

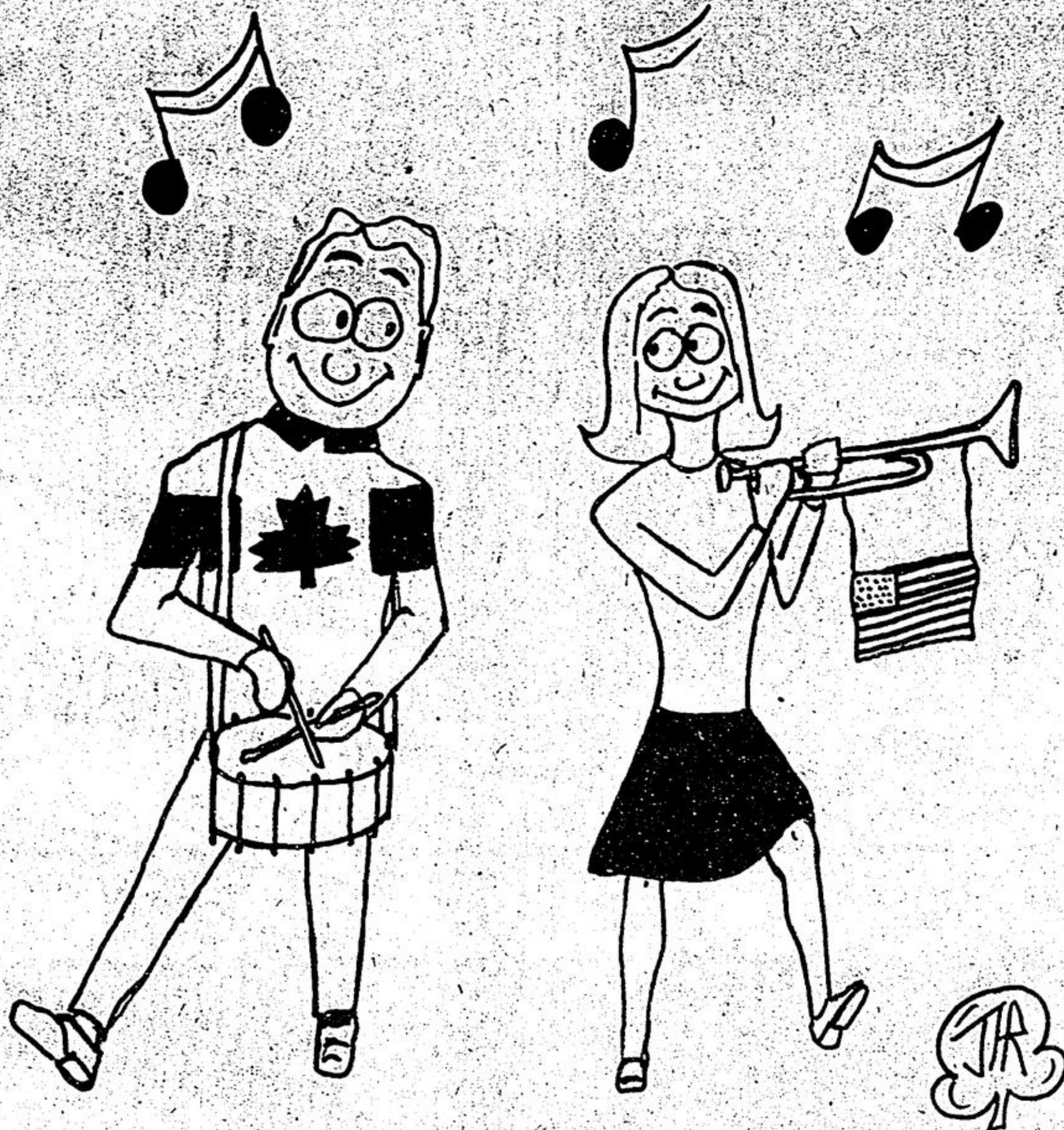
Editor's Mail

Fine talent

Dear Editor:
I was pleased to read in the April 30 Tribune that Music Mania will continue to be a main event in our town next year and hopefully years in the future.
My personal preference in the '86 show was the singing. I thought the chorus, while fewer in numbers, did a splendid job.
Rightly or wrongly, I wish to single out two people for honorable mention: One is Michelle Green for her tap-dance number and the other is Ruth Patterson for her vocal selection.
I don't know either personally. I found out their names by checking back-stage later.
Whitchurch-Stouffville is blessed with excellent talent. Music Mania provides an opportunity for these people to shine in public.
Sincerely,
Betty Taylor,
North Street,
Stouffville

Standard

Dear Editor:
In this day and age when student apparel includes 'everything under the sun', the adoption of uniform dress tends to irritate our young people.
While we as parents and you as an editor may approve, (because they look nice), the students want to feel independent. Further, many don't really care if they look nice as long as they look neat. Some don't even care about that.
The Christian School, as I understand it, already has 'uniform dress' of sorts. The recommendation by the 'Parents' Organization goes a step further.
Once adopted, (if it is), it will become a criteria of the school. It's the introduction that's difficult.
Sincerely,
Margaret Duncan,
R.R. 1, Claremont



Band exchange strengthens U.S.-Canadian relations

Editor's Mail

Ashamed

Dear Sir:
The management of Becker's in Success Square, Stouffville, has taken a non-exemplary, discriminatory stand against students by posting a "No-More-Than-Three-Students-In-Store-At-A-Time" sign in the front window.
This store's method of attempting to eliminate an age-old problem called "loitering", makes me angry and ashamed on behalf of adults.
Let's have a little respect and maybe it would be returned. Children and teenagers are people too (and can buy their snacks elsewhere as well).
Sincerely,
Tricia Rock,
Church Street North,
Stouffville

Prepared

Dear Editor:
I wish to commend and criticize our Town Council for its handling of the bylaw to control Adult Entertainment in our municipality.
I feel it's wise to have a bylaw in place before an application is made, otherwise the decision must be made retro-active. The courts often look with disfavor on controls after the fact. Be prepared is a wise procedure to follow.
But why permit even one of these establishments?
One is one too many.
And why locate it in an industrial area?
What has a strip club in common with industry?
Perhaps through The Tribune, our mayor or a member of Council can provide answers to these questions.
