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Suleman inquest should seek truth without prejudice

Re: Debora Kelly's column, *Inquest must focus on why Faraz Suleman died*, Nov. 4

This column is misleading. Kelly is extremely one-sided and judgmental about a mother whose son was shot dead by a York Regional Police officer.

Shaheen Kamadia is a mother whose concern for her first-born son and society at large compelled her to carefully arrange a safe sting operation with police for his arrest.

The media reports a botched take-down, resulting in the harshest of sentences for 16-year-old Faraz Suleman — death.

The coroner's inquest underway into Suleman's death, and the jury of five are to "inquire diligently" and "without fear or affection, prejudice or partiality towards any person," the issues before them.

The objective is to focus public attention on preventable deaths and to satisfy the public's need to have the facts known about Suleman's death.

Preventing such a tragedy from happening again is the key element of the inquest.

We must wait and see what information presents itself at the inquest, and the resulting recommendations made by the jury, to avoid a preventable death under similar circumstances.

This is a learning process for all concerned. Our society only stands to benefit from this non-judgmental process of seeking the truth without prejudice.

JOYCE RIETTIE
MARKHAM

Kind and caring Stouffville residents thanked for help

Just a few days after moving to Stouffville in August, I took a nasty tumble off my scooter at the northeast corner of Musselman's Lake, breaking six ribs, a collarbone and collapsing a lung.

As I lay in the road unable to move or speak, two cars immediately stopped to help and the people in them somehow got me home.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to them as well as everyone who helped me after the accident. They are paramedics Linda and Ryan, the nurses and doctors at Markham Stouffville Hospital, especially Petronelle,

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Frank Daggett

The trick is to know why, not when, a woman is angry

Sometimes, it's not as simple as leaving the seat up on the toilet.

I won't even pretend to have the insight or discernment my parents have after more than 30 years of marriage, but after 3-1/2 years of marriage, I know when my wife is angry.

So, maybe I'm an exception to the findings of two evolutionary psychologists who, according to a recent report, have asserted that men can't quickly tell when women are angry.

Apparently, although no specific statistical information was provided, anger turned out to be the one emotion the female subjects recognize more quickly than men.

Usually, when I sense the anger, one word she says when I ask what's wrong confirms my suspicion — "nothing."

The trick is to know why she's angry. York University professor Irwin Silverman and graduate student Lisa Goos should consider that point in addition to exploring why men have trouble telling anger in women's facial expressions.

Silverman and Goos used a tachistoscope to gauge men and women's ability to quickly identify emotions.

The device flashed photos of both sexes in 30 millisecond bursts before 114 subjects (58 female, 56 male).

But my question is this: whose pictures were flashed before the eyes of these subjects?

Who were the subject matters used in this test by the York University researchers? Homer and Marge Simpson? Tarzan and Jane?

That, to me, would be more revealing.

Homer and Marge Simpson? Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz? Archie and Edith Bunker? Pamela and Tommy Lee? Tarzan and Jane?

OK, so maybe figures of pop culture were not used in the experiment. Although using Tarzan and Jane would be the most appropriate, considering Silverman and Goos' theory is the first that points to evolution as the cause of men's inability to be emotion detectors.

Rather than spend too much time and energy on figuring out if women are mad, especially my wife, I'll concentrate on one of the emotions we males are said to have quicker response in identifying — enjoyment.

At least if I'm identifying enjoyment, I feel safe in assuming I'm doing something right and won't have to wonder why my wife is angry.

And then maybe "nothing" will really mean nothing.

Becky, Julia and Dr. Whelan, and Prudence and the home care nurses from the Community Care Access Centre.

Special thanks to our new neighbours, George and Helen, for their concern about me and comfort to my wife.

It isn't how we would have chosen to meet our neighbours, but if there is a silver lining, it is meeting so many kind and caring people from the Stouffville area.

Thanks again to everyone.

VIC FLEMING
STOUFFVILLE

Ravine lands do not belong to area homeowners

My family and I live in the Green Lane and Huntington Park Drive area of Markham. It possesses a bounty of beautiful ravines and a scarcity of accessibility to them.

Unlike Unionville residents, who enjoy a system of pathways through natural areas, our neighbourhood has next to nothing — unless you're lucky enough to own a house adjacent to a ravine. If a member of the unwashed public wishes to brave entrance to the ravines by, say, climbing down the hill from Green Lane, that person is assailed by tenacious burrs and prickly weeds.

At the Markham council meeting on Oct. 12, several homeowners whose houses overlook a ravine area near Huntington Park protested against the plan for a pathway that would take a pedestrian through the park and onward to Little German Mills Creek.

One homeowner adamantly stated a person who wants to walk to a destination doesn't

need a pathway to get where they're going.

Well, my husband and I beg to differ. We found out in a rather unnerving manner, one consequence of the lack of a public pathway.

Just before the meeting, the two of us, pleased with the prospect that there would finally be a decent ravine footpath in our neighbourhood, wanted to check out where the proposed Little German Mills Creek pathway was going to be. We trekked through a grassy, weedy area that we had heard would be regenerated and beautified.

Adjacent to this field was a number of houses, none of which sported fences separating the backyards from the wilderness. Making sure not to come anywhere near these open backyards, we followed a trodden-down grass path that we figured would take us to the creek. When we got to the end of the grassy trail, we caught sight of a creek, but failed in our attempts to get to it because of the abundance of prickly weeds.

On our way back toward the park, my husband and I heard the barking of a dog. We both looked in the direction of the increasingly frenzied yapping and noticed a dog, about the size of a boxer, coming toward us from one of the open backyards. We couldn't go back to the creek, so our only option was to move forward and away from the dog, who continued to follow us, barking frantically all the while.

The entire experience was both frightening and infuriating. The people who live adjacent to Little German Mills Creek seem to think the ravine exists for their private use only.

As a taxpayer, I am entitled to the use of public lands.

JUDITH FONO
THORNHILL

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