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EDITORIAL

## Keep nation's pride alive all year

Congratulations Stouffville, you've done it again. Tuesday's Canada Day picnic in Memorial Park proved once again what a great community this is.

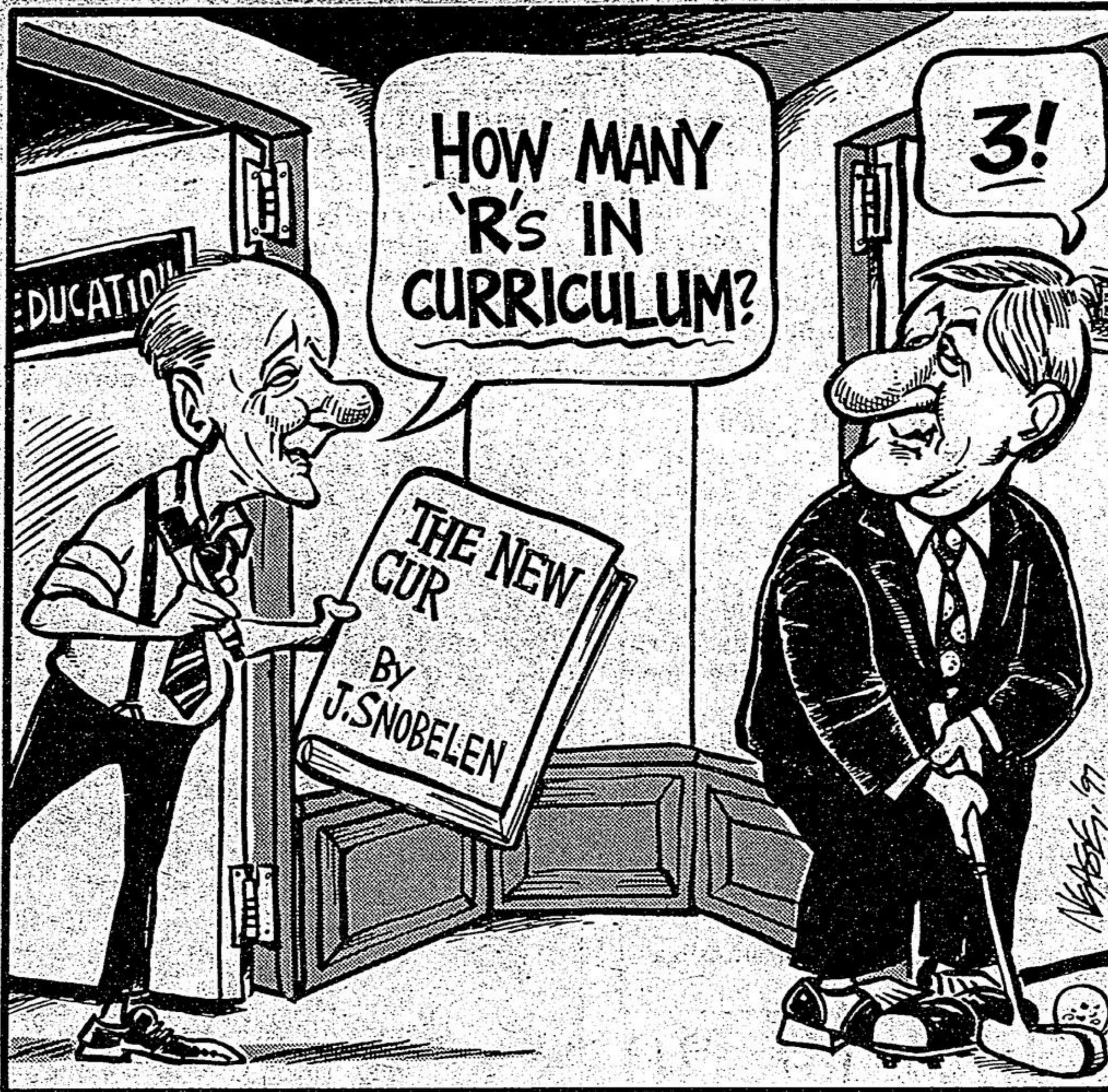
Families from all over came out to enjoy a fun afternoon and evening of celebrations, entertainment and fireworks.

