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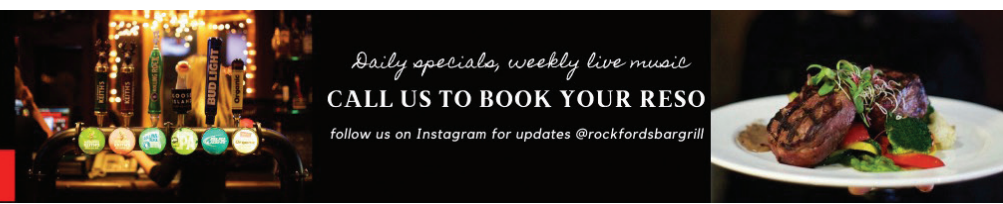
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MOE launches investigation into LTC at Mary Lake

By Jim Stewart

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment has launched an investigation into the proposed St. Rita at Mary Lake LTC development.

The investigation was requested by a coalition of King Township activist groups including Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM), the Kingscross Ratepayers' Association, and Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT).

Mary Muter, chair of the Kingscross Ratepayers Association, expressed concern about the implications of recent legislation by the Ford government: "The loss of democracy as a result of Ford's Bill 23 has resulted in King Township citizens and taxpayers and our Council not having any say in major developments such as the LTC at Mary Lake within King Township. When this came to council on Feb. 8, 2020, our mayor promised the full council

chamber of citizens and the many people listening that council was only voting to 'receive' the planning report and that the proposed LTC would be coming back to council for further public and council review and voting before site plan approval was granted. That did not happen, and planning staff approved site plan and issued a building permit without council oversight or public knowledge." The veteran activist was succinct in her assessment of these skipped stages of consultation: "Tragic and scary."

Muter also expressed concerns about the far-reaching implications of building in King City on the Greenbelt and Moraine: "The approval of this LTC outside the King City settlement area and on the Greenbelt and Moraine AND squeezed in between a sensitive kettle lake and designated provincially significant wetlands is sadly precedent setting."

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Monday, Feb. 26
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

Monday, March 4
6 p.m. - Public Planning Meeting
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, March 7
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, March 6

Tuesday, March 12
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, March 20
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment – Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed). Visit king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

To view full Council and Committee agendas, visit king.civicweb.net

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Councillors Debbie Schaefer & Jordan Cescolini

Tuesday March 26, 2024
Nobleton Public Library
8 Sheardown Drive, Nobleton
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Councillors David Boyd & Jennifer Anstey

Tuesday April 23, 2024
Schomberg Public Library
77 Main Street
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Councillor Mary Asselstine

Tuesday May 7, 2024
Ansnoveltdt Park Picnic Shelter
18997 Dufferin Street
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6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Councillor Avia Eek

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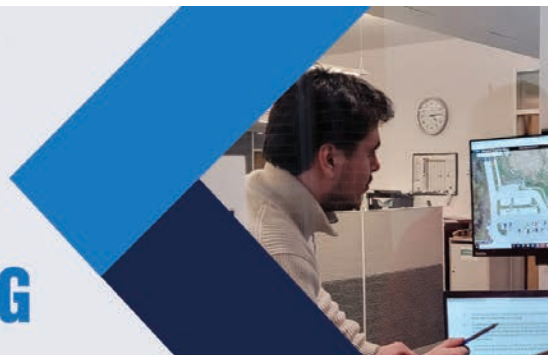
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Township selling former Nobleton school lands

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township is getting rid of lands occupied by the former Nobleton Junior Public School.

Council previously approved the disposition of the lands, and staff have been moving forward on the sale.

The sale, according to staff “is vital to funding acquisitions and future municipal projects.”

They’re hoping to get a tidy \$5.52 million.

As part of the Nobleton Revitalization Strategy and as reported to Council, staff have been negotiating the disposition of lands around the Nobleton Community Lions Park. With the disposition now legally identified, declaration of surplus properties was required to facilitate the conclusion of the agreement.

Council did just that at their recent meeting.

The lands at 5885 King Road (former Nobleton Junior Public School) will be sold in conjunction with the acquisition of the five (5) parcels at 12953-12973 Highway 27.

The 1.5 acres are valued at \$5.25 million.

Funds received related to the disposition of the property will be transferred to the Parkland Reserve Fund and Land Acquisition Reserve Fund. The parkland fund will get \$2.5 million, while the land acquisition fund will see \$2.75 million.

Staff said it’s important to note that any future development would be required for endorsement from Council via the budget process or a separate Council report.

Staff also pointed out the future needs of the Nobleton Revitalization Strategy, including Phase III – the construction or renovation of the Nobleton Library – will require the development of a funding strategy as part of a future budget approvals for Council’s consideration.

Residents voiced concerns over the future plans of the library, and the congestion that redeveloping the park will have on local roads, especially Highway

27. Several were worried about pedestrian safety. Some believed the land deal was a foreshadowing of the future of the library and the women’s institute building.

One resident said King Road and Highway 27 are already much too busy to even consider relocating the library. The Nobleton arena parking lot is inadequate to accommodate any more vehicles and she’s requesting a fulsome discussion on the library relocation process.

Resident Nancy Hopkinson said looking at the report, she found it difficult to figure out exactly what is being offered to be declared surplus.

“Do I agree with allowing the land at 5885 King Rd. to be declared surplus? No, I vehemently oppose this,” she said.

“This removes a lot of acreage that should be used for the park and results in a huge detour for the internal road proposed as the alternative exit from the arena.”

Hopkinson said there should not be an internal road.

“We should be encouraging trails, walking paths. Parents should not have to worry that their child may be run over by a car going around the convoluted roadway in the park. The entire park design needs to be rethought.

There is no haste. Let’s get the project reimagined properly. Let us not make hasty decisions.”

Councillor David Boyd noted staff are still reviewing the comments received from the public engagement process.

He assured residents that proper consultation will take place on any future plans.

He noted Nobleton’s growing population will demand larger facilities, whether it means expansion or relocation. “But it will involve extensive community consultation.”

Boyd added the Township has been working on this land deal for many years and the intent has always been to acquire more parkland.

Purchasing the land in the first place, from the school board, was a wise investment.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said a previous council’s decision to acquire these lands was meant to solve a lot of park issues. The intent was to rezone and sell them.

“We should celebrate what we’ve accomplished,” he said. “We have control and can dictate what goes where.”

The mayor added this council has been very innovative and always endeavours to “do more with less.”



Residents’ groups concerned

From Front Page

“Other developers will now be able to use this example to build whatever they want wherever they want. King Township’s green hole in the donut is now turning brown.”

In addition to expressing these unsettling environmental metaphors, Muter disclosed that residents are concerned about the lack of process and the widespread damage to the Oak Ridges Moraine that is possible if a project like St. Rita at Mary Lake is approved for construction at its current site: “Democracy is on the line. Ford’s legislation is precedent-setting. It disrespects zoning bylaws and the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan. There are widespread concerns from Caledon to Uxbridge about damage to headwaters of rivers that run into Lake Ontario.”

Muter mentioned that there are many things residents of King Township can do to make a difference and protect the Oak Ridges Moraine from this kind of dangerous development: “Go to savemarylake.ca and explore the resources on the site. Learn more about news related to this investigation by the Ministry of the Environment. We should know by the end of March what the MOE investigation team had determined. Lastly, we would appreciate donations to support our advocacy. Go to ‘Small Change Fund,’ click on ‘Mary Lake,’ make a donation, and a tax receipt will be issued.”

In the coalition’s recent media release, Bruce Craig, chair of CCKT, emphasized the dangers of the proposed storm water treatment system to be used at St. Rita at Mary Lake: “It’s clear that the degradation of water quality will negatively impact these wetlands and the kettle lakes. The plans, acts, and regulations that were put in place to prevent these exact contaminants from harming and destroying sensitive ecosystems on the Moraine must be upheld. We’re appealing to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to uphold these important protections.”

In the same media release, Robert Brown, Chair of STORM, noted that “when Bill 23 stopped the Conservation Authorities from assessing environmental and hydrological aspects of development applications, local governments like King began making decisions on their own. At a delegation to King council in May 2023, we urged council and staff to hire qualified independent experts to review the hydrological and natural heritage reports submitted with the St. Rita development application. Unfortunately, it appears this request was not undertaken and now we see the outcome, which is posing significant risks to the natural heritage of the Moraine.”

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"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

- Michael Connelly

The ugly surpassing the good and the bad

Borrowing on the theme from an iconic spaghetti western, our society has always had good, bad and ugly.

Catchy theme songs aside, life is messy.

And apparently, it's getting worse.

A pre-Valentine's survey revealed that challenging finances have kept couples from going all out, and celebrating in style.

According to 360Lending, almost half of Canadians said they would rather save money for a downpayment than "be in love." More than half said they chose to spend less on their partner because of rent or mortgage payments.

But wait, folks, it gets better, or uglier.

Roughly one-quarter say they aren't travelling due to finances and 17% said they never go out at all. Interestingly, 10% have cancelled streaming services. And 7% said they are "living on Kraft Dinner."

Now, if you are in a family with kids, KD is a staple. I could live on it but maybe use some fancy ketchup.

Most Canadian consumers have felt "sticker shock" whether at the grocery store, gas station or mall shopping.

I recently heard a new term on the radio - ROVE, Ridiculously Overpriced and Very Expensive. Catchy.

ROVE applies to almost everything in our disposable, cash-strapped western lifestyles.

How often have you heard someone (perhaps yourself) remark that "there's no way I'd pay X for that?" I mumble it to myself weekly as I wander the grocery store aisles, in search of a modicum of satisfaction.

Yes, more and more Canadians are getting stressed out and finances remain as a major issue in relationships and families.

There were tax and mortgage relief programs during the pandemic, which many households took advantage of. But now that we're "back to normal" all relief efforts are gone. Businesses are also saddled with paying back any



Mark Pavilons

COVID-related loans.

"Global uncertainty, increasingly longer life spans, the changing nature of work, changing work-life patterns, housing affordability, high debt loads, and the impact of unplanned life events, amongst other factors, mean that many Canadians are needing to manage and, where possible, improve their financial resilience," according to Statistics Canada.

Almost half of our fellow men and women said the pandemic has left a lasting negative impact on their mental health. And almost 25% report still having high levels of anxiety.

I wouldn't say the pandemic itself caused these levels. I think they were always there, and COVID exacerbated them. And, they've been growing in the last year or so due to many reasons.

I see it first-hand in our children - uncertainty, a lack of direction, career unpredictability.

And parents, too, are feeling it. We seem to be somewhat helpless in helping our young find themselves and their

way in this confusing world. It weighs heavy on us.

