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## Stouffville Rowers Take On International Rivals

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Fitness Centre Rowing Team is taking part in the annual Concept 2 Rowing Challenge, pitting residents against professionals from all over the world.

The centre is hosting the event between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15.

"Our members know they're representing Stouffville and derive a certain amount of satisfaction from winning against professional rowers the world over," said Erich Baumhard, personal trainer at the facility.

Rival teams include members of the US Navy stationed in Australia, army privates in Afghanistan, Canadian fire and police departments and a French penitentiary, whose members are world champion rowers.

"The opposition is fierce and some of these teams have hundreds of members, but Stouffville's team has heart," said local participant Claudiu Popa.

"We aren't just competing against seasoned professionals the world over, but more importantly, we are all doing it for our own reasons, breaking through personal barriers in the process." The satisfaction of participating trumps any material gain, he noted, adding that last year's winner was the proud recipient of a pair of socks.

"It really isn't about the prizes - we're rowing to make Stouffville proud," said Mr. Baumhard.

## Council Approves Downtown Condo

On Sept. 24, Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council approved a site plan control application and zoning bylaw amendment for the development of a new mixed used condominium at the southeast corner of Lloyd and Main streets.

The application, as submitted by Pace Savings & Credit Union Limited and Geranium Corporation, was approved at a special council meeting. Since the submission of the original application in June 2012, the proposal has undergone a number of changes based on feedback received by Town staff and council and from members of the public.

The properties at 6233, 6237, 6241 and 6245 Main St. have been merged to form one entity to allow for the redevelopment of the land for the new building. The condominium will comprise five storeys, with 67 residential units and three commercial units, totalling 8,262 square feet of commercial/retail space.

There will be 67 underground parking spaces with three additional tandem parking spaces and 10 surface parking spaces. The land will be serviced by municipal water and sanitary sewage infrastructure.

The full report is available for review at [www.townofws.ca](http://www.townofws.ca)

## Music Mania Casting Call

A casting call will be held on Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Stouffville United Church for the 2013 Music Mania Christmas Show.

"Everyone is welcome and you do not have to memorize your

words as we will have music on stage," said organizer Heather Andrews. The Christmas Show takes place Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Nineteen on the Park.

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## STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH

### MARIAN ACTON

**AGE:** "That's my secret!"

### NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE STOUFFVILLE AREA:

Marian has lived in the Stouffville area since the 1970s when she moved to the Ballantrae area with her late husband Donald. She was born in Aurora and also lived in the Ottawa region.

### CAREER:

Marian was an occupational therapist for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Toronto for two years at the end of World War II. She was a stay at home mom through 1967 when she took a refresher course and worked again as an occupational therapist at St. John's Convalescent Hospital in Willowdale for several years.

### HOBBIES:

Marian has been an ardent volunteer all her life. She served on the Board of Camp Big Canon, a summer camp for kids run by the United Church. She drives people to appointments and also drives a large group to Lemoville United Church each Sunday in her van. She has also enjoyed her travels to Europe, the Caribbean, Florida and British Columbia.

### FAMILY:

Marian and Donald were married for 62 years. They have three children: Brenda Stort of Victoria B.C., David of Willowdale, and Bill of Toronto. She has 6 grand kids and 8 great grand kids. Her brother Bill Thompson is deceased.

### PET PEEVE:

"People who take a negative approach to life."

### LIFE HI-LITE:

Her Alaska cruise four years ago.

### WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

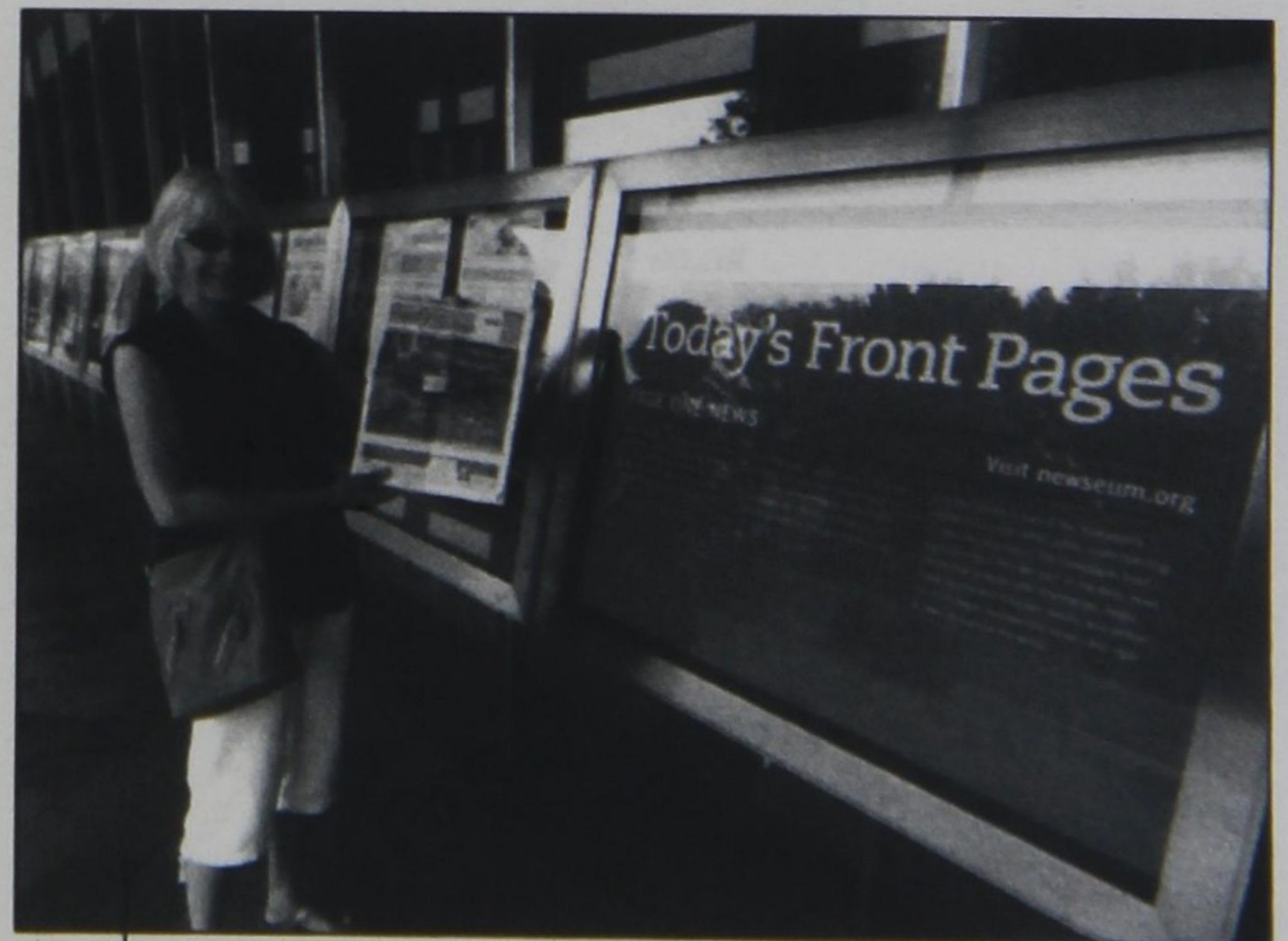
"I'd help people who live on the streets. There is a lot of sadness in the world so I would try to help somehow."

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## A Local Addition To The Newseum



Free Press editor Kate Gilderdale visited the Newseum in Washington, D.C. the day after the city celebrated the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s I Have a Dream speech and the March on Washington. The Newseum is a seven-storey, 250,000 square foot interactive museum of news and journalism.