Home.

The addresses are provided on the 10-question survey that is being circulated.

Animal ban

What do kangaroos, seals, skunks, raccoons, anteaters, monkeys and tarantulas have in common?

They are all banned from residing in the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville under its new animal prohibition bylaw.

Council passed the bylaw last week to ban certain undomesticated animals from the town after a complaint reporting that one resident in the town keeps a jaguar, a cougar and a bear on his rural area property.

Neighbors fear the animals may get loose and roam free in the neighborhood, staff said in its report.

Fines of up to \$2,000 could be laid after repeat warnings if residents do not comply with the bylaw.

Tatone objects

Town agrees to exclude No. 4

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Staff Reporter

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville made a mistake when it granted a request to exclude the number four from a Stouffville area subdivision, charged a local politician last week.

Ward 3 Councillor Nick Tatone stressed his opposition several weeks ago when Larry Hoffman, of Landford Preston Lake Ltd., told Council the homes he is building will be largely occupied by Cantonese people.

But in Cantonese the number four sounds like the word death, Mr. Hoffman said, and urged officials to allow him to eliminate the number four from the house numbering scheme before the homes are occupied.

Councillor Tatone, who represents the Preston-Lake area, said Council is "creating a problem."

He said he had several calls last week and noted that people are "starting not to like Rural Route Four."

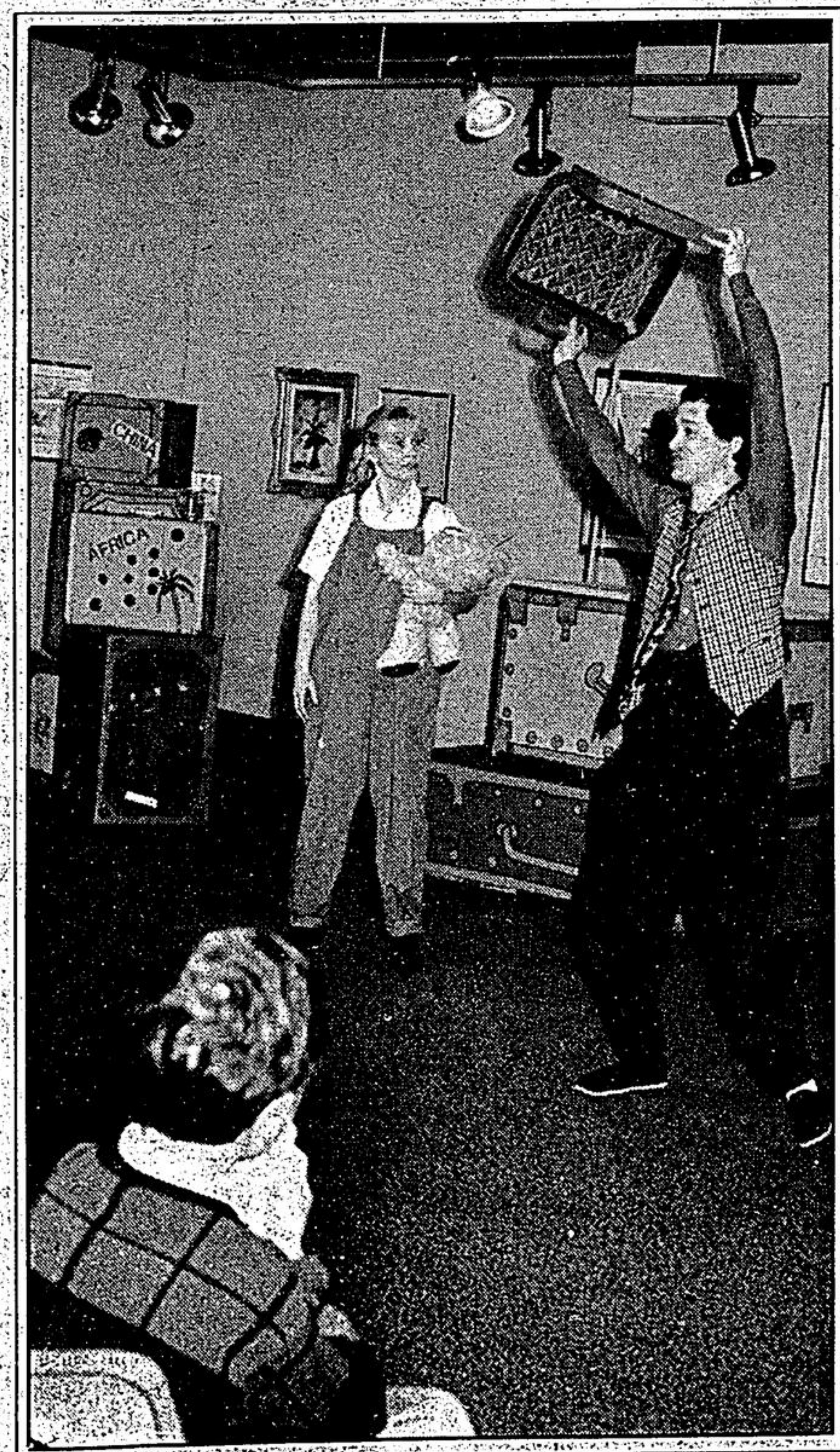
Councillor Tatone said Whitchurch-Stouffville is the first municipality to "accept this change," and said the move is "dead wrong."

And Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall agreed.

"We're in the middle of prob-

lems now and this will create nothing but problems. This is precedent-setting," she said.

However, Council voted to allow the change for the subdivision because it is not yet occupied, which makes the change easier on staff.



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Trunk full of fun

Stouffville area children were entertained by Toronto's Cascade Theatre on Saturday with a presentation of the play Amy and the Trunk Man. Here, cast members perform during the presentation.

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