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Oh, Christmas Tree

The Festival of Lights Christmas Tree Lighting took place at the Tottenham Fire Hall on Saturday, Nov. 23. Santa Claus was there to greet children and there was hot chocolate, ice sculpting, face painting, and smores to munch on. Avery, Stephanie, and Piper got into the spirit and enjoyed the show when the Christmas tree lights were turned on.

BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

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Toys for Tickets campaign returns to New Tecumseth

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of New Tecumseth has announced the return of its annual Toys for Tickets campaign for local families in need.

From Nov. 27 to Dec. 6, residents can pay their parking tickets with toys or gift certificates.

This initiative not only helps educate the public about parking regulations, it also brings the community together to support a worthy cause.

“This campaign allows us to bring awareness to the parking restrictions in New Tecumseth while coming together to help those who may need a little extra help this season,” said New Tecumseth Mayor Richard Norcross.

To participate, simply purchase a toy and bring it in its original packaging, along with the receipt to Town Hall. The value of the toy or gift certificate must be equal to or greater than the amount of the parking ticket.

Eligible parking tickets include those issued from Nov. 15 up to and including

Nov. 27. Redemption can be done at Town Hall (24 Tupper St. W., Alliston), Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Note that violations for accessible parking spaces and fire routes are not eligible for this program.

In 2023, the Toys for Tickets campaign successfully collected 58 toys in exchange for 41 parking tickets valued at \$1,697.50. This year, all toys collected will be distributed to youth in the community through the local Lions Clubs Christmas Hamper program and My Sister’s Place.

In addition to the Toys for Tickets campaign, the Town will not enforce the overnight parking by-law from Dec. 20 to midnight on Jan. 1, 2025, to ensure everyone can enjoy the holiday season safely and responsibly.

“Allowing overnight parking during the winter holidays helps our community come together and celebrate without the worry of parking restrictions,” Mayor Norcross said. “We ask everyone to remain considerate of snowplow operations in case of inclement weather, ensuring our streets stay safe and accessible for all.”

County recognizes staff at Paramedic Services Commencement ceremony

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Simcoe Paramedic Services celebrated the achievements of its dedicated team members during its annual Commencement and Honours Ceremony held on Nov. 14.

The event recognized new recruits, employees marking significant career advancements, and individuals who received Chief’s Commendations.

For only the second time in its history, the Legacy Award – the highest internal honour – was presented to two deserving individuals.

Primary Care Paramedic, Jeff Page and Deputy Chief Shane Smith were honoured.

“Our County of Simcoe paramedics play a vital role in our emergency response system, and the safety and well-being of our residents,” said Simcoe County Warden Basil Clarke. “Their dedication, professionalism, and compassion to those in need is nothing short of extraordinary. This event

allows us to take a moment to recognize and thank them for the countless lives they touch, and for the courage and professionalism they demonstrate every day in the face of adversity, while welcoming in the next generation of paramedics.”

Paramedic Services employs full and part-time advanced and primary care paramedics, supervisors and support staff. Paramedics provide emergency medical response and community support to Simcoe County residents using 42 ambulances and Rapid Response Units across the region during peak times.

“It’s truly a privilege to congratulate our newest recruits and those celebrating important milestones in their careers,” said Sarah Mills, Director and Chief County of Simcoe Paramedic Service. “Their commitment to this profession, dedication to serving others, and passion for making a difference in our communities is inspiring. Today, we celebrate not just their achievements, but the incredible impact our Paramedics will have in the lives of those who need us most.”



NEW MEMBERS – The County of Simcoe’s Paramedic Services leadership team were joined by 2024 spring recruits at the annual Commencement and Honors Ceremony held on Nov. 14. Paramedic Services use 42 ambulances and Rapid Response Units across the region during peak times. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Angus man charged with impaired driving

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver for driving while impaired in the Essa.

On Nov. 25, just before 9:30 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver, in the area of Willoughby Rd., between Greenwood Drive and 5th Line. The caller stated someone had driven across their lawn and struck a fire hydrant.

As a result of the investigation, Robert Malone of Angus, 60, was charged with:

- Adult Operation while Impaired-

alcohol and drugs

- Operation while impaired - blood drug concentration
- Fail to report accident
- Fail to report damage to property on highway
- Fail to remain

In addition to the charges, the driver was issued a 90-day license suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Jan. 2, 2025, to answer to the charges.



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“The window to the world can be covered by a newspaper.”

~ Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

Who needs a passport?

A friend of mine had a grandfather who grew up on a farm in Saskatchewan at the start of the 20th century.

His parents were real pioneers who carved out an existence on a farm they cleared themselves.

Early pioneers were one tough bunch of people.

When the grandfather got older, he acquired his own farm and started his own family.

A new migrant family moved to a nearby farm property in the spring, and he went over to meet them. They were, he thought, from Eastern Europe. They didn't speak much English, but enough that they could understand each other.

They kept tabs on each other, as people in rural areas do. It was mid-winter, and the temperature plummeted to one of those super cold spells that can happen on the prairies where water droplets freeze in the air and you have to dress properly to withstand the freezing cold temperatures.

One day the grandfather realized he hadn't seen the new family for a couple of weeks. He noticed there appeared to be no activity at all on their farm.

Growing concerned, he decided to visit the farm to see if they were alright.

He found the entire family deceased. They had run out of heating fuel and froze to death.

He told my friend, that it wasn't uncommon for this to happen at that time. People arrived on the prairies from other countries with no idea of how cold it can really get and if they didn't properly stock for the winter, there was no way to get more fuel for heat.

