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Beer-coloured glasses

There were enough hops to sample at this year's Beerfest - more than 200 varieties if you had the gut for it - to curl your eyebrows. The annual chugfest could probably lose the frat-boy antics and cardboard hats, but, then, drinking your face off is what makes Beerfest fun, right?

CITYSCAPE

A pathway has been added and flowers planted, but the memorial to responsible government featuring William Lyon Mackenzie, the rebel with a cause, is still hidden at the side of the Legislature, suffering from attention deficit. There was talk last fall of the Walter Allward bronze being moved to a more visible locale on the Queen's Park lawn after local historian Bruce Bell took up the fight. Alas, not even the backing of Lieutenant Governor David Onley could make that palace coup happen.

REALITY CHECK

What can you say about the seven years handed former Livent exec Garth Drabinsky for his part in a massive \$500 million fraud? Will he ever see the inside of a cell? Eighteen months max. The back door of justice seems open. Catch how fast he was whisked in and out of a bail hearing and released after sentencing.



WEIRD SCENE

Not all preservationists are thrilled about St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Clubhouse's new resting place in Riverdale Park. The spot is popular with locals for tai chi and soccer - and 11 trees had to be removed (nine of which the city says were dying anyway) to make room. Blame Bridgepoint Health's massive redo of the Riverdale hospital.

WORTH SEEING



LEAF's Edible Tree Tour takes a tasty trip through Toronto's first community orchard at Ben Nobelman Park and Cedarvale Park (Saturday, August 15, 2 to 4 pm). Meet at the Eglinton West subway station. leaf.toronto.org. Just in time for NOW's local food issue. Look for it next week.