The Bank of Canada is concerned about households being able to keep up with debt payments:

"More households are expected to face financial pressure in the coming years as their mortgages are renewed."

Oh, but if we could assemble a rag-tag team of gunslingers in search of gold.

My son made an interesting point recently: With only a portion of the world's wealth, we could give every citizen hundreds of thousands of dollars to settle up. Isn't that much more valuable to our world than spending billions on weapons? The Canadian government just vowed to commit almost \$300-million to supplying Latvia with weapons, in light of current world tensions. Divide that up among Canada's population instead!

If you scan the daily news headlines, you will pick up on other "uglies" going on in the corporate world.

Many large companies are laying off noticeable numbers as they "restructure." These are well established, profitable entities, so it begs the question, what's going on?

Within families, there are plenty of hideous and unseemly occurrences - relationship woes, mental well being, health conditions, vet bills, addictions and countless others.

Not to be a downer, but it seems our society has smeared ugly across the beautiful abstract mosaic that is humanity.

But all hope is not lost, my friends.

The "good" is still there, inside every one of us. And there are examples all around.

I was a serial worry wort through much of my life and I still get stressed out. I fully appreciate that life and finances are a constant balancing act.

But we can decide to "keep calm and carry on" as the famous saying goes. Losing our heads and tempers isn't good for anyone.

When I get stressed out, I long for the comfort of home. When I arrive home at the end of the day, I look around and I am blessed.

I am greeted by our dogs, who miss me, largely because they can't tell time and feel that I've been gone for weeks. I noticed that our fridge contains food and some scrumptious leftovers. I look through the windows into the back yard and see nature, always in transition. There are many hugs to give, all around.

Of course, such feelings are fleeting, but perhaps we need to make them sustainable, long-lasting. Such joy is limited and we need to stock up on it, lest we be crushed under the weight of our other emotions.

I say we rearrange my spin on the iconic title, to once again put "good" back in the lead. I know it's tough, people, but we have to.

We can't continue on this path of self-deprecating depression and stress.

We can't block out the forest for the trees and we just can't give up, no matter what.

People often wonder why bad things happen and we're burdened by things we can't control.

Well, we've been given many wondrous things - choice, free will, knowledge, love and compassion. These are more powerful than any "ugly" out there!

Letter to the Editor

Perspectives on relief funding

My open letter to PM Trudeau objecting to the sudden cessation of funding of UNRWA was printed in the Feb. 15 edition of The Sentinel under the heading 'Put people's survival first! (I mistakenly reversed two of the initials referring to the organization as UNWRA.) The letters stand for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East, and in 2023 Canada ranked 8th in funding countries (including the UE as #3). But what is this agency, and why did Canada join 17 other countries in freezing funding last month?

On Feb. 18, The Bottom Line, a weekly take by American journalist Steve Clemons on U.S. politics and policies and how they affect the world, carried on Qatar-based Al Jazeera English network dealt with those questions in a 23 minute podcast found here:

<https://www.aljazeera.com/program/the-bottom-line/2024/2/18/why-are-israel-and-its-western-allies-targeting-unrwa>

In it, Mr. Clemons interviews Leila Hilal, a lawyer and former policy advisor to the UNRWA commissioner-general, and Dr. Anne Irfan, an historian and lecturer at University College London and author of Refuge and Resistance: Palestinians and the International Refugee System.

A different perspective on UNRWA may be found at UN Watch (<https://unwatch.org>), an organization that in its own words, "is a leading voice combating antisemitism and anti-Israel bias at the UN engaging in advocacy at the highest levels of government and countering misinformation in the media."

Bill Patterson



Quote of the Week

"Don't regret growing older. It's a privilege denied to many."

- Mark Twain

Trivia Tidbits

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Economic rights matter as much as democratic rights

By Frank Stronach

A month ago, some of the richest and most powerful people on the planet gathered in Davos, Switzerland, for the World Economic Forum.

The annual conference has come under increased fire the last few years from people who feel that wealthy elites are developing and promoting policies that benefit them at the expense of everyone else.

We've come a long way from the days of tribal chiefs, absolute monar-

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

chies and autocrats. But make no mistake: the world is still ruled by powerful political structures – and people – who want to entrench their power and privilege while regulating and controlling the lives of others.

Historically, working and middle class people have had to fight tooth

and nail to defend their liberties and freedoms against the control wielded by the rich and powerful. These rights are today entrenched in democratic charters such as the US Bill of Rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

But what about our economic rights and freedoms? Who protects these interests from the overreach of the rich and powerful?

This, for me, is one of the most powerful arguments for why our society needs an economic charter of rights, a concept I've advocated this past year.

Take taxes, for example. At its core, taxation is all about the state seizing a portion of the wealth earned by its citizens.

In a progressive tax system like ours, the rich are taxed at much higher rates. But the reality is, they often pay far less because of loopholes, deductions, write-offs and countless other avoidance schemes that high-priced lawyers and accountants use to lower their wealthy clients' tax bill.

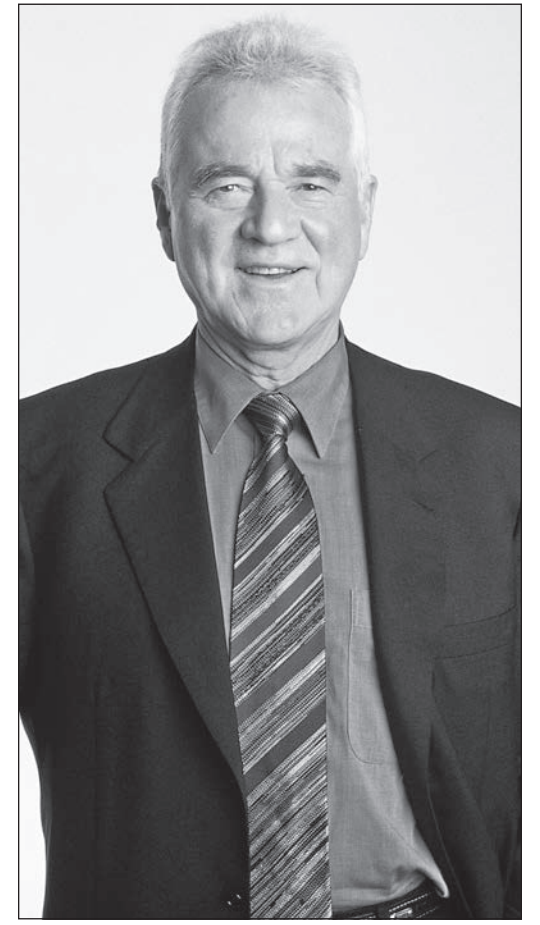
It might not be fair – but it's completely legal. Essentially, the game is rigged in favour of the rich and other powerful special interests, including big business.

Large corporations have lobbying clout, an army of lawyers and the financial resources to navigate and take advantage of our convoluted, overly complex tax system. Small businesses, on the other hand, get crushed by the time and money they're required to spend in order to follow murky tax laws and make tax filings.

Small business owners also have to routinely wrestle with a tangle of regulations that keeps them tied up in knots all the time – again, without the extensive financial, legal and accounting resources and expertise that large, well-connected corporations have at their disposal.

This is where an economic charter of rights can level the playing field.

One of the seven key principles in the charter I'm proposing would require government to simplify our tax system by making it easy to understand, clear-cut and fair, with no loopholes and deductions for the rich and special interests. The charter would also force governments to cut the slew of needless regulations that harm small businesses far more than large



corporations.

The charter would make life a lot easier for most Canadians and small business owners. It would also be much fairer. But most of all, it would revive and regenerate our economy by giving millions of everyday Canadians a shot at boosting their income and wealth.

For the past several months I've been regularly meeting with small business owners and concerned citizens, and they've been extremely receptive to the notion of an economic charter. These Canadians are eager to back a grassroots movement called "Regenerate Canada". To learn more, visit: www.economiccharter.ca.

Democratic charters protect the democratic rights Canadians have come to cherish.

Economic charters will do the same: they will – for the first time ever – constitutionally protect and promote the economic interests of Canada's workers and small business owners.

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame. Email fstronachlpc@gmail.com

New chair, vice, elected at the LSRCA AGM

At its 73rd Annual General Meeting, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Board members and staff closed out the business of 2023 and officially launched the business of 2024 with the election of a new chair and vice chair.

One of the meeting highlights was a presentation by Dr. Brian Ginn on the health of Lake Simcoe. Dr. Ginn emphasized the importance of taking a holistic view and considering the many indicators of lake health.

"Much like when we go to the doctor, there are many indicators, such as blood pressure, vitamin and mineral levels, weight, and much more that are factored into being given a clean bill of health. Lake Simcoe is no different," he told the board. "Lake health can't just be determined based on phosphorus levels, or any other one indicator. We need to continue to measure and monitor many factors, and then adapt our management decisions based on our findings."

Chief Administrative Officer, Rob Baldwin highlighted that some significant work was completed in 2023, to transition and implement recent changes made to the Conservation Authorities Act. He also introduced a year-in-review video compilation, highlighting noteworthy achievements. To view the 2023 Year-In-Review video the metrics and infographic, please visit: <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/home/annual-reports/>

Annually, the board of directors elected a chair and a vice chair and after five and three years, respectively, in their positions – Chair, Wayne Emmer-son, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Region of York, and Vice

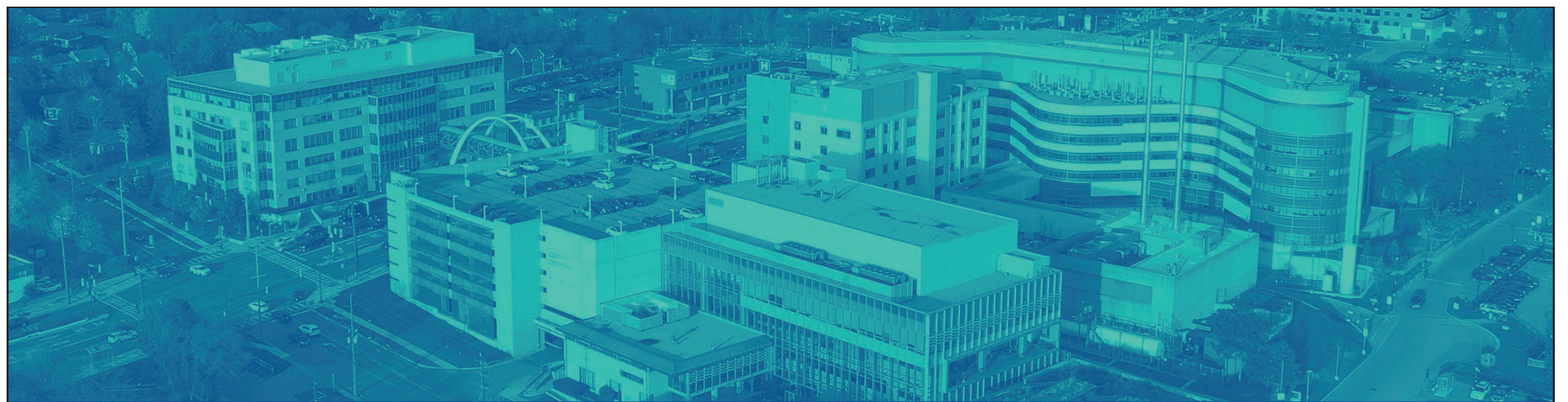
Chair, Bradford Councillor, Peter Ferragine, both stepped aside to usher in new members to these posts.