Two US men are now on trial in Minnesota on human trafficking charges. It is alleged they were the masterminds of an operation that smuggled Indian nationals across the border from Manitoba.

In January 2022, RCMP found the frozen bodies of an entire family - mother, father, a young boy, and a toddler, in a field as they tried to cross illegally into the US when it was -32°C.

They were not prepared for the weather, not by a long shot.

The pipeline of smugglers bringing Indians into the US illegally across the border has increased sharply over the past couple of years.

US Border Patrol has already arrested more than 14,000 Indians as of Sept. 30, this year.

It's no wonder border control is such a huge issue in the US these days.

Many of these people arrive in Canada on falsified student visas – they aren't even on our shores legally.

An investigation into the family that froze to death reveals they weren't desperate refugees fleeing war or some natural disaster that left them homeless. They were actually doing quite well in their own hometown.

Apparently, in that part of India, advertising to the locals that they can get you smuggled into Canada, the US or Australia, is easily done – as long as you have money.

Indian authorities have reacted to this incident, apparently arresting three people there, but it is just a token effort.

It has just been reported that another human smuggler, linked to the deaths of people who drowned while trying to cross the St. Lawrence River, was issued a new passport by the federal government after he was already ordered to surrender travel documents as part of court-imposed release conditions. He was still operating as a smuggler after his arrest.

Federal MP Tom Kmiec, Conservative critic on immigration, refugee and citizenship, was quoted as saying, “It's just a complete failure. How bad is our

national security infrastructure when we can't catch the most basic things in our system?”

Human smuggling is a dangerous thing for a lot of reasons. If you are paying criminals a lot of money to take you somewhere, you have to be ready to find yourself in a very bad situation very quickly.

There have been several instances of illegal migrants being locked in the back of trucks only to be left in the desert in the southwest US and abandoned to die from the heat.

There has to be blame put on the parents in these cases of family smuggling as well. What kind of a parent willingly places a young child in a dangerous situation, in the company of criminal strangers?

Remember the tragic photo of the three-year-old lying face down on the beach in the Mediterranean? His parents placed a vulnerable child on a boat that was not seaworthy.

Ottawa has done a terrible job of securing our borders and needs to start treating human trafficking as a serious crime.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Is this who we are?

Whenever we go to the polls, at least at the Federal level, we're invariably told it is going to be one of the most consequential of our lives.

We were told this when reasonably freshly-minted Liberal leader Justin Trudeau took on Stephen Harper in 2015, sweeping the Liberals into power with a voter turnout

of 68.3 per cent. We were told this again in 2019 when Justin Trudeau took on Andrew Scheer and his Conservatives and swept back into power with a voter turnout of 67 per cent. We were told this once more in 2021 when he again took on the Conservatives, this time led by Erin O'Toole. While he swept back into

power that time around, it was with a Minority Government and a voter turnout of just 62.3 per cent.

It appears by almost all estimation that we will be back at the Federal polls sometime – any time – in the next six to twelve months – and while some things remain the same, other factors are certainly up in the air.

Trudeau insists he will be carrying the Liberal banner again whenever the time comes, but the reality could be quite different. Polls indicate it is increasingly unlikely Trudeau will make it four out of four. And, with even a week being a long time in politics, it's hard to say with absolute certainty just who will be on the final ballot for any party once the writ is dropped. Yet, I'm reasonably certain we're going to be told once again that that this will be the most consequential election of our lifetimes.

Recent events in the United States might give this claim a bit more heft

than it's had in the last few go-rounds, but will it make a difference in voter turnout?

Who can tell these days?

On the one hand, turnout has been on a downward trajectory, on average, for several years now, and there doesn't appear, at least on first glance, any “magic bullet” is on the horizon to turn things around.

On the other hand, it seems that, by and large, we're collectively a far angrier set of voters than we were in September of 2021, although at that point the myriad and desperate issues that have come together to make so many Canadians' blood boil was just beginning to simmer.

Come poll time, we're told it could prove cataclysmic and, at the same time,

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Netanyahu and the International Criminal Court

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



The indictment of Israel prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant by the International Criminal Court on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Gaza has triggered a great deal of public moralizing, both pro and con. Almost all of it is missing the point.

Netanyahu and Gallant have not been found guilty of anything. However, Israeli weapons under their ultimate control have killed more than 44,000 people, most of them innocent civilians, in the past year, and no Israeli court or official inquiry has examined the circumstances of their deaths.

Moreover, it is extremely unlikely that any Israeli authority will conduct such an investigation so long as Netanyahu is in power. It is in cases like this that the ICC must act – even though it can only expect compliance from countries that have signed the Rome Statute and accepted its authority.

So why have most countries signed up to the ICC, while a minority have not?

As American mobster Al Capone once put it, “You get more with kind words and a gun than with kind words alone.” That is why Russia, China, the United States and India do not recognise the jurisdiction of the ICC. As great powers (at least in their own minds), they still have guns that work.

For ‘gun’ read guns, rockets, bombers, aircraft carriers, submarines and nuclear weapons in large enough numbers to frighten lesser powers into submission, or kill enough of their citizens to make the rest obey.

For ‘kind words’ read diplomacy, the rule of law, the United Nations Charter, the whole edifice of non-violent dispute settlement that weaker countries hope will protect them from the untrammelled power of the strong. Sometimes it does protect them. Sometimes it doesn’t.

and indeed regularly condemns it in the harshest terms. Why?

We might reasonably assume that it is because Israel can still get more with a gun (and can even skip the kind words). This is largely because a genuine superpower, the United States, is pledged to protect it from retaliation. But the question remains: how can the ICC bring charges against two leading Israeli politicians if Israel has not signed the treaty?

