

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

"Do you think seat-belt laws have saved lives? Should enforcement be tougher?"



JUDY LAMBERT

"All children should be in seat-belts or child restraints. You don't have to be in much of an accident for the kids to go flying."



LORNE BOADWAY

"I think people are responding well to the seat-belt laws. The current system of fines and enforcement is adequate."



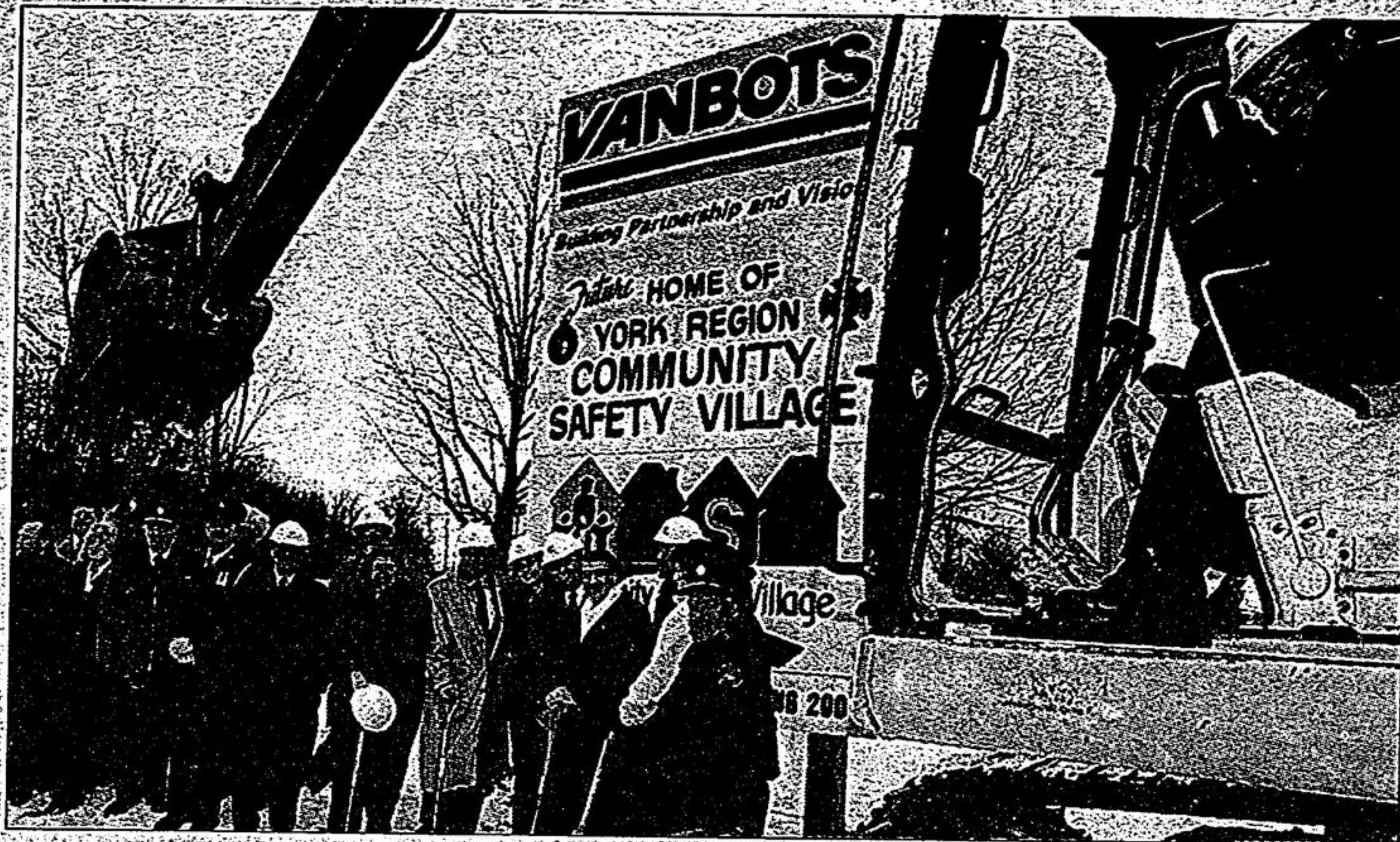
KAREN BARNETT

"Yes, I am sure they have saved lives. I wear mine all the time. I am in the automotive business and am familiar with the statistics."



