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A fire caused extensive damage to Nancy's Pizza in downtown Stouffville Sunday. No one was injured.

Pizzeria fire 'suspicious,' police say

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A weekend fire at a downtown Stouffville pizza parlor is being called "suspicious" by York Regional Police. Investigators "located suspicious items both inside and outside" of Nancy's Pizza at 6400 Main St., said police spokesperson Andy Pattenden. The fire was called in shortly after midnight Sunday. There was thick, black smoke coming from the building, when police arrived. Firefighters from Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services were able to extinguish the blaze. There was no one inside of the building during the fire and there were no injuries. Damage to the building was significant.

The scene was being held by police and investigators from the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Monday.

Workers were boarding up windows Tuesday.

The restaurant, a former donut shop located next to Card's Appliances and Televisions, is popular during patio season.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #5 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7541, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com or text your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.

HOCKEY FOR THE HOMELESS!

This tournament is but two weeks away now, and on the kick-off evening there will be an alumni hockey game with some of the Leafs and Canadians that we grew up watching. It will be at Centennial Arena on November 13th-tickets are \$10.00 (available here) and kids are free. The following day the gloves come off and 18 teams of enthusiastic fundraisers take to the ice (each with a retired NHLer to help out) and have a lot of fun and raise a lot of money for 360° kids. You can help by either buying a ticket and attending on Thursday, or just simply sponsoring yours truly in any amount that you might wish.

FRESH KALE SALE

There was a time that we would buy kale only for Charlie to decorate the display in our fresh fish counter -- but no more. Kale has grown in stature as a green that's good for you to the point that it's a big regular in our vegetable counter. The healthy-for-you aspect has certainly gained it traction, but also its versatility, and once folks discovered that it's tasty, as well-hence our first-ever 'Kale Sale'. This is fresh cut from Boots Farm in Scotland, Ontario, and we'll have a few recipe suggestions to go with it, as well as some preparations in our 'ready-to-go' counter. **Featured at \$1.49/bunch this week**

WHAT'S COOKING AT THE DELI

As promised, we will be making Kale Soup! What we use is fresh kale of course, but also chicken, sweet onions, orzo, lemon, and herbs. It will be sold in the fresh counter; feature price will be **\$5.95/900ml**.next, we'll be making a Tri-Colour Quinoa Salad, with the fabled kale, diced sweet peppers, sweet onions, tomatoes and black beans in a cider vinaigrette; featured at **\$1.99/100g**

.....and next, Blackened Salmon! This is a spicy crusted Atlantic salmon with a chive crème fraiche sauce; featured at **\$3.79/100g**

And lastly, we will be making Risotto Nero. Those of us who are old enough to remember Malka and Joso after Hockey Night in Canada might remember that Joso went on to open a great Dalmatian seafood restaurant on Davenport. This was, and I think it still is, one of their signature dishes. We use arborio rice, sweet onions, squid ink, white wine, butter, lemon and parmesan. It's quite a dish, and it will be featured at **\$7.99 per 4" x 5" foil**.

In our frozen section we will have two items; firstly our Chunky Tortellini Soup which is a meal in itself, and the second item will be our Pot Roast and Gravy. It is sold in the 8 x 5 foils. Regular prices are \$7.95 and \$19.95 respectively, and both will be featured at **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

ARE YOU DOWN ONE CAT?

A very pretty and friendly charcoal-coloured, male cat has adopted us at home in the Elgin Mills - Warden Area. Could it be yours? Give us a call.

SIRLOIN STEAK - ROASTS

The correct nomenclature for these would be 'Top Sirloin Roasts', but we use our own names so that we don't get confused. These are cut from the same meat that we cut the steaks from, and they're 'leaned-out' to make sure you don't have waste and unusable bits. They are good oven roasts, and especially good if you prefer leaner cuts of beef. Sizes range from 2lb to a max of about 7lb, which is more than enough to feed a dozen. **Reg. \$10.95/lb**

1/3 OFF

CADVENT CALENDARS

Our beauty Rogers Chocolate Advent Calendars are on their way, as well as a good selection of other chocolates from this famous store in B.C. If you've ever been there, you'll know that it's at the epicenter of the chocolate world.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

