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The best medicine

photo RICK MADONIK

Stouffville was treated to three nights of laughter and merriment last week when Music Mania took to the stage at Stouffville District Secondary School for three nights for its 30th annual show. A wide array of tongue-in-cheek skits, songs and dance were on the agenda for

the event. Here, Rick Lightfoot and Ann Bell perform in a skit called "Hair Raiser" to the delight of the audience. Music Mania evolved from being a minstrel show in 1960 and is one of the most popular annual events in Stouffville today.

Fish stories at Bruce's Mill

It was the weekend anglers wait for all winter - the trout season which began April 28.

Anglers in the Greater Toronto area can join by wetting their lines at five conservation areas in coming weeks.

Bruce's Mill is one of the five to be open starting at 8 a.m. (on opening weekend only) and 10 a.m. to sunset the rest of the season.

Bruce's Mill, Heart Lake and Glen Haffy were stocked with trout for the opening weekend. There is a \$1 parking fee for vehicles to all anglers.

A fishing licence is required for fishermen aged 18-64 and can be obtained at many sporting goods stores.

For more information about fishing in conservation areas, call Metro Region Conservation at (416) 661-6600.

Appeal considered in smuggling case

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A decision recently to halt 1986 drug charges against a Stouffville man may be appealed, says Graham Reynolds, head of the prosecution for the Justice Department.

Toronto District Court Judge Arthur Whealy stayed narcotics importation and trafficking charges two weeks ago against seven people, including 46-year-old Wayne Lambert, owner of Gormley Corvette.

Mr. Graham says although the Justice Department does not yet have transcripts from Judge Whealy's decision, it may appeal before the 30-day deadline to the Ontario Court of Appeal.

"We want to examine the transcript and all reports on the case and we are still waiting for some additional material" before the department will decide whether or not to proceed with the appeal, Mr. Graham says.

However, Mr. Graham was reluctant to reveal the details or appeal plans at press time, so as not to jeopardize the case.

The Justice Department has 16 days from today to force the men to trial.

The October 1986 charges resulted from police investigations that uncovered a scheme involving importation and trafficking of five tonnes of hashish from Pakistan worth \$50 million.

But Judge Whealy deemed the case unconstitutional on grounds the accused would not receive a fair trial, York Regional Police Sgt. Norm Miles told the Tribune.

Under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a case should take no longer than an 18-month period to come to trial - but this case has now been mired in the system twice that long.

However, Mr. Graham says it is possible to reverse the stayed decision and cited an example of a drunk driving case that took 14 1/2 months to come to trial.

In this case, he says, defense counsel for a woman who was charged with impaired over 80 mg of alcohol made a motion to the Ontario Court of Appeal to dismiss the charges on grounds it took too long to come to trial.

But the Provincial Crown appealed the dismissal decision and on April 19, it was decided the charges should stick. The woman will now face charges, Mr. Graham says.

Although he admits the time frame is longer in this drug case, Mr. Graham says he will know more in about two weeks.

The hashish was imported from Pakistan, allegedly with the aid of a phony customs stamp, according to reports. Records were then erased, police say. A Canada Customs official was charged.

A forged customs stamp and detailed documentation relating to the shipments were seized from Lambert's Corvette shop in 1984, reports show.

At least 10 different police forces from Switzerland to York Region were involved in the investigation.

Teachers ratify deal

York Region public high school teachers, without a contract since September, ratified a tentative agreement last this week.

The 1,500 secondary school teachers are looking at a 12 per cent salary increase in the new contract, also ratified by the York Region Board of Education Monday.

The two-year agreement will give teachers a five per cent increase retroactive to Sept. 1, 1989 plus one per cent Feb. 1 and six per cent next September.

The new agreement would increase salaries to between \$29,018 to \$60,999 by September 1991.

"This set of negotiations has been long and difficult but I feel the settlement is fair to all parties," said Collette Nemni, the board's employee relations director.

Negotiations were filled with disputes and accusations of bargaining in bad faith.

A further cost of living allowance could give teachers up to a one per cent increase in April 1991 if the Ontario consumer price index reaches between six and seven per cent.

The 1990 student-teacher ratio was finalized at 15:42:1 for regular programs and 10:5:1 for special programs, where approximately 12 per cent of the board's secondary students are taught. Previously, there was one ratio across the board for all programs.

By Sept., 1991, a principal's wages will be \$81,632.

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Music Maniacs have a laugh in 30th show Sat. 9 and 15



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