It can do so because of the legal principle of ‘complementarity.’ The ICC has no power to interfere if alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity are being properly investigated and, if necessary, prosecuted by the courts of a law-abiding sovereign state. But it is the court of last resort for places where such investigations are not taking place.

Netanyahu could have avoided these arrest warrants simply by opening a credible investigation by Israel’s own legal authorities into his own and his government’s conduct before, during and since the Hamas attacks of October 7, 2023. He chose not to do so because he rightly feared that such an investigation would cause his coalition government to fall.

Member states are obliged to carry out the ICC’s arrest warrants. Non-members are not, so Netanyahu is not in any immediate danger of arrest. If he sets foot in any of the 124 countries that have signed the treaty, however, he could be arrested and transported to The Hague for trial.

Netanyahu won’t go to jail over this, but even long-term friends and de facto allies of Israel like the United Kingdom say they will “follow the law” if he shows up on their soil. (Russian dictator Vladimir Putin participated in a recent summit in South Africa entirely by Zoom because he feared arrest on an ICC warrant.)

The Israeli prime minister’s world has suddenly shrunk by more than half. Moreover, his trial at home on charges of breach of trust, accepting bribes, and fraud, halted a year ago when the war began, will reopen early next month. Netanyahu may be running out of rope.

Whether a country signs up for the ICC or rejects its authority is not a moral choice (although supporters of the ICC often pretend it is). By and large, countries that think they can still get their own way by force usually reject the ICC, while those that doubt their ability to protect themselves sign up.

The latter group includes even most of the former great powers (Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Japan) that would once have relied exclusively on their own military power for their security. It’s not enough any more, and so they seek at the same time to create the international rule of law (an activity they would once have despised).

Yet Israel, which is not even a former great power, has refused to join the ICC



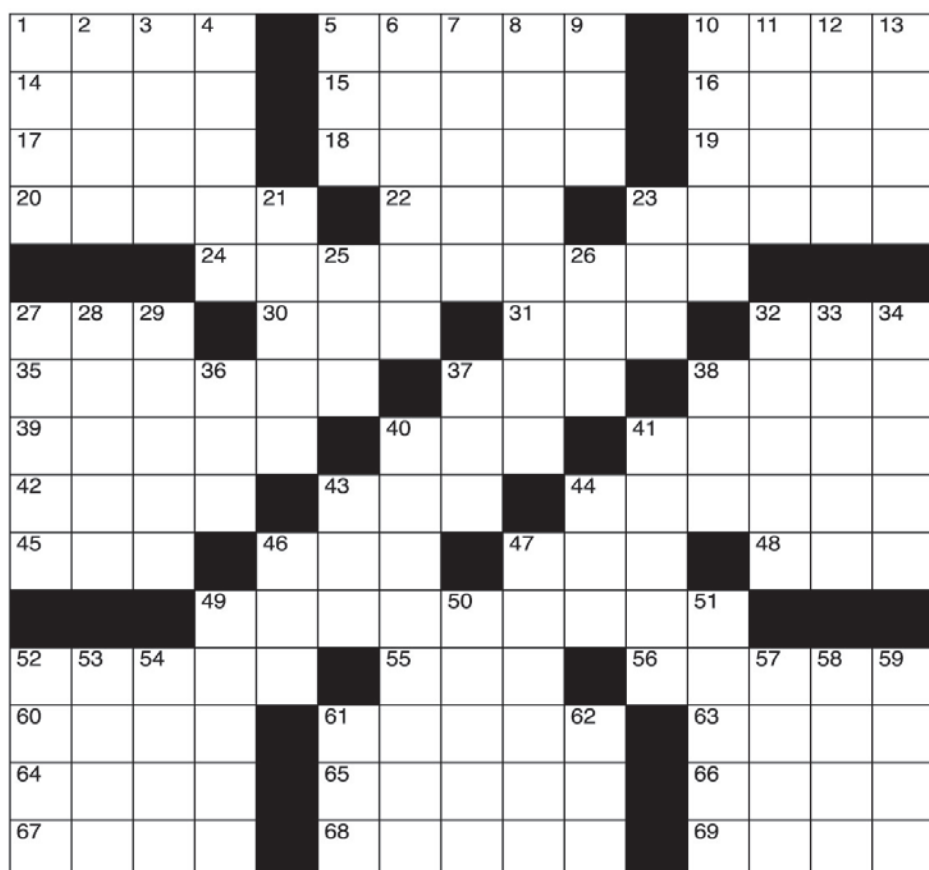
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CLUES DOWN

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- ___ and Venzetti
- Exclamation at the end of a prayer
- Hawaiian dish
- Aggressively proud men
- Fellow
- Mark Wahlberg comedy
- Mock
- When you expect to get somewhere
- Songs
- Pair of small hand drums
- Play
- Sword
- Evergreens and shrubs genus
- Filmed
- Italian Seaport
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Pores in a leaf
- U. of Miami mascot is one
- Snakelike fishes
- Pretended to be
- Body part

CLUES DOWN

- Piece of felted material
- Ancient Greek City
- Aquatic plant
- Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
- Body art (slang)
- One who follows the rules
- Ordinary
- Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one’s title
- Relaxing space
- Japanese socks
- Indian city
- Rip
- Icelandic book
- Satisfies
- Where golfers begin
- Small amount
- Snag
- Determine the sum of
- A distinctive smell
- Exposed to view
- Stain or blemish
- Small loop in embroidery
- River herring genus
- Large beer
- Deep, red-brown sea bream
- Partner to cheese
- At a deliberate pace
- Gurus
- Of each
- Angry
- Popular beverage
- Flower cluster
- Blocks
- Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
- Polio vaccine developer
- A (usually) large and scholarly book
- Popular soap ingredient
- NBAer Bradley
- Popular movie about a pig
- Musician Clapton
- Not a sure thing
- Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- Father

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Brian Saunderson acclaimed as Ontario PC candidate for Simcoe-Grey

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario PC Party has announced that Brian Saunderson has been acclaimed as the party's candidate for Simcoe-Grey in the next provincial general election.