Sincerely,
Kathleen Drummond,
R.R. 1, Gormley

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ROAMING AROUND

Music unites nations

BY JIM THOMAS



I love visiting the United States. I enjoy the country with its many exciting variations.
I like the people; their deep sense of patriotism and pride.
To me, crossing the border at Niagara Falls, Detroit, Port Huron or Gananogue is like travelling into another world. As a family, we go there at every opportunity. And we're planning to go again this summer, to the most favored of all places, Cooperstown, New York, home of Baseball's Hall of Fame.
We were there once, about ten years ago, but our stay was far too short. This time, I want to see more of the town, talk to some of the people and maybe, (if we're lucky), see a ball game.
The uniqueness of Cooperstown defies description. And so do the natives. I'll never forget conversing with one senior citizen who prided himself in the fact he once met the late, great Ty Cobb and shared conversation over a cup of coffee with the immortal Babe Ruth. There are ten thousand stories to be told like these.
But it really doesn't matter where we go, (south of the border), there's lots to see and do.
But don't get me wrong. I'm not about to move. I appreciate Stouffville, Ontario, Canada too much for that. Still, it's a great country to visit and visa-versa for many sight-seeing Americans.
I know, because more than 100 sight-seeing Americans visited Stouffville last weekend, including director Dennis Akers and the 75-member Boone County High School Band from Florence, Kentucky.
The concert, hosted by director Peter Samuelsen and the Senior Band of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, was held Saturday night; a 'must' assignment.
Although initially, I hadn't intended to stay for the entire show, I became so caught up in the excitement of the evening, a team of wild horses couldn't drag me away. It was just that good, deserving of the standing ovation at its conclusion.
In addition to being a sideline spectator, I had an opportunity to talk to several Boone County students. I found them friendly, polite, honest and mature. Each seemed eager to tell something of his/her home town and make comparisons between the two countries.
"Your clothing is wilder," said Gina Ryan.
"And your hair-dos, wow!" commented Tina Steele.
"Why do all Canadians say 'eh'?" asked Shelly Lonneman.
Gina was mildly critical of the music scene. She called it 'out-dated' by Kentucky standards.
She also spoke unkindly of our weather. "It was 89 degrees when we left," she said, "but this is cold!"
Michelle Linahan said student apparel and food vary little between the two places. "We wear jeans and have McDo-

