

Stouffville Says

By Joan Ransberry

What did you think of the federal Liberals winning a minority?

— Asked in Stouffville

Reg CRAWLEY



Ontarians have a short memory. They'd rather go with the devil they know than the one they don't.

Perry O'CONNELL



I was very disappointed the Conservatives didn't win. We needed a change. This is precocious at best.

Jim SUTTON



It turned out the way I wanted. Still, I'm not entirely happy with the Liberals. They deserved the minority.

Colleen BARGE



I've given up on politicians. They make promises they don't keep. Let's have the Liberals say what they mean and mean what they say.



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Berry nice!

A quick start hulling strawberries by the men didn't fool the women one bit as they won the hulling contest by two strawberry lengths. Getting on with it were (from left) Brenda McGowan, York Region tourism co-ordinator, Mayor Sue Sherban, Strawberry Festival chairperson Liz Frazer and the men: firefighters Tom Brillinger, Dave Wilson and Chief Tim Beckett at the Strawberry Festival kick-off at Applewood Farms Friday. The 20th annual festival officially opens tonight in Memorial Park.

More trucks taken off road

Keeping hazardous trucks off roads in the Ballantrae area was behind a truck blitz on Aurora Road last week.

This is the second spot check program put in place by Councillor Phil Bannon in conjunction with York Regional Police and the Transportation Ministry. And it won't be the last, Mr. Bannon promised.

'PREVENT ACCIDENTS'

"Every time we take one of these trucks off the road, we have prevented another accident from happening," he said.

Of the 48 vehicles stopped June 23, six were taken off the road for safety infractions. In a previous blitz, 18 of 43 trucks stopped were pulled off the road for faulty brakes, unsafe and overly heavy loads and other safety issues.

In addition to enforcing speed limits and checking trucks in the Ballantrae area, the co-operation of transportation companies is being sought as part of an education and awareness program.

—Hannelore Volpe

Police honour Wilson

Stouffville-area resident Vic Wilson has been honoured by Police Chief Armand La Barge for his contribution to the York Region Police Services Board.

The outgoing board member was first appointed as the citizen representative in January 1999. He applied for the post "because of my interest in making sure that we are as safe as we can be," he said.

Construction of the community safety village at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area and acquisition of the York Regional Police helicopter became a reality during his more than five years with the board.

Mr. Wilson, former manager of the rock band Rush, was a driving force behind fundraising for the safety village, which is slated to open in September. Almost a dozen, small-scale buildings resembling stores, fast food outlets and a fire hall are arranged around a system of roads and used by school children from all over York Region.

It was at Mr. Wilson's prompting that the board spent \$50,000 to buy the



VIC WILSON: Police board member worked on community safety village at Bruce's Mill.

amphitheatre for the safety village.

He was "very forthright and vocal" on the board's collective bargaining team, Mr. Barrow added. "He was a very good citizen representative."

Mr. Wilson advanced the interests of the region with the Canadian Association of Police Boards and the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, police service board executive director Connie Mahaffy said.

Briefly

Home-grown bands rock Strawberry Festival

Two home-grown rock bands take to the stage on Strawberry Festival Friday.

The Four Sides and Full Frontal bring their original songs and old favourites to Latham Hall tomorrow starting at 7 p.m. Members of both bands are students or recent graduates of Stouffville District Secondary School.

The Four Sides, inspired by the classic rockers of the 1970s and 1980s, will play songs made famous by musicians such as The Beatles and Jimi Hendrix.

They will also play original songs, including ventures into reggae sounds written and composed by the members Graziano Volpe (lead guitar), Mike Warne (vocals/bass guitar), Brandon Wild (keyboards) and Josh Montgomery (drums).

The band has played at a variety of locations including Latham Hall, Club Rokit in downtown Toronto, Durham College in Oshawa and Lemonville Community Centre.

Bass guitarist and singer Steven Cliff of Full Frontal wants to keep creating music and reaching as many people as possible. The band's mix of music with a punk and heavy metal edge reflects the varying interests of band members Mr. Cliff, Ryan Downie on lead guitar, Adrian Walker on rhythm guitar and Matt Kennedy on drums.

Full Frontal has played shows at Latham Hall and the Cathedral in Toronto.

There is a \$5 admission charge at the door. Latham Hall is on Park Drive South.

Quoteworthy

'Nobody knew who Lui Temelkovski was. I'm not Ken Dryden (former NHL goalie and Liberal winner in Toronto). Nobody knew my name. Nobody knew my face.'

New MP Lui Temelkovski. See story on page 1.

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