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SPECIAL EVENTS

NOV. 16-18

Markham COUNTRY DECORATING SHOW at Markham Fairgrounds. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$2 for children younger than 12.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

ABC SALE — silent auction, bake sale and craft sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Glad Park Public School, Glad Park Drive west of Ninth Line in Stouffville. Free drop-in babysitting. Proceeds to toward student activities.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA fashion show, 7-9:30 p.m. at the museum, 216 Main St., Unionville. Tickets \$30 each; call 905-477-9511; ext. 221.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

MARKHAM FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS — Celebrate the start of the holiday season at the annual Festival of Lights held on Main Street Markham (Markham Road north of Hwy 7) from 6 to 10 p.m. The official tree lighting ceremony will be at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Main and Robinson Streets. Entertainment includes a petting zoo, Doc Century's magic show, Scrooge, Dr. Bandoli, Madame Buskerly, lots of bands, choirs, clowns and Santa will be there to hear all those special wishes. Fun for the whole family.

NOV. 23-25

MARKHAM MUSEUM & HISTORIC VILLAGE annual Festival of Lights, featuring Saturday brunch with Santa, family concert, bedtime stories with Santa and more. For tickets and information call 905-294-4576. The museum is on Hwy. 48 north of 16th Avenue.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

The Heritage Centre in Unionville is having its annual HOLLY TEA & BAZAAR from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Prepare for Christmas with home baked goods, handcrafted holiday items, Granny's cupboard and tea room for early morning coffee and

lunch. The Heritage Centre is at 17 Anna Russell Way off of Eureka St. behind Union Villa. Everyone welcome, call 905-477-4944 for details.

29th annual MARKHAM SANTA CLAUS PARADE sponsored by the Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise, starts 10 a.m. at Parkway Avenue and Markham Main St. The parade travels south on Main Street to Hwy. 7, west on Hwy. 7 to McCowan Road and north on McCowan to Centennial Arena. Grand marshal is Thornhill student Craig Kielberger, who was featured in a recent issue of Time magazine, for his campaign against child poverty. For additional information contact Roger Bynoe at 905-853-6461(w) or 905-477-4210 (h).

'Snowflake & Holly' CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR at Stouffville Legion on Ninth Line, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Knitting, crafts and more. Light lunch available. Proceeds to veterans' welfare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB CONNECT through Seneca offers employment opportunities for youth (between 16 to 24) who are out of school seeking employment. Call 905-780-9622, ext. 300 for information.

WALK OF FAME tiles still available for the "Building our Future" fundraising campaign of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. All donations receive a receipt for income tax purposes, call 905-642-READ for details.

