

# Prized pie

Dear Jim:  
I'm sorry you didn't win the trophy. However, you won a lot of praise from my dinner party. They loved your strawberry pie! It broke my heart when I had to tell them it wasn't mine; that it was made by Jim Thomas!

Thanks to you and to The Tribune, we had a good turnout at the first Strawberry Pie-Baking Contest sponsored by the BIA. Our judges, Les Broadbent of The Corner House and Pat Byer had a difficult job.

Mary Anne Watson had the best pie and received the Wayne Mumford Trophy and a set of cook books from the Snowbird, while Gladys Clarkson's entry placed second. Gladys received a lovely basket of goodies donated by Thomas's Coffee, Tea & Delicacies.

Terry Surman did her usual fine job of auctioning off the pies. The \$65 received will go towards the downtown beautification program.

Don't give up. Maybe next year we'll be able to award you the Best Strawberry Pie Trophy. Just remember, you were No. 1 at our house.

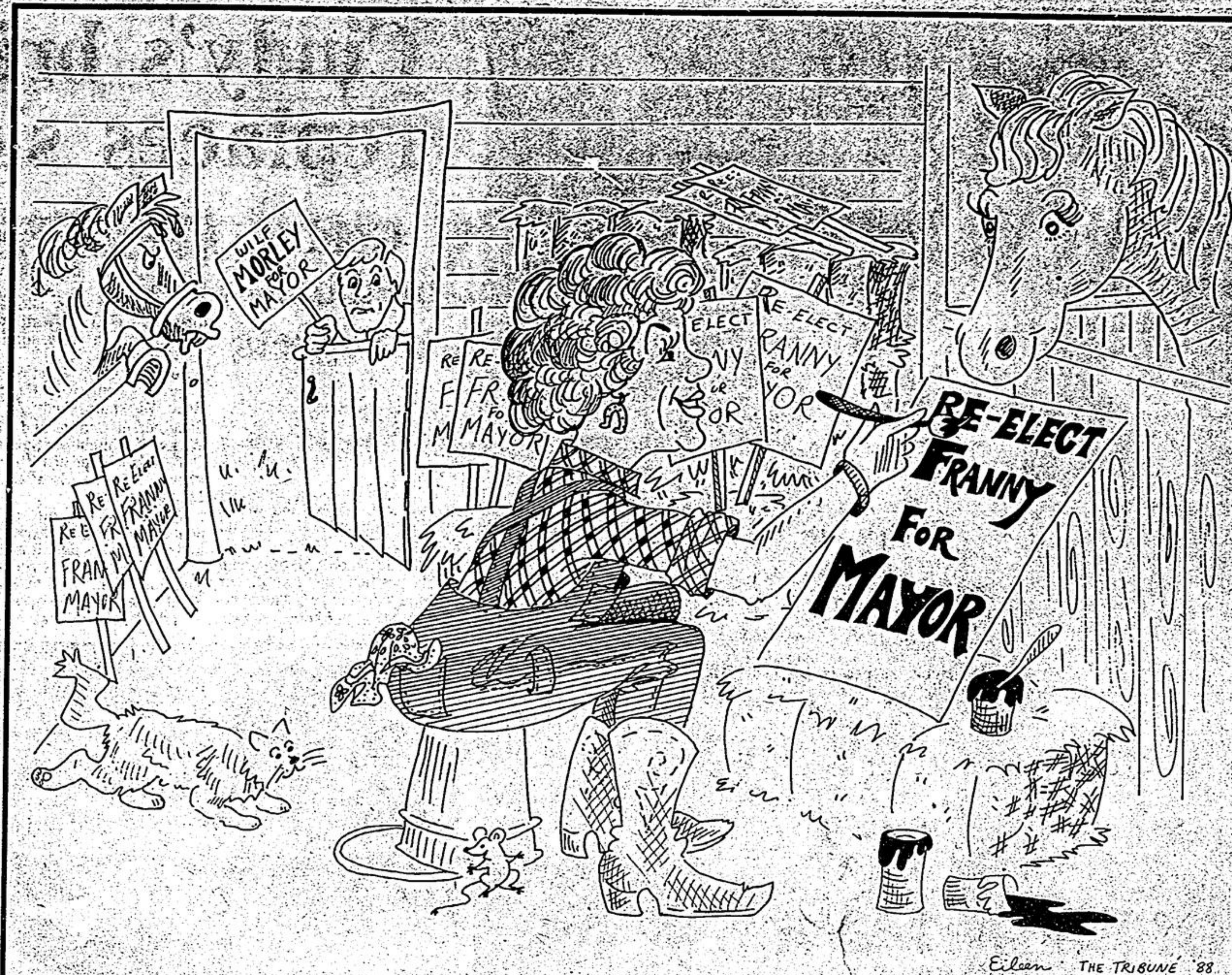
Sandy Stronach,  
President of the  
Stouffville BIA

# Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me to attend the 'Citizen of the Year' award ceremony, sponsored by The Tribune during Whitchurch-Stouffville's Strawberry Festival.

I always enjoy attending the many events in the Riding. It affords me an opportunity to visit with members of my Constituency on a one-to-one basis.

Bill Ballinger, M.P.P.,  
Durham-York.



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# ROAMING AROUND

# 'Sexually Speaking'

BY JIM THOMAS



CFTR (680 on the AM dial) is not my kind of radio station.

They don't play The Statler Bros., Johnny Cash or Hank Snow; my kind of music.

I tune them out, like olives and grapefruit.

With one exception — Dr. Ruth. Oh no, you say, glancing to one side to see if your wife is watching.

It's okay, Dr. Ruth has a large listening audience of women too, maybe even outnumbering men.

Few, however, (men or women), have the nerve to admit it.

I've asked them, "Who her?" wives respond, "I haven't the time."

"It's good for a laugh," husbands reply.

I don't believe any of them. Rather, I suggest, it's common practice for both, (husband and wife), to sit in separate darkened bedrooms, earphones plugged in so as not to miss a word.

It's a fascinating program with millions of listeners all across the United States and Canada; even the Virgin Islands, (no pun intended).

I find it hard to believe that this one lady, (Dr. Ruth), has cornered the market here in Ontario. Surely, there's someone, (a true-blue Canadian), who can come up with something similar. Or are stations like CFRB, CKEY and CHUM too squeaky clean to air it? If so, they're out of touch.

No, I don't condone her approach to pre-marital hanky-panky. In fact, I find this disgusting. But then, I'm of the old school. Enquiries would indicate that when it comes to the sex life of Mr. and Ms. America, I'm also out of touch.

At precisely 10 p.m. every Sunday, I swear there's a power-use surge throughout Whitchurch-Stouffville as

folks flick on their radios and turn the dial to 680.

"Good evening. This is Dr. Ruth Westheimer. The program is 'Sexually Speaking.' You're on the air."

"From San Francisco through to St. John's, sexually paranoid people reach for their phones. Some try for months before getting through.

While calls are undoubtedly screened, what interests me most is the sincerity of callers' concerns. There are thousands of deeply troubled people out there, all seeking advice. They don't know where to turn or to whom. Dr. Ruth is (hopefully) the answer.

While some of the problems are simple boy-girl spats that even a layman like myself could solve, others are more complicated.

Their stories would wring the heart out of a stone.

I repeat. I don't agree with her seemingly 'loose' moral standards. But I give her credit, she's honest; sometimes blunt. In the end, most callers agree with the advice given. At least they leave we the listener with that impression.

Dr. Ruth doesn't profess to be something she's not. Many times, she recommends the 'patient' see a medical doctor, a therapist, a psychologist or a counselor. Again, most agree. Whether there's follow-up is anybody's guess.

Occasionally, on a particularly perplexing problem, she'll request the enquirer call her back. Again, whether they do or don't is never known.

Problem examples follow:

"I'm sixteen; in high school, expecting a baby and my boyfriend's run out. What do I do?"

"I'm going out with a married man. He's promised to tell his wife and obtain

a divorce, but hasn't. Should I stop seeing him?"

"I have a girlfriend, but I like my boyfriend better. Should I tell her?"

"So what has all this to do with me personally?"

Quite a bit. Last Sunday, a man called in from Toronto. His problem was a carbon copy of mine.

"I'm a workaholic," he said. "My wife's the greatest, but I'm seldom home. How can I best display my affection?"

"Surprise her with a bouquet of flowers," Dr. Ruth responded. "I guarantee it will work."

