

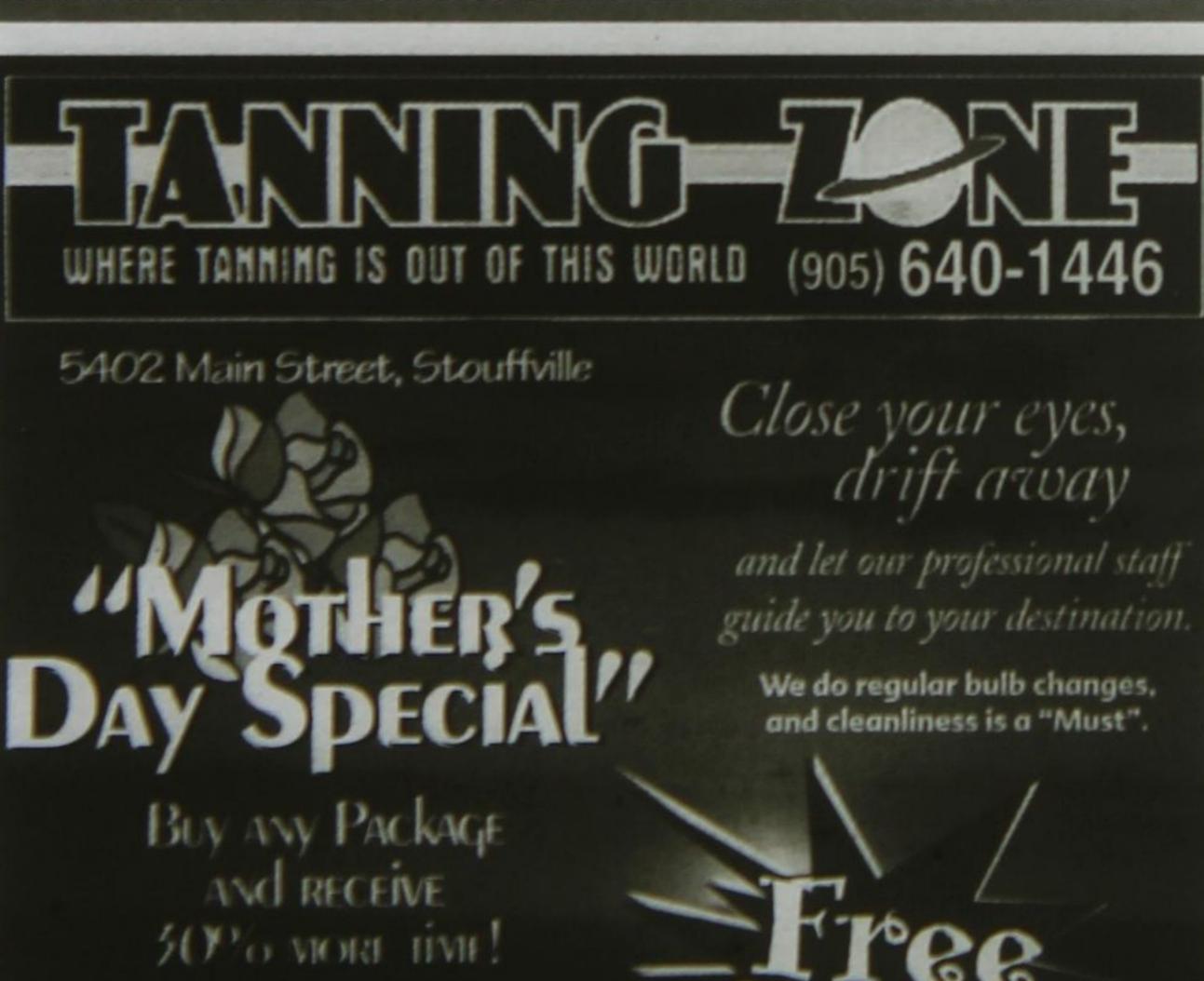
Peter Pan is the classic tale of the boy who didn't want to grow up and spent his life in Neverland battling Pirates and Indians. Now it is YDAPA's turn to tell the story that has charmed audiences for over 50 years. Come out and join our cast of 60 young people and our 20 piece orchestra as they perform the last show of the 2004 season.

Peter Pan will take place at

## The Vaughan City Playhouse (Bathurst and Highway 407)

Thursday May 27, 7:30 pm - Special Preview Show Friday May 28, Saturday May 29, 7:30 pm Matinees Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30, 2:00 pm

Tickets can be ordered at Orchard Park Public School on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:30pm - 8:00pm



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## Meeting community needs with an open door policy

By Nancy Hopkins
Stouffville This Month

In her first few months as mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Sue Sherban has attended more than 200 meetings involving the region, the town and the business community.

