

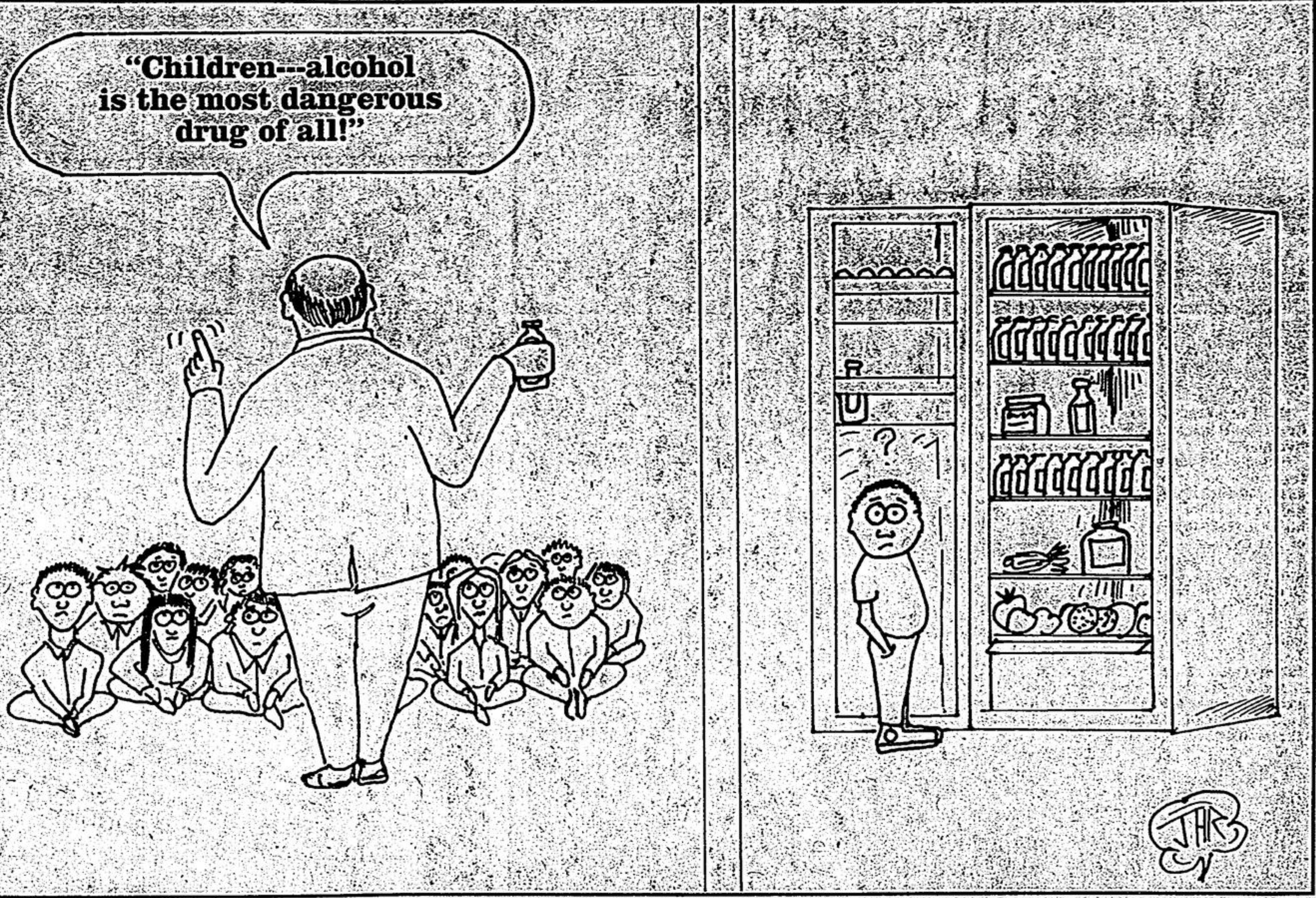
### Editor's Mail

## Unfair

The issue related to day care within our school system is one that's close to my heart. While it's true, some may say I'm hard-hearted in this regard, I feel it's unfair for parents to foist the responsibilities of child-rearing on our teachers and education in general. I also consider it unfair that boys and girls, some only a few years out of their cradles, should be denied the love and (day) care that only mothers and fathers can and should provide. Further, in this day and age of high tech thinking, it's high time would-be parents gave a little high tech thought to what responsibilities are involved in the raising of a child. I say if parents can't care for it, they shouldn't have it. Certainly, don't expect our schools to perform a babysitting service. Old-fashioned? Perhaps. But at least I can sleep with a clear conscience which is more than many modern-day mothers can do. Kathryn Gould, R.R. 3, Stouffville

