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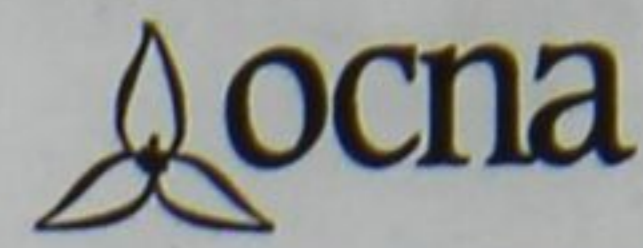
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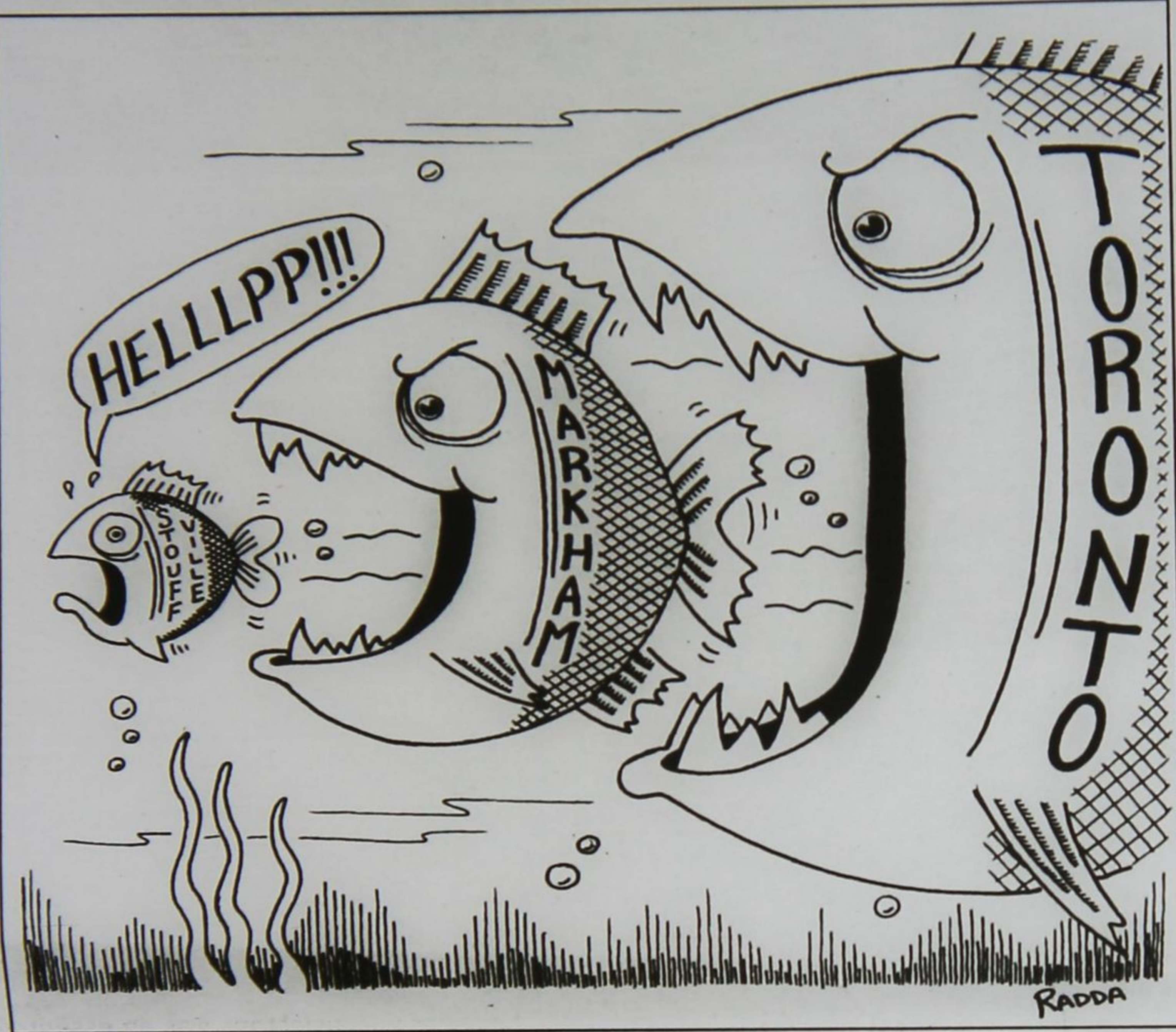
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**Letters**

