

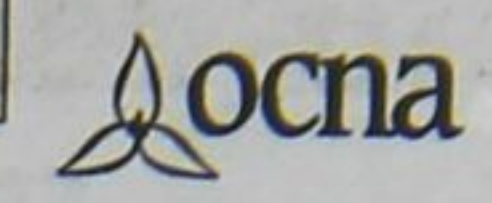
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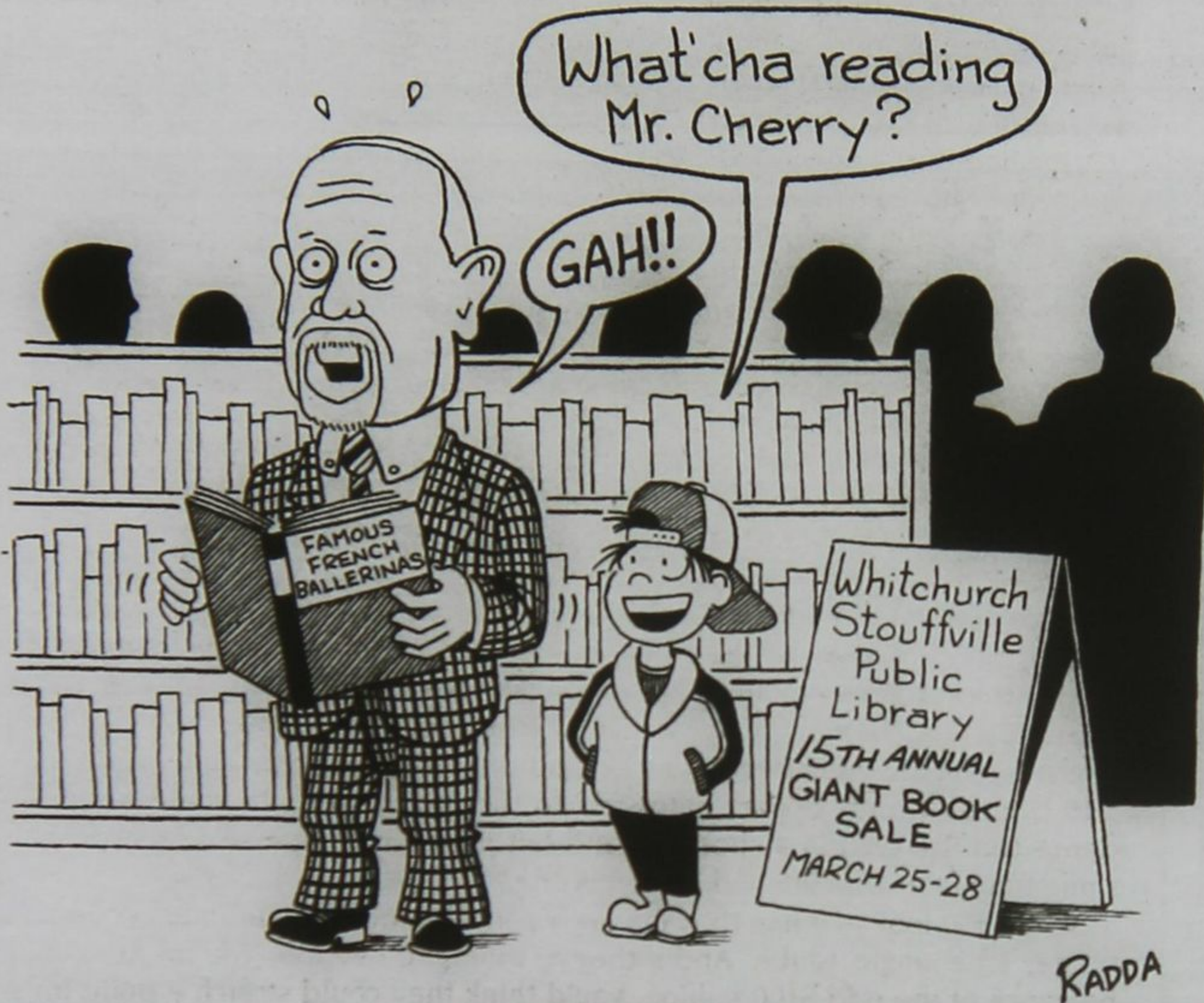


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The Library's upcoming book sale is expected to draw people from all over...



Opinion

There's A Hole In My Road, Dear Council

It's not just council that could be in for a bumpy ride during the upcoming fiscal year.

A harsh winter has exacerbated the deterioration of local roads, turning side streets into a kind of dodgem circuit. Unless residents can be persuaded that potholes are the new traffic calming devices, investment for this unglamorous but necessary work will clearly be a number one priority for the town in the coming months.

Meanwhile, it's encouraging to learn that approval has been given to the renovation of the old town hall, even though its future usage has yet to be determined. With a new arena already on the drawing board, we strongly suggest it's time for council to lend its wholehearted support to a cultural centre which can accommodate performing arts groups, dance studios and local artists.

