Police officers ratify deal

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York Region's police officers have ratified their contract with 85 per cent of officers accepting the deal that came just weeks before conciliation was set to begin.

Ballots were counted on Friday at about 1 p.m. with non-uniformed personnel ratifying the deal at the higher rate of 91 per cent.

Although the details of the contract were not been released to the public, we do know it comes more than half a year after the last collective agreement expired.

This is not the only positive sign of peace among the police union and York Regional Police Services Board, chaired by Frank Scarpitti.

Phil Shrewsbury-Gee, the association secretary, said although the job action union members began at the end of June will continue, it has been scaled back.

"The association and senior executive of YRP have been conducting ongoing meetings to address members ongoing concerns," he said in an interview. "There's been a committee of members struck to deal with issues We're pleased to advise that communications with the executive have been very productive and a number of concerns raised by our members have been addressed. We're hopeful any outstanding issues will be resolved amicably in the near future.'

However, he added members continue to wear badges and T-shirts in "support of members and the community.

The news comes weeks after vorkregion.com obtained statistics showing tickets dolled out by cops dropped 66 per cent from last year in the three weeks after the work action began. Conversely, warnings to drivers rose steeply.

"We appreciate the collaborative approach that led to a successful agreement," Scarpitti said in a media release.



vacation, presumably with his feet up and his trademark Caesar in hand, the weighty responsibilities of

Evan is on

writing the ad and holding down the fort have fallen to me (Thomas). The weather may still be insufferably hot and the trees may yet have to shed their leaves, the beginning of September marks the end of summer in many ways. Our part time staffers go back to their universities, and the store is once again flooded by Montessori children on their lunch, the routine is upon us. We've selected items for this week ad geared towards students stocking up to go back to university or for parents looking to make healthy and tasty bag lunches for their progeny

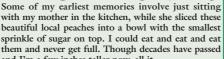


Back in my fledgling days as a freshman at Western, I came across a discovery that would deplete my meal plan faster than the polar ice caps. There were certain restaurants that accepted meal plan cards which served beer. Needless to say my meal plan was exhausted in record time and they have since modified the rules. I had the good sense to purchase a chest freezer and generous, (though displeased) parents who were willing to stock it with a bevy of grocer wares so I would not starve while continuing to diligently focus on my studies

So I've selected some of my favourites that got me through those months of rationing. We'll have Chicken Noodle Soup, Beef Barley Soup 1 % and our vastly underrated Cream of Cauliflower Soup. Reg. \$8.95/900ml.

And for more substantial offerings, we'll have the individual portions (why would you ever share?) of Doreen's Shepherd's Pie, Meat Lasagna, Beef Bourguignon and my personal favourite, the Mac and Cheese. Available in 4"x5" foil

EACH BASKET



and I'm a few inches taller now, all it 90 takes is one bite of an Ontario peach D to take me back to my childhood. We'll have large baskets for



Norfolk County, and since he's moved to town he claims to be the best export from the area! I beg to differ though, as the Welsh Bros' Corn we have year after year definitely has him beat out for that title Always meticulously trimmed, tight rows of juicy, sweet kernels: their product is the ¢ best corn in Ontario, no question. /cot Featured at

WHAT'S FOR We thought we'd make a play on our popular Chicken Bacon Sandwich this week and transform it into a Chicken Caesar Sandwich. Instead of mayo, we'll use our housemade Asiago Caesar Dressing, grilled chicken, strips of smoked bacon, 99

sprinkling of Asiago, slices of field tomato and lettuce. For Sunday Brunch this week \$11.95 will get you

your choice of Beef Stroganoff, Roasted Chicken Breast in a Sundried Tomato Sauce or Penne Carbonara, with your choice of side, a soup or salad, a coffee and a dessert. Best deal in town! Served from noon till 2 p.m.

0 Reg. \$5.99/lb Our friends from Singh Farms in Holland Landing provide us with It would be criminal to feature our homemade ham without offering)MAINEthe freshest veggies at great deals all summer long, and the real jewel of their offerings is their romaine lettuce, always tight, gigantic heads. Perfect for a salad, or how Evan likes it - cut in half, C drizzled with oil, slapped on a hot grill for a minute and then covered in blue cheese dressing. Now

resemblance to my father (jury's out whether that's a compliment or not), the most common feedback I get is how excellent our ham is. The inevitable next question is what brand we use, which always gives me a little laugh, as we have been boning out hams and smoking or roasting them since day one. To this day it's a massive part what we do. The day I bought was given Evan's old Volvo with the ridiculous licence plate "EAT HAM", I became

an official spokesperson for all things cured pork, lest I run the risk of being viewed as a harsh critic of the Semitic diet. We make two varieties: smoked Black Forest Ham and our 1 % signature Maple Sugar Ham. Both will be available for slicing at the deli, making OFI packing your kid's bagged lunch a total no-brainer. Reg. \$2.99/100g