The announcement was made on Nov. 15.

"Brian is a tireless advocate for Simcoe-Grey, delivering on our government's commitment to build Ontario and make

life more affordable for families," said Doug Ford, Leader of the Ontario PC Party. "Whether it's supporting our growing electric vehicle sector, improving essential infrastructure, or ensuring better health care for the region, Brian has been at the forefront of these efforts. His leadership exemplifies the Ontario PC vision for a stronger and more resilient province."

"Since first being elected, Brian has been a steadfast advocate for the people of Simcoe-Grey, championing critical invest-

ments in infrastructure, economic growth, and increased access to health care," the party said in a statement. "Under his leadership, the region has seen significant progress, including expanded high-speed internet, upgraded highways, and enhanced primary care services. Brian and the Ontario PC Party continue to advance the priorities of Simcoe-Grey by investing in transformative infrastructure projects, bolstering workforce development, and implementing cost-saving measures for

families and businesses."

Saunderson was first elected to provincial government in the 2022 election.

"Serving the people of Simcoe-Grey is an incredible honour, and I'm committed to continuing this important work," Saunderson said. "From expanding Stevenson Memorial Hospital to delivering critical infrastructure upgrades, my focus remains on improving the quality of life for all residents. Together, we're building a bright future for Simcoe-Grey."

As winter approaches how to adequately prepare for winter weather ahead of time

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Colder weather is on the way, and along with it comes the potential for danger during winter storms.

Winter storms kill more Canadians than tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, floods, and hurricanes combined.

When a winter storm arrives, you should be prepared so you and your family can stay safe.

During a storm, you should avoid unnecessary travel. Wear layers of lightweight clothing, mittens and a hat – pref-

erably one that covers your ears.

Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to keep from slipping on ice and snow.

If you are outdoors, regularly check for frostbite. Signs include numbness or white areas on your face and body – ears, nose, cheeks, hands, and feet, in particular.

Avoid overexertion when shovelling snow by taking frequent breaks.

Bring pets inside and move livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

During a winter storm, there is a risk

of a power outage. This can be caused by high winds, freezing rain or flooding.

If a power outage occurs you may lose access to water, electricity, heat, information services and communication channels. This can also disrupt services such as grocery stores, banks and ATMs, gas stations, and pharmacies.

If your power goes out, verify if the power is still on elsewhere. Check your electrical panel and speak with your neighbours. Contact your utility service provider to report the outage and to get information about its scale. Keep yourself, children, and pets at least 10 metres away from any downed power lines.

Turn off and unplug appliances and electronics except for your refrigerator and freezer.

Keep one light on inside to alert you when power is restored, and keep one light on outside to alert utility workers when power is restored.

Do not use a gas stove or oven as a heat source – this could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. Do not use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping stoves, or home generators indoors.

To prepare for a winter storm, you should have an emergency preparedness kit assembled ahead of time.

This kit should include a flashlight, water, non-perishable food, extra blankets, and warm clothes.

During warmer weather, trim branches hanging over your house or vehicle so they don't get weighed down with snow and ice and damage your property.

Also, be sure to stock up on salt to prevent falls on your driveway or sidewalk.



BE PREPARED – As winter weather approaches, it's time to be prepared for storms that can leave you stranded at home or on the roads and often digging yourself out of a pile of snow. **STOCK PHOTO**

Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are in good working order.

By preparing ahead of time, you can get through a winter storm safely.



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Beeton Veterinary Clinic raises funds and food for Our Town Food Bank

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Beeton Veterinary Clinic recently held a silent auction and Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of the Our Town Food Bank in Tottenham.

The initiative raised \$820 in funds alone as well as food donations.

“It was such a huge success, seeing that we were able to raise \$820 in funds alone that we will definitely consider doing another one next year,” the Beeton Veterinary Clinic said in a statement. “There was

such a positive response to the food drive that we will continue the food drive until Christmas. Feel free to pop by and donate any non-perishable food items, hygienic or cleaning items as well as any pet supplies or pet food as pets are in need too.”

The clinic would like to thank, Beeton Foodland, Trillium Ford Alliston, Tottenham Home Hardware, and Vince’s Market Place Tottenham for their donations, as well as Pet Value, Purina Canada, Hills Canada, Vetoquinol, and Boehringer-Ingelheim, for giving to the Thanksgiving Food Drive and silent auction.



GIVING BACK – The Beeton Veterinary Clinic held a silent auction and Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of Our Town Food Bank in Tottenham. The initiative raised \$820 in funds as well as food donations. Dr. Brar and Kristine Bohn from the clinic present Susan Iacoucci, coordinator for the Our Town Food Bank with a cheque from the fundraiser.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



MILESTONE – The CIBC branch in Tottenham is celebrating 50 years of serving the community. The local branch opened its doors in 1974. Branch employees, bank executives, and local dignitaries gather during an anniversary celebration on Thursday, Nov. 21. Several local residents in attendance recall opening an account when the branch first opened.

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Arts & Local Events

A different take on an old fairy tale in production of 'A Snow White Christmas'

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Once upon a time – was a long time ago. Snow White no longer lives with seven dwarfs, and her looks may have faded a bit over the years.