Barrie Councillor Clare Riepma was elected chair and Oro Medonte Mayor, Randy Greenlaw, was elected to the position of vice chair. Both expressed their gratitude to the rest of the Board for their trust and support, and their enthusiasm for the work that lies in the year ahead.

The outgoing chair, Wayne Emmer-son, thanked board members and the staff of the Conservation Authority for their hard work and their support. "I have thoroughly enjoyed chairing this board," he said. "I always knew the Conservation Authority did great work, but as the chair, I had the opportunity to see firsthand the tremendous knowledge, skill, and determination these folks apply to preserving and improving the health of the Lake and the watershed. We're privileged to have an organization like this working behind the scenes."

Ferragine also thanked the board and staff, saying, "I have been a long-standing member of this board and as vice chair over the last three years, I've had the opportunity to get more involved and lend my support for the significant conservation and restoration work that the team at the Conservation Authority are continuously implementing. I'm proud to continue on the Board, and to offer up my experience and counsel to the new chair and vice chair."

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's mission is to collaborate to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed with innovative research, policy, and action.



Southlake Regional Health Centre Seeks New Board of Directors Members

Southlake is building healthy communities through outstanding care, innovative partnerships, and amazing people. We deliver a wide range of healthcare services to the communities of northern York Region and southern Simcoe County. Our advanced regional programs include Cancer Care and Cardiac Care and serve a broader population across the northern GTA and into Simcoe-Muskoka.

Our team of nearly 6,000 staff, physicians, volunteers, students and Patient and Family Advisors are committed to creating an environment where the best experiences happen. As a recognition of our commitment to quality and patient safety, we have received the highest distinction of Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada.

With an annual operating budget in excess of \$500 million, we care for a rapidly growing and aging population and have developed an exciting plan for new facilities to serve patients into the future. A member of the Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team, we are working with our partners to deliver connected care in collaboration with our communities.

The Southlake Board of Directors currently seeks to elect new Directors. To complement our skills-based Board, we invite applications from qualified individuals with governance expertise and knowledge, and/or experience or skills in government relations, human resources, information systems, or finance.

Board members must possess a strong commitment to ethical standards, in addition to an appropriate level of education and skill. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the healthcare sector and understand what it will take to meet the future needs of the rapidly growing communities we serve. Previous experience serving on a public Board of Directors would be an asset.

Board members receive no monetary compensation and are expected to devote approximately 12 hours per month to hospital matters. In addition to serving as a member of the Board, members must serve on a Board sub-committee: Governance and People; Quality; or Finance, Property and Audit. To learn more about Southlake and the role of the Board of Directors, visit our website at southlake.ca.

Please send a letter or email describing your background and your interest by **March 4, 2024** to the **Chair, Board of Directors, c/o Jennefer Maltese, Southlake Regional Health Centre, 596 Davis Drive, Newmarket, L3Y 2P9** or via email to jmaltese@southlake.ca. Candidates will also be required to provide one or more letters of reference.

Applications received will be considered for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Let's take back the planet and leave fossil fuels in the ground!

By David Suzuki

Environment

It's not a stretch to say the fossil fuel industry rules the world. From its beginnings, it's spawned car and consumer culture, plastic proliferation and poisonous pollution. It's captured governments, media and educational institutions. It's controlled global economies and sparked conflict and wars. In many ways, it also made life immeasurably better for a lot of people — over the short term.

Had we been wiser, we may have found better ways to use this tremendous gift of energy stored over millennia, rather than recklessly burning it for a quick buck. Now, as the costs of pollution and climate disruption mount, industry is doing all it can to maintain its grip on power.

We can't let that happen!

We're seeing the impacts of burning coal, oil and gas that scientists (including industry's!) have been warning about for decades: heat domes, floods, droughts, increasing wildfires, melting glaciers and polar ice caps, animal and

plant extinctions, increasing numbers of desperate people fleeing inhospitable areas and more.

A new study shows Greenland is losing 30 million tonnes of ice an hour — 20 per cent more than previously thought. All this freshwater pouring into the oceans could cause major ocean currents, known as the "Atlantic meridional overturning circulation," or AMOC, to collapse. That, the scientists warn, could disrupt "global weather patterns, ecosystems and global food security."

Meanwhile, the climate crisis and fossil fuel greed are increasing living costs worldwide, thanks to rising climate-related insurance prices, disrupted agriculture and supply chains and volatile energy markets.

Although resolving climate change is a challenge, solutions abound. As technologies improve, the costs of renewable energy continue to drop. Wind and solar power are now less expensive, and more stable, than energy from gas, oil and coal.

Protecting and restoring green spaces, such as forests, wetlands and grasslands, will also help guard against climate disruption by enhancing the planet's ability to store carbon. Reducing our appetites for consumer products and energy, especially in the Western world, will also help, and might make people realize that true happiness doesn't come from more stuff!

Shifting to more plant-based diets and reforming agricultural practices will reduce carbon dioxide and methane emissions. It will also make people healthier and protect valuable topsoil from erosion and loss.

There's really no end to the solutions and positive paths available if we come together to take back control of our lives — including our governments and media — from the fossil fuel industry.

But, as with any profitable enterprise that's been found to cause more harm than good (think Big Tobacco), the fossil pushers are continuing their decades-long practices of hiding information, sowing doubt and confusion about the scientific evidence and promoting their products as indispensable.

Although the industry has long known that using its products as in-

tended could spell disaster for humanity — its own scientists said so! — it's campaigning harder than ever against any measures that threaten its obscene profits. As Geoff Dembicki writes in *The Petroleum Papers*, "during moments of great possibility, the roar of disinformation is at its loudest." Now, when we can clearly see how to create a better, less polluted world, with greater equity and opportunity, industry and its allies have stepped up their efforts to promote deadly fuels and downplay the dangers.

In the U.S., the oil lobby recently launched an eight-figure media campaign to convince people that their products are "vital" to global energy security. In Canada, we've seen everything from campaigns disingenuously promoting fossil gas as a climate solution to provincial governments fighting against practical, effective, affordable climate solutions.

Even the annual UN climate summits appear to have been hijacked by the industry, with oil executives presiding over the conferences and hordes of industry lobbyists and government supporters overshadowing those most affected by the climate crisis.

Meanwhile, fossil fuel executives line their pockets while most people struggle to keep up with the rising cost of living or, worse, lose their homes and livelihoods to climate disasters and conflicts fuelled by energy profiteering.

For the sake of our species and all others who will inherit this beautiful planet, we need to say enough is enough. It's time to leave fossil fuels in the ground. Let's move on to a brighter future!

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Summer Camps guide now available online

The countdown to summer in King Township— and the long break from school — is on! If you're a parent looking to plan your child's summer, you can browse King's new 2024 Summer Camps guide, now available online at king.ca/camps.

Whether your child is a young artist or chef, a challenge course climber, sports superstar or science wiz there is a camp in King that they (and you) will love! Registration opens at 7 a.m. on Friday, March 1 on the Township's online recreation registration system at townshipofking.perfectmind.com.

The summer camp season begins on Tuesday, July 2 with camps running for one-week sessions until Friday, Aug. 30 at various recreation facilities located in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Camps are sorted by area of interest to make the search easier for parents and kids. Choose from over 40 camps for ages four to 16 in arts and culture, leaders in training, sports, science and technology, the great outdoors, general and specialty interests. Inclusion support staff for children with disabilities is provided free of charge to Township of King residents, pending availability. In addition to days filled with traditional camp fun, all campers can look forward to visits from special guests and pizza lunch on Fridays.

Here's what's coming back (by popular demand) and a sneak peek into what's new!

Many camp classics are making their return, including: We be Tripping, Multi-Sport Camp, Just for Kicks, Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey, Cooking, Mad Science, and Coding. In addition to this, King's summer camps team has been busy planning several new and exciting options. Here are some highlights:

Gogh to Camp (ages 7-9): Explore different types of art through a variety of techniques, materials and individual

and group projects — just like Vincent van Gogh!

Tiny Twisters with Pulsars Gymnastics (ages 4-6): Learn the basic building blocks of gymnastics as you tuck and tumble your way through gymnastics circuits.

Abracadabra (ages 7-9): Learn a variety of magic tricks such as sleight of hand, card tricks, optical toys, fortune telling and stage theatrics — then (tada!) host your own magic show.


Camp sites include the following locations: King City Arena and Seniors Centre, Nobleton Arena, the Trisan Centre, Schomberg Hall, King Township Municipal Centre, King Heritage and Cultural Centre, and Cold Creek Conservation Area. The types of camps vary by location. The camp day runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with flexible drop-off for campers starting at 8:30 a.m. and pick-up ending at 5 p.m. Bussing is only available for field trips for select camps.

All camp staff are certified in Standard First Aid, CPR- C and HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Child Development and have received a positive Police Vulnerable Sector Check. All summer camp staff attend comprehensive training sessions prior to the summer camp season, and wear many hats throughout the summer as they maintain safety and supervision of campers, organize and lead group activities and mentor youth working as camp volunteers.

For more information about summer camps, view the 2024 Summer Camps guide at king.ca/camps.

To ensure a seamless registration process, parents are encouraged to make sure all personal information on their online registration account is up to date prior to March 1. If you require assistance creating an account, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email camps@king.ca.

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Nominations open for King's 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Awards

Celebrate a volunteer making a difference in your community

King Township proudly announces a call for nominations for its annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards, inviting the community to shine a spotlight on the unsung heroes who embody the spirit of selflessness and community service.

Last year almost 30 individuals and organizations were recognized for their contributions to making King an exceptional place to live. Their areas of volunteering included the King Township Food Bank, helping newcomers and refugees, various environmental causes and community events.

Nominations for the 2024 Volunteer Recognition Awards are now open. The nomination categories for King citizens are:

Citizen of the Year – An award given to a citizen to recognize and honour outstanding contributions to the Township.