MARK SUTCLIFFE

"I think people should have a choice about whether to wear them, but I think they are a good idea. They are important because they do save lives."



'Assist to No. 17, Wendel...'

Maple Leaf great Wendel Clark controls the backhoe (top right) while other dignitaries work with shovels at the groundbreaking for the York Region Community Safety Village Monday at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area on Stouffville Road. The village is scheduled to open this fall.

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\$1 million to go in campaign for York Region safety village

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

Hockey star Wendel Clark has three selfish reasons for lending his support to the soon-to-open Community Safety Village at Bruce's Mill in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Those reasons are his three children, aged three to seven. The honorary chairperson of the Community Safety Village said his kids, along with 30,000 others each year, will take advantage of the teachings at the facility.

Children will learn, first hand, life-saving pedestrian safety rules, how to drive a car and how to escape from a burning house.

On Monday, the former Toronto Maple Leaf captain officiated at the groundbreaking ceremony for the \$2.6-million village. So far \$1.6 million has been raised.

"It'll benefit my kids and yours. It'll benefit the entire community," said Mr. Clark, a former resident of Ballantrae who now lives in King.

"The kids learn when they're involved. They won't even realize they're learning. It'll be a wonderful thing for all of the children. It will help keep them safe."

Mr. Clark was joined by Global Television news anchor

Beverly Thomson in encouraging communities across York Region to support the safety village. "The money is still coming in," Ms Thomson said.

Slated to open in September, the Community Safety Village will be life-like and child-sized, complete with about 30 kid-sized buildings.

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It will include roadways, traffic lights and street signs and will be reproduced to scale from architectural features found in Ontario communities.

Highlights in the village plans include a town hall, railway station, school, shops, electric cars, police station, fire hall, library, post office, hydro sub-station and auditorium.

York Region's business leaders, firefighters and members of local, regional and provincial governments joined Whitchurch-Stouffville Wayne Emmerson and 200 others at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Transportation Minister, and Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees presented a \$50,000

cheque on behalf of the provincial government. Considering there are 8.3 million drivers in Ontario, road safety will be a major part of the teaching at the safety village, Mr. Klees said.

GO Transit gave \$50,000 to fund the construction of a mini-GO train station based on the heritage style of the real Aurora GO station.

Vaughan firefighters and the city of Vaughan donated \$50,000, while Newmarket resident Joanne Sweers also presented a \$50,000 cheque.

Mrs. Sweers said she raised the money through the Toronto and York Region business community.

An official of Miller Paving made a \$50,000 donation.

Vanbots Construction, a Markham-based company, will build the village with the support of local sub-contractors.

Central York Fire Chief John Sutton, representing York Region's eight fire departments, pointed out most fire deaths and injuries happen before firefighters reach the victims.

"The first line of defense is education and fire prevention," Chief Sutton stressed.

Briefly

Sun second in class in provincial awards

The Stouffville Sun finished as runner-up in its class in the 2002 Ontario Community Newspapers Association Better Newspaper Competition.

There were 13 papers in the Sun's class.

"The Stouffville Sun provided the best editorial page in this class, an interesting mix of well-written opinions and clean layout which enhanced readability," said the judges. "The writing was excellent as was the advertising content and design."

The Stouffville Sun celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2002. The Sun and Stouffville Tribune amalgamated this month into the twice-weekly Stouffville Sun-Tribune.

Tickets on sale for 43rd Music Mania

Music Mania, Stouffville's annual musical variety show, comes to Stouffville District Secondary School, 183 Bramble Cres. for its 43rd season later this month. Show dates are April 24 to 26 at 8 p.m. each night.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and younger. They're available at Card's TV and Appliances, 1001 Variety, Fame International, M & M Meat Shoppes, Stouffville Book Connection and the Latcham Gallery.

Got Stanley Cup fever?

Are you the ultimate Toronto Maple Leaf fan? Or have you turned your home into a shrine to another NHL team? We're looking for Whitchurch-Stouffville's ultimate Stanley Cup fan. E-mail your nominations to jmason@yrng.com

Quoteworthy

"We have \$1 million before we even go to the public. Our overall objective is \$3 million. We will reach it. It's an investment into our future."

Ian MacKenzie, chairperson of the Parkview Home campaign. See page 5.

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- Three Identical Easter Services
- Friday, April 18th - 10:45 am
- Sunday, April 20th - 9:00 am
- Sunday, April 20th - 10:45 am

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