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LABOUR DAY

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On a student budget I bought bulk packs of

frozen bone-in chicken thighs, so when I'd

bring these up I was in for a real treat. Our

most popular variety is Maple Mustard

marinade, but we will also have Teriyaki and

after some meddling by me, our homemade

Well, if we're featuring both our hams and

our favourite rye, we would be remiss not to

include a cheese to go with. Is a ham sandwich

really a ham sandwich without cheese? Simply,

no. So our cheese queen, Caroline, will be

making up combo packs of sliced cheese

with Cheddar, Swiss, Gouda, Havarti,

Very spicy, only for the brave of heart! Actually,

it's not that hot, but certainly has some kick to

it. I enjoy mine grilled, served with steamed

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or au naturel. Stock up!

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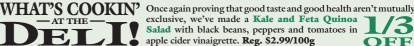
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Second only to being told that I bear a striking

Chances are if you've come to the store you've heard Deb in our bakery (even if you've never seen her)! This next soup is her creation, a Lemon Chicken, Orzo & Rapini Soup, always a hot commodity when we serve it at the café. Reg. \$8.95/900ml

Next up are Chef Simon's Korean Cocktail Meatballs, tender balls served with sliced onions and peppers in a homemade teriyaki sauce. Reg. \$7.95 /4"x5" container

Our Beef Stroganoff is one of Doreen's old recipes that we wouldn't dare mess with. We stew slices of beef blade in homemade stock, onions, garlic and mushrooms, a touch of Worchester sauce and thickened with flour. Serve over egg noodles or mashed potatoes. Reg. \$10.95/4"x5" container

Our Sous vide special is a grilled Chicken Breast in a porcini mushroom sauce. I desperately wish we had made these when I was at school. You just boil water, put the bag in for 10 minutes, cut it open and enjoy a restaurant-quality meal. The perfect thing to get for culinary-challenged university students leaving the summer roost.

Reg. \$4.99/100g All the above items Lastly, we'll have chef Kulam's homemade Raspberry Balsamic Dressing. Not overly sweet, just the right amount

of acidity! Featured at

As she has trouble seeing over the IZZAcounter, some of you may never have met our amazing Pizzaiolo, Linda Her good nature and humour. outdone only by her impeccable

palate and advanced cooking technique. She taught me everything I know about making pizza pie. She's making a Hot Italian Bolognaise Pizza with perfectly seasoned crumbled sausage, parmesan and mozzarella atop a homemade tomato basil sauce. 95 Available cooked here or to take and bake. Featured at

> SNAPPER вС When our fishmonger Charlie isn't face-down on a bar rail lamenting West Ham's defeats to the likes of Man City, he's busy boning out fish, and is actually quite a pleasant chap. This week he's found us some Pacific Snapper out of BC. We'll have it available in a **Cajun** rub, a 95 Teriyaki marinade or au naturel. Featured at /LB



Any other theme but chocolate for back to school week would be utter sacrilege I've chosen from a bunch of my innumerable favourites that are rich, chocolaty and

1. Chocolate Chip Muffins - nothing fancy here. Just a gigantic buttermilk muffin packed full chunks of chocolate. The key is to get here ASAP in the morning when they're still warm and the chocolate is melting. I ate three of these in one sitting once, but most people would be fine with one. Reg. \$2.29

2. M&M Cookies - we'll have our octagonal containers of my favourite cookies this week. As soon as it's cookie day at the store I'll take about a dozen of these and a 500ml carton of milk and just dip them in one by one. The ultimate in simple pleasures. Reg. \$7.95

3. Triple Chocolate Brownies - I'll quote our baker, Andrea, on this one: "...these are the best brownies! Dense, chocolaty, chewy... we add chocolate chunks to our dark chocolate brownie batter and then the baked brownies are glazed with ganache and drizzled with white chocolate..." Reg. \$3.49

4. Chocolate Banana Loaves - the moistest banana bread around studded with dark chocolate chips...need I say more? Reg. \$5.99

5. A new creation, an Oreo Cake. Three layers of our moist chocolate cake filled with vanilla icing and chopped chocolate sandwich cookies. Garnished with more crushed 0/ cookies. Reg. Small \$15.95, Large \$25.95 All these items are



an exceptional rye bread to put it on with some mustard. So we spoke to our friends at Rudolph's Bakery and they've cut us a deal on their Bavarian Rye Bread, which is simply 1% the best around. Just add Nance's mustard and OFF HEAD you're good to go! Reg. \$3.49

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