It's time to nominate a dedicated volunteer. Shown are last year's winners at King's Annual Volunteer Appreciation ceremony.

Special Recognition Award: Resident & Non-Resident – An award given to one or more citizens or an organization for a special contribution made to the community in whole or in part.

Senior Citizen Award of Merit – An award given to a Senior Citizen to recognize and honour special contributions to the seniors population.

Lifetime Achievement – An award to recognize outstanding citizenship with in the community, with many years of

dedicated service and devotion to the residents of King.

Youth Award of Merit – An award given to a younger citizen to highlight special contributions.

Refer to the Volunteer Appreciation Awards Criteria for more information pertaining to eligibility requirements.

Nomination forms can be submitted online at king.ca/awards. All online submissions will automatically be sent to the Township Clerk's Office.

Hardcopy versions can be submitted in-person or mailed to the Township of King at 2585 King Road, King City, L0G 1J0.

The deadline to submit a nomination is 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, and the award recipients will be selected by Council.

Award recipients will be celebrated during a special, invitation-only ceremony for family and friends, to be held at the King Township Municipal Centre during National Volunteer Appreciation Week, the week of April 21-27.

For details, including a link to the nomination form, visit king.ca/awards.

"Volunteers are the heartbeat of our community and their dedication makes King Township truly spectacular. These awards, from Citizen of the Year to Lifetime Achievement, are our way of expressing gratitude for the many years of dedicated service and devotion our volunteers bring to King. As we open nominations, I encourage everyone to nominate those who have made exceptional contributions," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Province calls to scrap the federal carbon tax

The Ontario government is keeping costs down for people by introducing legislation that, if passed, would give Ontario voters a direct say over a new provincial carbon tax, cap-and-trade system or other carbon pricing program.

This proposed legislation would protect people and businesses from the high cost of a provincial carbon tax by requiring the government to first obtain the consent of Ontario voters through a referendum before implementing a new provincial carbon pricing program.

"With the Bank of Canada's high interest rates and the cost of living still so high, it's never been more important to keep costs down for people and businesses," said Premier Doug Ford. "I've always said, the carbon tax is the worst tax. It increases the cost of everything. We need to protect Ontario workers and families from the high cost of a carbon tax and we urge the federal government to do the same."

The Ontario government continues to urge the federal government to apply the same carve out on home heating that was provided to Atlantic Canadian

provinces or to eliminate the federal carbon tax entirely.

"We made a promise to fight the federal carbon tax and our government will continue to lead by example, giving Ontarians certainty that carbon pricing on the backs of taxpayers is not the way forward," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Any new provincial carbon tax is unacceptable for Ontario residents who are seeing their hard-earned dollars stretched further than ever."

This measure is part of upcoming legislation that will kick off the spring sitting of the legislature on February 20, 2024. The Get It Done Act will include a host of measures that, if passed, would build on the government's commitments to date to streamline approvals for major infrastructure projects and housing, keep costs down for people and businesses and support economic growth for long-term prosperity.

"A Liberal carbon tax will only drive up the costs for gas and groceries, which is why Premier Ford is right to let the people have the final say on the matter," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for

King-Vaughan. "Instead of championing a provincial carbon tax, Bonnie Crombie should stand up for Ontario families and urge her federal Liberal cousins to scrap their punitive tax."

To help Ontario families and businesses keep costs down, the government extended the gas and fuel tax rate cuts through to June 30. Along with the rate cuts previously in place, this extension is expected to save households \$260 on average since the cuts were first im-

plemented in July 2022.

In compliance with the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, two forms of carbon pricing currently exist in Ontario: the Emissions Performance Standards (EPS) program for industrial emitters, and the federal fuel charge, which increases the cost of various types of transportation and heating fuels used by households and enterprises, including gasoline, diesel, natural gas, and propane.













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Federal investment to combat export of stolen vehicles

The federal government is investing \$28-million to combat the export of stolen vehicles.

With this new funding, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) will have more capacity to detect and search containers with stolen vehicles, as well as further enhance collaboration and information sharing with partners across Canada and internationally to identify and arrest those who are perpetrating these crimes.

The CBSA will also test available detection technologies that could support the work of border services officers who examine and intercept shipping containers to be exported from Canada with stolen vehicles. This includes exploring the use of advanced analytical tools, such as artificial intelligence.

The CBSA provides critical support to law enforcement partners to disrupt, investigate and prosecute these crimes. The leadership of these partners and their upfront, preventative and investigative work – within Canada and ahead of reaching our borders – is imperative to reduce auto theft overall.

Auto theft is a growing challenge in Ontario, Quebec and across the country. It increasingly involves organized crime groups, and the proceeds of these thefts are used to fund other illegal activities. There is no single solution to this complex problem. That is why the Government of Canada is committed to using the tools and authorities it has as well as to work closely with other orders of government and private industry. Only through coordinated cooperation and ideas from across jurisdictions will we see results.

Canada welcomed leaders from all

orders of government, industry and law enforcement to Ottawa tomorrow for the National Summit on Combatting Auto Theft. This Summit was an opportunity to take stock of the scope and scale of the auto theft issue in Canada, identify solutions and further collaborate on ways to address it.

The Government of Canada is committed to combatting serious and organized crime, reducing gun and gang violence and keeping our communities safe, as demonstrated by the recent announcement to provide federal support to prevent crime and combat auto theft in Ontario.

“Auto theft is a complex problem, and tackling it requires all partners to do their part. With this investment, our government is acting to prevent stolen cars from leaving the country and support the work of our border officers. I look forward to continuing the discussion with partners on further actions we can take as part of our joint efforts to combat auto theft ...,” said Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs.

While investigations into auto theft are led by local police, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Sûreté du Québec (SQ), and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) are working together in integrated task forces to target organized crime, including those groups involved in stolen vehicles.

The CBSA responds to 100% of referrals from police of jurisdiction to examine outbound containers at points of export that may contain stolen vehicles and identify criminal activity within

the supply chain.

Nationally, the CBSA has increased its efforts, intercepting 463 stolen vehicles in 2018 to more than 1,800 interceptions of stolen vehicles in 2023. The CBSA’s actions have resulted in a 290% increase in stolen vehicle seizures over the past five years.

The CBSA facilitates two-way trade of hundreds of billions of dollars each year, including the movement of millions of sea containers. Its resources are strategically allocated to respond to the latest threats and service needs at our ports of entry. This includes resources dedicated to the examination of out-bound containers in both ports

and railyards.

The majority of stolen vehicles exported are destined for Africa and the Middle East. Some stolen vehicles also remain in Canada, enabling other crimes to be committed with the vehicles.

Canada has strong laws in place to address auto theft at various stages of the crime. These include offences that address conduct that precedes the theft, the theft itself, possession and trafficking of stolen property, and tampering with Vehicle Information Numbers (VINs). Offense-related property and proceeds of crime can also be confiscated under the Criminal Code.



McDonald’s franchise owner Rory MacKinnon (left) was a strong supporter of local causes, such as ‘We Believe in Abby.’

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Mackinnon steps back from McDonald’s

Schomberg McDonald’s franchise owner Rory MacKinnon is scaling back and allowing a new owner to take over the bulk of his stores.

MacKinnon reflected on his personal journey on his Facebook page:

“What a journey. February 1, 2016 when we took possession of the Caledon Village restaurant our ‘wee’ market of three restaurants began to grow. Over the span of that year we added our Riddell restaurant in July and Schomberg in October. We added the Orangeville Walmart in 2020 and Shelburne in 2022. With that growth we gained some incredible new team members in our ‘Mc-Family’ and immersed ourselves in these communities.”

These restaurants have transitioned to a new franchisee, Sarah Douglas.

“This is bittersweet for Marlene and I as we have been so invested in all of these locations over the last eight years.

“After almost 50 years with McDonalds (June 1974) and 20 years as a franchisee (August 2004) it is time for me to start to wind down.

“I am proud of the contribution we have made to the McDonald’s brand and the communities and people we have served. Forever thankful for the connections and friends made.

“Many people see McDonald’s as this huge global brand but the reality in our small communities is that we live, serve, and contribute as a small local business because that is what we are.

“I will miss every single guest and team member in this market.”

He noted they will continue as owner-operators of the stores in Alliston and Angus area.

MacKinnon was a strong supporter of many local charities, including the We Believe in Abby events and fundraisers over the years.

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Selling real estate is in the Mizzonis' blood

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Established realtors Andrew and Mark Mizzoni are setting their sights on their home turf.

King City is very dear to our their hearts as both have attended school here, lived here, and worked here for more than 20 years.

Andrew pointed they sold a recent Princess Margaret Lottery home, valued at more than \$6 million, as well as several new developments in the area.

"We have the experience and professional connections that our refined clientele deserve when working with their trusted local realtors."

As certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialists, the Mizzonis provide discretion, excellence and proven performance in the upper-tier market.

King is such a prestigious township that it attracts home buyers from a variety of places.

"Most recently, our buyer clients



Andrew Mizzoni

have come from neighbouring communities such as Woodbridge, Kleinburg, Oak Ridges and as far as Pickering."

With roots here, the cousins point

out "what's not to love about King?"

"From the friendly people, the rich history, many parks and trails, the beautiful architecture, the close proximity to everything, the local shops and restaurants and of course, the coffee!"

Andrew pointed out that the two months of the year, we have seen things shift towards a sellers' market. This is due to lack of inventory and homebuyers reemerging. With several interest rate pauses and forecasts of rate decreases ahead, they project a "positive, more balanced market with modest price in increase year over year."

The Mizzoni name has been selling real estate in the Toronto area since 1952, when their uncle James (who was also president of the Toronto Real Estate Board) started Mizzoni Realty. Andrew and Mark bring 20-plus years of experience and over \$1 billion in sales.

Andrew learned many customer service skills growing up in his family's local Tim Hortons business. He got the opportunity to meet and serve hundreds of King residents daily and support many local initiatives.

Mark enjoyed over a decade in the entertainment industry as VP of a record company, entrepreneur, and member of the world's largest intellectual talent agency, where he personally managed a roster of over 75 exclusive speakers.

Together, they bring the perfect combination of professional skills to opti-



Mark Mizzoni

mize the sale of your home and find you the perfect new home.

The Mizzonis organize a local charity golf tournament in support of Sick-Kids Hospital, which has raised over \$600,000 to date. Also, during our time managing the local Tim Hortons, they helped raise tens of thousands in support of local initiatives.

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King designer makes top-quality custom apparel

By Aladin Jarrah

Like many Torontonians, expert graphic designer Christina Salomone grew tired of the congestion, traffic, lack of space and general hubbub of urban life and decided to move to the 'burbs. Having been schooled at King City Secondary, she wanted to return to King with her family, and they did just that about a year ago.