**Clock Tower artists appreciate coverage**

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Clock Tower Studio Artists and the Clock Tower Potters cop I would like to thank you and your paper for the article you did in the December issue about our show December 8 and 9. It

was very gratifying to get the response we did.

I wish it were possible to thank the community for its support, not only for their purchases, but also for understanding our attempt to develop the embryonic stages of an arts colony and

hopefully a full studio tour in the fall.

Without the continued support of our community and individuals like you, our dreams would be beyond our means.

Ron Brown  
 Stouffville

**Opinion**  
**Just Wondering....?**

**Whitchurch-Stouffville last year**

If you want to find out what's going on in Whitchurch-Stouffville in 2002, you won't get much help from the official town web site.

When we checked out upcoming events in the third week of January, we discovered that the listings posted were for 2001. According to the site, Latcham Gallery West, which ceased operations many months ago, is still up and running, and there was no mention of St. Brigid Catholic School. Clicking on 'links' produced the all-too-familiar, 'We will be adding a list of external links soon.'

Town service information, however, was up to date, as were details on the museum and the new aquatic centre and library, and the site itself was easy and quick to negotiate. But as our own community calendar indicates - and no doubt we've missed some events ourselves - there is so much good stuff going on in this town. And with people turning increasingly to the Internet for information, it's more important than ever to provide up-to-the-minute listings.

**Helping students find their volunteer niche**

Now that high school students are required to put in 40 volunteer hours in order to graduate, we would like to hear from community organizations that could use some extra help. We know the library is looking for assistance with its giant book sale and volunteers are also needed at the local recycling depot, while the BIA has employed students to great effect in helping with decorating Main Street and providing labour for spring planting. Events like the Strawberry Festival would doubtless welcome student volunteers, and perhaps our seniors' facilities could use a helping hand as well. Let us know and we'll publish contact information to link students with the appropriate groups and organizations.

**Keeping informed about hydro deregulation**

Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and the town council are co-hosting a public information meeting February 21 on the topic of hydro deregulation, with speakers provided by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. Bearing in mind California's experience with deregulation, it makes sense to find out as much as possible before deciding on a service provider. The meeting takes place at the municipal offices on Sandiford Drive at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

**Sounding Off**

**What would you feel about a ban on road hockey in Whitchurch-Stouffville?**



**Bill Anderson**

I think it's very important that it continue because it's such a Canadian pastime. However, it needs to be restricted to roads that are safe, like cul de sacs, and kids should be taught to respect other people's property.



**Gord Ness**

I think they should consider a ban on video hockey, which is much more dangerous. Send them out to play on the street because their bodies will not suffer like their minds do. I grew up with road hockey and I think it's part of our way of life.



**Liz Lightfoot**

I wouldn't want to see it banned. I see nothing wrong with it as long as parents keep an eye open in case things get a little rambunctious. I'd rather see kids out playing than sitting in front of the TV or the computer all the time.



**Miriam O'Rourke**

If the players are required to be fair to property owners and drivers, then why should we ban street hockey? It's one of the few places where only children are in charge of their game and must solve their own problems.



**Sandy MacKenzie**

I think playing road hockey is very Canadian and it's wonderful, innocent fun. We've got a pretty good street of players where I live, and we would like to challenge the mayor of Toronto and some of his big, burly buddies to a game.