

Caribbean Festival heats up Stouffville on June 7



Dancers entertain at last year's Caribbean Festival.

KATE GILDERDALE
Correspondent

The cool spring will end June 7 when the fourth annual Caribbean Festival takes place at the Recreation Centre on Ninth Line.

An evening of sunshine, music, island culture and fabulous food is on the agenda for this popular event, which is sponsored by Christ Church Anglican in Stouffville.

This year's emphasis is on music and dancing, with some great entertainment supplied by The Amazing Tunka, whose fire-eating and limbo dancing made him a huge hit at the 1996 festival and who has also performed for Canadian prime ministers, a U.S. president and Hollywood stars.

Models will display some of the gorgeous costumes from Caribana '97 and the steel band will perform both traditional and classical pieces guaranteed to get everyone up and dancing.

A silent auction will also take place during the evening.

Tickets for the festival are \$35 each, which includes a delicious Caribbean buffet featuring both mild and spicy dishes.

A cash bar will operate throughout the event.

For tickets and information call 640-1641.

Cemetery vandal gets four months

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Staff Reporter

A local youth will spend the next four and a half months in jail after being found guilty of vandalizing the Stouffville Cemetery.

The 17-year-old youth cannot be identified under the Young Offenders Act.

He was also ordered to make restitution.

He will contribute \$500 towards the cost of 10 grave markers, a Newmarket judge determined Friday.

The trial for a second youth has been held over until July 24.

Meanwhile, two months ago, a third youth was placed on probation and was also ordered to pay restitution.

The youths, all males, were 16-year-olds at the time of their arrest at the end of September, 1995.

The trio was charged three weeks after police responded to a call to the local cemetery.

There, they found 42 headstones had been toppled and broken.

Also, flowers were trampled and beer bottles strewn about.

Town hall/library complex meeting set for 7 tonight

A decision on the controversial plan to build a \$3.4 million town hall/library complex will be made this evening beginning at 7 p.m.

Last week, Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, dealing with three public meetings, ran out of time and was unable to complete the agenda.

The council meeting will take place at the Christian Blind Mission on Stouffville Road. Council meetings are being held at the mission during repairs to the town hall.

Also in the agenda will be the issue of the Vandorf and Preston Lake Secondary Plan.

Vice principal Rusty Hick leaving SDSS in September

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Rusty Hick is leaving Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) after seven years as a teacher and administrator.

The Port Perry resident will vacate his post as SDSS vice principal to accept the VP position at Markham D.H.S. this September.

Hick came to SDSS as a teacher in 1990. He took a strong interest in the school's athletic program, serving as a coach of the boys and girls midget basketball teams until taking over as VP from Jay Hooper in February of 1996.

Hick said it will take some getting used to being on the other side of the basketball court when SDSS plays his new school in sporting events.

"It's difficult to leave, but it's always fun to see a new place," said Hick.

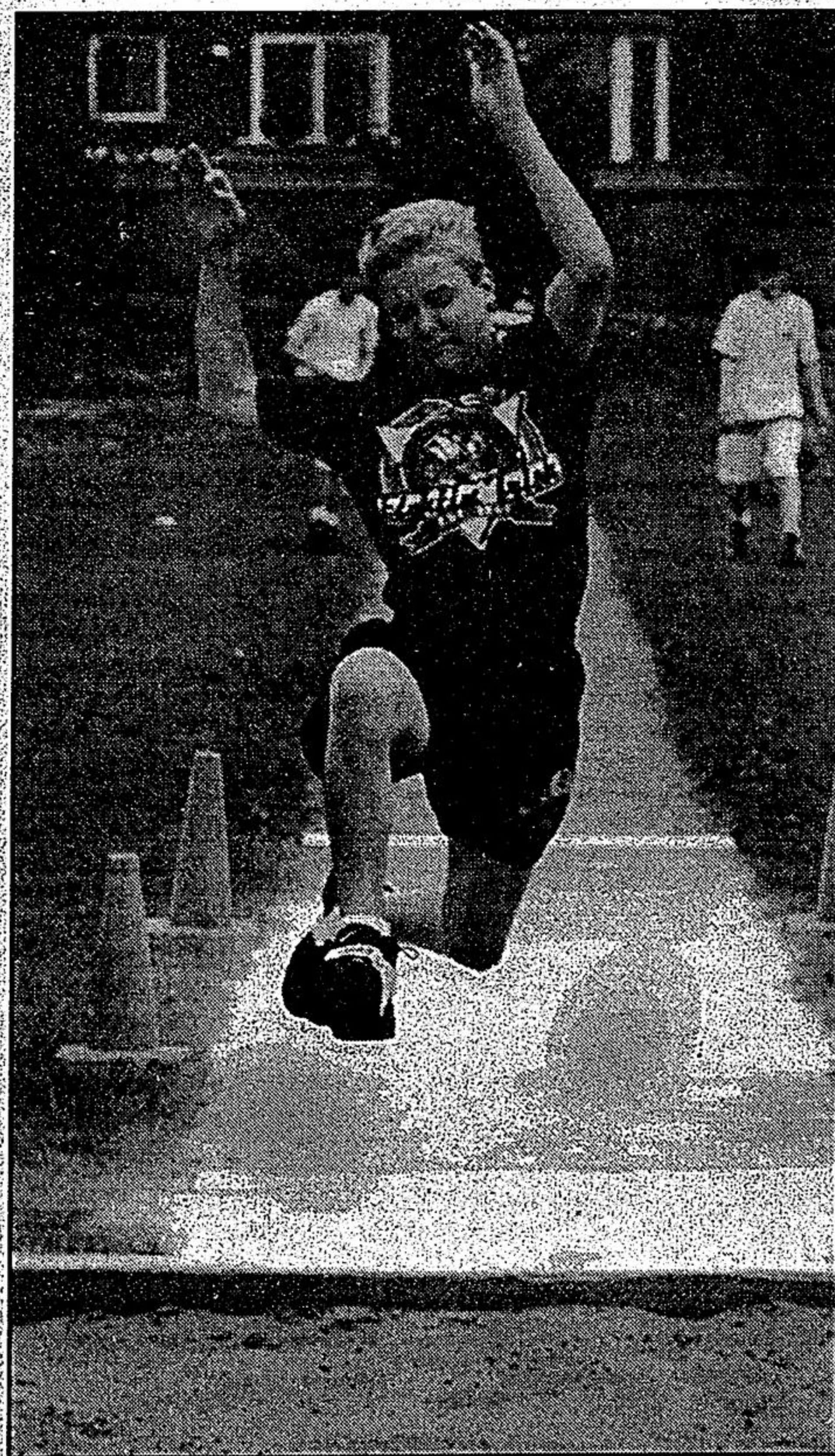
"I'm looking forward to it."

Sylvia Terpstra, who is currently at Richmond Hill H.S., will take over the SDSS VP position this September.



TRACK-TIME: Photo at left, Richard Lynn attempts a triple jump during Summit View Public School's Track and Field day held at the SSDS track yesterday. Below, Summit View's Glenn Ratcliff attempts the high jump.

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