Having spent her career working at large corporations as a graphic designer and creative manager, she decided it was time to make a career change too, and she turned her attention to perfecting her custom t-shirt side-gig. Salomone spent her time buying, washing and printing shirts to make sure she got the process just right. She put the same amount of effort into choosing which garments she would stock, finding the best value and quality for her customers so they wouldn't have to do the legwork. Then she made the ordering process as simple as possible, set no minimums and even offered design help.

Two years later, a basement side-gig became a full-time job for her, and Gibbso Custom T-Shirts Inc. was born.

"It's a little-known fact that the average person owns 27 t-shirts!" she says. "My question is, how many of those make you feel good and express your personal style? I was inspired to do this because I have never met anyone who doesn't love a custom t-shirt, whether it's wearing one of your own, gifting one to someone, or seeing it on other people. I find them fun and personal,



it's such a great way for an individual to express themselves in a unique way."

During her research phase, Salomone realized there was an opportunity to create a positive customer experience, that would differentiate Gibbso from other companies.

"The Gibbso process is designed to be easy and transparent. It doesn't matter if you want a one-off shirt for a bit of fun, if you need branded corporate wear, to outfit a construction crew or a sports team. I've done all the work upfront to make the process efficient and user friendly. You'll find it easy to use the tools online which I've tried my best to make as simple as possible, but if you need help you can just contact us, and we'll set it up for you. We want to keep the process simple and make the customer happy.

"We even have a 100% satisfaction guarantee, so if you're not happy with your t-shirt within the first 7 days of receiving it, we'll refund your item or print you another one for free. If there's something you'd like and don't find on the website, just reach out and we can source and print for you."

All this comes with another added feature, which is that Salomone is an experienced and accomplished graphic designer in her own right, meaning that she can also design from scratch or refine your ideas to make the best possible product. She also features some of her own designs for sale.

So, chances are a Gibbso Custom T-shirt is destined to become your favourite of the 27 t-shirts languishing in your drawer.

Promotion for readers

As a promotion for readers of this newspaper, Christina has just generated a special discount code on Gibbso.com for King residents! Effective until April 1, customers will receive 20% off their entire order + free shipping in King Township. The shipping discount will automatically be applied with postal code at checkout. Discount Code: KING20



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Arts & Entertainment

B1 Gruppo Bicycle Club brings fun, friendship to cyclists



By Aladin Jarrah

Back in the '80s, Vito Barbera was a huge auto racing fan; so much so that he started to get involved and did all he could to hang out in the pits during races. So imagine the kid's delight when he got to rub shoulders with Canadian Formula 1 legend Gilles Villeneuve one day. Their paths crossed from time to time, and in conversation one day Barbera was talking about how he wanted to get involved in F1 and become a race car driver.

Villeneuve's advice at the time changed Barbera's life. He said, "Find the thrill and aggressiveness of racing, it doesn't matter where."

Barbera was already an accomplished cyclist, and he took these words to heart. He started bicycle racing, where he had considerable success.

As happens to all of us, he got a little older and other interests and responsibilities crept into his life, and he got away from racing. His passion for the sport of cycling never waned and about 20 years ago he decided to get back into it, winning several prestigious Canadian races including the Centurion Canada Race. His passion for cycling made him want to do more with the sport. He joined cycling clubs but never found quite the right fit.

"Some clubs were not competitive enough, some were overly aggressive or dangerous. It was always in my head to do a cycling club, and I decided that there's no time like the present. I started B1 Gruppo about 12

years ago, and I've never had so much fun!" he said. "I called it B1 as in 'be one.' Be one with yourself, be one with your bike, be one with the group you're cycling with. We're all friends, we respect each other and we offer rides and training at all levels. Cycling is a wonderful sport and a great path to fitness, and it's really important to me that we don't exclude anyone. Literally anyone could join B1 Gruppo and not feel intimidated or out of place."

Barbera has a training studio on Yonge St. in Aurora, and he also organizes group rides throughout King Township, Aurora and Richmond Hill at four different levels, depending on riders' appetite, skill and endurance.

"We have shorter, more leisurely rides and long tough ones up to 150km. We expect all our riders to be supportive of each other and be considerate to the traffic on our increasingly busy roads. I always say 'respect from drivers means you have to respect the drivers.' We're out there to have fun, be together and travel through the beautiful countryside around here. There's no place for aggression or grandstanding in this club."

In conversation Barbera always emphasizes the inclusiveness and camaraderie that are the cornerstones of the B1 Gruppo ethos. This philosophy is so important to the club that they organize riding events to support local hospitals and mental health charities, as well as organizing their increasingly famous cycling trips.

"Those trips are so much fun," says Barbera, "but I can't take the credit for those. My wife Angelica organizes the trips. This year we've got Cuba and Italy, and we usually do one in Mallorca, Spain ... the trips are wonderful all-inclusive affairs that include tourism, fine dining, shopping, sightseeing, and of course lots of cycling. All you have to do is get yourself to the airport and we take care of the rest. We even offer a non-cyclist package so riders can bring their spouse or whatever and make a vacation out of it."

B1 Gruppo's offerings don't stop there. They offer in-home training, training camps, a club team, a racing team, and even a store. Go to www.b1gruppo.com to learn more, and maybe you'll make some new friends on the way.

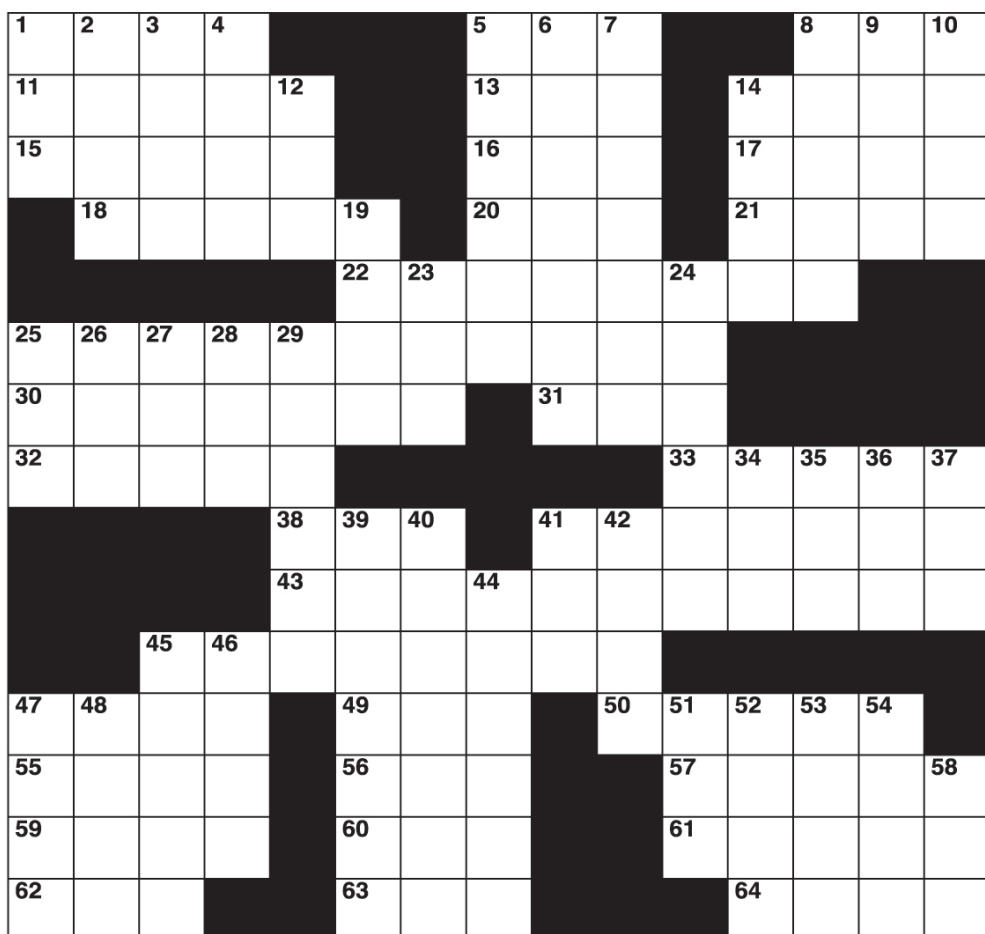


Residents enjoy bonfire

Residents gathered recently to enjoy marshmallows and hotdogs over a bonfire in Schomberg. Pine cone bird feeders were made and hung in trees and bushes all around the Dufferin Marsh. Shown are Maureen Brick, Catherine Fleur, Brenda See.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Play
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. ___ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path along

- a slope
 - 38. Disallow
 - 41. Joyousness
 - 43. Inaccessible
 - 45. Evoke emotions
 - 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
 - 50. Sword
 - 55. Actor Idris
 - 56. Affirmative (slang)
 - 57. Afflicted
 - 59. One point north of northeast
 - 60. Born of
 - 61. Arabic name
 - 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
 - 63. Extremity
 - 64. Post
- ### CLUES DOWN
- 1. Pacific Standard Time
 - 2. Protruding ridge on nematodes
 - 3. Indian king
 - 4. Type of milk
 - 5. One who brings home the bacon
 - 6. More comprehensible
 - 7. Connected with sense of touch
 - 8. Red mineral
 - 9. Breezed through
 - 10. Therefore
 - 12. Supplement with difficulty
 - 14. Early kingdom of Syria
 - 19. Satisfy
 - 23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)
 - 24. Brass instrument
 - 25. Domesticated animal
 - 26. Ribonucleic acid
 - 27. Snakelike fish
 - 28. Woman (French)
 - 29. Economically-minded aircraft
 - 34. When you hope to get somewhere
 - 35. Tease
 - 36. Actress Gretchen
 - 37. Midway between northeast and east
 - 39. Inoffensive
 - 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
 - 41. Consume
 - 42. Does not tell the truth
 - 44. Improved something
 - 45. Spiritual leader
 - 46. Abba __, Israeli politician
 - 47. Fix
 - 48. Evergreen tree genus
 - 51. Swiss river
 - 52. Prejudice
 - 53. Major C. European river
 - 54. Long, narrow strap
 - 58. Male parent

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.



JP Saxe returns home for concert

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King native JP Saxe is hitting the stage in a bit of a homecoming.

JP's current tour kicked off in Mexico Feb. 14 and involved several U.S. dates.

He's scheduled to appear at History on Queen Street in Toronto March 9, along with St. Andrew's College graduate Justin Nozuka. The duo head back to the U.S. for dates through the end of March. Saxe's tour wraps up in April in Dublin, Ireland.