When people visit the store there are several things I insist they check out: our bakery, our awesome pizzas, and the marbling on the beef. The marbling (appealing word for intramuscular fat) is what gives the beef its moist texture and mouthwatering flavor. For the café special this week we'll be using our ultra-tender Striploin Beef in a sandwich alongside Grilled Portobello Mushroom, Goat Cheese, Microgreens and a Sundried Tomato Aioli. I made one for Evan to try but it was too delicious and I ended up devouring the whole thing myself... he'll have to take my word for it! **\$6.99 each**

SUNDAY BRUNCH

This week we will start with our Chicken Noodle Soup (now in soup bowls), either Roast Pork Loin with Mushroom

THEATRE

Upcoming this week...Time to travel to South America through the inspiring Latin music and songs of iconic Chilean music group Inti-Illimani, with a week long residency from Nov. 2 to 7 that will culminate with two public performances. I've been working with this legendary group for many years... in a nutshell, this quote from the Washington Post says it all. "An Inti-Illimani concert is a wild ride through Latin music, a whirlwind of Andean folk tunes, tangos from Argentina, Brazilian sambas, and throbbing, sobbing love songs from Mexico...all the players displayed relentless virtuosity in a concert that was pure exhilaration to the very end." Check the schedule of activities at www.markhamtheatre.ca.

See you at the Theatre!

Gravy, Chicken Breast in a Sundried Tomato Sauce or Cheese Tortellini with our smoked Salmon in a White-Wine Cream Sauce, a choice of rice or mashed, and vegetables, Tea or Coffee and a mini dessert, all for **\$10.95** (this will change a bit in the new year), served from noon till 2:00pm

FRESH PICKEREL FILLETS

These remind me of my old Aunt Leila who I think single handedly depleted the Sturgeon River of these. They just didn't have a chance once she got in her boat with the old Johnson 10-horse and went after them. We Mac Donald kids had many a feed of pickerel at her farm, which was on the river in Sturgeon Falls. **\$14.95 /lb**

DRISCOLL RASPBERRIES

These are part of the late California crop from the lower valley area. This brand is generally considered the crème-de-la-crème of the raspberry trade and we're lucky to have both good quantity and a great price this week. **\$1.99** 6 oz. tray

GUINNESS SAUSAGES

These are made with coarsely-ground lean pork, a few apples as background, some mild spice, all rounded out with Guinness as the requisite moisture needed to make them mild and mellow. Just like the beer! **25% OFF THIS WEEK** Reg. \$5.99/lb.

PASS THE CHEESE PLEASE

Our featured cheese is Lankaster, a gouda-style cheese that's made in - are you ready, Lancaster, Ontario. I usually leave a cheese out overnight before I try it, and this passes the flavor test. It has the consistency of an aged cheddar and the nuttiness of a gouda. It would be enjoyable with a glass of chardonnay I'm thinking. **1/3 OFF THIS WEEK** Reg. \$7.99/100g

A LITTLE HEADS-UP!

For the next two weeks my son(s) will be writing this ad because I'll be away. I am already a little nervous as they have their own ideas on what a food store should be, much as I did so many years ago!

WHAT'S BAKING FOR HALLOWEEN...

PUMPKIN PIES - Our wonderful Pumpkin Pies are on sale this week! This could be your last chance until Christmas! Decorated with a sugar cookie pumpkin. **\$12.95**

RED VELVET CAKES - We have changed the look of our Red Velvet Cakes this week. It is still the same beautifully textured red cake inside with a layer of ganache and cream cheese icing, but on the outside there is a stylish ganache spiderweb and a red chocolate curl. **\$15.95 & \$24.95**

RED VELVET MUFFINS - Similar to the red velvet cake in texture but filled with cream cheese and baked! One of our new customer favorites! **\$1.89**

GRAND MARNIER NANAIMOS - Nanaimo squares in orange colour flavored with Grand Marnier and orange. **\$2.99**

HALLOWEEN CREAM CHEESE BROWNIES - Cream cheese brownies coloured orange for your Halloween eating pleasure. **\$2.99**

All these items are **25% OFF THIS WEEK** While supplies last

Our bakery is also fully stocked-up with scary Halloween goodies, such as colorful bagged mini meringues, meringue ghosts, Spiderweb cakes in Halloween colors, Scary cupcakes and Sugar and Gingerbread Cookies in pumpkin, ghost, haunted house, spiderweb and witch shapes

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