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## LETTERS

### Stouffville's Music Mania another artistic, financial success

The cast and crew of Music Mania and Stouffville United Church Couples Plus Club would like to thank everyone who supported our productions of Our Baloney has a First Name. We would like to thank the Stouffville Tribune/Stouffville Sun for the excellent pictures and stories. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to report, once again, the show was a success and that the proceeds will be donated to the following organizations: Stouffville United Church, the Student Music Scholarship Concert sponsored by St. James Presbyterian Church and a Scholarship Award for Excellence in the performing arts at Stouffville Secondary School.

**BUNNY AND BRUCE BURTON**  
PRESIDENTS, THE UNITED CHURCH  
COUPLES PLUS CLUB

### Theft at funeral home shows disrespect for grieving customers

I thought I may go unscathed this year from vandalism and theft. But alas, after less than a week, stuffed, decorative butterflies at my business were stolen.

To the petty thieves: Nobody comes to O'Neill Funeral Home because they want to. They come to say goodbye to a loved one or friend.

We try very hard to brighten up our building and give people a smile. So please try to respect not only my property, but what this building represents.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed. So far, my flowers haven't been destroyed.

**ROBIN L. WALSH**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
O'NEILL FUNERAL HOME, STOUFFVILLE

### Problems at Markville Secondary blown out of proportion

Re: Markville students arrested, June 6.

After reading the article and seeing a report on TV, I can honestly say this situation is being blown out of proportion.

Seeing the media at Markville Secondary School trying to talk to people about the situation is ridiculous.

Bullying has been a factor in our society for many years and I feel, all of a sudden, when

teenagers are arrested, our society reacts as if it has never happened before.

From what Kathleen Griffin has written in this article, the impression is "home-made gangs" are made up of bad kids. The whole article trashes those individuals.

What I am trying to say is those kids are not part of a gang. They're a group of teenagers who consider each other friends.

They're actually intelligent individuals who don't deserve to be trash-talked by the media and should be getting a bit more respect than this.

How can you judge an individual by his or her actions? What ever happened to the idea that it's the heart of a person that counts? We don't even know if those kids are guilty and already our society is judging them.

**CLAUDIA SO**  
MARKHAM

### Thanks to all for renovation help at Pathways Resource Centre

On behalf of the children and families using the services of the Pathways Family Resource Centre at 70 Main St., Markham, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to members of the Junior League of Toronto who recently renovated our kitchen.

The Junior League is a women's organization of trained volunteers dedicated to improving the community through effective action and leadership.

The dedicated Junior League volunteers donated their time and talent to solicit materials from local businesses, prepare the floor, paint the walls and hang a wallpaper border

and baseboards.

Their energy and support was very much appreciated by the moms, dads, grandparents, caregivers, pregnant women and children who attended our prenatal nutrition, postnatal support, parent/child attachment, early learning activity and caregiver support programs.

Our sincere thanks also goes to Hunter's Paints, Home Depot on Markham Road and Rona-Lansing for their donations of products and to Home Depot for providing two staff to lay the floor.

You are local businesses with heart. You believe in supporting children and families as well as providing excellent service to your customers. Thank you.

**CHERYL NEAVE**  
PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
PATHWAYS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES  
OF YORK REGION

### Protect Oak Ridges Moraine for future generations

I don't want to see urbanization of the Oak Ridges Moraine because people like me go there to relieve stress. I cannot afford to take a vacation and the moraine is the closest and best place to do this.

I also want the area to be visited by my parents and future generations. If it is taken away, then nobody can enjoy its beauty.

Remember, this isn't just our world, it's the future generations. We are only taking care of it for them.

If this urbanization goes on everywhere there won't be any more natural habitats and animals living there will slowly die off and

possibly become extinct.

Why can't people think about the future instead of just money? If this continues, what will happen to us?

This place is also a historical area as it tells us what happened in the ice age and may even contain ancient artifacts.

As a future parent, I want my children to see the wonderful things the world has to offer.

**JUSTIN SO**  
MILLIKEN MILLS HIGH SCHOOL

### Volunteers needed for Terry Fox Run in Stouffville

I have been involved with organizing the Terry Fox Run in Stouffville since 1990. I need the public's help. I want to speed up Terry Fox's dream of finding a cure for cancer but I, like Terry, know greater results come from multiple sources.

I need to add committed volunteers to our group to assist in the organization of the Terry Fox Run, which is on Sunday, Sept. 15.

If you share the same dream of finding a cure for cancer, please call me at (905) 640-4705 and let's discuss how you can contribute.

**SANDY SCHELL KENNEDY**  
EVENT ORGANIZER, STOUFFVILLE

### Symposium focused on making York Region more innovative

I would like to congratulate York Region and Don Eastward, director of economic development, for taking the leadership in holding a recent symposium as part of the Ontario Competitive Cities Regions program.

The symposium focused on attracting and retaining knowledge workers in York Region.

Of particular interest to us at Seneca College, Corporate Training and Development (SCTD), was the blend of community resources, government, education and business that were represented in the attendees.

Participants came from organizations such as the Canadian Urban Institute, York Technology Association, National Research Council, Microdea Inc., Bell Canada and IBM Canada Ltd.

Speakers at the symposium focused on lifelong learning, interlacing education and innovation, creating a culture of innovation and developing a culture of inclusion.

Their comments ranged from the importance of having children at an early age encouraged to exercise their natural creativity to having our education system innovation-focused from public school through post-secondary and into the business world.

SCTD now plays a role in fostering such innovation through training programs delivered to the workplace that build skills in a broad variety of areas.

A major theme of the symposium centred around community organizations, educators and business people working together to build the innovative strength of York Region and to make the region a better place for people of all backgrounds to live and grow.

**DR. TONY FATTAL**  
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