Editorials

Stouffville requires an office complex

Stouffville requires an office complex. It need not be elaborate, but functional.
It need not be large, but convenient.
If rents are reasonable, tenancy is assured. It should prove a wise investment.
We know of two firms who established businesses elsewhere because space was not available in Stouffville. We know of another expanding company that recently left town for want of larger quarters.
Office complexes are common in other communities---Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill and Markham. Most are rented months before completion with waiting lists in some instances. Our town should be no different.
Inadequate zoning is often a stumbling block with insufficient parking sometimes a problem. The project would have to be planned to fit available space.

In our opinion, the site owned by Marie Adams, on the south-east corner of Albert Street and Main, would be ideal. The former Hillerup property at Edward and Second Streets would also be suitable. This lot is already zoned commercial. So is the site of the former Grant Turner home at Park Drive North and Main. There may be more.
The latter two were recently sold. The purchasers may have something like this in mind.
While it's simple to put forward suggestions and have someone else foot the bill, we see it as a wise investment for anyone with funds to invest. The need is apparent now and will undoubtedly increase as the town continues to grow.
One office complex is all we require. The first off the mark will undoubtedly come up a winner.

Successful event

Stouffville Dist. Secondary School took on an air of educational informality, Wednesday, when staff and students hosted their first S.D.S.S. 'open house' in eight years.
It proved a tremendous success. An estimated 500 people toured the building and viewed with interest the many classroom projects, some completed and some in the process of completion.
While this 'learning experience' made for an informative evening, equally important was the fellowship aspect of the night; the coming together of students, teachers and parents in a setting partially removed from the classroom. It tended to put everyone at ease and make for an enjoyable event.
While public support was excellent, so also was the co-operation of students and staff, truly a community effort on behalf of a community school.
Our personal thanks to Principal John Nikifork; Vice-Principal Rod Leonard and all others for their work in making the High School 'open house' so outstanding. For a change, this assignment wasn't work, it was fun.

Smile of the week

Dear Editor:
Please accept this item as my contribution to your paper's 'Smile of the Week'.
Prior to the introduction of places like Parkview Home, grandparents lived with their sons/daughters and grandchildren.
My aged mother lived with us. Her favorite pastime was sewing but she had one bad habit, that of sticking needles in any cushion that was convenient.
One day a neighbor came calling, close to meal-time as was her practice. We had barely enough food in the house for ourselves. We couldn't really accommodate any more.
The neighbor selected a chair near the table and sat down—but not for long. The needle was there and she was in the air. She went straight up.
With a flurry, she grabbed her belongings and headed out the door. We all sat in silence but my mother managed a smile, almost like she'd planned it. We always wondered. Regardless, it worked!
Sincerely,
Jean Betts,
Gormley, R.R. 1



Goodwood team, Claremont League champs in 1965

The Goodwood fastball team was a highly respected entry in the Claremont Community League. The Goodwood club, (shown above), captured the group championship back in 1965, twenty-one years ago. The players are: Front Row (left to right)-Gerald McGuckin, Rae McGuckin, Ken May and Bruce Norton. Rear Row (left to right)-Ron Stewart, Ken Davis, Bob Todd, Ron May, Eric Barber and Ron Evans.
—Jim Thomas