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Stripper's story deserved Sun-Tribune coverage

Re: Stripper's story wasn't newsworthy, letter to the editor by Susan Logan, Oct. 11.

So, the story of a stripper from Stouffville who was allegedly fired because of her age shouldn't be published at all?

I completely disagree with Ms Logan for the simple reason the person the story is about, Kimberlee Ouwroulis, is a Stouffvillian herself. As a resident of this community, she is entitled to be featured in an objective manner, which in my opinion was done well by your paper.

What happened to her is news, plain and simple. The mere fact her case has gone to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario is a big issue and her story deserves to be shared with readers in Ms Ouwroulis' home town.

For sure, given Ms Ouwroulis' occupation, her story might upset some people who are not used to getting this kind of human interest story, especially in a family-oriented community, but it just happens that she lives here. If the Sun-Tribune decided not to publish her story, then it would be unworthy of being called a true newspaper.

Ms Ouwroulis' story and occupation is part of our reality. If Ms Logan is worried about explaining to her young kids what a stripper is, then she has to find a way to explain it metaphorically like how babies are made. (See the birds and the bees.)

As for her suggestion The Sun-Tribune should instead report on the "Oct. 14 election, economic/market woes in the United States and Canada and war in Afghanistan" instead of the story of a stripper from Stouffville?

The Sun-Tribune will lose its reputation as being a "bringer of local news" if it listened. Ms Logan might as well purchase national dailies such as the National Post or Globe & Mail if she wants that type of news.

The story of Ms Ouwroulis has brought fresh news to the community. It really has been a while since The Sun-Tribune published such a story.

Cheers and keep publishing more unconventional stories.

MELCHIZEDEK MAQUISO
STOUFFVILLE

Times change at post office

Re: Safety first for rural mail service in Whitchurch-Stouffville, letter to the editor by Scott Lewis of Canada Post Corporation, Oct. 18.