And now that Whitchurch-Stouffville is participating in the 2004 Doors Open Ontario initiative, which encourages tourism and pride in community heritage, the town has a vested interest in preserving and maintaining our historic buildings. The program, which began in Scotland in 1990, was launched in Ontario in 2002.

Last year, more than 130 communities opened hundreds of heritage sites to the public, attracting an estimated 500,000 visitors. On June 5 this year, the Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville Committee, which incorporates the Whitchurch-Stouffville Heritage Advisory Committee, the Museum, the Historical Society and the Tourism Association, will showcase local heritage sites, with free admission to the public.

Out of the mouths of babes

When Sue Sherban visited St. Mark School on Feb. 16, she received a warm welcome from Grade 1 and 2 students, who came well prepared with questions to ask the newly-elected mayor. The youngsters were polite and respectful and listened attentively to their guest. They wanted to know what the mayor liked most and least about her job, whether council was planning to provide more arts facilities and what the projected population figures were for the future.

Other topics included safety and town hiring practices. Mayor Sherban, who answered each question thoughtfully and with enthusiasm, was also asked whether she had a pet and which foods she liked best (spaghetti and chocolate cake). Her visit provided proof that good manners and mutual respect are still alive and well in our community.

Letters

Road repair rage cited in higher reward

To the Editor:

Re: Rupert Ave. disappearance

To Whom It May Concern: I have information regarding your lost street.

I am currently holding your street hostage and would be willing to give it back if you double your

reward. You see, I will need the money to take care of some of my own repairs that are long overdue. You need not look far for your street, it is closer than you think. It's lying under cover, in a very clever disguise.

Please contact me soon, I don't know how long I can

put up with Rupert Avenue's traffic problems. They're starting to affect me. Put the money in a brown bag and leave it at the corner of Elm and Winlane (watch out for the fast moving traffic).

Elm Road
 Stouffville

Sounding Off

What's your opinion of Don Cherry's comments regarding NHL players wearing visors?



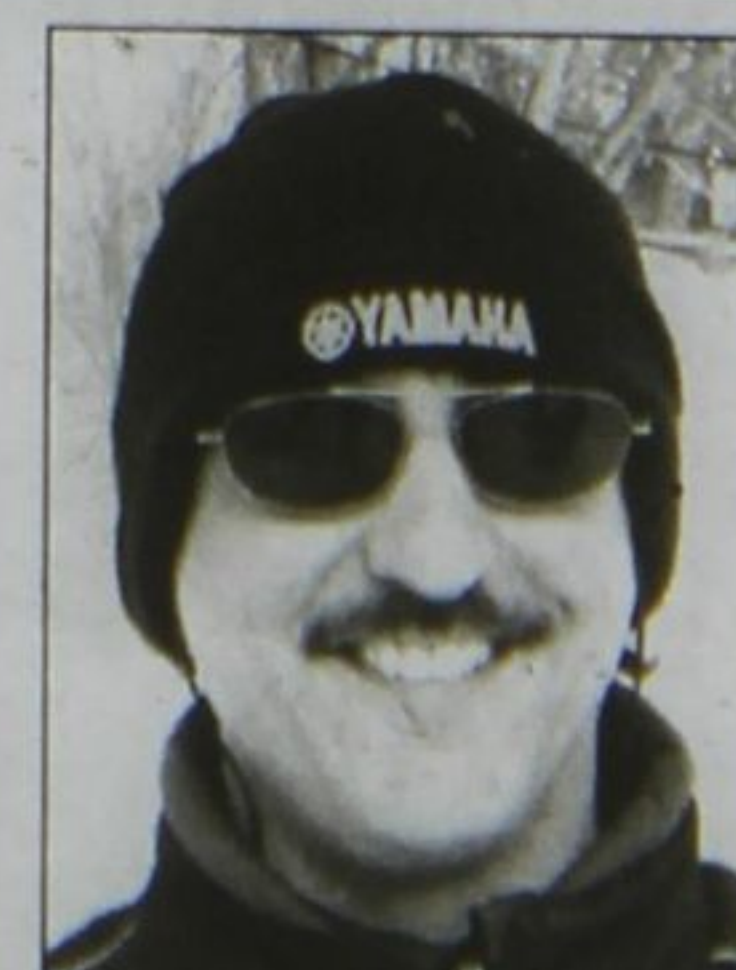
JASON CHOWN
 I think it's up to the players - they know the risk when they step on the ice. In the end his comments are just his personal opinions.



STEPHENIE SONDEREGGER
 I take it lightheartedly. I think people take his comments too seriously.



MICHAEL CRANG
 I think Don Cherry is in the entertainment business now. He makes a lot of outrageous comments and we shouldn't take them too seriously. The main thing is make sure your kids wear helmets and visors.



PAUL KUNC
 I believe the visors are a good safety measure. Don Cherry should think a little bit before he speaks.



ROBERT HEATON
 Don Cherry doesn't understand the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) testing program to prevent injuries to hockey players. I used to work at CSA.