She now runs a 'Sweet Shop,' the 'a' is silent - and employs several orphans to work in her bakery, in the Blackhorse Village Player's production of A Snow White Christmas.

Written by Norm Foster and directed by Andrew M. Ladd, this production has a different take on what happened to Snow White years after she bit into the poisoned apple and was revived by a kiss from a prince.

This production features a cast from around the region. Actors and crew from New Tecumseth, Caledon, Aurora, and Bolton, came together to make this production a reality and brought their talent to the Blackhorse Village Players stage.

In the role of Snow White, Julia Okoth plays the beloved fairy tale character in the years after she met her prince, and takes great offence when anyone mentions that Cinderella is the fairest girl in the land.

She is visited by Vincent Charming, a new neighbour who has a store next to the Sweet Shop that sells copies of famous artwork.

Vincent, played by Thomas Pearson, is a smooth talking philanderer who makes a great effort to get to know Snow White.

In the role of Max, Julian Guerrero-



A CLASSIC TALE – The Black horse Village Players production of *A Snow White Christmas* is now on stage at their Highway 9 and Mount Wolf Rd. location. The play is a new take on an old fairy tale that finds Snow White running a bakery with the help of some orphans. The play is running until Dec. 8. **BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO**

Hirsch is one of the orphans whose primary focus in life is getting a decent meal for a change. He works in the bakery and quite often works through his lunch with other children because there is no food.

In order to raise money, Snow White retrieves a magic mirror she obtained years earlier, that has the power to answer any question. She gives the mirror to Max and tells him to sell it to someone on the street.

Enter Derek and Freddy. They are two ne'er-do-wells played by Ricar Giachini and Walter Stewart, who are unemployed and desperate for money. When they meet up with Max, he shows the magic mirror.

They can't agree on a price because neither Derek nor Freddy have any money.

That night, Snow White's 'Fairly Good Mother' arrives by materializing in a broom closet.

Played by Laurie Laing, The Fairly Good Mother tells Snow White that she is one level below Fairy Godmother.

Derek and Freddy devise a plan to steal the magic mirror so Derek can find out what happened to his true love, and where she is now. They decide to kidnap one of the orphans named Prudence and hold her for ransom.

The plan is not well thought out, as

Freddy signs their names at the bottom of the ransom note, just to be polite.

They have an even bigger problem when the orphan escapes by crawling out an open window.

Rounding out the cast are Cassandra Sima, Vivian Rose Genz, Maya Genz, and Amanda Tessier in the role of orphans.

Produced by Jo-Anne Pulfer and Julie Kovach, and set design by Myles Stromm, A Snow White Christmas is suitable for all members of the family and is on the Blackhorse Village Players stage through Dec. 8.

For tickets, visit the website at: www.blackhorsetheatre.ca.



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GST/HST break announced by Prime Minister, alongside MP Van Bynen

BY BROCK WEIR

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was in the area last week to deliver an early holiday present to Canadians: a four-month break on GST and HST on a number of staples and products.

Trudeau announced on Nov. 21, at Vince’s Market, a staple in Sharon, Newmarket, Tottenham, and Uxbridge, alongside Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Newmarket-Aurora MP Tony Van Bynen.

Beginning Dec. 14, and expected to be in place until Feb. 15, 2025, a tax exemption will be applied to prepared foods, including vegetable trays, pre-made meals and salads, sandwiches; restaurant meals, whether dine-in, takeout or delivery; snacks, including chips, candy, and granola bars; beer, wine, cider and pre-mixed alcoholic beverages below 7 per cent ABV; children’s clothing and footwear, car seats and diapers; children’s toys, including board games, dolls and video game consoles; books, print newspapers, and puzzles for all ages; and, given the upcoming season, Christmas trees.

“As the holidays approach, families,

especially parents, are particularly worried,” said Trudeau at the independent grocery store. “Canadians have been through a lot, they work hard, we see that. We have been able to get through the past couple of years; everyone had to tighten their belts a little bit. Now, we’re going to be able to give a tax break for all Canadians. For two months, starting Dec. 14, we’re going to remove the GST, HST from groceries – 100 per cent of groceries... We’re going to remove the GST from restaurant meals, take-outs, fast food. Removing the GST from beer and wine, removing GST for essentials like kids’ clothing, footwear, diapers and toys – all tax-free. For two months, Canadians are going to get a real break on everything they do.

“We also know that there is more that we need to do, particularly for working Canadians. If you worked in 2023 and earned up to \$150,000, we’re going to be sending you a cheque for \$250 in just a few months. Our government can’t set prices at the checkout, but we can put more money in people’s pockets: the Working Canadians Rebate, which will be sent to people in April, is going to give people the relief they need,

“For two months, Canadians are going to get a real break on everything they do.”

and a tax break over the next two months is going to help them with the cost of everything as we approach the holidays, get into the New Year. These are things that recognize people are squeezed and we’re there to help. Money that will help people buy the things they need and save up for the things they want.”

Throwing down the gauntlet, however, Trudeau noted, “I really hope all parties in the House can get behind this so we can pass this quickly, so Canadians get this relief as soon as Dec. 14.”

Additional relief was reiterated by the Federal government elsewhere last week, including a new National School Food Program, which will allocate \$1 billion over five years to provide meals for up to 400,000 more kids each year. They project the program will save the average participating family \$800 per year in grocery costs.

Speaking following the Prime Minister at the event, Freeland recounted a chat earlier in the morning with Vince’s partner Giancarlo Trimarchi, alongside Trudeau, Van Bynen, and Vaughan MP Francesco Sorbera, on how money spent at the cash register can be a barometer for how Canadians are getting by.

