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# Robbed at gunpoint, guard left at park

*Criminals take advantage of electrical blackout*

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Writer

A security guard came face to face with a handgun and later a double-barreled shotgun during a power failure in Whitchurch-Stouffville Tuesday night.

While York Regional Police were tracking down vandals who drove a bulldozer into a hydro tower in Aurora, causing a two-hour electrical blackout in neighbouring Stouffville, criminals took full advantage of the situation.

The lights went out in most of Whitchurch-Stouffville at 9:50 p.m. About 45 minutes later, a man armed with a handgun stopped a security guard getting into a car at his office in the Imperial Centre at Main Street and Sandiford Drive.

Const. Steve Morrell described the suspect as white, about 40 years old, six-foot tall, wearing a dark nylon jacket, dark

pants and beige cap with a nylon stocking pulled over his face.

The 32-year-old guard was ordered into his security vehicle and told to drive to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area on Stouffville Road.

With the handgun pointed at him, the Scientific Investigative Research (SIR) guard drove to the park, where he then faced a second gun-wielding robber.

The second man, driving a medium-sized black car, is described as being white, five-foot, eight-inches tall and wearing a dark sweater and dark pants.

Armed with a shot gun, the second man also had a nylon stocking pulled over his face.

The security guard co-operated when ordered to hand over an undisclosed amount of cash from his security vehicle along with the car keys and cell phone.

"With no keys to start his car, they left the guard at Bruce's Mill," said Const. Morrell.

The robbery remains under investigation.

## TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE "COUNTRY CLOSE TO THE CITY"

### LEISURE SERVICES

#### Employment Opportunities

Camp Supervisor - Sports Camp

We are now accepting applications from individuals with supervisory and camp experience. You must be knowledgeable of various sports activities including rules and skill development. First Aid Certification required. Please call Stacey Stevens at 905-640-1910 ext. 288 or drop off your resume/application at the Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder Street or fax to 905-642-3940 Attention Stacey.

#### Summer Camp

Spaces are filling and some sessions are full for camp this summer. Register soon to make sure you get a spot in one of our 4 summer camps.

Over the Edge SkatePark presents...

#### BERRY BASH 2003

Registration forms available at the SkatePark. Register early as spaces are limited.

This year we are being sponsored by S & J Sales Co. Ltd., the major supplier of skateboarding equipment and clothing.

Summer Group Fitness Schedule starts June 2

Back Again... **Buddy Weeks**

Bring a friend for FREE the week of June 16 - 22 and receive a gift pack compliments of Ontario Fitness Council

Register Now for Summer Lifestyle Programs...

**Baby & Me Postnatal Fitness**

Wednesdays 11:30 am starting July 9

**Strollerfitness for Mom and Baby**

Thursdays 9:30 am starting June 26

For more information on Group Fitness or other Lifestyle Programs

Contact Barb Armstrong, 905-642-7529 ext. 328

#### Golf Lessons

It's not too late to give golf a try... the next session starts soon! Mondays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Youth - 10-15 years) / 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Adult - 16+ years) starting June 23rd

OR

Wednesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (Youth - 10-15 years) / 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Adult - 16+ years) starting June 25th

Location: Timber Creek Golf

Cost: Youth - \$70 / Adult - \$110 Length: 4 weeks

#### How to Use the SkatePark

Next session starts on June 14th! Learn how to use the SkatePark safely and with confidence before summer starts Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (6-9 years) / 11:00 - 12:00 noon (10-13 years)

Location: Over the Edge SkatePark

Cost: \$20 Length: 2 weeks

For more information regarding camps or programs, drop by the Lebovic Leisure Centre or call 905-642-PLAY (7529).

### MEETING NOTICE

A Special Council Meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2003** AT 7:00 P.M.

at the **VANDORE COMMUNITY CENTRE** 14663 Woodbine Avenue

to consider the introduction of a **Maintenance Fee By-law with respect to internal roads, North Shore Community of Preston Lake.**

### DECORATION DAY

Stouffville Cemetery

Sunday June 15th 2003

Service 2:30 pm at the Cemetery Grounds

Speaker: Rev. Don Muir

The Cemetery Board invites you to make a donation toward tree planting or marker restoration in memory of a loved one. Please note that as per Cemetery By-law No 93-114 Section D (6) permission must be obtained from the Board to plant on a lot/plot. We respectfully advise that existing plants/shrubs which interfere with grounds maintenance or a neighbouring lot/plot must be trimmed and maintained prior to May 15th of each year or they will be removed without notice.

### ELECTION

#### Free Election Seminar

Session d'information gratuite sur les Elections

Thursday, June 12th, 2003 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Regional Municipality of York, Administrative Centre  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket  
(west side, between Eagle Street and Davis Drive)

#### Understanding the Rules on Campaign Contributions/Expenses and Related Financial Statements

This seminar will be conducted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and is available for any candidates in York Region wishing to run for any office in the up-coming Municipal Elections. There have been changes to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. As a result, all registered and potential candidates for the 2003 Municipal Elections are encouraged to attend. Please note that the presentation will be conducted in English only.

To register for this FREE Election Seminar or for more information, please call Dianne Barnes at (905) 640-1910 ext. 222 or (905) 895-5299 ext. 222.

Seating is limited, so please register early.

Ce document est également disponible en français au bureau du Secrétaire, aux Bureaux municipaux de la Ville de Whitchurch-Stouffville.

### TIRE AMNESTY

Saturday June 7th, 2003

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Stouffville Arena, 12483 Ninth Line

Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Road

The Town is pleased to offer residents an opportunity to dispose of vehicle tires at no charge.

Tires stored outdoors are a prime source as a breeding area for mosquitoes.

Residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville can bring a maximum of six (6) tires (no rims) to the above locations for tire disposal at no charge.

Proof of residency (such as a Drivers License) will be required. No commercial businesses allowed.

For further information contact the Town at 905-640-1900 or 905-895-2423.

### BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Business Development Office and the Chamber of Commerce have co-produced a Business Directory. Copies can be purchased for \$20.00 + GST (\$21.40) from the Chamber of Commerce (Train Station, Main Street, Stouffville) or the Town Offices (37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville).

The 48-page directory lists 900 businesses and includes maps and demographics.

### RECOGNITION OF ATHLETES

To be hosted by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville **Thursday June 19th, 2003**

Please contact Barb Scaife with any names of teams or individuals that have been successful in achieving first place provincially in an athletic sport.

905-640-1910 ext. 287

### LIBRARY

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Buy a Book - Be a Library Enhancer

June 24, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

A file has been created from publisher's catalogues of new materials we'd love to have in our library! YOU can help by picking one of these to purchase and get the first reservation on the title!

For more information, call Catherine

905-642-READ (7323)

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