

MAGIC FESTIVAL



Meet the co-ordinators of Stouffville's Magic Festival — George Schlukbier (left),

the Town's chief librarian and magician Dan Laffey, R.R. 3, Claremont.

—Jim Thomas.



Michael Ross and his magic rings; one of many sidewalk performers in Stouffville, Saturday.

On Thursday, May 13, Ontario Place opens its gates on a twelfth season of great films, fabulous entertainment, and all kinds of fun and games for kids from two to ninety-two. Come on down and join in the official opening festivities, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15. There will literally be dozens and dozens of 12th Anniversary Surprises, as well as a whole great summer season of family fun.

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Tonka Abdurama didn't attempt this trick on the high school stage, Saturday night, he didn't dare. But on the outside

stage at the Town Library, the risk was reduced.

—Jim Holt.



Ted Stonehouse, Fairview Avenue appears a trifle concerned, and no wonder. Magician Rick Ross has just thrust a sword through his neck.

—Jim Thomas.



Stouffville merchants entered the spirit of the festival, dressing up their store fronts and themselves. John Lord of John Lord's Books says hello.

Wand is a brush

By Jim Irving

STOUFFVILLE — There are a couple of paintings by Louis de Niverville in his current show at Latcham Gallery, that are entitled, appropriately enough, "Untitled."

The name could be applied to most of de Niverville's works, because, as with the two unnamed ones, they leave the viewer guessing as to just what they're all about.

Cats, rabbits, pigs and birds at a picnic of pastries, for example. This one's called "One Two, Three, Go," which is probably as good a name as any for it. But why that particular setting? Only the artist and the man who commissioned it, know.

Meaning, however, may be secondary. As one youthful viewer scribbled in the visitors' book: "I liked the one with the cats."

The comment may be apt in more ways than one. De Niverville's works — a mixture of acrylic on paper and canvas, and collage, on board and masonite — seem to produce that kind of feeling: one either likes them right away, or dislikes them.

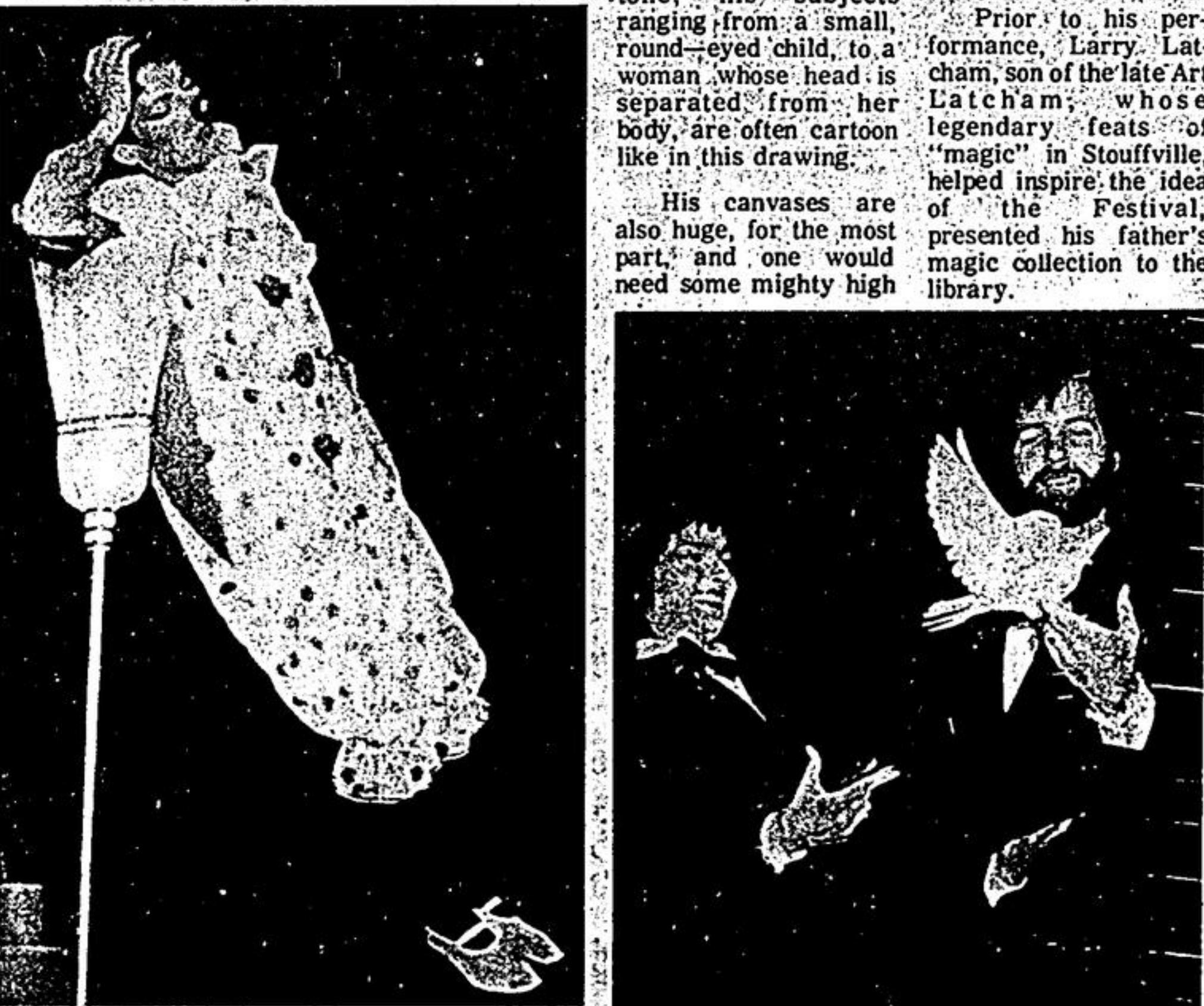
His colors, except for the collages, are subdued, almost pastel-like in their tone; his subjects ranging from a small, round-eyed child, to a woman whose head is separated from her body, are often cartoon like in this drawing.

