

\$1 dinner served Monday

Looking for an inexpensive meal and some fellowship on Labour Day?

The popular \$1 Community Spaghetti Dinner returns to Stouffville's Latcham Hall Mon-

day from 5 to 7 p.m.

Latcham Hall is on Park Drive in Memorial Park.

Toastmasters open house

Want to learn how to speak effectively? Stouffville Toastmasters are

holding their annual open house Sept. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park. Guest speaker is Heidi Wallis. Admission is free. There are more than 13,000 Toastmasters International clubs in 116 countries.

Belak 'lit up room': May

Brad May was looking forward to being Wade Belak's teammate for the first time this fall.

The retired NHL tough guys were preparing for CBC-TV's third season of Battle of the Blades. They met Monday.

It's not going to happen. Belak took his own life in a Toronto hotel room Wednesday.

May, who grew up in Stouffville and Markham, was incredulous when he appeared on Rogers Sportsnet, where he is an NHL analyst, Wednesday night.

"(Belak) lit up the room," May said of their meeting with the other contestants on the CBC skating show Monday. "He was so happy, such a gregarious guy. So much fun.

So much life."

May, who played more than 1,000 games in the NHL, wasn't delving into the correlation between hockey violence and the deaths this summer of Belak and fellow NHL policemen Rick Rypien and Derek Boogaard.

"A parent shouldn't have to bury a child and that's what happened three times to these young men," May said. "They were celebrities and role models in their communities and they were lost much too early."

May also works for the NHL Network and as an assistant coach with the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors.

- with files from Torstar News

ASK THE Experts

Jeweller

Scott Silver

What determines a diamond's value?

When it comes to determining a diamond's quality and value, there is a universally accepted standard known as the four C's.

CUT: The cut of a diamond determines its ultimate beauty. A diamond cut to correct proportions will give off an unrivalled radiance. Cut a diamond too shallow or too deep, and the light will escape through the bottom or the sides.

COLOUR: As a general rule, the less colour a diamond has, the brighter the appearance. Truly colourless gems are extremely rare.

CLARITY: Refers to the number of imperfections in the diamond, known as inclusions. Most diamonds have inclusions; the fewer the inclusions the more rare and valuable the stone.

CARAT WEIGHT: Diamonds are sold by weight in carats. The heavier the diamond, the more valuable it is. But bigger doesn't necessarily mean better. Quality is found in diamonds of all sizes.

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Stouffville Taekwondo Karate Inc.

Chris Ridabock

School is starting up and my child is taking the bus. Do you have any safety suggestions?

We have an after school program at STK that picks kids up at school and transports them to our facility for homework, activities and daily Taekwondo practice. Here's a few rules we advise for kids and buses:

1. Be at the bus stop on time. Never run to or from the bus.
2. Wait at the designated stop in a safe place well back from the side of the road.
3. Remember the danger zone around the bus. The danger zone is anywhere close enough to touch the bus. The bus driver cannot see you when you are in the danger zone.
4. If you cross the street to get on the bus, when the bus comes, wait until it has come to a complete stop. The bus driver will make sure all the traffic stops. The stop arm will be out and the red lights will be flashing. Watch the driver. When the driver knows it is safe, he or she will signal you to cross, but watch for traffic yourself. Walk, don't run.
5. Hold the hand rail as you get on the bus. Don't push or shove.
6. Always follow the bus driver's instructions.

This safety tip was prepared by Public Safety Canada in collaboration with the Canada Safety Council <http://safety-council.org/en>



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\$450,000 damage from fire

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Two people were rescued from the main and upper floors of the home and treated for minor injuries, police said.

The fire broke out around 1 p.m. in the basement of the home. By the time fire crews arrived, flames had punched out the glass surrounding the closed front door.

Mr. French, who police said was living in the home's basement, was arrested peacefully but was not at the home when the lab caught fire, police said.

An off-duty Markham firefighter was injured in the incident after rushing to help people inside.

Damage to the home was pegged at \$450,000.

- with files from Sandra Bolan

York Region Transit (YRT/Viva)

update



Whitchurch-Stouffville

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

Effective **September 4, 2011**, YRT/Viva is adjusting select bus services operating in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

REVISED ROUTES & SCHEDULES

- > 9 - 9th Line
- > 15 - Stouffville Local

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICES

All school specials (400 series) and route diversions to schools will resume September 6. Schools with earlier start dates will have diversions to those schools begin accordingly (Bill Crothers SS - Aug. 8, Maple HS - Aug. 29, Keswick HS - Aug. 29).