## Cold!

Like you, I enjoyed the Figure Skating Club's carnival immensely. However, like others, I had one complaint. It was cold! Strange isn't it how our Town can (apparently) afford a 2 1/2 million dollar Rec. Centre yet can't afford to heat it. The old arena was warmer than our new one. Thelma Harris, Thicketwood Blvd., Stouffville



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### ROAMING AROUND

## On disabled list

BY JIM THOMAS



Many people are bandwagon jumpers. Whatever the occasion, the fad, the 'in-thing', they immediately want to be part of it.

Take the Blue Jays for instance. Last fall, folks not knowing the difference between a baseball and a football suddenly became Blue Jay fans.

You could tell, "Didn't Bill Singer throw a great game," one would say. "Sure, did," the other would reply, "and how about that triple hit by big John Mayberry."

Singer hasn't thrown for the Jays since 1977 and Mayberry was given his release three seasons ago.

It's the same with the Leafs. People with little or no interest in hockey were suddenly caught up in the excitement of the Toronto-Chicago series.

It showed there too, stupid plaudits for players like Darryl Sittler, Glenn Hall and Lanny McDonald, long since retired or traded.

What's the favorite sports attraction at your house?

At ours, it's mixed. I've always been a rabid baseball and hockey fan. This has rubbed off on sons Barry and Paul. Barry also enjoys football. I hate it. A game played by animals, I say.

Mary-Lynn's our only female baseball booster. For her, the sun rises and sets on Jay's catcher Ernie Whitt. Unfortunately, Ernie's on the disabled list so her interest has waned considerably.

Hurting her even more is the fact she's also on the disabled list; slammed her left hand against a desk at school the other day and broke a finger. The injury will sideline her at least two weeks, just when she was preparing herself, (mentally and physically), for spring training.

Mary-Lynn 'lives' for softball. And so

do we, seldom missing a game. Right now it's 'fun'. Win or lose, she loves the game. I hope it remains this way.

While pitching's No. 1, she's content to play any position, even catcher. She displays a lot more courage than her father.

While hesitant to admit it, she comes by her pitching prowess, (if I may modestly call it that), from her mother's side of the family. Her three uncles were excellent mound-masters in their hey-day and so, I'm told, was her grandfather.

Stouffville's Bruce Stapley, a former coach, (and presently a columnist for The Tribune Weekender), gave her the nickname "Goose" after one-time Yankee fireballer "Goose" Gossage. While any similarity between Mary-Lynn and "The Goose" is purely co-incidental, she doesn't seem to mind. In fact, she'll never be satisfied until she sees him play in person. Trouble is, it's a long drive from Stouffville to San Diego.

More important than meeting her namesake is getting herself in shape for the new season. While her throwing

arm's ready and willing, her catching hand's encumbered by a cast that keeps her way off balance. The ball either rolls along the ground or sails over the nearest tree.

Her softball spirit is much the same, rock bottom or high as a kite, no happy medium.

What she needs is a backyard coach who can build up her skills and her confidence.

I try. Yes, I willingly handle the catching chores, but my text book instruction is probably doing more harm than good.

But time will tell. When the Stouffville 'Lions' square off against Canadian Tire in the Squirt League season opener, the batters had better be on their toes.

For "The Goose", presently laboring under the impediment of a clipped wing, will have to adjust her delivery to fit the occasion. And the results could be horrendous.

Her mother will be there, but I'll be in hiding. I can't bear to look. A mortally wounded umpire is not a pretty sight.

## Our growing pains

BY BARBARA SMITH

In Stouffville, controversy escalates whenever an increase in population is discussed.

Comments ranging from "it was fine as it was"; "why can't they leave things alone?" and "we need to move with the times," are vehemently expressed.

Remember when playing 'chicken' crossing Main Street on a Saturday morning was only an occasional hazard, when grocery shopping could be completed minus steel-toed shoes. Are our store aisles becoming narrower?

I can recall when MY mail arrived in

MY mailbox the first time around. I knew, or at least recognized the majority of folks I met. Yes, it was once a quiet, friendly community.

