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Opinion

Eh, Canada, make noise on July 1

ROY GREEN
 Staff Reporter

David Peterson wants us to make a noise tomorrow, but he didn't go far enough. The former Ontario premier, as president of the Canada Day Volunteer Committee for Ontario, issued a challenge to all Canadians to make a joyous noise.

"At exactly noon on Canada Day, we want to hear hundreds of thousands of Canadians make a joyous noise for Canada," said Peterson.

"We would like to hear honking horns and banging drums in what will be a spectacular and fun event for everyone to participate in," he enthused.

But Peterson's campaign - officially called 'Make a Joyous Noise/Explozez de joie' - falls a little short of the mark.

After all, Canadians are quite reserved by nature, and we aren't about to drop whatever it is we're doing at noon tomorrow - knitting tuques, drinking maple syrup, shoveling snow off the driveway, watching tapes of the Stanley Cup playoffs, or practicing how to say "explozez de joie" - just to make a noise.

Besides, honking a horn or banging a drum is out because, after all, who's to say the honker/banger isn't just an American practicing his noise-making for Saturday's July 4 celebrations south of the border?

Most Canadians, given such an ambiguous suggestion would be inclined to say - in a twist on that popular song, "I don't want to bang on the drum all day... I just want to work."

Unless, that is, Peterson had specified that we make a Canadian noise.

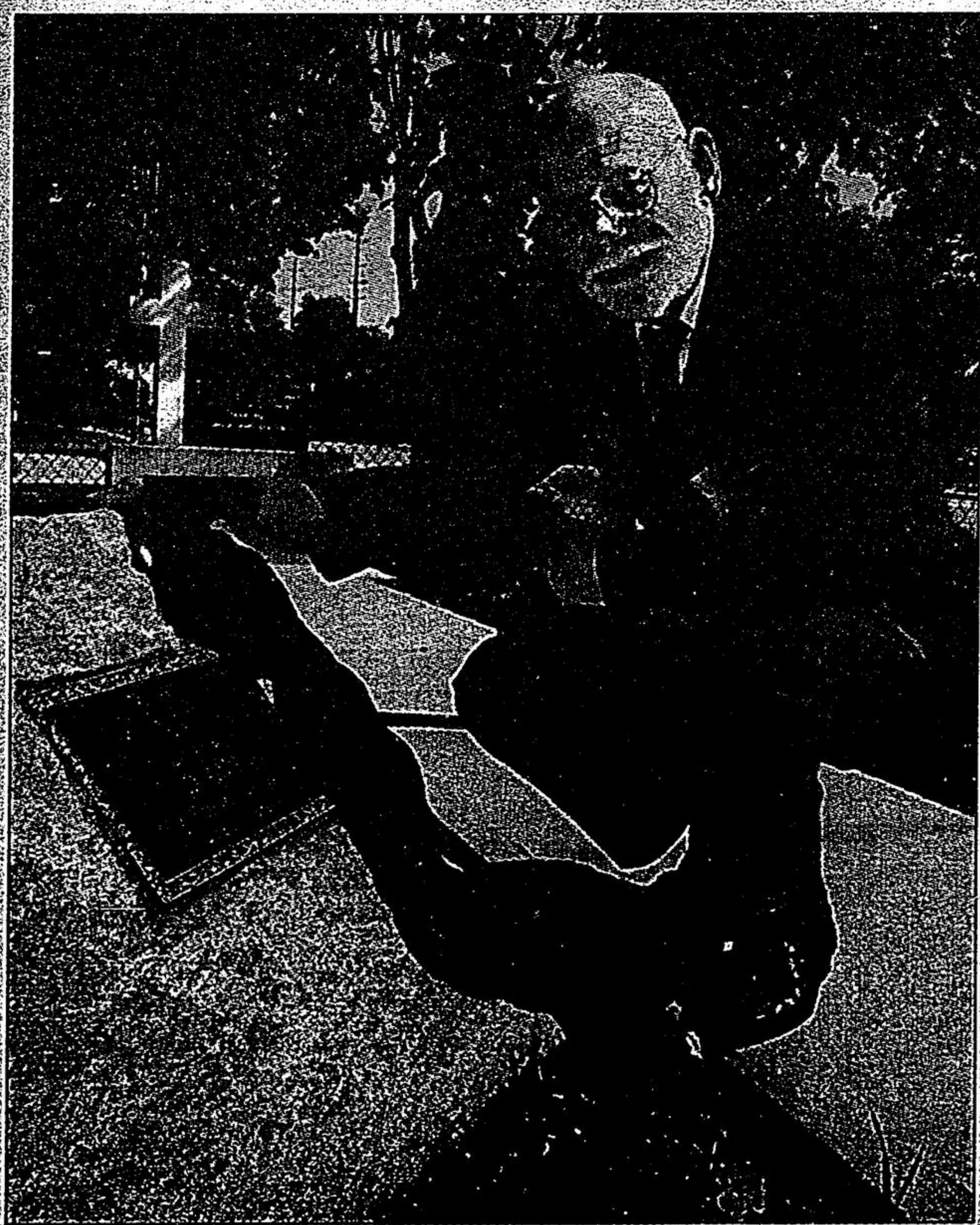
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A garden for Diana

Legion remembers the princess on Canada Day

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 Staff Reporter



George Lovett of the Stouffville Legion was behind the efforts of local branch members to build this memorial garden dedicated to Diana, Princess of Wales located in a corner of the legion property on Ninth Line just north of Main Street.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

The late Diana, Princess of Wales will be remembered in Whitchurch-Stouffville tomorrow - Canada Day.

Local residents are invited to mark Canada Day by attending a ceremony in memory of Princess Diana at the Royal Canadian Legion on the Ninth Line, beginning at 1:45 p.m.

A garden, designed and planted by the local Legion, is being dedicated to the princess who was killed in France last year after the car she was a passenger in, smashed into a median.

A school band from Goodwood will perform, while Elton John's remade classic version of Candle In The Wind will be sung.

Soon after the princess died last August, members of the local legion put the wheels in motion to create a garden in her memory.

Flag will fly

During the ceremony, a new Canadian flag will fly near the garden. As well, the legion will display the cenotaph which has been moved from the municipal office to the legion property.

George Lovett, legion spokesperson and the man behind the efforts to build the Diana Memorial Garden, said the plaque rests on a rock in the small garden and will allow members of the legion and the population of Stouffville to pay honour to Diana for all the good she has done for the children of the world.

He added, "Diana will be remembered in Stouffville for always."

A wine and cheese reception will be held following the dedication ceremony. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



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