Saxe's "A Grey Area (Live Sessions)" is now out, and available via major streaming services.

The 30-year-old musician and singer exploded with his song "If the World Was Ending" with Julia Michaels in 2019. The duo re-released the song with other artists in 2020. The song was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2021.

He released his debut EP, "Both Can

Be True" in 2018. His second EP, "Hold It Together," came out in 2020, and peaked at number 53 on the Canadian charts.

In 2023, he participated in a recording of Serena Ryder's single "What I Wouldn't Do," as a charity single to benefit Kids Help Phone's Feel Out Loud campaign for youth mental health.

In April 2023, he released "I Don't Miss You," co-written with John Mayer.

Singer and songwriter Justin Tokimitsu Nozuka released his debut album, Holly, in 2007. He has since published four more studio albums: You I Wind Land and Sea (2010), Ulysees (2014), Run to Waters (2018), and Daydreams & Endless Nights (2023).

Nozuka attended St. Andrew's College and his siblings attended Country Day School.

Kim Sillcox, of CDS, noted several faculty and alumni are planning on attending the concert.

For tickets and more, visit <https://jpsaxe.com/>



JP SAXE

A GREY AREA (LIVE SESSIONS)

Be a vendor at King's Food and Drink Fest!

Calling all local chefs, caterers, craft beverage makers and restaurants!

King Township is inviting the best food and beverage vendors in the area to participate in the King Food and Drink Fest on Saturday, June 8 from noon to 9 p.m. at Memorial Park, located at 25 Doctor's Lane in King City. The deadline to submit a vendor application is March 4.

Historically known as the annual "King City Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival," in celebration of its 10th anniversary this year, King Township has decided to expand what's on the menu for 2024! This year's festival will feature some of the best bites and bevies in the area, much to the culinary and sipping delights of foodies from near and far.

Over the years, this festival has attracted over 3,500 attendees from King Township and surrounding communities, and we expect an increased crowd this year as we plan our biggest festival yet. Event attendees will nosh on culturally diverse cuisines and taste (so many!) libations – whisky, beer, cider, cocktails, and even mocktails – while enjoying non-stop, live entertainment on two separate stages.

Food and drink booth vendors get a 10x10 foot space at the event venue. Food trucks will be also be accommodated. Fees start at \$200 for beverage vendors and \$250 for food vendors. Don't miss out on the fun – or the opportunity to attract loyal new customers!

Visit kingfooddrink.ca to download the vendor package. Vendor space at this event is limited. To be considered, complete the vendor application form and email, along with a sample menu, to events@king.ca by Monday, March 4. The King Food and Drink Fest Committee will review all applications and notify successful applicants by Monday, March 11.

Sponsorship opportunities to showcase your businesses are also available. For sponsorship levels and recognition, view the sponsorship package at kingfooddrink.ca.





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CHATS' 10th annual 'Better with Age' Scotch tasting event

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) is pleased to announce that it is once again holding its "Better with Age" Scotch Tasting fundraiser on Wednesday, March 20.

This year marks the 10th year that CHATS is bringing this event for whisky connoisseurs – or those who just enjoy a "wee dram" – to Aurora.

Local whisky sommelier Keith Scott and the Aurora Whisky Society will lead this in-person, interactive experience. This year's event promises to be better than ever, and we have exciting things planned for the 10th year event.

The evening will take place at The Shed- Stonehaven Banquet Hall. Beginning with a cocktail reception followed by a sit-down meal prepared by Chef Roger Wakileh, the whisky learning opportunities await you. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

"I am looking forward to celebrating the 10th year of presenting at the CHAT'S whisky event," says Keith Scott. "The Aurora Whisky Society and I are so proud to be in partnership with CHATS, helping seniors in our community," he added.

"CHATS is thrilled to partner with Keith and the Aurora Whisky Society. Social events demonstrate how important it is to be engaged and active, learning something new, and being connected to your community," added Christina Bisanz, CEO of CHATS. "Through activities like this, CHATS is able to raise funds to help us deliver and expand programs, which keep our clients socially connected with friends, family and their community, helping them to live well and improve their physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing," she says.

CHATS is delighted to welcome back Basil Developments as a sponsor for the Better with Age Scotch Tasting. Basil Developments has been supporting this event since its inception ten years ago, and CHATS is grateful for the much-appreciated support.

Proceeds from the event will support the health and wellness of seniors in our community through CHATS' programming and services.

CHATS is a not-for-profit organization, advocating for and delivering high-quality, person-centred home and community services to older adults and caregivers living in York Region and South Simcoe.

For event details, and to purchase tickets online, visit www.chatsbetterwithage.ca

For further information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kelly Broome, VP of Philanthropy & Communications, at 905-717-9003 or by email at kbroome@chats.on.ca



Lecce, Ford tour McMichael

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, hosted Premier Ford and three caucus colleagues for a tour of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg recently. "It was an honour to host the Premier and my colleagues at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, a true Canadian treasure," said Lecce. "We have and will continue to invest and support this iconic institution, the home of the Group of Seven, and so much more."

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, Feb. 25 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev Andrew Lee leading our worship on the second Sunday of Lent. We will be celebrating the sacrament of communion as we renew and refresh our commitment to the ministry the Jesus began. The Annual General Meeting will follow the worship and we hope all interested parties will be able to attend. The meeting should take about 1 hour after the worship.

Sunday school has resumed for elementary grades and takes place during our worship hour. On Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 to 12, we will be gathering at KCUC for a fun hour with children from Grade 1 to 6 for an activity time and to explore some fun and games like pickleball, ping pong etc. If this is something you are interested in please contact Rev. Andrew Lee or Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at kcuc.net

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings this season. For those who use the foodbank, the extra support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. We encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service! Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "Tough Questions." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Our next Open Closet Outlet will be Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We invite you to come and shop! For personal use only; limits apply.

Please visit our website for links and further information: www.kingbiblechurch.com

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Art class will take place tomorrow, Feb. 23, at 9:30 a.m. The class is open to experienced as well as novice artists.

Friday, March 1 at 10 a.m. – Chantal from York Region Police will discuss their Project Lifesaver program which combines radio technology with co-ordinated police response to locate wandering and disoriented loved ones. In addition, there will be a discussion on Crime Prevention. RSVP by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565.

For those who would like to play chess, the boards are available Wednesday afternoons from 1pm. Bring a friend, sign in at the office and enjoy a game.

The following activities are available at the King City Seniors' Centre. If you see something that is of interest, please come out and join the group. All are welcome.

Monday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters. Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement; Cribbage; 2 p.m. – Knitting/Crochet classes.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing.

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge; Board Games.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi).

Thursday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

Friday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Art Class (2nd & 4th Friday of the month unless otherwise noted).

Friday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Progressive Euchre.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com

Garden club speaker

Join the Nobleton-King City Garden Club for our next meeting, "Aging Gardener: Gardening in Our Golden Years," via Zoom on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. While gardening is a lifelong passion, it may not always be the pleasure it once was with our aging bodies. In this presentation, Ingrid Jansen shares ways to continue deriving pleasure from gardening, with some tips and tricks to make it easier on our bodies!

For those interested in attending Ingrid's presentation, the non-member fee is \$5, or a 2024 Club membership can be purchased for \$20 to attend all of this year's exciting meetings! Payment

can be e-transferred to nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com.

Sacred Heart Church

Join us for Celebration of Holy Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.

Coffee Sundays are planned for the purpose of fellowship and community outreach. It's also a gentle way to engage with the parish community. Families who volunteer are asked to provide a few coffee treats/snacks after Sunday Mass once a year. Homebaked goods are appreciated but not expected. Set-up is already arranged. We would really appreciate parishioners offering to participate. We would like to continue in providing coffee especially after the 10:30 a.m. Masses. Kindly contact Nadia Pascuzzo at npascuzzo@archtoronto.org.

Movie Night on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. – "I Can Only Imagine" (popcorn & drinks provided).

Potluck Supper and Adult Faith Educational Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24. The Bible "About Healthy and Happy Life" Join us after Holy Mass at 5 p.m. – bring your favourite dish!

The Catholic Women's League is hosting "World Day of Prayer Service" at Sacred Heart Parish on Friday, March 1 at 11 a.m. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 3 following Sunday Masses. Please plan on attending this event sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass. Private Confession in our new Narthex at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Weekend Mass at 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org. Email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org. Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

York Pines Church

This Sunday, Rick McKinley joins us to lead the worship service for the second Sunday in Lent. Did you know that if you give up something for Lent, you can still enjoy it on Sunday. Rev. Andrew will be back next Sunday.

The next Book Club meeting is this Monday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. We will be discussing two books – "The Last Bookshop in London" by Madeline Martin and "Laughing with the Trickster" by Tomson Highway. Contact the office for more information.

Our February Fellowship Lunch is on the 28th at the Buttery at 17565 Yonge St. in Newmarket. Come and bring a friend. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com. All are welcome.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's warmly welcomes everyone! We hope you had a lovely Family Day weekend!

This Sunday, Feb. 25, after our morning worship at 10:30 a.m. our Annual Congregational Meeting will follow with a light lunch. It will be exciting to hear about God's faithfulness and provision in 2023, the 2024 budget, the future plans for the church, and look forward to God's provision and guidance in this new year.

Tuesdays at 2 – prayer time in the church office. All are welcome to come. Have a look at this wonderful statement on prayer found in the New Testament, Philippians 4:6,7.

March 3 is Communion Sunday and we welcome back the Rev. Peter Ma, who will both preach and preside over communion..

Wednesdays at 7 will start again March 6, 13, 20 with Lenten Devotions. More to follow.

The "Q and A" (sermon-based) groups will start in April - both virtual and in person.

For pastoral care, call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 to speak with Alison Agnew, or phone one of the Elders.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

During Lent we are offering guided Bible Meditation in Lent, every Monday at 7 p.m. via zoom. Contact the office for the link at 905-833-5432.

Journey with Jesus into the wilderness – Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin.

"The significance of the 40 days of Lent comes from the 40 years the Israelites spent in the wilderness after fleeing Egypt, the 40 days Moses spent on Mount Sinai, the 40 days of Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb and most significantly the 40 days of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness."