AT THE CHURCH

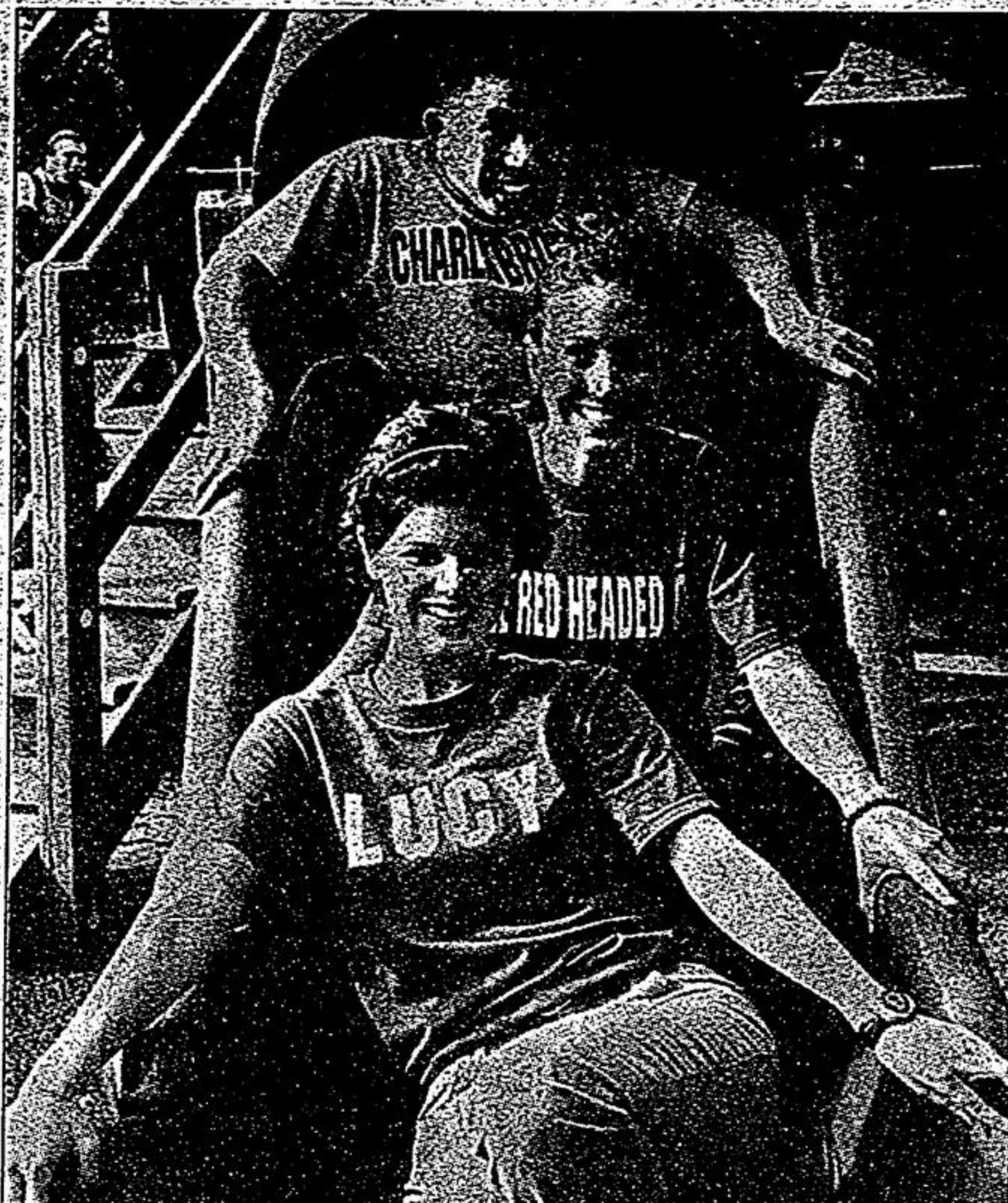
SATURDAY, NOV. 17

OLD FASHIONED TURKEY DINNER at Central United Church (131 Main St.), Unionville from 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$14/adults; \$6/children. Call 905-474-0183 for tickets. Everyone welcome, wheelchair accessible.

Country Christmas bazaar at CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN (254 Sunset Blvd.), Stouffville from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring tea room, bake shoppe, candy carts, silent auction, linen cupboard and quilt raffle, country treasures and crafts. A portion of proceeds to go to local charities. Wheelchair accessible.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

Women's MORNING COFFEE BREAK at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (143 Main St. N.), Markham from



Markville Secondary School will present *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* on Nov. 29 at Orchard Park Public School in Stouffville. Actors include (from top) Derek Chan, Laurie Norris and Krystal Anstey.

9:30 to 11 a.m. Featuring Gail Ross, Markham Guild of Village Crafts "Decorating for Christmas" with guest speaker, Rev. Carol Smith. Enjoy a time of singing carols together, coffee and fellowship. Babysitting provided, call 905-294-4736 for details.

NOV. 23-25

Twelfth annual Christmas sale and country pastimes at LEMONVILLE UNITED CHURCH (McCowan road, north of Bethesda). Friday from 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

MARKHAM GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH (19 Parkway Ave.), from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Appointment: 1-888-2

Donate to book an appointment.

