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12 Ballantrae couple loses home, pets and belongings in Lakeshore Drive fire.

SPORTS CALENDAR

EVENT: Stouffville Spirit jr. A hockey home opener
WHEN: Tonight, 7:30 (905-642-2123)
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20 Fun on the run: The loneliness of the long-distance runner is a myth in York Region.

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BATTLE FOR THE BALL



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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club ended its 2001 season with Cup Day festivities at fields throughout the town. Above, Jonathan McKendrick of the Sheraton Antiques team is about to get hauled down by team Icy Green at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area.

HIS DATE AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER WAS FOR 11...

Stouffville's Tim Brazier's escape in New York City

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

Tim Brazier checked his Day-Timer before leaving his Manhattan home early Tuesday morning.

The Stouffville native was facing a typical busy day in the publishing business. Here's how the publicist's schedule read for Sept. 11, 2001:

9 a.m. ABC Radio in Times Square.

10 a.m. Fox Television News.

11 a.m. World Trade Center.

Shortly after 9 a.m., terrorists abruptly changed Brazier's business schedule — and his life. All appointments were cancelled, especially the one at the book store, located in the World Trade Center in Manhattan. The book store was gone; the trade centre was gone and the world, as we know it, is gone.

When news that an aircraft had hit one of the trade centre's towers reached Brazier, he said he was stunned. When, minutes later, a second aircraft sliced through the second 110-storey tower at the centre, Brazier knew the unthinkable had happened: America was under attack.

"We were all in a state of shock," Brazier said in a telephone interview yesterday.

Brazier and two business associates bunkered down in a room at the television station. The scheduled TV interview with one of the authors Brazier represents was pre-empted by what

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York region offers aid to U.S. cities hit by terrorists

Police, fire, EMS workers could be sent to New York

SEPT. 11, 2001

The day the world changed

BY JEFF MITCHELL
 Staff Writer

As the world reeled in the wake of a shocking terrorist attack on the United States Tuesday, York Region was preparing to respond.

The region has pledged support in the form of supplies and personnel and is prepared to send police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics if they are required, regional chairperson Bill Fisch said.

"We certainly have offered our services," Fisch said during a Tuesday afternoon media briefing. "Our job is to be ready for anything that comes our way, anything that is asked of us."

The province was co-ordinating emergency relief response to New York City, Fisch said. Thousands were killed or injured during the Tuesday morning terrorist attack in which two commercial passenger planes were flown into Manhattan's landmark World Trade Center towers.

Another hijacked plane was flown into the Pentagon in

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Washington
 One other commercial airliner also crashed about 130 kilometres southeast of Pittsburgh, Pa.

High-ranking staff members at the region monitored the situation in the U.S. throughout the day, watching closely to gauge whether or not the threat of further attacks might spread over the border. York Region does have an emergency protocol, but that procedure was never initiated, Fisch said.

A profound local threat must be detected in order for

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