

GreenScape.ca Gazette

“Good News & Tips for Healthy, Happy Outdoor Living...”

Important Message from Bruce Morton...

Over GreenScape.ca’s nearly 24 years, I’ve met and employed hundreds of young people, and I haven’t met many who impressed me with their drive, determination, common sense, and intelligence as has Amanda Pavlakovic.

Amanda worked with us for two summer seasons... in fact, you may well have spoken with her on the phone. She’s a young adult who, at the ripe, old age of 23, already knows what she wants to do with her life. (I’m 49 and not sure I can say that with nearly as much certainty!)

She’s passionate about doing everything she can to help make the world a better place. For most of us, that might mean giving \$100 to the United Way, and going about our daily routines without a second thought.



But not Amanda... for her it meant completing a Sociology degree at McMaster, and balancing her coursework with volunteering to gain experience working with disadvantaged children. And now, in her first effort toward achieving her life goal, she’s heading off to volunteer in Arusha, Tanzania at the **Ebenezer Orphanage Centre & School** for the orphaned children of African HIV/AIDS victims. She refers to it as a ‘calling.’

Fresh out of university, and in spite of heavy student loan debt, Amanda’s planning to pay all the estimated \$6,000 it’ll cost (for travel, room & board) *herself*, because the orphanage has no money and they need help (like hers) desperately.

So, what’s she doing? Well this determined young woman has been working 2 jobs this summer, while trying to rustle up donations and organizing her own fund-raisers to cover as much of the cost as possible... to take herself to Africa!

It’s hard to express just how impressed and inspired I’ve been, with this young woman so determined to make a difference (especially when you consider the sorts of frustrating, depressing stories we hear – almost daily in the news – about what young people are doing to themselves and others).

So much so I’ve decided to help sponsor her, as well as help spread her story to as many people and organizations as Greenscape.ca can reach – as I’m doing here, in the hopes that others will be inspired enough to want to help her out, too.

Amanda’s a true Canadian hero – a rare breed – and we could use more like her. So we need to support and nurture them, and let them serve as role models for other young people... since we need them to succeed, too.

Amanda will keep us posted while she’s away, so watch for our next newsletter.

And, if you’re as impressed with Amanda as I’ve been, won’t you join in helping her too?

If so, you can contribute, ask questions or get more information by contacting **Bev** at our office – **613.723.8528**, or e-mailing – **admin@greenscape.ca**. Please make your contributions payable to “**Amanda Pavlakovic in trust.**”

(If there are any funds remaining after Amanda’s expenses are covered, they’ll be donated to the Ronald McDonald House)

Thanks for listening... **Bruce**

Thank you! Thanks! Thank You! Thanks! Thank You!

We’d like to acknowledge and thank each of the following valued GreenScape.ca clients who have graciously referred other homeowners to us...

Mr. Terry McIlvenna
Mr. Nino Dettorre
Mr David Evoy
Mr Barry Moss
Mr Brendan Hawley

Mr. Denis Staples
Mr. Rocco Manfredi
Mr. Robert Larosse

Please remember... your referrals are *always* welcome & much appreciated...



Fall is in the air...

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Ads & Headlines We've Seen...

Get 50% off or half price, whichever is less... huh?

Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops significantly after age 19...

Question of the Day... What constitutes a millionaire?

Answer... A millionaire is someone who has \$1 million, according to Gerry Veto, branch manager of R*C, *** branch...

One-armed man applauds the kindness of strangers...

Constable responds to report of illegally stopped vehicle at mail boxes... it was the mailman...

Army Vehicle Disappears – Canadian Forces vehicle worth nearly \$250,000 has gone missing after being painted with camouflage...

Police called to Carlingwood Shopping Center after 'suspicious coin' reported. The investigating officer said it was a quarter...

Woman from 1000 block of Richmond Road reported someone had stolen her mail... since she hadn't received any birthday cards from her friends...

Fish Need Water... Feds say...

