

Letters

Reader angered by story based on letter to town

Dear Editor,

Last week I played citizen and wrote a letter to town council stating my concerns about a new meeting format that had just been announced.

This week I'm playing citizen newspaper reader and writing to *The Tribune* stating my concerns about coverage of my letter to council.

Freedom of letter-writing is a wonderful thing.

Freedom of letter-writing is a wonderful thing; but, I do it to encourage discussion.

I don't think the newspaper helps discussion when it only writes up the concerns or complaints.

I was disappointed when I saw *The Tribune* article in the *Weekender* was only presenting my concerns (plus statements of agreement from Councillor Prentice).

Without a response from the Town and presentation of the reasons for the decision, I don't think it's much of a newspaper article - and certainly not worthy of a front page.

This is not the first time that one of the papers in town has dealt with an issue in this manner, wherein the complaint is reported, but no apparent effort is made to cover the story in all its complexity or with at least some response solicited.

If the Freedom of letter-writing and the Freedom of the

Press are to serve democracy and comment effectively on public service, then our newspapers need to take responsibility to present rounded stories, not simply present the voices of dissent.

And it's not good enough doing a follow-up the next week, creating a back-and-forth war of statements - creditable journalism should seek

out the discussion and find where there is both agreement and disagreement.

I intend to continue writing letters; but, I hope that if my opinions are ever again considered newsworthy, they will be presented in a larger context.

Thank you for consideration of these opinions.

Stephen Sword
Stouffville

Dr. Michael Pollak B.Sc. DDS GENERAL & COSMETIC DENTISTRY

- Special Interest in Cosmetic Dentistry
- Bleaching, Bonding, Implants
- Porcelain Veneers

Book
Your
Child's
Appointment Now
For Christmas Break



- Emergency Care • General Dentistry • Children's Dentistry
- Convenient Location - Extended Hours

• (Sunkist Plaza) • Hwy. 48 & 16th Ave., Markham • 472-2454

•FREE DENTAL CONSULTATION

Fire safety items can make good holiday gifts

Looking for that special gift for family and friends?

What better way to show you care than to give a smoke alarm or fire extinguisher.

Battery-operated smoke alarms can be real life savers.

When purchasing a smoke alarm, look for the U.L.C. label which assures that it meets safety standards.

Installation is easy - just two screws and a screwdriver.

You may even want to include installation as part of your gift.

Ideally, every level of the home should have a smoke alarm.

In fire extinguishers, a multi-purpose dry chemical type is a wise choice.

This extinguisher can handle most small fires.

Look for the U.L.C. label that ensures the extinguisher meets safety standards.

Make sure the fire extinguisher is kept in an accessible place and that the owner knows how to use it properly. Every home, car, boat, camper and trailer should have a fire extinguisher.

This holiday season, give a gift to save a life!

3 Wise Reasons to join us now

UP TO **30 DAYS FREE MEMBERSHIP**

When you join us by December 30, '93

SAVE over \$400

Beat the rate increase effective January 1, '94!

*Valid off Entrance Fees

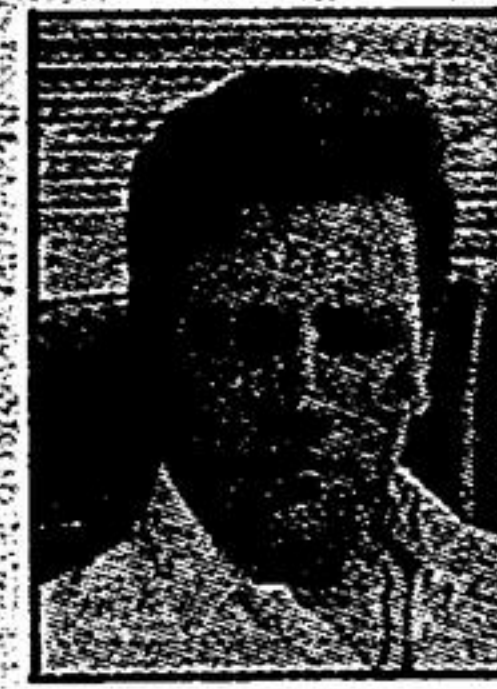
Enjoy a Free Weekend Night at the **EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL** or a Black Knight Squash Starter Kit (retail value = \$100.00 or more)