She has also been involved in 40 volunteer-related activities, as well as 45 opening ceremonies and public relations events. And that doesn't take into account the six or seven unplanned meetings that develop on a daily basis. Reading the mounds of paperwork she receives is relegated to whatever free time is left between the three to five nights a week and many weekends that she is out in the community. Days often start with a 7:30 a.m. meeting and end with one late in the evening.

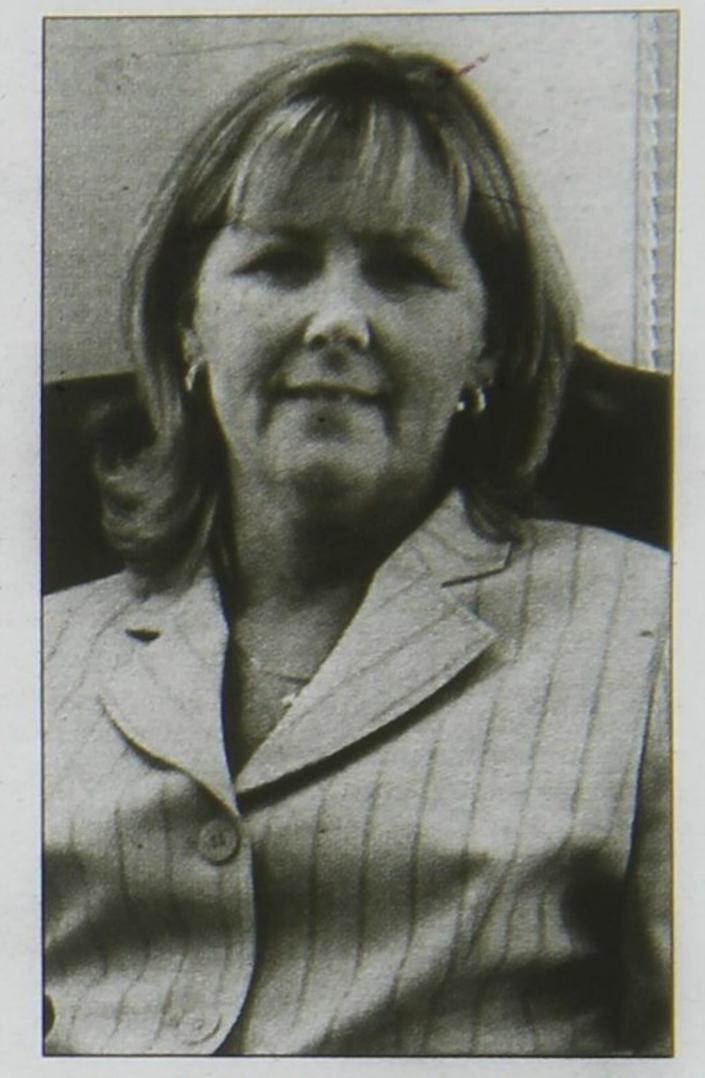
As a former councillor, Mrs. Sherban came to the mayor's office well aware of the commitment required. However, the time needed to educate a council with five new members has been a surprise. "I am absolutely enjoying this job but up until

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this point, I have spent a great deal of time providing information to new council members," she noted.

Born at Briar Bush Hospital on Main St., Mrs. Sherban grew up at Musselman's Lake where she met her future husband, Peter. She attended Ballantrae Public School – where she was given the strap by her Grade One teacher for talking too much – and later Stouffville District Secondary School. The Sherbans have been married 31 years and have three daughters; Lisa, Leslie and Lindsay.

"In the last 15 years all my spare time, my passion, was volunteering," she said. "I think community building is so exciting and essential. It's about quality of life – whether providing clean air, clean water, or a connection to fellow communities."



Mrs. Sherban is excited to be working on the initiatives laid out in her campaign, including the Youth Council and the Mayor's Golf Tournament on July 5. She would love to initiate a Communities in Bloom program during her term as mayor and has her eyes on property at Musselman's Lake that would make a great park area. A painting of the proposed re-development of the old town hall hangs on her office wall, keeping her focused on another project she hopes to bring to fruition.

An open door policy for constituents, councillors and staff is a priority and she is the first local mayor to have a computer in her office, allowing people to reach her by e-mail. "I would always request the community, before you make assumptions about decisions or comments made by the mayor's office, give us a call."

Could the teacher who gave Mrs. Sherban the strap for talking too much have foreseen that hers would be the voice speaking on behalf of all the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville?