Now, a booming commuter town, one is forced to accept change. Real estate is thriving and 'smallness' is fast disappearing.

Two things, however, remain—little rental accommodation and few jobs. Some, it's true, are earning in excess of \$30,000 a year while others' take-home pay is \$16,000, even less.

Places to rent are not only scarce, but more than most can afford. Employment opportunities are just as limited and generally pay only minimum wage.

If Council feels growth is necessary, why aren't affordable rentals and employment part of the plan? Is it our politicians' intent to eliminate all but the affluent?

## Editorials

### Feeling of excitement

There's a feeling of excitement and expectation within Stouffville's downtown core, the kind of excitement and ex-

pectation that hasn't been seen here in years.

The news, Wednesday, that up to eight businesses would be, or already are undergoing exterior improvements, has produced an outlook of optimism within the area.

We feel the hiring of Urban Design Consultant Juris Berzins to complete a streetscape and facade design study, was an excellent move on the part of the Business Improvement Area board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Town. Results, both present and future speak for themselves.

While initially hesitant concerning the cost, (\$10,000), we now feel the finalized figure's a bargain. For, as the consultant explained, the two, (streetscape and facade design), must go hand-in-hand.

The key, of course, has been the demolition and current reconstruction of the Sanders Block. This work has created a momentum that (hopefully) won't stop until Stouffville new-look business core becomes a reality.

### All schools

Several schools in York Region, (including Whitchurch-Stouffville), participated in the Youth, Alcohol and Drug Awareness program, April 15 to 22.

The workshops were held at the Grade 6 level.

While somewhat high pressure, (a grandstand performance for parents), the information provided was excellent. And the way it was provided was also excellent, a no-nonsense approach to a very serious problem.

What amazed us most was how much these young people, (eleven and twelve-year-olds), already know. Mothers were shaking their heads in disbelief.

This is part of the problem. Kids today have learned too much from the wrong sources. Many are street-wise and this is bad.

The workshops pulled no punches. It was a straight-from-the-shoulder approach. Participating students are the beneficiaries.

But the program shouldn't stop at Grade 6. It should extend through Grades 7 and 8, and include ALL schools in the Region not just a few. Board of Education, make it compulsory! After years of thrashing aimlessly about at the secondary level, here's a program that works. Let's use it to ALL students' advantage.

### Smile of the week

When space permits, I'd like you to include this 'memory' in your "Smile of the Week" column.

Before the advent of modern machines like combines and forage harvesters, threshing and silo-filling bees were common on most farms.

It wasn't unusual to have fifteen to twenty men involved. They worked up tremendous appetites.

One man we all knew had a habit of eating three times as much as all the rest—and three times as fast.

On this particular day, I cut out a huge piece of apple pie and placed it on his dessert dish. Inside the filling, I mixed a large quantity of horse raddish.

When he'd finished his 'mountain' of first course, he 'lit into' the pie like it came from the last apple on the tree.

With the first mouthful, he leaped from the table and ran to the sink to wash it down.

I sat there, not daring to smile. If he'd known, I'd have been dead.

Fred Austin, R.R. 2, Uxbridge



The way it was a quarter century ago

Music Mania '86 goes on stage Thursday evening at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School and continues Friday and Saturday nights. The long-standing community program, sponsored by the United Church Couples Club, is in its 26th year. Checking through The Tribune's photo files

of a quarter century ago, we came up with this picture taken at a Music Mania practice back in the '60's. The gentlemen songsters are (left to right)—Les Clarke, Bud Sanderson, Don Huxtable, Jerry Waite, (pianist), and Lorne Boadway. —Jim Thomas

### Editor's Mail

## Pleased

I was personally pleased to learn that a large tract of land on the 5th Conc. of Whitchurch Stouffville, (north of the Aurora Sideroad), is to be transformed into a wildlife sanctuary and education centre.

It's nice to know that, in this day and age, property can be used for other than residential, commercial and industrial build-up. Our birds and animals require 'homes' also.

Freda Henning, R.R. 4, Stouffville

## Pay-backs

Whitchurch-Stouffville's solicitor Paul Mingay suggests the Town's current rural 'No Parking' bylaw may be illegal.

If this is proven a fact in court, will it mean all motorists will be reimbursed?

I would think it should and I'll be first in line with my hand out.

Gordon Maloney, Musselman's Lake