THEATRES CONCERTS

NOV. 20-21

COLIN JAMES — Juno award winning Canadian singer, songwriter and guitarist performs 8 p.m. at Markham Theatre. For Performing Arts Town Centre Blvd. Tickets start at \$42 and are available at the theatre box office, 905-305-7469.

NOV. 23-24

SECOND CITY COMEDY SHOW featuring The Arrogant Worms, 8 p.m. at Markham Theatre For Performing Arts, Warden Avenue north of Hwy. 7. tickets \$29.50 each; call 905-305-7469.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

Markville Music present's YOU'RE A

GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN at Orchard Park Public School in Stouffville. Shows at 6 and 8 p.m. Tickets \$5. Call (416) 499-7523 or e-mail orchardparktickets@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Jazz singer EMILIE-CLAIRE BARLOW and The Barlow Group in concert 8 p.m. at Markham Theatre, Warden Avenue north of Hwy. 7. All proceeds to the Markham International Jazz Festival 2002 and Evergreen Hospice. Tickets start at \$18 and are available at the theatre box office, 905-305-7469.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

CANTABILE CHORALE of York Region presents "Joy of Christmas" at Thornhill United Church (16 Elgin St.), Thornhill. Robert Richardson, conductor, Lona Richardson, accompanist with guest trumpeter Fran Harvey. Audience participation, fun and refreshments. Donation to food bank and silent offering. Call 905-731-8318 to book or www.cantabile.ca for other performances.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

VILLAGE VOICES presents "Festive celebration", Conductor, Joan Andrews, at Central United Church (131 Main St.), Unionville at 7:30 p.m. Highlights from Handel's "Messiah" with soprano, Cathy Robinson; contralto, Judith Young; and the Apollo Chamber Orchestra. Tickets (at the door) \$12 (children under 12 free). Call 905-477-1531 for details.

DEC. 14-16

SPRINGVALE BAPTIST CHURCH presents a holiday production, "Joy Came Down" at 7 p.m. "Joy Came Down" is a full dramatic and musical production and features live animals and a cast of over 50 volunteer actors, musicians, technical and support personnel. No tickets are required. Seating on a first-come-first-seated basis. Springvale Baptist Church is located at the corner of Kennedy and Stouffville Roads. Call 905-887-5651 for details.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

BOOK DISCUSSION group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. in Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. Topic is "Biographies of Canadian Authors." New members welcome. No charge.

THURSDAYS

BRIDGES OF HOPE drop-in group meets at Evergreen Hospice (6060

Hwy. 7), Markham fourth Sunday each month. Call 905-472-5014 for details.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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PERINATAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICES ONTARIO holding a self-help support group meeting for Markham area families who have suffered a pregnancy loss or newborn death. We meet every second and fourth Thursday on the month at 6060 Hwy 7 office from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and are free, call 905-472-1807 to pre-register.

WORKSHOPS SEMINARS

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

York Region Health Services holds OSTEOPOROSIS prevention workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. at 17250 Yonge St., Newmarket. To register, call Cathy, 905-940-1787, ext. 4259.

Christmas season SEPARATION & DIVORCE seminars for women and men. Small group discussions with your own age, regain your self-esteem with dignity, letting go, getting over grief and anger, self-esteem, learning to trust again. Register by Nov. 16. Call 416-283-3305 for details.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS

PARENTS' BREAK meets every Tuesday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the Yonge-John St. area of Thornhill. At-home moms and dads are invited to enjoy coffee, conversation and interesting guest speakers. Experienced babysitters provide childcare so you can relax. Call Joan, 905-737-8466 or visit www.geocities.com/parents-break.

ADULT INTERESTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

Dr. Susan Chiddix is giving a FREE TALK FOR WOMEN on "Overcoming stress, fear and anxiety" at Women in Motion fitness club in Markham from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 905-472-9658 for details.

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