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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Transport groundwater to Bloomington gravel pit

Re: Sewer project in trouble, July 26

Once again, I am sickened by the amount of groundwater being taken out for the sewer project in Markham and am not surprised dumping the water into the Rouge River watershed system is hurting a biologically stable environment.

Rivers have an advanced place in the hydrologic cycle, whereas groundwater has a much earlier place in the cycle.

Has anyone considered trucking this water to an unused gravel pit on the Bloomington ridge to allow nature to re-filter it and put it back into the groundwater system?

I suppose the lowest bidder got the sewer contract and the easiest (cheapest) solution was to put the water in a river. But when is humanity going to do what's right rather than what's easiest?

I was told our groundwater takes 100 years to move through the Oak Ridges Moraine. That should give the sewer project ample time to be completed before the water placed in the gravel pit gets back to Markham.

I beg you, please put our groundwater back into the ground where it belongs.

J. KING
BALLANTRAE

Parents, schools, governments must work to stop racial violence

There is a rising undercurrent of troubling violence in our community and people should stop it before it becomes worse.

On July 23, Lee Cochrane and Meir Mariani were convicted for beating 15-year-old Matti Baranovski to death.

Matti met a violent death after being set upon by a group of young men in Toronto. Matti could be any of our children.

The same day, a 15-year-old teenager had just left summer classes at the Milliken Mills High School when it is alleged another youth called him "the N word," a racial insult.

The teen objected to being called the name and was quickly set upon by the offender and about 20 of his friends. The teen was beaten until unconscious.

Many Markham residents come to Canada as refugees and landed immigrants to begin a new life.

Many claim they escaped ethnic and religious persecution and want to live in peaceful Canada, one of the world's most multicultural societies.

While most Canadians lead peaceful lives, some are determined to perpetuate the group hatred and violence they have known.

We often talk about prejudice that is per-

petuated by "others" and so we should.

But we should not be afraid to address the prejudice and violence carried out by small groups of people.

It is urgent our governments, schools and communities broaden anti-racist, anti-hated activities in keeping with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Parents must be held accountable for training their children or Markham and Canada will decline as a haven from ethnic and racial hatred and violence.

DENVIL BUCHANAN
MARKHAM

Cheap road-side beef better than product in stores

Re: Beef protest sale a success, York Region farmers say, July 26

Cattle are jamming the feedlots out West, our farmers are becoming desperate to move them. The grocery stores are making obscene profits and not lowering their prices.

The past two years have seen a drop in the price of beef on the market, first as a result of three years of drought, now because of a loss of the overseas market, but there's no reflection of that in Ontario grocery stores.

Last week, cattle producers sold tractor-

trailer loads of ground beef, \$45 for a 60 pound box.

Yesterday I cooked up a pound for a recipe, had to drain the meat after browning and was amazed to find there was none of that grey ooze coming out of it like you get in supermarket ground beef, the fat was clear.

Can anyone explain this? Is this what fresh hamburger is supposed to look like?

I recommend that if they come back with their truckloads of beef again, run, don't walk to the depots and get the good stuff while you can.

TRACEY TENCH
NEWMARKET

Thanks for successful Markham Caribbean Day

Congratulations to the hard-working organizing committee and its volunteers for a successful first Caribbean Day on Main Street, Markham Sunday afternoon.

The entertainment was varied and top notch and it was great to see a significant representation of the Caribbean community among the attendees. Even the rain couldn't put a damper on things.

AL WALLIS
MARKHAM



David Suzuki

Games must be green affair

By now, all of Canada and much of the world has heard Vancouver will host the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Canada, especially British Columbia and Vancouver, is world famous for its natural beauty and conservationist reputation.

Whether we've earned our green stripes or not is another matter, but in the eyes of the world, Canadians love, respect and take care of our natural heritage.

Those eyes will be on us in 2010. Canadians are expected to be world leaders as environmental stewards, so we have a lot to live up to and a lot to lose.

The 2000 Sydney Olympics set a new standard in terms of environmental sustainability. Although they were far from perfect, the games in Australia set a tone.

The Olympics are now to be more than a giant party, more than a celebration of sport and culture.

They have become a showcase of what we must do as a society to reduce our impact on the planet.

Sydney raised the conservation bar by powering the athletes village with solar energy, recycling water and using only recyclable packaging on the event sites.

It also took the focus away from the family car by expanding rapid transit and encouraging walking and biking.

Vancouver must now go a step further. This is an opportunity to show Canada really is a world leader for the environment.

From an expanded use of clean, renewable power sources like wind and solar energy, to an expanded public transit system, to more bike lanes and better urban design, to using eco-certified lumber and recycled wood for the athletes village, we can show we are proud of our natural heritage and intend to conserve it.

Canada has taken some steps in the right direction by ratifying the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, finally adopting endangered species legislation and committing to creating new national parks.

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