"I wonder?" I asked myself, at the same time writing 'flowers' in big red letters on my office calendar.

On Saturday, I did — purchased six red and white carnations from a lady at the Sales Barn. Two dollars they cost. You wouldn't believe the emotion. It was like the price was \$2,000.

But there was also suspicion. For one eye was focussed on a second bag I tucked under the table.

"Is it alive?" she asked.

Fortunately, (for me), it wasn't; there was no method in my madness. The alternate package contained only five pounds of bird seed.

So do it today. Give the light of your life a bouquet of flowers. But do it out of appreciation, not expectation. Then thank Dr. Ruth.

# Editor's Mail

# Support

Dear Editor:  
What Fun! The 1988 Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival has come and gone leaving behind warm and fond memories.

To the service clubs, associations, corporations, individuals, the staff of the Recreation Department and the Parks Department, The Stouffville Tribune and The Stouffville Sun, my thanks and gratitude for the excellent effort and resulting success.

Special mention to the Festival Committee, Jim Kidd-Past Chairman; Marlene McKeewether-Town Liaison; Pat Ratcliff-Secretary; and Diane Peck-Special Events. It was a pleasure to work with you. Thank also to Mayor Fran Sainsbury and Town Council for financial support.

I've resigned as chairman. Fortunately, after an active search, a prominent citizen has stepped forward and will be installed at our next meeting Aug. 30 (7:30 p.m.) at the Recreation Centre.

I've enjoyed my time with the Festival organization. I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,  
Jim Heidema,  
Festival Chairman.

# Editorials

# Money-hungry trustees

It's likely every newspaper in every community across York Region will be carrying derogatory editorials related to the approved 45.8 percent increase in trustees' salaries.

We too. That such a preposterous wage hike could be perpetrated on Region taxpayers is unbelievable.

Unbelievable but true. The \$18,000 stipend, (effective Dec. 1, 1988), is all the more offensive since it comes hot on the heels of a record \$272,000,000 budget.

One following the other leaves only one conclusion — board members don't care. This, however, is only partly true. Neither the budget, nor the honorarium received unanimous approval. Harry Bowes of Whitchurch-Stouffville, for example, voted against both.

Regardless, it's the end result that counts. Trustees are taking regional ratepayers to the cleaners.

In the past, board members have sluffed off their responsibilities on the province, claiming grants (in 1988) had been slashed by \$7 million. So what kind of bargaining tool does this give trustees having just padded their own pockets to the tune of 45.8 percent?

Next time around, the Ministry should tell their subordinate critics to "get lost!"

Board members should never become so egotistical as to think their presence can't be replaced. If a \$15,000-a-year salary is less than a trustee's self-calculated worth, let that person resign. We're certain a successor could be found, even someone equally capable.

There's an 'escape clause' in the stipend hike since it's effective after the Nov. 14 election. However, at this point in time, most, (unfortunately) are running and most, (unfortunately) will be re-elected.

# The wheels are turning

Things are shaping up. The decision by Councillor Wilf Morley to contest the mayoralty and Mayor Fran Sainsbury to defend her position, has set the political wheels turning in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Here's how the situation stands.

Ward 1 — Councillor Margot Marshall: No commitment officially, but she'll seek re-election and could be acclaimed.

Ward 2 — Councillor Ron Robb: No commitment officially, but he'll seek re-election and could be acclaimed.

Ward 3 — Councillor Jim Rae: No longer living in the ward. He'll likely retire.

Ward 4 — Councillor Wayne Emmer-son: He's seeking re-election and could be acclaimed.

Ward 5 — With Councillor Wilf Morley contesting the mayoralty, this position is up for grabs.

Ward 6 — Councillor Jim Sanders: He's seeking re-election and could be acclaimed.

Board of Education — Trustee Harry Bowes: He's seeking re-election and could be acclaimed.

That's how we see it. Stay tuned.



Player photos preserved for posterity

Thursday evening was Photo Night for several house league teams in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association. The pictures will be even more appreciated years from now as the boys and girls recall the joys of ac-

tive participation. Here, George Ross of George Ross Studio, Stouffville, lines up nine-year-old Phillip Stewart of R.R. 4, Stouffville, for an individual shot. Phillip is a member of the Kinsmen Club Mite team.