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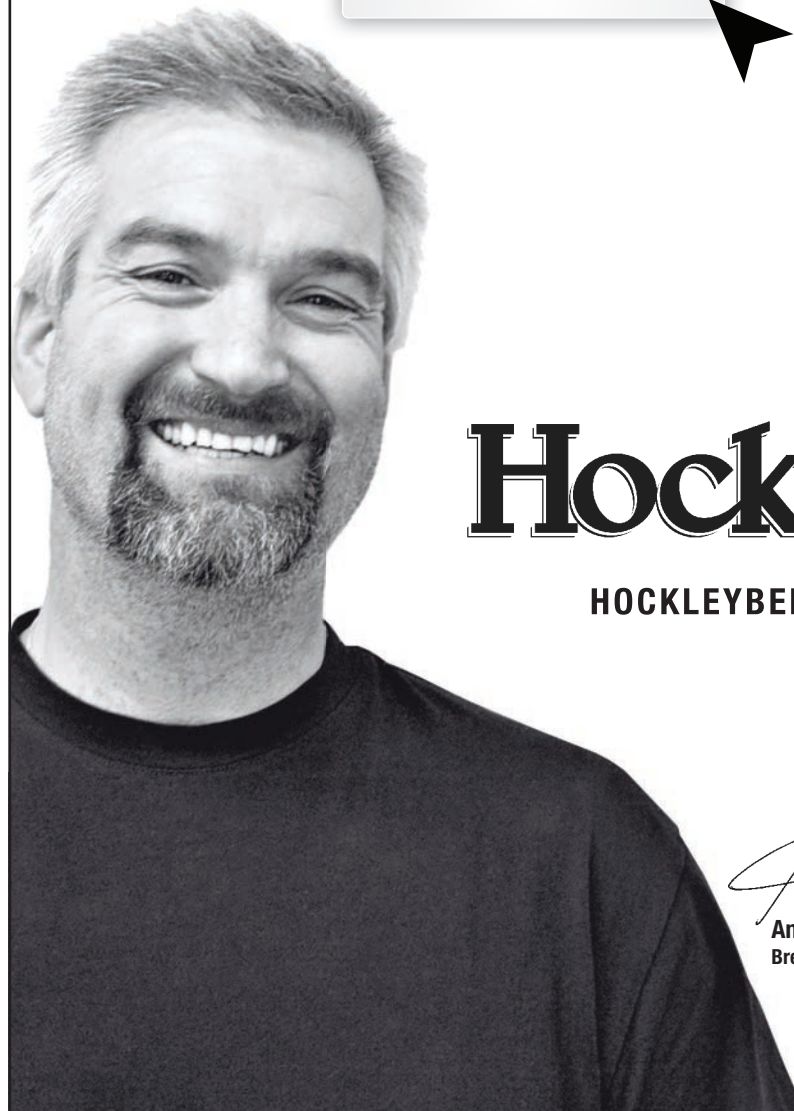
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King's Ryder Cup curling team has been decided

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

King Curling Club's Men's League week after week produces excitement and a competitiveness that could compare to the Ontario Tankard with teams all vying for that ultimate title of top spot. This past week the league concluded its round robin play to which brought an added importance of the game scores. The top 4 teams in the standing will qualify to participate in the coveted Ryder Cup; the Men's invitational that is held in King on March 9. The roster is made up with a total of only 4 different Clubs that have 16 players each that make up their team.

The games from this past week were significant for the final spot in representing King CC at the Ryder Cup which is home to some of the area's

best curlers.

Teams Barber, Inglis and Pelland all but secured their berths, but the 4th and final spot left came down to 3 possible teams. Gerrits, Davis and Shear-down were all close in the standings and all looking to claim that final position for the King team in the Ryder.

While Teams Inglis, Barber, Allen and Wright all won their games effortlessly on the early draw, the games on the late draw were a little more noteworthy.

Both Davis and Gerrits were looking for a team win and some help from their counter-parts opponents. Both Gerrits and Davis claimed victory but it would be Gerrits' win giving him the edge in total points overall to earn the final place for Team King in the Ryder Cup.

The King team will consist of Dave

Barber, Dan Steenhoek, Peter Kamstra, Simon Prigmore, Dean Teasdale (5th for Barber), Mark Inglis, Steve Flannigan, Greg Switzer, John De Faveri. Sylvain Pelland, Trevor Battershell, Fausto Mussato, and Anthony Strickland with the final spot going to George Gerrits, Chris Welch, Rick Ahle, James Gillem and Allan Courneya (5th alternate).

Teams Campbell and Boynton were the other winners in the late draw.

Love is in the air

Whatever the occasion, King curler's take advantage of the theme and go "all out" to enjoy the camaraderie and the chance to play or dress their part. Valentine's Day is the occasion to wear red, and for curlers to enjoy a few extra benefits.

The Wednesday Pub League, who

never misses the chance to sprinkle a little cinnamon amongst their scheduled games, didn't disappoint. While other leagues analyze the game around the lounge table, this league's first objective is where they'll eat locally after the game.

As a sea of red capitalized the sheets and the sweet calls of hurry hard, Cupid delivered some sharp take-outs during the matches eliminating any chance of romance. In this league every team is a winner and although the games are somewhat serious, the most important aspect for this group of curlers is where they're going for dinner afterwards.

The league's "Secret Admirer" (aka Rosie Kamstra) leads the pack each week in the direction of fun and the reservations list. The full-house of sweethearts landed at the 1812 to conclude the evening's agenda and the love affair they have for Social Curling.

Third period comeback earns Cougars hard-fought point

By Jim Stewart

The Schomberg Cougars took three of four points on their recent two-game road trip through Stayner and Innisfil.

The PJHL squad tallied three consecutive goals in the third period to force overtime in a 5-4 loss against the Siskins on Thursday night and rebounded from the heartbreaker to fire an incredible 79 shots on goal en route to a 4-3 win over the Spartans on Sunday afternoon.

The Cougars' effort at Stayner Memorial on Thursday was in sharp contrast to their last result at the traditionally-hostile arena: a 7-0 shellacking administered by the Siskins. Two goals by Caleb Tiffin-Seminara in the first twelve minutes of play staked the home team to a 2-0 lead and suggested that the teams might be headed to a similar result. However, Matthew Lychek's unassisted short-handed goal at 15:53 narrowed the deficit and changed the narrative heading into the first intermission.

Tiffin-Seminara completed his hat trick 26 seconds into the middle frame on a Siskins' power play and Kyler Watson fired his 29th of the season to give Stayner a commanding 4-1 lead after 40 minutes of play.

The Cougars' three-goal third period rally was keyed by Luke Szabo who scored his team-leading 17th of the season 59 seconds into the final frame. Lychek and Zach Gallow earned assists.

Anthony Nascimento pulled the Cougars to within one at 12:51 with help from linemate Carlo Lioni. Fifty-six seconds later, Gallow continued his recent torrid scoring pace by depositing an unassisted goal behind Stayner netminder Matteo Gennaro to tie the game and sent it into overtime.

Although the Cougars surrendered the winning goal 2:28 into OT when Watson's 30th of the season beat newly-arrived goaltender Nicolas Morwan, Schomberg left Stayner with a point and a much better road performance to their credit.

Despite the loss to their divisional rival, Schomberg Head Coach Mark Hrinco thought that his veteran squad played a strong game and the "Siskins were really opportunistic."

Coach Hrinco singled out Zach Gallow's recent hot streak and his two-point performance on Thursday: "He's well-known in the league for being a robust player who creates space for himself. Because he can create space, he creates opportunities. Zach's on a good scoring streak and he's finally getting some bounces."

The timely third period production by veterans Gallow, Lychek, Nascimento, and Lioni impressed Coach Hrinco: "They play such an important part of our team and their leadership showed tonight. They knew that the game wasn't over when we were down 4-1 heading into the third period."

The veteran bench boss pointed to the importance of the group's collective big game experience as a key to playoff success: "We are a veteran-laden team and our playoff experience will be a factor against younger playoff opponents. We've gone deep in so many playoff series over the last two seasons. This veteran lineup understands what's ahead of them."

Coach Hrinco is looking forward to coaching this group in the playoffs: "Our strength is our depth and scoring balance. It's a massive benefit to have so many 10-plus goal scorers on the team with three solid lines going. Last year, our top line was shut down in the playoffs and we didn't have enough secondary scoring. This year, we've distributed our minutes evenly and everyone is productive."

The same kind of scoring balance that Coach Hrinco believes is the identity of this year's team manifested itself in Innisfil in the Cougars' 4-3 win. Four different players delivered goals for Schomberg - Mitchell Nelson, Jordyn Palazzo, Lioni, and Joey Furlano - and the visitors outshot the home team 79-33.

The Cougars pelted Spartans goaltender Francesco Sciabarras with 27 shots in the opening frame at the Innisfil Recreation Complex. Schomberg's quick start offence was keyed by Nelson who fired his 4th of the season at 3:25, assisted by Michael Ciarvella and Spencer Natale. Innisfil's Eric Smith tied the game five minutes later and the Spartans took the lead 2-1 at 7:40 of the second period on Nick Muraca's marker.

Veteran forward Palazzo impelled the Cougars into a 2-2 tie with assists going to defence partners Reece Muir and Ryan Dunbar.

Muir picked up his second assist of the period when he fed Lioni who buried his 10th of the season past Sciabarras and restore Schomberg's one-goal lead. The Cougars fired 27 shots during the middle frame at the acrobatic Spartans' netminder whose numerous saves kept the game close for the home side.

Furlano's 12th of the season at 13:40 of the final period gave the Cougars a two-goal cushion. Veteran playmakers Nascimento and Lioni earned their 20th and 25th assists of the year, respectively, on what turned out to be Furlano's game-winning goal.

Schomberg surrendered a power play goal by Kierin Tran with 26 seconds remaining and an extra attacker augmenting the Spartans' man-advantage, but that was as close as the home team could get.

Prior to the Cougars' final regular season home game on Thursday night, a ceremony will honor Schomberg's four graduating players: Andrew Hrinco, Wesley O'Hara, Adam Miller, and Zach Gallow. Puck drop versus the Innisfil Spartans will be 7:30 at the Trisan Centre.



James Gillem and Allan Courneya of Team Gerrits swept to victory during last week's Men's league Round Robin play. The win qualified the team for the remaining spot in the Men's Invitational; The Ryder Cup.

Photo by Shellee Morning



Wednesday afternoon social league a.k.a. "The pub league" are all about having fun. Valentine's Day was celebrated by wearing Red followed by a full house retreat to a local establishment for dinner.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his series on the book of Acts. Jeff's message, entitled, "Blinded by the Light" is from Acts 9.1-31.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. After the service you are welcome to join us for a time of socializing over coffee and goodies. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6 during worship. We continue to offer St. Paul's "At Home" bags each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

If you know young people who need volunteer hours for school, we would be pleased to have them volunteer to run our audio-visual booth on some Sundays throughout the year. Training is provided. Interested individuals can reach out to our Pastor through the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

St. Mary's Church

Students in Grades 6-8 are invited to join us on Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall for an evening of food, fun, and a great discussion on "Honesty." You won't want to miss this! We hope to see you there!

