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**5** Hwy. 407 extension decision coming soon; opponents predict health problems for residents.

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## Restaurants should post inspection results

*Dirty dining fears prompt bylaw talk*

BY LISA QUEEN  
 Staff Writer

In response to public revulsion over dirty dining establishments, York Region councillors are considering a bylaw that would force restaurant owners to post their most recent health inspection reports.

"If I was a restaurant owner, if I had to post these inspections, it would make me abide by the bylaw and my restaurant would be clean," said Vaughan Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, chairperson of York's health committee.

"There's no excuse in this country, where soap and water is plentiful, to have mice."

In the first three months of this year, six food premises have been temporarily closed by health inspectors, compared to eight for all of last year.

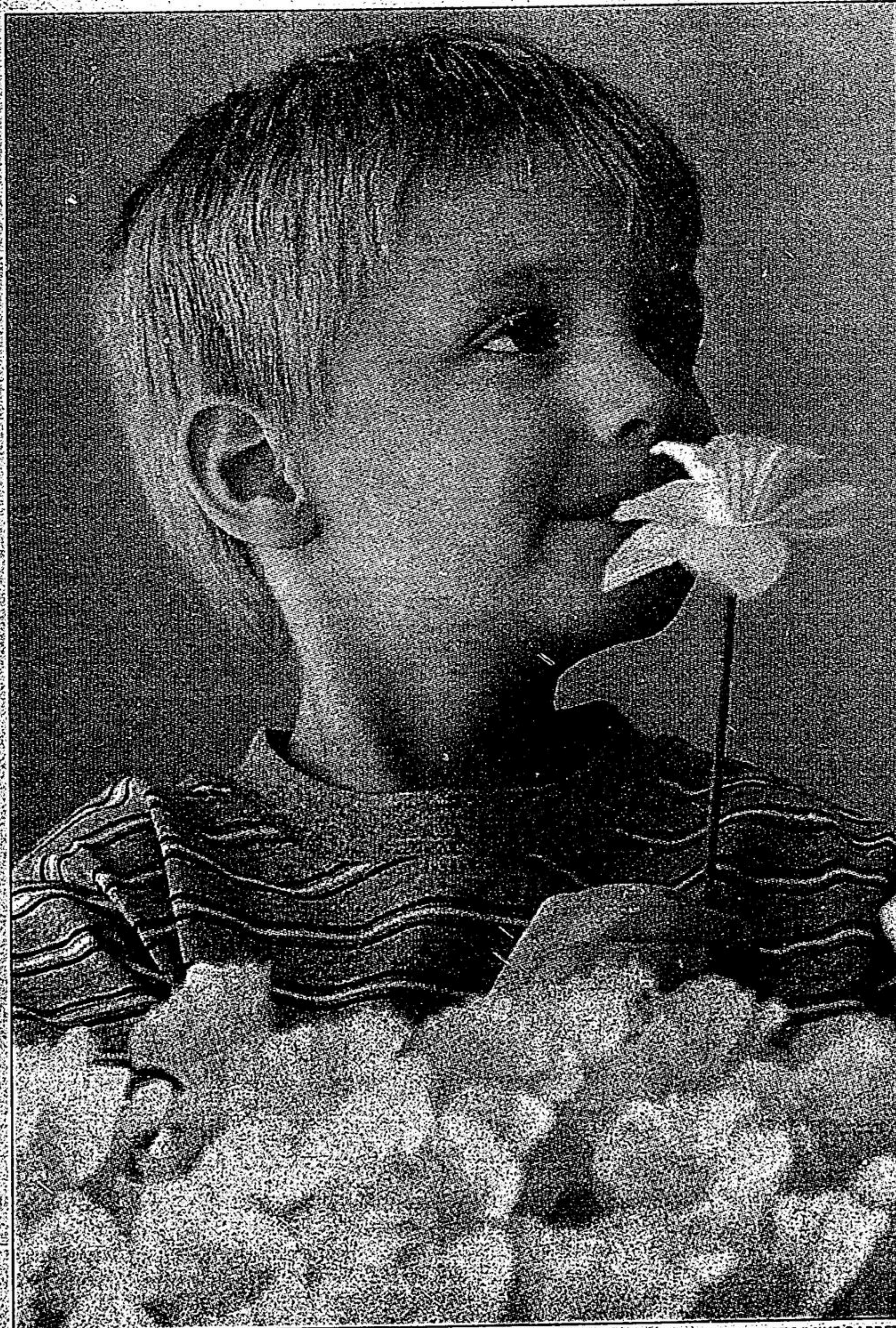
Inspectors have laid 31 charges, half of the 62 charges laid in all of 1999.

Infractions range from rodent and cockroach infestations to structural defects and mishandling of food.

While charges and closures have been enforced across the region, a disproportionately high number of Asian restaurants in the southern part of the region have been affected.

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*Daffodil days are on the way*



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Todd Ward, 5, reminds residents that daffodil days are just around the corner. The yellow flowers, which signal the arrival of spring, are also the symbol of the Canadian Cancer Society. Fresh-cut blooms will be for sale across the region this weekend. A bouquet of eight sells for \$4, with proceeds going to cancer research.

## Smooth sailing for pool complex

*Foes withdraw objection to library-pool project*

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

All road blocks have been lifted, paving the way for a \$5-million indoor pool and library complex to be built in Stouffville. The Tribune has learned.

The way was cleared when the Ontario Municipal Board preliminary hearing scheduled for today was canceled following the withdrawal of an objection to the project.

Construction of the 31,000-square-foot facility, including a six-lane indoor pool, could get under way in Memorial Park South in May.

"As soon as the weather is dry, it'll start," Mayor Wayne Emmerson said.

Meanwhile, the complex could be in full swing next year. On April 4, council is expected to choose the contractor to build the mega project.

The objection, filed by resident Stephen Sword, an executive member of Residents Information Group (RIG), focused on road access to the facility.

RIG's decision to withdraw the objection was finalized over the weekend. The decision is based strictly on finances, RIG member Jeanne Major said yesterday.

In a letter to the town, lawyer Karl Jaffary said his clients instructed him to withdraw the appeal.

RIG continues to "believe in the rightness of their cause, but they do not have the financial ability to properly conduct the matter."

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