Joe Provenzano

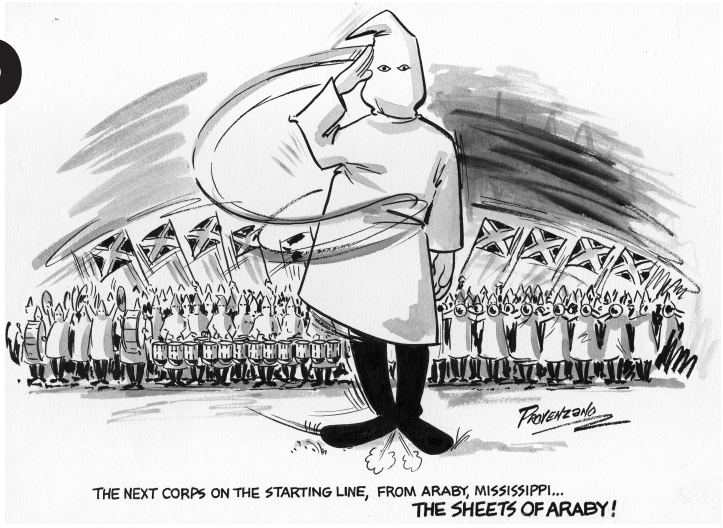


This very talented artist was a huge fan of the drum and bugle corps activity. He produced a total of 38 highly-creative cartoons for *Drum Corps World* during the 1990s, along with seven Christmas covers for the paper.

Also in the 1990s, he teamed up with *DCW* columnist Ed Trautner to create a series of t-shirt using some of the content from his cartoons.

A highly-successful commercial artist in New York City, he specialized in package design for a number of well-known advertising agencies and large corporations around the world.

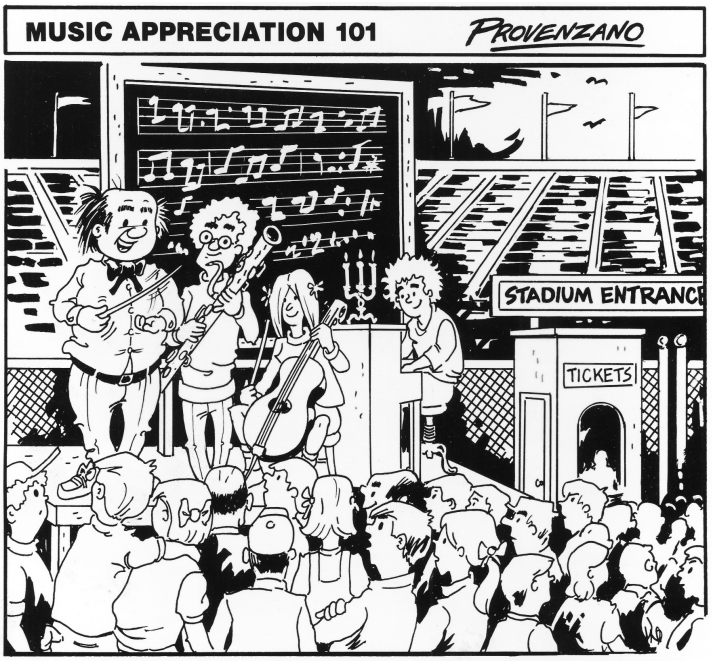
Unfortunately, he was killed in an automobile accident in the early 2000s, but his work here is a testament to his great talent and mind.











"Before entering the stadium, we will have a short music lesson so that you will appreciate what the Corps are shoving down your throat".