Give the Gift of Fitness
YOU GET IT ALL AT CLUB MARKHAM

- state-of-the-art exercise gym
- squash courts
- unlimited fitness classes in our large aerobics studio with cushioned floor
- indoor swimming pool with licensed garden patio
- whirlpool
- wet & dry saunas
- licensed lounge
- free grooming aids
- free towel service
- computerized fitness evaluation with MicroFit
- wellness & nutrition services
- beautician services
- massage therapy
- free parking
- Corporate Rates
- CHILD CARE FACILITIES
- and much more

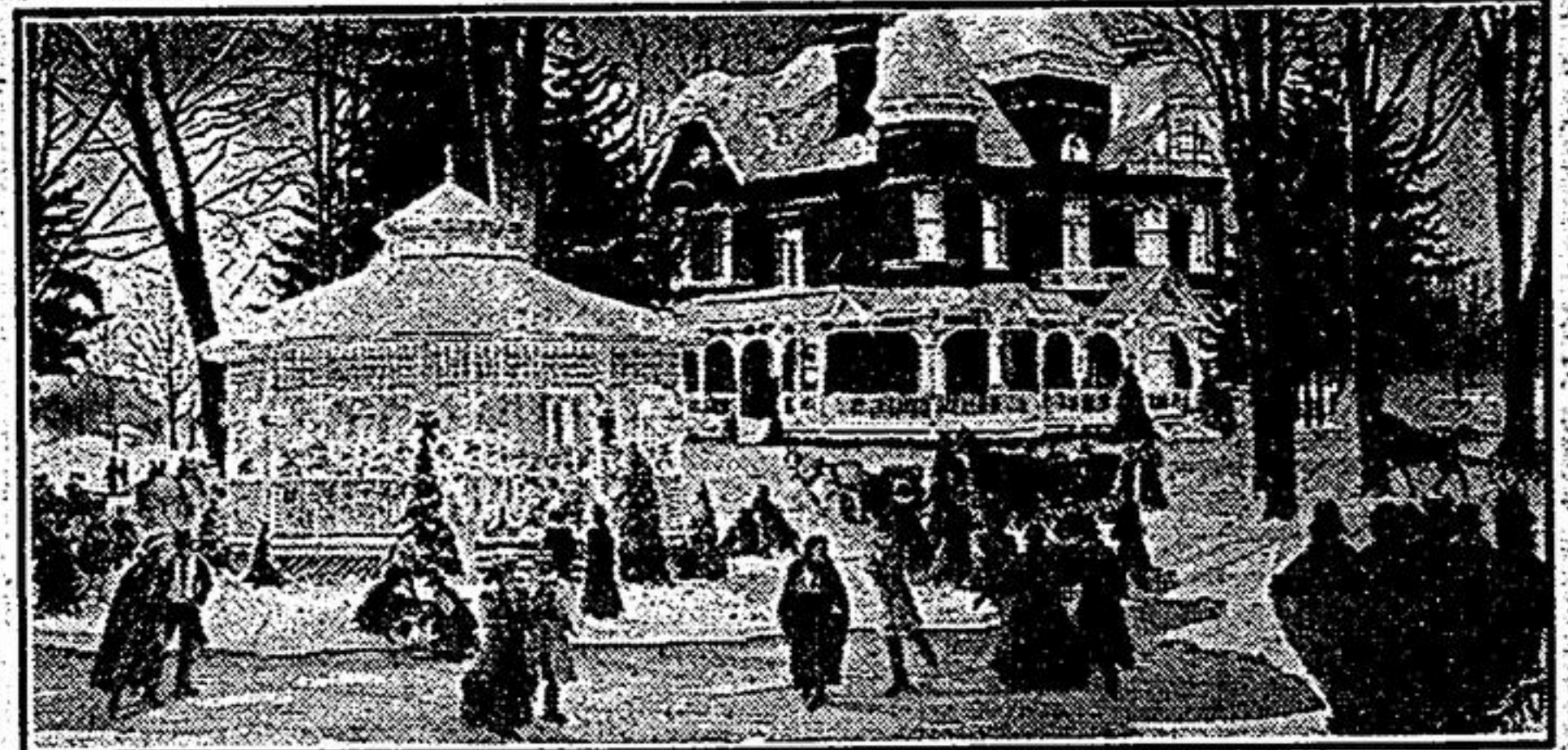


"The Shape of Fitness"
Located in the
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
8500 Warden Avenue (at Hwy 7)
MARKHAM
470-2400
MERRY FITNESS TO ALL!



MEET WALTER CAMPBELL

Sat., Dec. 11 - 12 - 2 p.m.



FANTASY ON ICE

Signed Print - \$40⁰⁰

Pansy's Art Gallery

Markville Shopping Centre - Centre Court

479-5338