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# Big project will be fire hall in '97 budget

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fire hall, valued at about \$600,000.

It's expected that an indoor pool will, at least, be included

in the five-year capital budget talks. A few weeks ago, council agreed to put the pool on the agenda.

Emmerson has suggested

that an indoor pool could be build in Stouffville by 1998.

Last year, council struck a \$12.2-million budget. The books show Whitchurch-Stouf-

ville is ahead of the game — there's a \$150,000 surplus.

Of the proposed amount for 1997, about \$6.6 million is earmarked for operating costs, while just shy of \$6.5 million is slotted for capital expenditures.

It's recommended that money for the town's capital projects will come from reserves, lot levies and development charges. If council agrees, about \$54,000 will come out of the general tax revenue.

In the proposed operating budget, about \$2 million is allocated for transportation, including roads.

If local council backs the pro-

posal, general government will eat up about \$1.8 million.

Close to \$1 million will be set aside for protection to people and property, including the local fire department.

And about \$800,000 will go towards the cost of garbage and recycling.

Finally, about \$400,000 is targeted for parks and recreation.

It's recommending that about \$1.5 million be debentured this year. This includes about \$800,000 for the second ice pad and close to \$750,000 for the library portion of the new town hall-library complex.

The budget does not include any water or sewer costs.

## Man charged in robbery out on bail

By JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Reporter

A Downsview man, arrested Monday in connection with a home invasion and the kidnapping of a Gormley store owner, was released on bail at a Newmarket court Thursday.

York Regional Police's robbery task force arrested Sohaid Syed Razvi, 20. Two others are being sought by police.

Sgt. John Sheldon reported that on Feb. 12 at 9 p.m., the owner of MIS Variety, located at the corner of Woodbine Ave. and Stouffville Rd., locked his convenience store and was about to get in his car when he was approached by three males in the parking lot.

The store owner was forced into the vehicle at gun point. He was

driven to his residence on Bayview Ave. in the Elgin Mills Rd. area 15 minutes after leaving the store, police said.

Once at the home, using the victim's house keys, two of the suspects entered. Once inside, the pair confronted the man's wife, showed her a gun and her husband's drivers licence and threatened to kill him unless she turned over cash. She gave them more than \$5,000 hidden in a closet. They then handcuffed her to the refrigerator, cut the phone lines and ransacked the master bedroom, police said.

The suspects later fled on foot to a nearby getaway vehicle, Sheldon said.

Razvi was charged with robbery, disguise with intent and forcible confinement. He was told

to return to court March 14. The store owner told *The Tribune* the experience left him feeling quite sad. "It's such a quiet area up here. Who would have ever thought this type of thing would happen. Yes, I was frightened," he said.

The store owner stressed that the police have been very good about keeping him informed of the progress of the case. "They will arrest the other two," he said.

## Gallery, board closer to splitting

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son. "It's the answer. It (the gallery) started out as a program of the library, but it's

grown so much it's more than that now."

The gallery could move from its present location, said Emmerson.

If a new home is found, it would eliminate the need to have the plan for the new

town hall complex to include a shared-use agreement for the council chamber and the gallery.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council is expected to deal with the issue of a town hall-library complex soon.

## Book sale starts May 8

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Library's giant book sale date has been set. Circle May 8 to May 11 on your calendar.

The library has received many donations so far, but it's still looking for more.

Books can be delivered to the library, or call for pick-up at 640-2395.

Ask for Marilyn.

## Plumber Oliver saves the day and Tooth Fairy's reputation

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was a piece of toothpaste and flicked it down the sink.

"Cole went wild. His face went beet red," said Fullerton. "All the other kids in his Grade 1 class (Summitview Public School) had lost their first tooth. When he finally lost his, it was a really important thing. And here I was with Cole's down the drain."

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Fullerton knew he had to, at least, try to retrieve the tooth. He called local plumber Dennis Oliver and explained the emergency. Oliver agreed to come right away.

The skilled tradesman arrived at the Fullerton home, plumbing equipment in hand, and the work began. With the greatest of care, the sink pipes were removed.

Oliver figured the tooth had gotten lodged in the elbow of the pipe. He figured right. "It didn't take him long to find the tooth," said Fullerton.

Because of the special circumstances, Oliver waived the costs. "Dennis refused to take any payment," said Fullerton.

On Wednesday night, the tooth was placed under Cole's pillow. When Cole was sound asleep, the Tooth Fairy arrived in Stouffville, found her way to the little boy's bedroom, plucked up the tooth and, in its place, left a shiny new Toonie.

Today, Cole's \$2 richer; his father's out of the dog house, the plumber knows he did a good thing and, of course, children all over the world will continue to have great faith in the Tooth Fairy.

~ Joan Ransberry



### Future vets

At left, Jen Carpenter, the co-op vet technician student at Town and Country Animal Hospital in Ringwood, her dog Ollie and Ballantrae Animal Hospital student technician Anna Kujaristi were on duty at the SDSS co-op program career day last week.

Photo/LORI EMMERSON

## Trial in hostage case begins Monday

The trial for a man charged in connection with a hostage-taking, resulting in a four-hour police stand-off in Ballantrae, will get under way March 10. A preliminary hearing was held Thursday for Steven Andrew Tribbling, 22, of Stouffville.

In March of 1996, police were summoned to a home on

Hwy 48 and Aurora Road. A knife-wielding man was holding a two-year-old in one hand and a 12-inch knife in the other hand.

Meanwhile, a woman suffering a knife wound escaped along with an uninjured woman.

A police command post was set up, while a negotiation

team, complete with a robot was called in.

After four hours, the accused surrendered. The child was unharmed.

Tribbling's charges includes two counts of confinement, assault with a weapon and two counts of threatening death.

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