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Markham Fair was harvest of fun



Miranda Connor, 9, of Stouffville gets some medical attention from Whitby ambulance attendant Bob Werner after she had spilled some hot soup on her hand.

Stouffville fares well

Stouffville's Glenn Painter and Norma Emery both captured two firsts for their flower arrangements at the Markham Fair last weekend.

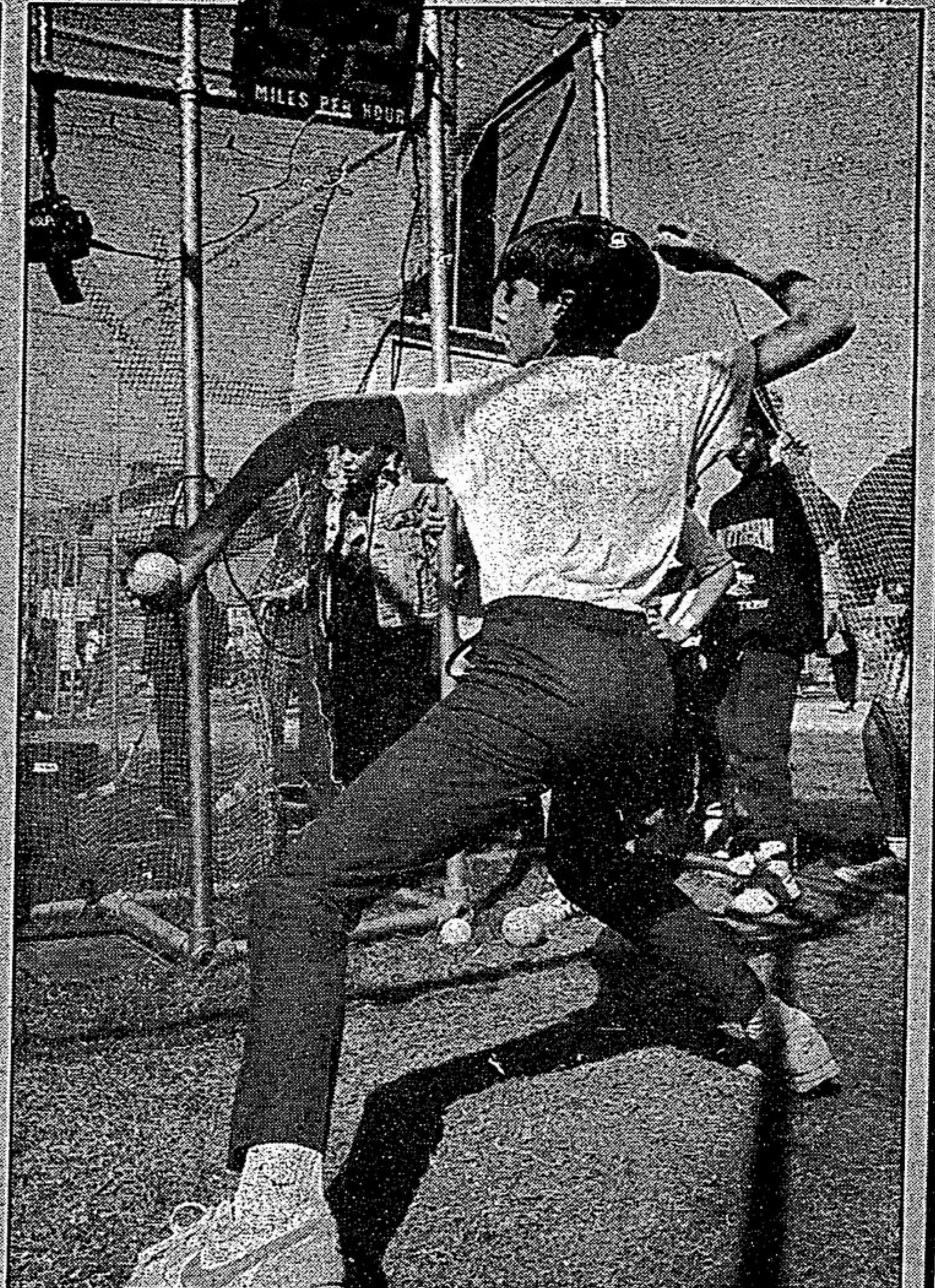
Vera Clakson, RR 2, Stouffville, had the best two-headed sunflower, along with the winning Hubbard squash, while Sean Slater entered the top watermelon with a six inch stem.

Alex Davidson took best wheat sheaf, as well as top oat sheaf, with the pair making for the classic visual farm display.

And when it comes to photography, Stouffville shutterbugs don't have to take a back seat to anyone. The Tribune's SDSS columnist, Jennifer Pritzker, took no less than three first place ribbons with her photos of a peacock, pointed shrubs in a row, and a hurdler.

Shelley Painter's snapshot of a cat on a step took a first in the Junior competition, and Joey Rochacewich won a General Activities first.

Mrs. Chris Trowse won a first place ribbon for her dramatic collection of three winter scenes, and Susan White captured the ultimate expression, along with a top prize, with her "Human Portrait".



Dan Holden, 14, of Stouffville tries to improve on his 52 mph curve ball at the batting and pitching cages, which were a popular draw at the Markham Fair this weekend.

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Shaun Tate, 7, of Markham, couldn't take much more of the excitement at the Markham Fair this past weekend, and decided to catch 40 winks by the beer tent entrance.



Daisy the Clown (Moni Jackson) manages to draw smiles from (left to right) Amanda King, Helen Cosborn and Allison King.

Artists take top prizes

Stouffville area talent seemed to be in evidence just about everywhere you looked in the General Exhibits and Homecrafts Buildings at the Markham Fair this weekend.

From the much-admired mega-mural prepared by the Grade 7 and 8 pupils at Stouffville Christian School, right through Norman Fretz' prize-winning field pumpkin, first place ribbons bearing Stouffville residents' names were plentiful.

In all, the Christian School took eight firsts for artwork. The *piece de resistance*, a three-and-a-half by eight foot special art entry entitled "Jerusalem at Passover Time", had fairgoers stopping in their tracks all weekend.

The school's Grade 7 and 8s also took first prize with their mural called "At the Dance", a lively drawing of a country square dance scene.

Other SCS students who claimed first in art entries were Shantelle Wideman, Emily Sampson, Christine Hill, Christopher Telford, Mark Lane, and Doug Richardson.

While it had to settle for a third place ribbon, the Summitview Public School Grade 4 class's scarecrow was a major hit. Called "Mrs. Kruger", it gave a whole new dimension to the scarecrow theme.

Spellers had crowd buzzing

The first two runners-up in Sunday's Markham Fair Spelling Bee could be excused for saying something about old "acquaintances" being forgotten when it was all over.

Shaun Chong, of St. Patrick's Catholic School, won the winner's plaque when he correctly spelled "acquainted" after the other two finalists had misspelled the same word.

Marissa Stapley, of Summitview Public School, then earned the Reserve Champion honors when she suc-

cessfully worked her way through the word "prophet", leaving Franklin St. Public School's Ada Gontier in third place.

Karwin Lau of Parkview Public School was fourth, with Summitview's Brooke Maddock finishing fifth.

The 22-student competition also included Blair Puente, also of Summitview.

The event was judged by Brian Murphy, the Chairman of Special Programs at Don Valley Junior High.



From left, spelling bee reserve champ Marissa Stapley, fair president Diane Ward and 1989 spelling bee champion Shaun Chong celebrate after the spelling competition at the Markham Fair.