

Hard rock is not unmusical music expression of mood

Dear Editor:

Re: The Profiles Column of May 9
When are newspaper columnists going to stop commenting on subjects about which they know nothing? It is obvious from the adjectives that Jennifer Barr uses to describe hard rock that she has never listened to any of it.

It is about time people realize that music is an expression of mood, and people of course have different moods. Over the years my taste has broadened and I use all styles of music to reinforce a mood, or even change it.

Those teenagers to whom she refers were not "banging unmusical chords from their tortured instruments; they were

expressing their mood in a song. True everyone has his favorite style, but to call hard rock 'unmusical' just shows one's ignorance. "Vast amplifiers" is part of hard rock's style.

Sometimes you can learn a lot of a person's character from their musical taste. It is easy to see why Jim Gordon plays the generally unamplified repertoire he does. He was brought up in a simple place. His lyrics are even simple; and how anyone can listen to that all the time I will never understand.

Yours truly,
Howard Coultrup
46 Roseford Terrace
Acton.



Several Girl Guides were enrolled into the First Acton group last Wednesday. In the front row, from left to right, are Karen Watzek, Elizabeth Hoerig, Diane Savard, Julie Charlebois, Stephanie Lampkin and Shannon Johnston. In the rear row starting on the left, Kathy Lawrence, Marnel Maddeaux, Debbie Obriavitch, Kelly Harrison and Kim Griggs.

Biker hurt
A motorcyclist was hurt in a collision with a car on Queen St. near Meadvale Rd. Friday at about dinner time. Peter Pavli, 43 Meadvale Rd., suffered slight injuries, according to Halton Regional Police. Damage to the Pavli machine is estimated by police to be \$350.

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Free Press Letters

Disappointed Legion withdraws support from Jr. pipe band

Dear Sir:

It was with a sense of deep disappointment that the Acton Legion Junior Pipeband learned that the Legion executive had withdrawn their support for this new community project. The children appeared last night for their regular practice and were informed that the group was to be disbanded by the end of May.

It was interesting to note that the executive decision was made without prior consultation with the parents of the 38 band members. We were informed that priorities

had changed and that the parking lot was to be completed. There is also the remainder of the mortgage to be paid off. There was also the comment that the age of the children would make it impossible for the band to take part in Legion activities. In this regard the Legion apparently would support a senior band.

The parents of the band members have requested a meeting with the Legion executive to discuss the implications of their decision. It appears that there is far more to this than financial concerns and we

would like the true reasons for this action to surface. The dedication of John Bottomley and the other instructors, the band committee, and the children themselves to date has been inspiring.

The priority shift that puts pavement ahead of young children signals a policy change that could have a very serious effect in our community. The age of children involved in Legion Houseleague hockey has not hindered the financial support of Branch 197. Are these children being penalized because they have a chanter and drum sticks

in their hands instead of a hockey stick?

The Legion has been a focus of the sense of community in this town for a long time. Their interest in all age groups has been well documented. However, this sudden change of heart by the Legion Executive of Branch 197 infuriates me. We anxiously await a meeting between the executive and the parents of the band members.

Yours truly,
Robert Johnston,
Concerned Parent
and Legion member
106 Acton Blvd.

Confused by three parties

Dear Sir:

I'm one of those confused by the three main parties of Canada. I would like to make my vote count just like a lot of other people, but every time I go to vote, I don't

notice any change. All I hear are the leaders attacking each other. I feel that as a Canadian-Italian that the three leaders have good and bad points and if they would take all the good

points together and work as a team and have the Canadian people in mind instead of how to get the other guy's goat, we would have a much better country. As the voting day gets

closer, I get more confused because of all the commercials and the question is, who do I vote for? Or, should I vote at all?

Sincerely,
John Coniglio

Nursery needs a home

A proposed coop nursery needs a home before plans to begin get underway.

A meeting last Thursday evening in the Acton

library shed no light on a location for the nursery. Until they have a place to run the school, organizers say, they do not know how many youngsters they can take, or

what age groups, or how many days a week it will be offered.

At Thursday's meeting, it was discovered there are at least 12 children whose parents are interested in the concept. Anyone else interested, or would like to help in their location problems is asked to call the Community Services Centre at 853-3310.

A meeting tomorrow evening (Thursday) is hoped to shed more light into the situation.

Cops nab 3 escapers

Police across Ontario have captured three of seven escapees from Guelph correctional centre after last week's break out.

Bruce Maher, 20, was picked up by Sarnia police, while Shawn Lamb, 19, was taken near Barrie. The first to be recaptured was John Stright, 22.

The seven escaped during a riot at the correctional institute more than a week ago. About 180 prisoners rampaged; setting fires, smashing windows and equipment. Damage was estimated by authorities

Promos for southerners

Two south Halton teachers were promoted to consulting positions within the Board of Education last week.

Halton board has 21 consultants.

Arbitrary decision to withdraw support from Jr. pipe band

Following is a copy of a letter sent to Acton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and filed with the Free Press for publication: May 14 '79. The President & Executive Committee, Acton Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, Gentlemen:

I wish to make my feelings known concerning an arbitrary decision handed down by your committee and conveyed to me and other parents of the erstwhile aspiring Legion Junior Pipe band.

On Sunday last, parents dropping children off at the Legion Hall for band practice were asked by an instructor to wait and hear an announcement concerning the future of the band.

We were told briefly that the Executive Committee had requested the band be

discontinued by the end of this month.

Not all Parents were present, however those who were, voiced negative reaction hard and clear including many Legion members.

The reasons for the decision were neither sufficient or credible. We were given to understand that the Legion has other pressing financial commitments including resurfacing the car park!

Sir, may I remind you that the idea to start a Junior Band was conceived by the Legion with the knowledge and approval of the Executive Committee. You advertised in the Free Press early in the year and had a healthy response from interested children. I do not know how many responded initially, however on Sunday evening I saw nearly 30 bright and eager

young musicians have a dream shattered before their eyes, for reasons neither they nor we understand.

Perhaps what is equally hard to understand is that the announcement was made by an instructor and not by a member of the Executive Committee.

Having made a commitment such as this to young people and then dashing their hopes after 2½ months hard work is inexcusable and does nothing to foster goodwill

and relations in our community.

Finally I remind you that the Royal Canadian Legion owes it's beginnings to the spirit of "total commitment" of the young men and women who gave unselfishly in the hope that their successors would continue to keep this promise. Sad that the committee needs to be reminded. Yours Sincerely

S.D. Kenny
36 Agnes St. Acton
Ph 853-3966.

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Don MacDonald;
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