“It was such a valuable window into the life of this community and also into the lives of Canadians,” said Freeland. “What Giancarlo does, you can see what has been happening in the Canadian economy, at the checkout counter here at Vince’s. He talked about how things were really hard for Canadians at the beginning of this year, that inflation was coming down but interest rates were still high. That was really biting in the pocketbook and he saw it with what people were able to afford to buy.

“One thing he told us that I really loved is he said he could almost measure the trajectory of interest rates by what people were doing at the cash register here. As rates have come down, people have been coming back in to Vince’s and have been able to spend a little bit more.”

Local school board seeking volunteers for Accessibility Advisory Committee

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Simcoe County District School Board is looking for community volunteers interested in serving on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

People with disabilities and members of families of people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The Accessibility Advisory Commit-

tee is a group of volunteers, partners, and SCDSB staff who work together to support the board in removing physical barriers to accessibility in schools.

Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee fulfill a variety of activities including advising on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of the board’s annual accessibility plan; reviewing and advising on accessibility issues relating to identified facilities; and advis-

ing on other accessibility issues within SCDSB schools.

To be eligible, applicants must be a resident of the County of Simcoe and over 18 years of age.

Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005, the majority of committee members shall include people with disabilities.

The committee meets five times throughout the school year and completes school

accessibility audits twice a year.

Interested individuals are invited to apply to be a member of the SCDSB Accessibility Advisory Committee by emailing a letter of interest to Carrie Rumble at crumble@scdsb.on.ca by Nov. 29, 2024.

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SPORTS

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Hornets blank Huntsville, hammer Muskoka over the weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER



The Alliston Hornets continue to steam-roll through the season, adding to their undefeated record with a couple of big wins over the weekend.

The squad travelled to Huntsville on Friday, Nov. 22, to take on the Terriers.

After a first period of no scoring, the Alliston squad came alive in the second to take a 3-0 lead.

Alliston's goals came from Cole Turcotte, Will Millington, and Tristen Pitt.

The game ended with a 9-0 shutout when the Hornets scored six third-period goals.

Hornets' final period goals came from

Jacob Holmes, Ben Smith, Tristen Pitt, Duncan Grube, and two from Nick Lamont.

Alliston goalie Seth Ronan got the shut-out making 19 saves on 19 shots on net.

The Hornets were back at it the following night when they travelled to Bracebridge to face the Muskoka Bears.

It was a huge first period for the Hornets

when they outscored the Bears 5-1 in the first frame.

Alliston's period goals came from Turcotte for two, Grube, Smith, Mason Taylor-Wood, and Aiden Landers.

Muskoka scored early in the second period.

The Hornets responded with two goals from Grube and Turcotte for his third of the game.

In the final period, the Alliston squad finished off the night with three more from Payton Palbiski, Cam Lamont, and Will Hopcraft to win the game 10-2.

Alliston goalie Owen Butler got the win.

After the weekend, the Hornets remain in first place with an undefeated 18-0 record.

The Stayner Siskins have dropped to third place after taking a 6-3 loss to the Penetang Kings on Friday night. Stayner now has a 16-4 record for the season.

The Orillia Terriers have moved into second place with 33 points.

They have a 16-3 record including one overtime loss.

In the number four spot, the Penetang Kings have 20 points. They are followed by the Innisfil Spartans and the Huntsville Otters.

The Hornets will return to home ice at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre on Friday, Nov. 29, when they will host the Orillia Terriers.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Tottenham Railers fought hard to win a gruelling three games over the weekend

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Alliston Hornets remain in first place in the North Caruthers division of the Provincial Junior Hockey League after a win over the Penetang Kings on Penetang home ice on Fri. Nov. 15.

The team is still undefeated this season after 16 games.

Jaeden French from the Hornets started the scoring in Friday's game when he hit the back of the Penetang net at 12:40 into the first period.

It was a 2-1 game when Alliston forward Nick Lamont got the only goal of the second

period midway into the frame.

The Kings were on the scoreboard with a goal mid-period in the third.

Cole Turcotte and Jackson Young finished the scoring for the night with two Alliston goals just 53 seconds apart in the final two minutes of the game for a 4-1 Alliston win.

The Hornets are the only team in the PJHL with an undefeated record so far this season and are in first place with a 16-0 record.

The Stayner Siskins are two points behind with 30 points and a 15-3 record.

They are followed by the Orillia Terriers with 29 points, and the Penetang Kings, who have 18 points so far this season.

Across the PJHL, first-place teams

include the Norwich Merchants for the South Doherty Division, Clarington Eagles for the East Orr Division, Exeter Hawks for the West Yeck Division, Niagara Riverhawks for the South Bloomfield Division, Essex 73's for the West Stobbs Division, Frankford Huskies for the East Tod Division, and Hanover Barons for the North Pollock Division.

The Hornets have two road games this weekend against the Huntsville Otters and the Muskoka Bears.

They will return to home ice on Nov. 29 to host the Orillia Terriers at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.



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Brock's Banter: Is this who we are?

Each time we go to the polls told that this will be the one with cataclysmic and, at the same, it often prompts something of a cross-country identity crisis, with many questioning who we are as Canadians; who we want to be; and, given the polls, the blueprint we want to follow to get as close as possible to the goal.

As angry as it feels we're collectively becoming, however, the less I'm seeing us go down the road of soul-searching.