Canada Post and CUPW (the

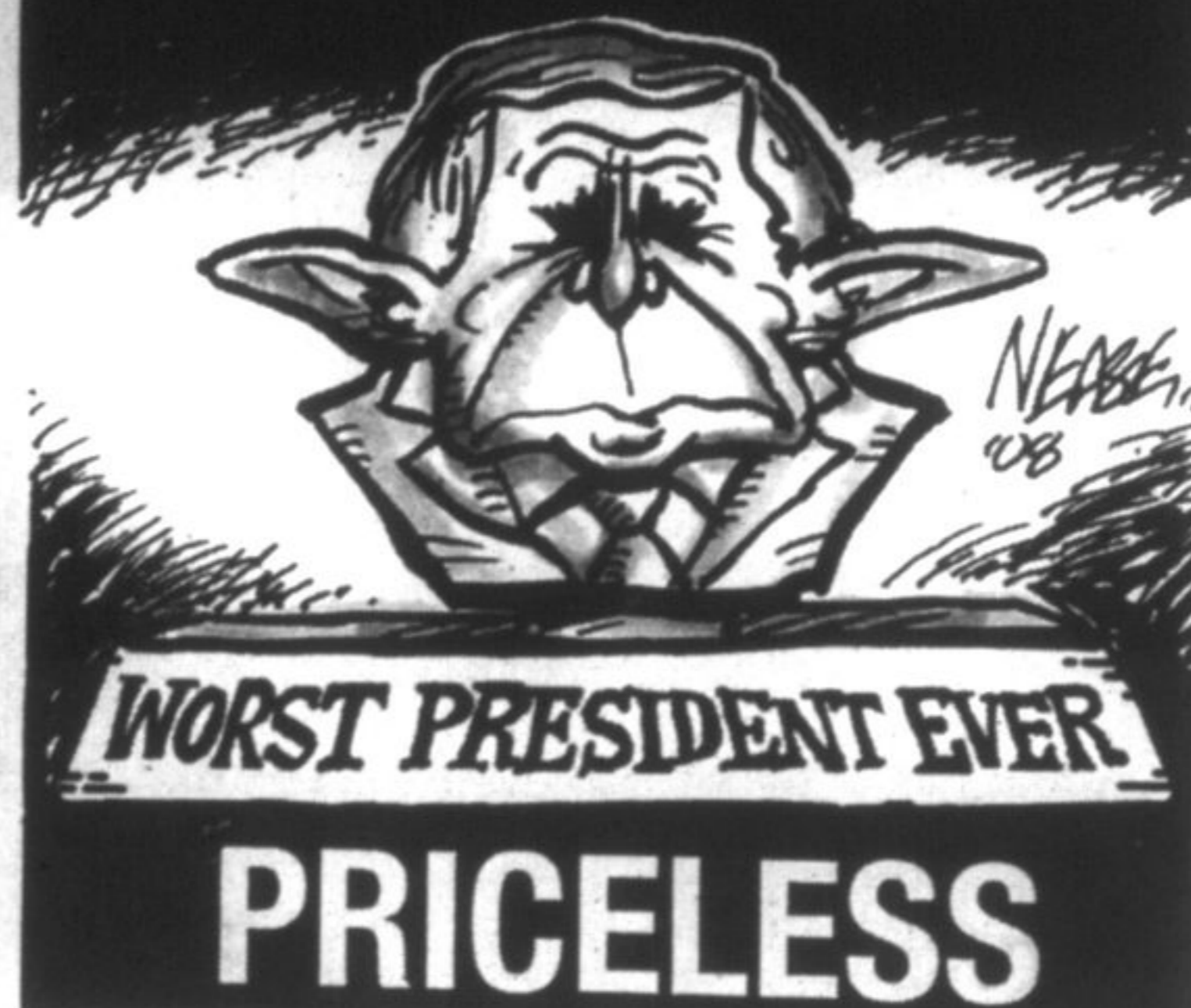
Iraq War
Debate:
\$3 TRILLION

(Plus an estimated 100,000 lives)

2008 U.S.
Deficit:
\$455
BILLION

Corrupt Wall
St. Bailout
\$700
BILLION

Leaving a Legacy:



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post office union) both admit there are safety issues. Always have been, always will be.

The problem is times are changing. Canada Post has lost a ton of business of shipping paper around the world to internet e-mailing. A ton of business means a ton of money.

At the same time CUPW would like to keep up the costs by employing people. And, of course at the same time we all would like to reduce costs because we want more for ourselves. We are all caught in the crunch of time. And now some exit music by Bob Dylan, The Times They Are A-Changin'.

RON BOYD
STOUFFVILLE

Stand up for old Canada

Maybe we should turn to our history books and point out to people why today's Canadian is not willing to accept the new kind of immigrant any longer.

Back in 1900 when there was a rush from all areas of Europe to come to Canada, people made a

pledge to uphold the laws and support their new country in good and bad times.

They made learning English a primary rule and did everything in their power to have their children assimilate into one culture.

Nothing was handed to them. No free lunches, no welfare, no labour laws to protect them. Most of their children came of age when the Second World War broke out.

Canadians fought alongside men whose parents had come straight over from Germany, Italy, France, and so many other countries.

They were Canadians fighting Hitler, Mussolini and the Emperor of Japan. They were defending Freedom as one people.

When we liberated France, no one in those villages looked for the Ukrainian-Canadian or the German-Canadian. The people of France saw only Canadians.

Here we are in 2008 with a new kind of immigrant who wants the same rights and privileges. Only they want to achieve it by playing with a different set of rules, one that includes a Canadian passport and a guarantee of being faithful to their

mother country.

That's not what being a Canadian is all about. Canadians have been open-hearted and open-minded regarding immigrants, whether they were fleeing poverty, dictatorship, persecution, or whatever else makes us think of those aforementioned immigrants who truly did adopt our country, and our flag and our morals and our customs and left their wars, hatred, and divisions behind.

I believe the immigrants who landed in Canada in the early 1900s would be appalled they are being used as an example by those waving foreign flags, fighting foreign battles, making Canadians change to suit their religions and cultures, and wanting to change our country's fabric by claiming discrimination when we do not give in to their demands.

It's about time we get real and stand up for our forefathers' rights. We are Canadian, lest we forget it. I am a native of this country and proud of it.

No more political correctness. No more not saying Christmas in stores and our schools, Seasonal

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Holiday be damned.
I want the Canada of my birth back.

RICK UPTON
STOUFFVILLE

Minority well deserved, Prime Minister Harper

The election that wasn't necessary is thankfully over. Nobody talks about it, but it was more than unnecessary in that Stephen Harper had to break his own law to call the election. His continued minority was well deserved.

Now all we as taxpayers have to do is pick up the \$300-million tab.

New economic realities will be a real test for our new government. Hopefully, we'll hear less and less from Mr. Harper and Mr. Flaherty about how lower taxes, deregulation, and free market forces will solve all our problems.

I personally don't notice any difference in my standard of living now that I'm paying five per cent rather than seven per cent GST.

I do notice it though when as the result of billions of lost revenue, our leaders start to talk in terms of a budget deficit rather than a budget surplus.

BLAKE TUFFORD
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Sun-Tribune, town support young artists

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Wayne Emmerson and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's council, for their generous donation of a bursary in support of York Region Media Group's eighth annual Celebration of the Arts.

Our 13-year-old son was the grateful recipient of one of many bursaries awarded Oct. 18 at Markham Theatre, where all of the young award winners showcased their talents before an appreciative full house.

It was a wonderful evening of entertainment, which would not have been possible without the generous support of the York Region Media Group, including The Sun-Tribune, and the bursary partners, including our Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

SILVANA & ADRIAN DE BOER
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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