His canvases are also huge, for the most part, and one would need some mighty high walls to show them to advantage.

The latter do exist, though, as two of his biggest works were on loan from private collections.

While a large crowd attended the show, and even larger one jammed the library, itself, to watch magician Dan Laffey perform his sleight of hand and help bring the Magic Festival to a successful close.

Prior to his performance, Larry Latcham, son of the late Art Latcham, whose legendary feats of "magic" in Stouffville, helped inspire the idea of the Festival, presented his father's magic collection to the library.



Not even seeing is believing. This girl, in a deep sleep, is suspended in mid-air. When the broom was removed, she remained in the same position.

—Jim Thomas.



When Claremont's Dan Laffey was on stage, there were doves flying in all directions. Dan, a master magician, helped coordinate the festival.

Ontario Tax Grants For Senior Citizens

1982 Instalments of up to \$310 Have Been Mailed

Ontario Tax Grants for Seniors is a program designed specifically to help offset municipal and school taxes for Ontario residents 65 and over. The Ontario Ministry of Revenue has just completed the mailing of cheques which comprise the first instalment of the 1982 Property Tax Grant of up to \$250 and a new temporary Home Heating Grant of \$60. These cheques were mailed on May 10th.

Who received it?

- If you're 65 or over and own or rent your home, you're eligible for the Property Tax Grant.
- The 1982 instalment cheque was mailed to all Ontario seniors who received the 1981 Property Tax Grant.
- This is intended to help you pay your property tax or rent for the first part of 1982. In the fall you will automatically receive an application for the balance of your grant.

Who did not receive it?

Basically, if you didn't receive a 1981 Property Tax Grant, you will not have received the May instalment. In particular, seniors should note that:

- If you reside in a nursing home, home for the aged or any property tax-exempt institution, you're not eligible for the Property Tax Grant.
- If you turned 65 after December 31, 1981 (and therefore did not qualify for a grant last year) you also won't have received the May instalment. However, you will receive an application for the entire 1982 grant in the fall.

Temporary Home Heating Grant

This year a temporary Home Heating Grant of \$60 has been added to the Tax Grants Program to help seniors cope with the sudden increases in heating costs. This \$60 is included in your 1982 instalment cheque. For example, if you received a Property Tax Grant of \$480 for 1981, your 1982 instalment amounts to \$300 ($\frac{1}{2}$ of \$480 = \$240 plus \$60).

For more information call the Ministry's multilingual Information Centre

- In Metro Toronto — dial 965-8470
- In Area Code 807 — ask the Operator for Zenith 8-2000
- In all other areas — dial 1-800-268-7121

or write to:

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