Back in June of 2021, at a time when the remains of 215 First Nations children were found in graves associated with a former residential school in Kamloops, snapped our attention back to a grim reality in our past, another horrific event, the terrorist act in London, ON, which decimated a Muslim family simply out on a neighbourhood walk, also snapped our attention back to a grim reality in our present.

While leaders offered words of support on both fronts, the words of the NDP's Jagmeet Singh struck a particular chord with me.

"Today is a hard day," he said. We think about what this means to Muslims and their families across the country. We have heard people mention this, but it is so common.

All of us have gone for walks with our families in this pandemic because there is nowhere to go... to think a family going for a walk could not make it home, that a casual walk around the block in our neighbourhood would be one's last, that one cannot walk safely down one's own street, we need to think about what that means for a Muslim family. Right now, people are talking to their families and saying maybe they should not go for a walk. There are people literally thinking about whether they should walk out their front door in our own country.

"Some people have said that this is not our Canada, and I think about what that means when people say this is not our Canada. I love this place, but the reality is this is our Canada. Our Canada is a place where 215 little kids were found dead in unmarked graves. Our Canada is a place where people can-

not walk down the street if they wear a hijab, because they would be killed. This is our Canada. We cannot deny it. We cannot reject that because it does no one any help."

"We have to make this a moment when we decide to do something differently as a country, when we come together to say that we are going to put an end to hatred, that we are going to put an end to violence, and that we're not going to allow political leaders to use this type of divisive hatred to gain political points. We have to be serious about this."

Three years on, and it's clear we haven't heeded this warning – and rhetoric has only become more heated.

This past weekend saw an expansive demonstration, organized by the Divest for Palestine Collective, in Montreal ostensibly to protest the NATO meeting held in the city. The protest, which was intended to denounce NATO itself, snowballed into a melee which saw windows broken, cars set ablaze and other non-peaceful forms of taking a position.

It comes on the heels of scores of attacks on Jewish- and Muslim-owned businesses across the country, a reflection of the current conflict between Israel and Hamas reaching far beyond its epicentre.

The weekend's events were at times called anti-Semitic by the Prime Minister, although local police said they could not make a "correlation" on whether the demonstration was or was not.

But, as the conflict continues unabated, so too is our homegrown response to it, but over the last year or two, one thing I've been hearing less and less of is the response, "This is not who we are" generally, or "This is not who we are as Canadians."

Is that a sign, at best, that we're collectively tired of constant introspection – or, worse, that this is who we've decided to be?

I certainly hope it's the former, rather than the latter – but we can't take our eyes off who we are, who we want to be, and how we want to represent ourselves to others.

Two-vehicle collision in Essa results in death

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Nottawasaga OPP is investigating a two-vehicle collision in Essa Township that resulted in a fatality.

On Nov. 14, at approximately 8:32 p.m., members of the Nottawasaga OPP, New Tecumseth Fire Department and Simcoe County Paramedics responded to a collision involving a passenger vehicle and a transport truck on Highway 89 between the 8th Line and the 9th Line.

The investigation revealed that the vehicle and transport truck were travelling in oppo-

site directions on Highway 89 before colliding head-on.

The driver of the passenger vehicle, an 82-year-old from Newmarket was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the transport truck did not sustain injuries.

The road was closed between the 8th Line and 9th Line while the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement team processed the scene. The highway was re-opened at 3:01 a.m.

The investigation is ongoing.

Police are asking anyone with information or dashcam footage in the area between 8 p.m. and 8:32 p.m. on that date to contact Nottawasaga OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Nottawasaga OPP arrest and charge impaired driver

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver for driving while impaired in the Township of Essa.

On Nov. 16, just before 11:30 p.m., Nottawasaga OPP responded to a traffic complaint of an abandoned motor vehicle running in the ditch around 30th Sideroad in the Township of Essa. Upon arrival, one male was located inside the motor vehicle asleep behind the wheel.

As a result of the investigation, Mitchell Morgan, 19, of Owen Sound, was charged with:

- Adult Operation while Impaired- alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood drug concentration

In addition to the charges, the driver was issued a 90-day license suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on December 12, 2024, to answer to the charges.

None of the listed charges have been proven in court.

Report of shoplifter leads to recovery of stolen vehicle

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The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a report of a shoplifter at a local Alliston grocery store at approximately 6:41 p.m. on Nov. 11.

As a result of the investigation, police arrested and charged an individual.

During the investigation, officers located an individual exiting the store with stolen property as well as the keys to a stolen vehicle in the parking lot.

The accused was then arrested.

As a result, Navdeep Chaudhary, 22, of Waterloo, has been charged with theft under \$5,000 – shoplifting and possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

Radon may be a silent health risk in your home

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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It is Radon Action Month and the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit is encouraging residents to test their homes for radon.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that – through prolonged exposure at elevated levels – can take a serious toll on a person’s health. Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and is responsible for the deaths of over 3,000 people in Canada each year.

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OPP ask public for assistance in theft investigation

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are currently investigating a theft and are requesting the public's assistance to identify a person of interest.

On October 31, 2024, Nottawasaga OPP were dispatched to a theft incident at 23 Brentwood Road in Angus.

The preliminary investigation reveals that shortly before 12:00 p.m., the complainant advised that a male had gone into his store with a female. While the store owner was distracted speaking with the female, the male party was seen on video taking a cell phone, placing it into his pant pocket, and exiting the store.

A photograph released by OPP shows the suspect.

If you know this individual, please

call 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E241456336).

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

SUSPECT IMAGE – The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has released a photo of a man wanted for a theft at B&M Variety in Angus on Oct. 31.

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Nottawasaga OPP searching for shoplifting suspect

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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Officers from the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police are currently investigating a shoplift and are re-

questing the public's assistance in identifying a person.