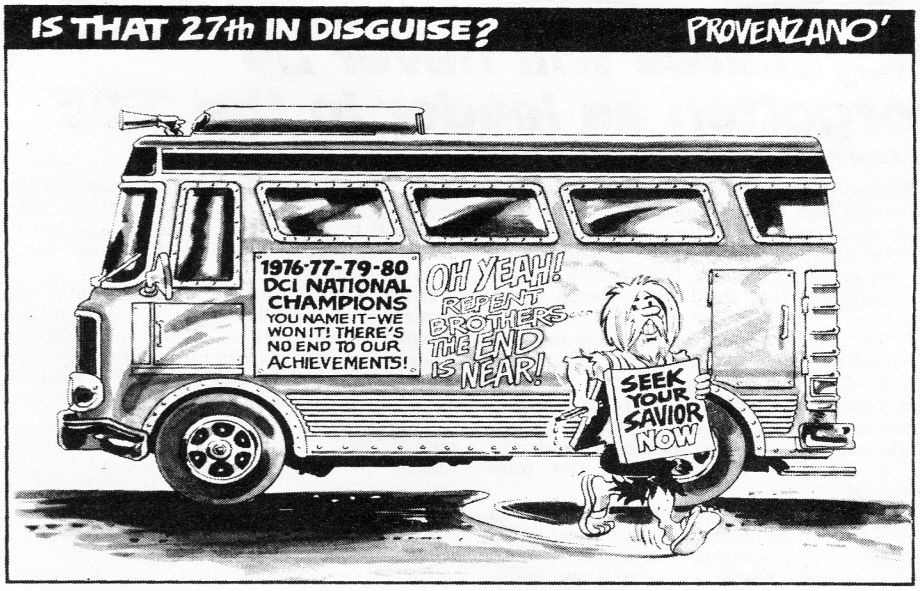


Well...if we are to make booster money–we're going to have to go co-ed, like it or not!



HOLY COW! NINETY HORNS, HYPE, HYPE, HOORAY!


20TH DRUM CORPS WORLD ANNIVERSARY
I KEEP SAYING THIS IS MY LAST YEAR WITH DRUM CORPS AND I'M STILL HERE... I WONDER WHY!!!
READ YOUR T-SHIRT CLYDE!
I'M A DRUM CORPS NUT!
PROVENZANO


IS THAT 27th IN DISGUISE?
PROVENZANO'
1976-77-79-80 DCI NATIONAL CHAMPIONS YOU NAME IT-WE WON IT! THERE'S NO END TO OUR ACHIEVEMENTS!
OH YEAH! REPENT BROTHERS THE END IS NEAR!
SEEK YOUR SAVIOR NOW



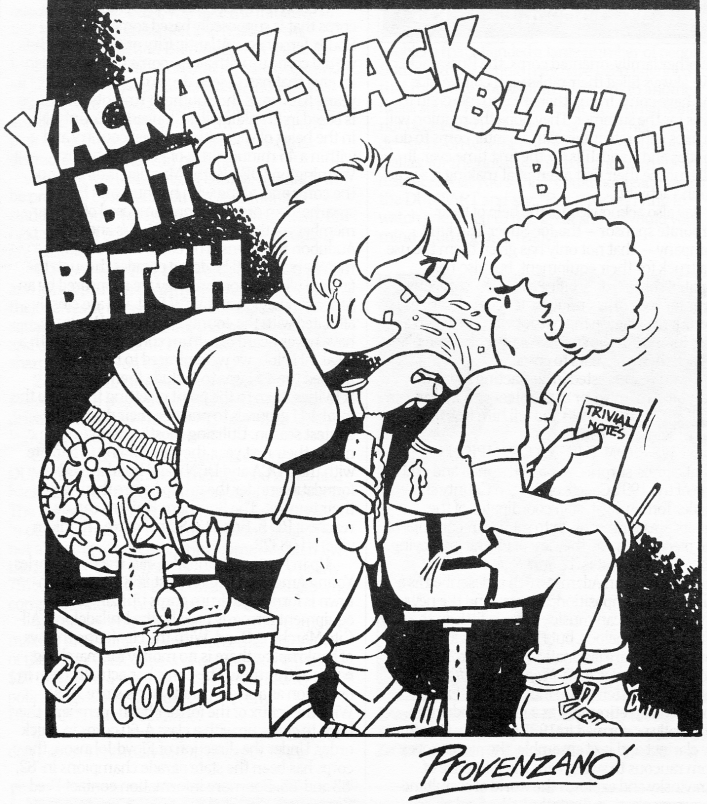
HEY POP! Guess wot... we just joined a DRUM CORPS!



BEHOLD...THE MIGHTY DRUM MAJOR!



AH! THE JOY AND SHEER PLEASURE OF WATCHING YOUR FAVORITE CORPS.



IT KEEPS ON GOING AND GOING! PROVENZANO'





"Don't listen to him Champ, come aboard with us, we give Stock Options, Mercedes', Condos in the Big City, Villas in the Country—you name it!"


'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMASS... ETC ETC!
PROVENZANO'
THUMP!
THUMP!
THUMP!
OW!
OOH! OWCH!
HEY BOSS...
TAKE IT EASY!!


EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY!
PROVENZANO
HOLD IT! HOLD IT! STOP!
FINALLY... A RESTAURANT!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
PIZZA-BURGERS-PASTA
8 HOURS WITHOUT A MEAL-AND THE NEXT RESTAURANT IS 200 MILES!
RESTAU
PROPER ATTIRE REQUIRED NO SHORTS T-SHIRTS SNEAKERS


HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS!
PROVENZANO
BOY OH BOY! IT SURE IS HOT... I'M DRAINED OUT! I WONDER WHY I DO THIS, SEASON AFTER SEASON. I MUST BE NUTS!
SLEEPING ON GYM FLOORS, UP AT THE CRACK OF DAWN TO PRACTICE FOR HOURS & HOURS, LOUSY FOOD-NO PLACE FOR A GOOD SHOWER, JEEZ, WHY-WHY DO I DO THIS!
IF I WERE AT HOME NOW-I COULD SLEEP ALL DAY... HAVE PLENTY OF FREE FOOD AND BEER FROM THE FRIG. MOM DOES MY LAUNDRY... BLAST MY STEREO... EVEN HAVE PARTIES ALL NIGHT!
SO DOES THAT MEAN YOU WON'T BE BACK NEXT SEASON!
OH NO... I'LL BE BACK, MY PARENTS INSIST ON IT!


OLDIES BUT GOODIES!
PROVENZANO
DRUM CORPS-BAH-FOOEY! THEY AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE... I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MUSIC THEY PLAY!
HMMM!
LISTEN! GET TO KNOW BERNSTEIN, STRAUSS, BRITTEN, TCHAIKOVSKY, WALTON, GIANNINI, GERSHWIN, COPLAND, RESPIGHI, NELSON HOLST, GLINKA...
BRAHMS, BEETHOVEN, ROSSINI-AND-FOR ALL THAT JAZZ, HERMAN, GETZ, RICH, PETERSON, ELLINGTON, MANGIONE, FERGUSON...
DID THEY MARCH IN DRUM CORPS IN THE LATE 60's?
LET'S GO GET US A BEER!


SPIRIT
OF ATLANTA
PROVENZANO
JEEZ! That has to be the fastest and hottest "Sweet Georgia Brown" I've ever heard-but, like I said before, we don't use Accordions in Drum Corps!

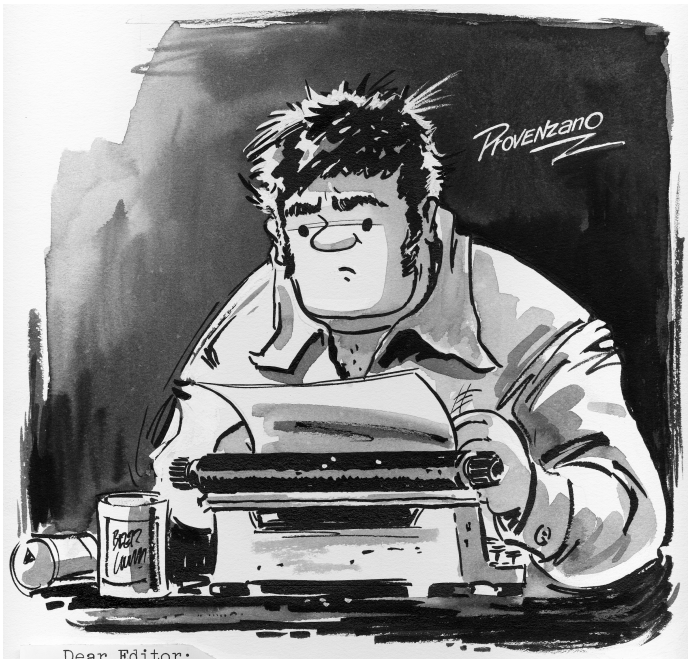

TRY OUR HOT APPLE PIE... SPECIA
PROVENZANO
CROSSMEN
WELCOME TO
BIG MAC
Why do I take you here for dinner? 'Cause babe...
I like fast cars, fast women and fast foods!


PROVENZANO
" I VOS FORST VIOLINIST FOR DA MOSGOW SYMPHONY TOURIN
DIS CONTREE, UNTIL-VUN DAY I DISCOVER DRUM CORPS
... DOTS VEN I DEFECTED!"


ANNUAL
CORPS
DIRECTORS
MEETING
LAST
PLACE
DRUM
BUGLE
CORPS
PROVENZANO
WELL... IT LOOKS LIKE THE
MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND DRUM CHART
WRITER HAVE JUST BEEN VOTED OUT!