If you haven't attended a Life Teen or Edge event, check out the Youth Ministry bulletin board or our social media for more information and photos from past events.

April 13 is St. Mary's Starlight Gala Fundraiser. Join us for an unforgettable night to remember! Featuring anti-pasto bar, three course gourmet meal, dessert station, late night food, deluxe bar, exceptional live entertainment and so much more!

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tact Rick Minicucci at 416-768-5564 or Robert Laurendi at 416-768-5564 for tickets and sponsoring and prize donation opportunities. Don't miss out!

If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.org/>
St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/>

Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey

We welcome all Nobleton Seniors (55+) to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We are located at 15 Old King Rd. (upstairs).

Our current schedule is as follows:
Mobility Matters classes Monday and Friday - 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Educational Thursdays - from 10 a.m. to noon unless otherwise indicated.

February 22 - "See Snow? Drive Slow" presented by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

February 29 - "Frauds and Scams" presented by York Regional Police.

March 7 - CPR and Defibrillator presented by King Fire & Emergency Services (Kevin Ritson).

March 21 - Tai Chi presented by Judy Leeming.

March 28 - "First Impressions Count" (clothes, jewelry, hair) presented by Frank De-bartolo.

April 4 - Councilor David Boyd - Ask your questions to our Nobleton Councillor.

April 11 - Adaptive Living for Seniors - How to Remain in Your Home.

April 18 - Learn to Bake Cannoli with Rose.

All weekly Thursday programs in Nobleton will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated. Remember to sign up for your 2024 membership.

We are currently seeking more volunteers for our Nobleton group. If interested please contact Joanne Bailey at 416-706-9375 or email Erin Burford, Coordinator of Recreation Programs at: eburford@king.ca

Be sure to visit the website: king.ca/seniors for more information on programs, workshops, and senior memberships.

Garden club speaker

Join the Nobleton-King City Garden Club for our next meeting, "Aging Gardener: Gardening in Our Golden Years," via Zoom on Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. While gardening is a lifelong passion, it may not always be the pleasure it once was with our aging bodies. In this presentation, Ingrid Janssen shares ways to continue deriving pleasure from gardening, with some tips and tricks to make it easier on our bodies!

For those interested in attending Ingrid's presentation, the non-member fee is \$5, or a 2024 Club membership can be purchased for \$20 to attend all of this year's exciting meetings! Payment can be e-transferred to nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com.

Nobleton Lions

With the approach of spring, your kids can look forward to the free township-wide Easter Egg Hunt at the Nobleton Sports Park, sponsored by the three Lions Clubs in King, on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m. Thousands of plastic eggs will be "laid" on the grassy areas for the kids to gather and then traded in for the real prizes - chocolate Easter bunnies.

Later this spring the Nobleton Lions, along with other community groups, will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities. On the following Sunday, May 26, you and your pets are invited to walk in the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. For more information about the walk and how you can participate and donate, please visit <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

Then on Sunday, June 9 the long-running, much-anticipated golf tournament fundraiser will be staged at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Details for these events as well as announcements of other events, once they are fully planned, will follow on the website and on social media.

Please visit our website, accessible by simply googling 'Nobleton Lions' which will bring up the link to the site. Check out "upcoming events" and "useful links" where you will learn more about events and organizations supported with your contributions. From the Homepage you can access our social media pages.

We continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting

Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com. We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:00, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena. Our next meeting is February 27.

St. Alban's By John Arnott

Here we are approaching spring 2024 and many of us marking a religious event involving a back country itinerant preacher that took place almost 2,000 years ago in a part of the world sadly much in the news today. And one of the mainstays of this observance reaches back thousands of years earlier into prehistory! Let's delve into this whole occurrence further.

In 1091 AD Pope Urban II instituted a practice allowing repentant criminals, now dressed in sackcloth to gather in the narthex of churches in Rome and, while kneeling, be sprinkled with ashes thus showing their past sins were dead and they wanted to again receive Christian blessings and sacraments in the upcoming Easter celebrations. Although they couldn't enter the church proper they could hear the proceedings and possibly see some of them. Later on a somewhat similar situation was offered to converts as they prepared to be received into the Christian faith. The imposition of ashes, as it's called today takes the form of the priest or an appointed representative dipping a finger into a bowl of blessed ashes and making the mark of a cross on the forehead of each person in attendance wishing it. The ashes used are usually made from the burning of the palm crosses left from the previous year's Palm Sunday Service held a week before Easter. The ashes of Ash Wednesday are meant to serve as a stark reminder that we all must be prepared to face death - "from dust/ashes we came and to dust/ashes we must return."

Shrove Tuesday, the day before the Wednesday of ashes, is said to have started in 1445 AD in Olney (Buckinghamshire) England when parishioners attended church to confess their sins and be shriven or forgiven with of course a penance assigned. In old English "God shrove me" means God forgave me. Not many today make it to church to be shriven but many do come to church for pancakes so strongly associated with this day

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Did everyone have a fun Family Day? The sun was shining, but it was a tad cooler out than it has been. But a glorious day for whatever activity you decided to enjoy with your family. I hope everyone felt some love this week and note that not family is blood.

Please join the Schomberg Horticultural Society on Feb. 27, for this timely presentation of "Jumping Worms" by Kathleen Gorsline, Master Gardener.

Enjoy this talk from the comfort of your living room by Zoom. Virtual doors open at 7 with the session beginning at 7:30. Free event for Society members and members of the community.

Contact schomberghortsociety@gmail.com for link to access meeting and presentation.

Cold Creek Maple Syrup Fest is

back for its second year. Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can purchase tickets at coldcreek.ca/maplesyrupfest

Schomberg Euchre Club: Euchre is on Friday nights at the Trisan, 7 to 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, ladies, you just need to know the basics, and how to laugh, enjoy a great group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously. We've had a few new members lately and we'd love to see more.

Schomberg Seniors (55+): We have 74 members to date, but we still have room for more, so if you're over 55 and want to learn a few new skills and make a new friend or two, please come out and join us.

Calling all Bridge game players, or Bridge wannabees! Are you 55 or over? If so, we welcome you to join us on any Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. for a couple of hours of playing or learning to play Bridge.

Coffee, tea and treats available. Luga-mug and help save the environment by not contributing to the 500 billion disposable coffee cups that end up in

landfill each year. Costs to play are \$1 for members of Schomberg Seniors 55+ Club and \$2 for non-members.

This past "Family Day" Monday we were treated to a very informative talk, "All things Racing Pigeons" with Mario Rea. Mario has been racing pigeons since the 1960s, and is very knowledgeable about all pigeons. It seems if you get a good racer, you can win some good money in the bigger races. The highest ever paid for a pigeon in recent years was \$1.9 million. If you have that much money to spend on a pigeon, I'd expect it to win every single race, but that isn't always the case.

We've got some great events and workshops coming up, so come on out. Next up Monday, Feb. 26 - 10 a.m. - Program - Trivia at its Best. Brush up on your trivia and join us, we have some great prizes.

Saturday, February 24 - 8 p.m. - Concert: York Symphony Orchestra, "Night at the Opera." Trinity Anglican Church, 70 Victoria Street, Aurora. Senior tickets \$25.

Monday, March 4 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Frank Smith - Ukulele sing along.

Monday, March 18 - 10 a.m. - Lynn Bird presents "Adventures in New Zealand."

These events all take place at the Schomberg Community Hall, except as indicated.

If there is something that catches your eye and you would like to attend any of the Theatre or workshops please reach out to Lynn Bird, klbird@hotmail.com or Margaret Crowe maggie.crowe@hotmail.com.

Annual fee is \$15 for individuals and \$20 per couple or two people living at the same address for King residents. To keep up to date with events, please check online at king.ca/seniors.

This quote spoke to me this week: "Family isn't always blood, it's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who love you no matter what" ~ Nobie Fried

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday Feb. 25, at 11:15 a.m., there is a Joint Service (with Schomberg United) at Nobleton United. Following that service, we will have lunch, and then our Annual General Meeting at 12:45 p.m. There will be a Zoom link for those who wish to attend our AGM virtually and this will be sent out via email blast and put on our Facebook page.

Lenten Lunches are making a return! Join us for the next one on Monday, Feb. 26 at 11 a.m. at Schomberg United Church, lower level, 116 Church St. The main course will be supplied. Please bring a salad or a dessert. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in our community to come together, share in fellowship, and enjoy a warm meal. We invite you to be a part of this cherished tradition. Let's make this year's Lenten Lunches a memorable one! The lunches continue on Mondays. The location will alternate each week between Schomberg and Nobleton.

We are also online at 11:15 a.m. Go to www.youtube.com. Then search for Nobleton United Church, find the correct

date and enjoy! The videos are recorded, so you can also watch them later and sing along. But it is all better in person! The famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner at Nobleton United Church returns on Friday, March 1. The meal includes pasta with meatballs, salad and dessert. It is a great time to socialize, as we do not rush out afterwards. To reserve your seat, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$12 for 10 years and under; free for those under 5. Seating is limited, so don't miss out!

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. Musician Joe Crone will be singing '50s and '60s music. The meal is on the St. Patrick's Day theme: leek and potato soup, corned beef sandwiches, and a festive dessert. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited.

If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is in the Nobleton church office most Mon-

days, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact him at pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com or call the church office at 905-859-3976.

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6476 King Rd., Nobleton.



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CHUCK A PUCK WAS WON BY Mike Saccucci - WINNER OF LEAF TICKETS

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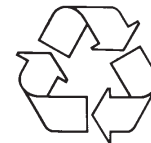
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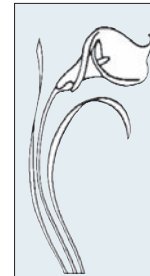
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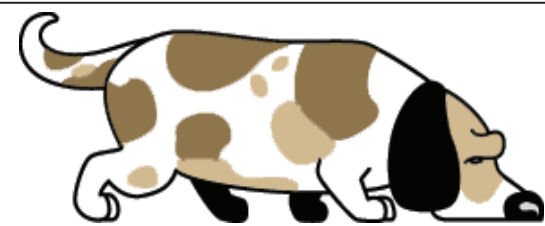
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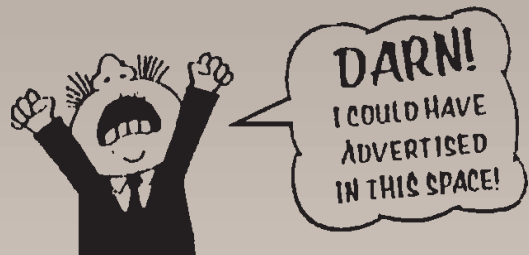
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