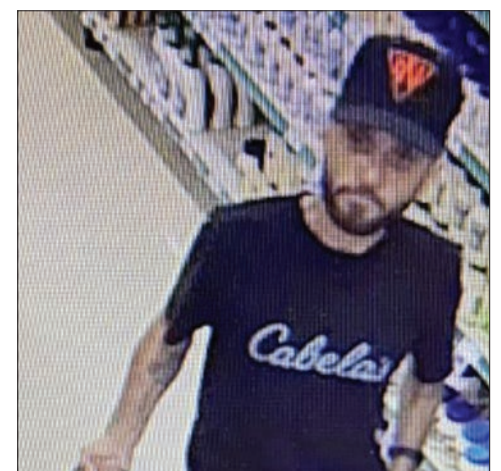
The Nottawasaga OPP responded to a shoplifting incident at Sobeys located at 247 Mill Street in Angus on Oct. 3, shortly before 11:30 a.m.

An individual was seen entering the store and placing groceries into a green reusable bag then exiting the store with no attempt to pay.

The preliminary investigation reveals that this is the second time this individual has been seen stealing inside the store and officers are looking to identify the person.

The OPP have provided photographs from video surveillance. If you know this individual, please call 1-888-310-1122 (reference number E241323827).

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-8477 (TIPS), or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.



WANTED MAN – Nottawasaga OPP officers are seeking the public's help in identifying a shoplifting suspect.

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Traffic stop leads to two arrests in New Tecumseth Nov. 14

BY BRIAN LOCKHART
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The Nottawasaga OPP have charged two men with several drug related offences in New Tecumseth after a traffic stop on Nov. 14.

At approximately 10 p.m., officers from the Nottawasaga OPP conducted a traffic stop on a passenger vehicle with an obstructed rear plate on Young Street in Alliston.

The investigation revealed that two individuals from Alliston were in possession of a schedule 1 substance.

As a result of this investigation, both Alliston residents are facing charges under the Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Darryl Berdan, 40, was charged with: possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking – cocaine, fail to comply with probation order (three counts), possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 in Canada, and possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking – methamphetamine.

Jason Hoffarth, 41, was charged with Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – cocaine, Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking – methamphetamine.

Both accused parties were held for a bail hearing and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Bradford on Nov. 14, 2024, and released on a release order.

None of the listed charged have been proven in court.

Alliston man arrested, held in custody on several warrants

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has arrested and charged a male on several warrants in the Town of New Tecumseth.

On Nov. 10, shortly after 5 a.m., Nottawasaga OPP located and arrested, Brendon Blanchard, 24, of Alliston.

Blanchard was wanted on several warrants dating as far back as May 2, 2023.

He has been charged with mischief - destroys or damages property, theft under \$5,000, shoplifting (two counts), and failure to comply with release order.

Blanchard was held in custody and scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice located in Bradford on Nov. 15, 2024, to answer to the charges.

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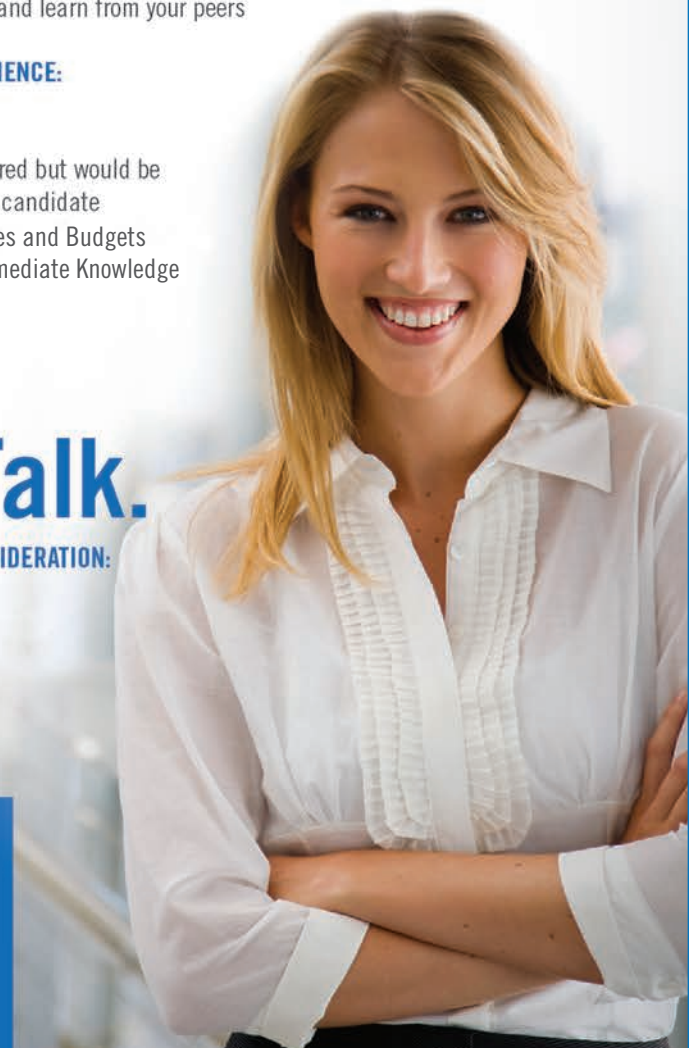
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Arrangements are under the care and guidance of Thompson Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, ON L4G 6W8. A Celebration of Life will be held at this location on Saturday, November 30, 2024 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Sharing of memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting Susan's online memorial at www.thompsonFH-Aurora.com

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