TODAY $1.55 - TOMORROW $2.85 A GALLON ETC, ETC!
PROVENZANO
MR. PRESIDENT: DUE TO DOUBLE DIGIT INFLATION, WE FIND IT MOST DIFFICULT TO CONTINUE AN IMPORTANT YOUTH ORIENTED PROGRAM, NAMELY, THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF DRUM CORPS. THIS ACTIVITY CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO-
THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR AMERICAN YOUTH-NOT ONLY IN MUSICAL TALENTS, BUT IN GROWTH TOWARD DISCIPLINE AND RESPECT FOR THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS. WE AT DCI FEEL THAT WITHOUT DRUM CORPS, OUR YOUTH WILL SUFFER THE PANGS OF STREET CRIME, DRUGS AND FEELINGS OF APATHY,-
UH-HUH!
DISPAIR AND FRUSTRATION. WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT TO KEEP DRUM CORPS ALIVE AND WELL. THEREFORE MR. PRESIDENT, WE ARE ASKING YOU FOR A FINANCIAL GRANT.
UH-HUH!
WHILE WE REALIZE THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS CUTS IN MOST PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO BRING INFLATION DOWN, OUR PROGRAM MUST NOT DIE. WE CANNOT IMAGINE THIS COUNTRY OF OURS WITHOUT DRUM CORPS. IF THIS ACTIVITY IS ALLOWED TO PASS AWAY-
UH-HUH!
WHAT IS LEFT FOR OUR YOUTH? WHAT WILL DRUM CORPS FANS DO ALL SUMMER LONG WITHOUT IT? THEY WILL ALSO PASS AWAY. DRUM, BUGLE AND FLAG MANUFACTURERS WILL ALSO DIE. JUST THINK OF ALL THESE-
PEOPLE THROWN OUT OF WORK- THE GREAT DEPRESSION IS SURE TO FOLLOW. CERTAINLY YOU DO NOT WISH TO SEE THIS HAPPEN. PLEASE, PLEASE GIVE THIS ORGANIZATION THE UTMOST ATTENTION FOR FINANCIAL AID. SAVE OUR DRUM CORPS NOW!
RESPECTFULLY DCI
HOW SHALL WE ANSWER THIS LETTER MR. PRESIDENT?
HMM!
MR. PRESIDENT!
HMMM!
GEORGE... WOT THE HELL IS A DRUM CORPS?





Dear Editor;
I'm through...hear me, fed up with Drum Corps. Music is lousy and M & M is the pits. Tickets for shows are too expensive. Hot Dogs are cold and the Beer is warm. Never received my DCI records either. So, Nuts to DCI, DCA, DCW and DCN. Goodbye Forever.

Sincerely
One more lost Drum Corps Fan

PS, can you send me the schedule of Drum Corps shows for this coming season. Thanks.









Winter Thoughts

PROVENZANO


DCI RULE: LEAVE YOUR RECORDERS AT HOME... ALSO YOUR RAINCOATS, TRENCHCOATS, PONCHOS ETC.!
PROVENZANO'
THE CROSSMEN WERE GREAT-FANTASTIC! NOW, THE SKY RYDERS ARE ON THE LINE!
OH! BE STILL MY HEART, THEY'RE MY FAVORITE!
LOVE THOSE SKY RYDERS!


OF COURSE THEY WON AGAIN! IT'S NOT FAIR... AFTER ALL, CALIFORNIA HAS THE WEATHER! THAT'S A BIG ADVANTAGE OVER THE EAST!
RIGHT!
I THOUGHT 27th WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY-THEY SHOULD HAVE WON! THE JUDGES FAVOR ONLY THE WEST, THAT'S WHAT IT IS!
RIGHT!
THEY JUST DON'T LIKE EASTERN CORPS. I'M FED UP!!!
RIGHT... BUT I THOUGHT THE BLUE DEVILS DID A FAIRLY GOOD JOB.
ARE YOU KIDDIN'! THEY WERE DAMN GOOD!
RIGHT!
PROVENZANO'


AH...THE NEW SEASON BEGINS!
PROVENZANO'
HI! WE MEET AGAIN. I HEAR SANTA CLARA IS DYNAMIC, BLUE DEVILS FANTASTIC AND WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE TROOPERS - FABULOUS!
RIGHT!
WELL, I HEARD CROSSMEN'S DRUM LINE IS UNBEATABLE, 27th IS INCREDIBLE, BRIDGEMEN A SHOW STOPPER AND BOSTON HAS A FULL CREW AND JUST GREAT!
WELL-NO MATTER, EAST OR WEST THEY'RE ALL CHAMPS! MAY THE BEST CORPS WIN! ENJOY THE SEASON... SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!
RIGHT!
IS HE KIDDIN'! THE WEST IS BEST. WOT THE HELL DOES HE KNOW ANYWAY!
TWIRP!