The following school specials also have revised routes/schedules:

- > **NEW** 411 - Markham District via Box Grove School Specials
- > 414 - Unionville/Bill Crothers/Markham District School Special

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

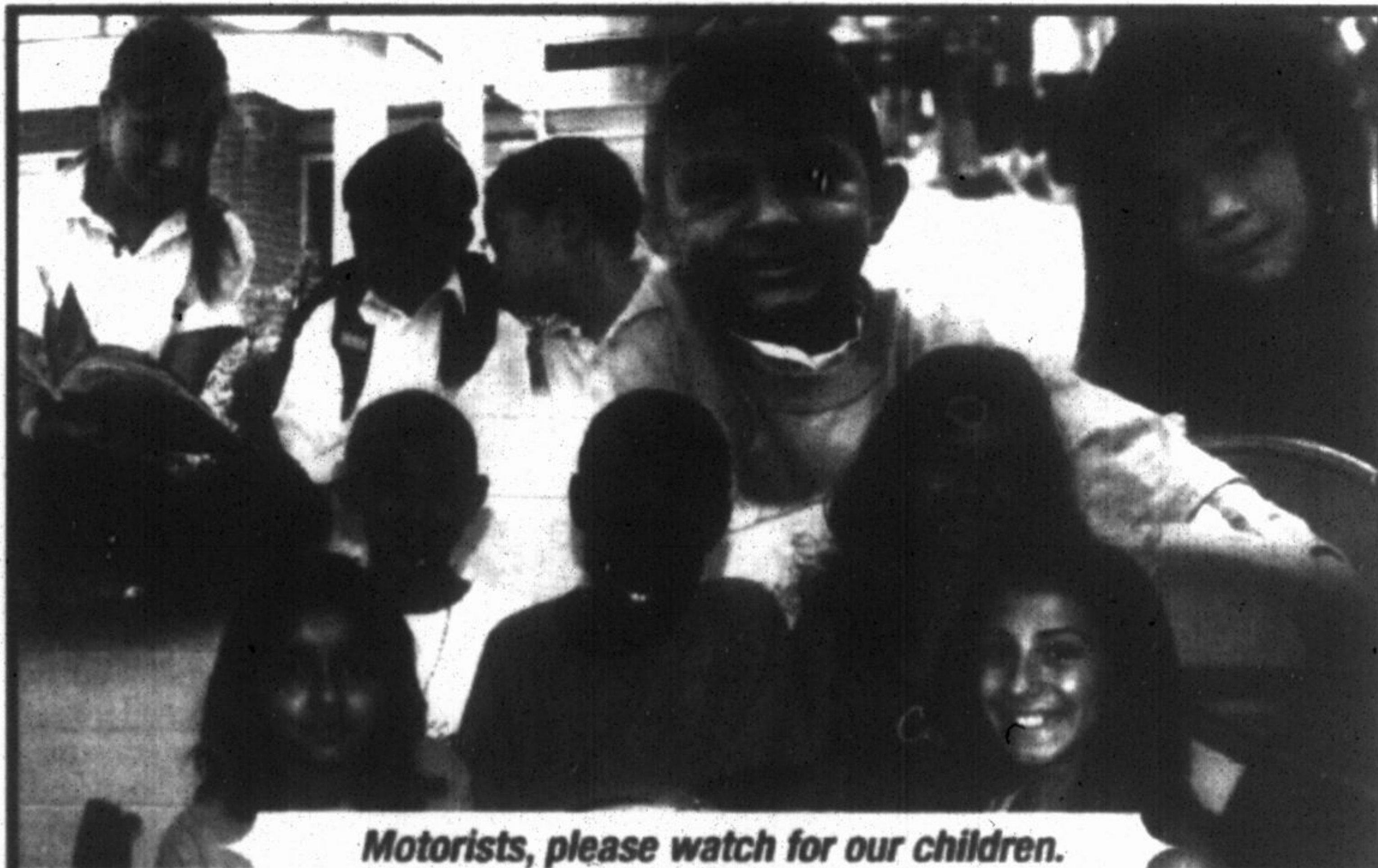
- > Labour Day - Monday, September 5
- > Thanksgiving Day - Monday, October 10

Sunday/Holiday service for all YRT/Viva services and contracted TTC routes operating in York Region.

Visit yrt.ca or for complete details or call 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978) to speak with a Customer Service Representative.



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