

Newsmakers demonstrate passion and persistence

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Alliance nominations in that riding, winding up with the Alliance and joining non-Liberal candidates from 100 Ontario ridings who lost in the Nov. 27 federal election.

Jones' slide into obscurity allowed high-profile Liberal John McCallum, who left his job as a vice-president at Royal Bank, to become Markham's new MP.

Thornhill Liberal MP Elinor Caplan also hit the national newswire during the election when she called the Canadian Alliance a party of "Holocaust deniers, prominent bigots and racists".

Political chance

One of the most unusual political stories of 2000 took place in Newmarket, where the town's former recreation director Bill Andrews announced he would seek the regional council seat in the municipal election.

Five months earlier, Andrews was convicted of stealing more than \$100,000 from the town in a scheme involving invoices from non-existent companies.

His efforts to win the seat

were hampered when his parole officer refused to exempt Andrews from house arrest to wage a campaign.

This year's Persistence Awards go to ...

If there is an award for persistence in politics, it should be shared by Vaughan Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio and former Aurora councillor Phyllis Morris.

Frustaglio spent numerous hours during the last three years travelling around the region with an often controversial message — selling a uniform no-smoking bylaw in each and every municipality in York Region, a law that comes into effect in January.

Even her most vocal opponent, former Richmond Hill regional councillor Janet Mabley, applauded Frustaglio.

"We whacked heads on this the past year, but the writing is on the wall. I commend her for her hard work and tenacity and the ability to take some blows on the chin very gracefully."

Phyllis Morris was no less persistent in her bid to institute regulations covering commercial riding stables

following the death of a 10-year-old Aurora girl in 1999.

Morris took the fight to each of the region's nine municipalities while also lobbying MPPs to put provincial legislation in place. Morris' plans, however, suffered a setback when she was defeated in a bid to oust Aurora Mayor Tim Jones in the municipal election.

Courthouse worker stood up for her rights

Other notable battles this year included Lori Patrick, a civilian employee of York Regional Police, Queensville centenarian Thomas Swanson, 14-year-old Risa Saraga of Thornhill and Robert McMichael of the Canadian Collection.

Patrick's persistent complaints about toxic mould in the provincial court building in Newmarket forced the Ministry of Labour to shut down the courthouse. It remains closed today as the clean-up continues.

Swanson, who died in February, seven months after celebrating his 100th birthday, was York Region's last surviving First World War veteran.

"That 100th birthday was very important to him," said a friend. "Then I think his body just got tired and he wanted to give up."

Saraga, a Grade 8 student at Thornhill Public School successfully battled to overturn a school board policy that stopped her from playing basketball on the boys team.

McMichael finally won his long battle against the board of directors of the famous Kleinburg gallery that carries his name. His goal of restricting works exhibited there to the Group of Seven and certain other artists was enshrined by the Harris government.

York Region had its share of heroes in 2000, including Stouffville's Jennifer May. The 20-year-old saved a 10-year-old Ajax boy who suffered a severe asthma attack while on a hayride in October.

While presenting May with a heroism award for her efforts, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson said she saved another child in a similar incident four years earlier.

Kudos are also in store for American philanthropist Charles Burnett, who donated a \$750,000 helicopter to York Regional Police.



(Above) Jennifer May of Stouffville is congratulated by Mayor Wayne Emmerson. The quick-thinking young woman saved the life of an Ajax boy who was visiting a Stouffville farm this year.



(Left) Thornhill MP Elinor Caplan made headlines when she described members of the Canadian Alliance as Holocaust-deniers and bigots.



(Right) Former Newmarket recreation director Bill Andrews also made headlines when he decided to run for office, after his conviction for stealing money from the town.

Former Aurora councillor Phyllis Morris has championed legislation governing safety at riding stables.

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