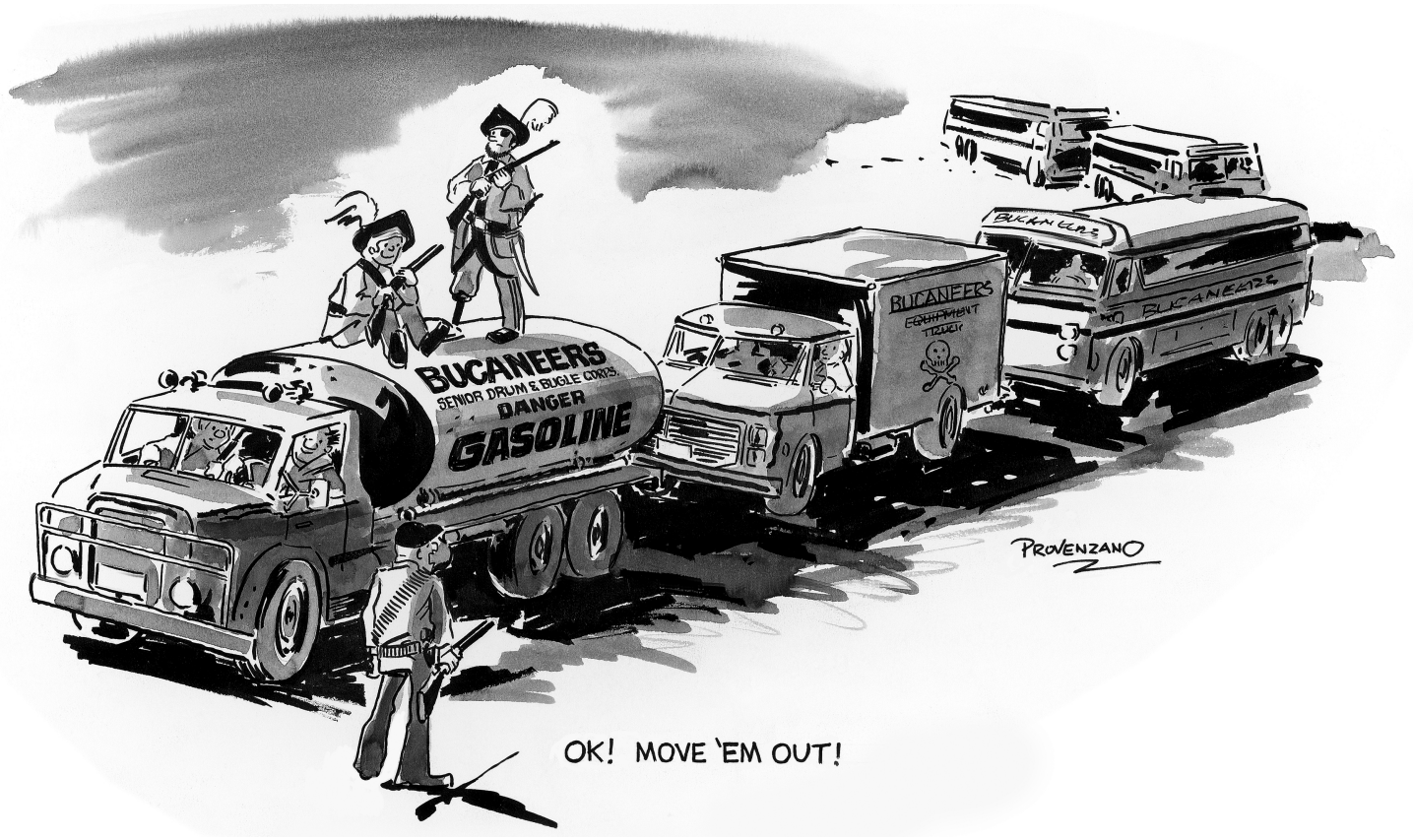
OH JEEZ, WE JUST MISSED THE BRIDGEMEN!



I KNOW THERE'S SOM'THIN FISHY GOIN' ON... BUT I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT!!



YOU'RE GROOM PLAYS DRUMS? GEEZ, MY BRIDE PLAYS FLAG!
SAY, WHY DON'T YOU AND I HONEYMOON TOGETHER ALL THE WAY TO BIRMINGHAM... THEY'LL NEVER MISS US!!





DCW- "YOU REALLY MUST LOVE DRUM CORPS VERY MUCH IN ORDER TO TRAVEL THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF MILES EVERY SEASON–YEAR AFTER YEAR. DON'T YOU EVER TIRE OF THE WHOLE SCENE AND WANT TO GIVE IT ALL UP?"

DIRECTOR- "ACTUALLY, I HATE DRUM CORPS... I JUST LIKE TO TRAVEL!"

PROVENZANO

The city of Madison eagerly awaits and welcomes Drum Corps World!



"JEZZ! YOU LET THESE PEOPLE IN AND THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