The committee which organized this year's event deserves a pat on the back for all its hard work.

The Strawberry Festival drew huge crowds again this year, and the Canada Day celebrations are always the culmination of the weekend festivities.

One of the highlights was *The Tribune's* presentation to a great member of our community. Our hats are also tipped to this year's Citizen of the Year, Cliff Aiken. Cliff is a Stouffville legend, and he has helped more people in this community than you would likely believe. He also organized the Legion's 50th anniversary events this year, helps with the food bank and is a devoted member of the Lions Club of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Cliff is still active in recruiting new members for this fine community group. Congratulations, Cliff, you deserve the honor. We are all indebted to you.

As we continue the celebration of our 130th year, we should try to keep the patriotism and pride which we show on July 1 alive and active in our country throughout the entire year.



## Geese signs are needed in Lemonville

Dear Editor,

Any person who loves nature and wildlife must appreciate Miss Ertl's action taken in regard of speed limits in surrounding hamlets.

I live in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville but lately I have regularly driven down McCowan Rd south of Stouffville Rd.

I am very concerned about the

speed limit of 70 kilometres per hour between Stouffville Rd and the intersection of Bethesda Sideroad going west where in the early spring lots of Canada geese select their nesting grounds around the numerous ponds lining the road.

One might think this would be a reason to slow down and enjoy the sights, but not so.

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One day just south of Bethesda, I saw a Canada goose killed by a car, its intestines crushed out and a second goose honking nearby.

Some weeks later, at about the same location, I saw two families of Canada geese, one with two and one with four young ones, just

crossing the road.

At the same time I noticed far back an oncoming speeding red car with no doubt it would have eradicated both of these families in the middle of his lane. Fortunately, I was able to slowly drive on the left lane blocking the geese's way and made them turn back to safety, at least for now.

The oncoming driver did not care about my maneuver but was giving me that 'Nobody stops me' look. He accelerated even faster.

After reading about Miss Ertl's initiative I drove back and forth on this familiar stretch of McCowan at a speed of 65 kph in the 70-kph zone. Since some point-conscious driver might go that speed in a hopefully-soon 50-kph zone.

I immediately realized it would be impossible for me to stop for crossing geese and I prepared to ditch my car if necessary.

But there were no Canada geese any more to be seen, rather numerous cars dashing into Lemonville at a good speed of approximately 90 to 110 kph.

Geese-crossing signs in both directions analogous to the familiar deer-crossing signs in other areas would be appropriate in addition to other suggested measures, as well as all-way stop signs at the intersection of McCowan and Bethesda Sideroad going west.

This intersection is just between the geese crossing area south of Bethesda Sideroad and the children-crossing area north of Bethesda in Lemonville.

H. von Enckevort  
Stouffville

## Cancer fundraisers were great

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society, I would like to thank you for covering the Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville unit's recent fundraising campaign.

The residential door-to-door campaign raised \$120,000, Daffodil Days brought in \$20,000, and our kick-off event, Jail-N-Bail,

raised \$30,000! These projects would not have been such a success without your coverage of our events.

We thank the community for their tremendous support. In addition, we would like to acknowledge all of the volunteers who contributed many hours of time to these projects.

The Canadian Cancer Society is

a national, community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of people living with cancer.

Joanne Reynolds  
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## Booksale raised more money than ever before to aid our library

Dear Editor,

Re: Booksale Fundraiser, May 8, 9, 10, 11, 1997  
On behalf of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, I would like to sincerely thank The Stouffville Tribune for their assistance in publicizing the 1997 booksale fundraiser.

The booksale grossed over \$6,000; \$800 more than last year.

This is an all-time record for the booksale

fundraiser which has been held annually since 1990. An important element of fundraising is the community spirit that takes place in a town such as Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Stouffville Tribune has been a part of this community spirit.

Our thanks again.

Marilyn E. Ferguson  
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