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WEDNESDAY...

How good has the attendance record of town councillors been this term? See Wednesday's edition for the answer.

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Fifth time lucky

Lar deSousa of Acton proudly displays one of his examples of artwork that garnered him an Aurora Award, presented by the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association earlier this month at the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel in Toronto. Most of the Auroras go to literary achievement, but there is the artistic achievement category in which deSousa has been a finalist for the past four years. The winners are generally book cover artists, or other high-profile artists in the science fiction genre.

Photo by Ted Brown

Man pleads guilty to assaulting teen referee

LISA TALLYN
Staff Writer

A Georgetown man was ordered in court Wednesday to undergo anger management counselling and do 60 hours of community service after pleading guilty to assaulting a 15-year-old referee at a hockey game in January.

William Kirby, 49, of Confederation St., was not convicted of the charge, instead Provincial Court Justice Frederick Forsyth gave him a conditional discharge that also included 15 months probation and the stipulation that Kirby not have any contact with the young referee during that period.

Kirby was charged with assault level one after he became upset about a call to disallow a goal and pushed a referee following an Atom house league game at Mold-Masters SportsPlex on January 28, 2006.

The male referee wasn't injured, but did report the incident to police and league officials.

Kirby's lawyer William Kort said in Burlington court that Kirby, who has been an assistant coach for a Georgetown Minor Atom hockey team, is "well known in the minor hockey community" and that the incident has had "much wider implications on him."

Kort said since the incident, Kirby was prohibited from arenas during the recent hockey season where Georgetown Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) games were being played, except for playoff games his children were in. He said the GMHA prohibition will remain in effect until Kirby participates in anger management counselling.

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