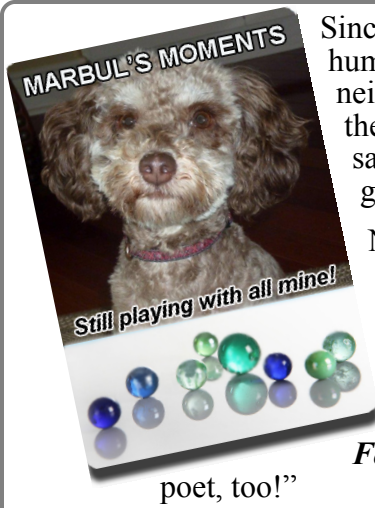
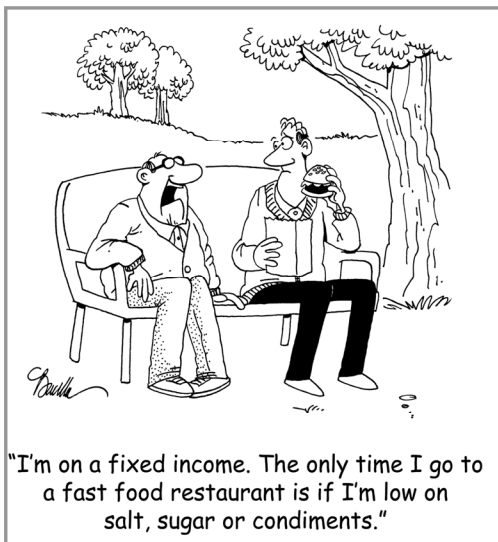
Nepean Lawyer Accidentally Sues Self!

City to pay \$250,000 to advertise lack of funds...

Caskets found as workers demolish mausoleum... "We had no idea anyone was buried there..."

City Poison Control Center reminds everyone not to take poison...

Police Raid Gun Shop – Find Weapons!



poet, too!"

Since I last wrote you, I was out walkin' my humans one night, an' we ran into a couple of other neighborhood humans – one wearin' a blue shirt, the other a red one. Anyhoo, the blue guy was sayin' "That Eco Fee is really a tax," an' the red guy argued "No, it's actually a fee..."

Now I didn't really know what they were talkin' about... but I heard my Man Boss whisper to my Lady Boss "**Is it a tax, or is it a fee... and does it make us forget the HST?**"

And I was thinkin', "Hey, I haven't heard much fuss about that HST stuff since this **Fee Fee-asco.**" And I was also thinkin', "Hey, he's a

Then I heard my Man Boss talkin' about his fav'rite store – the one where they sell Tires made in Canada, and ever'body wears red shirts, and I have to wait in the car, and bark at people to help 'em park...

Anyhoo, I coulda' got this wrong, but I think he said the nice cashier-lady made 'em cancel that so-called Eco Fee. She told 'em she didn't like it, 'cause it was too confoosin'... like parkin' all those cars!

Well, I was amazed to hear she had the power to do that!... kinda makes you wonder if there's anythin' else she could be helpin' with?

The way I see it, it'd make sense to make my humans pay taxes on things they want... but not have to pay if they don't buy something'... 'cause wouldn't that mean they'd have the option of payin' less taxes?

Only thing is – to be fair – wouldn't there need to be a healthy reduction in what they call that "in-coming" tax... least enough to balance it out? Otherwise, how can anyone ever get ahead... other than that "Grover-mint" thing that I guess gets to keep all that extra money.

But then, whaddo I know? I'm just a dumb dog!

But you know, this whole Eco Fee/Tax thing smells like an old bone... and I'll bet someone's gonna' dig it up again... **real soon!**

Lookin' forward to playin' in the leaf piles with Ashley this Fall...

Marbuls



Heard of Pickleball?

No? You probably will before long. It's a hybrid of badminton & tennis, Pickleball is a simple game ideal for just about anyone. It's played with a whiffle ball & large paddles, played indoors or out, single or doubles.

The first games were played in a backyard where a dog named Pickles loved to grab the ball and run away with it. Allegedly, the players chased him, shouting, 'Pickles bring the ball back and the name Pickleball stuck.

It's an easy sport to learn and most people find they can play reasonably well after hitting the ball back and forth over the net for a few minutes.

Pickleball has grown in popularity and today is played by people all across Canada and the US, and even in places like Singapore and Kenya. Many seniors have taken up the sport in their retirement years, but thousands of school kids, play it too.

It can also be a fast-paced, highly competitive game, and you can keep learning new strokes and increasingly sophisticated strategies.

In fact, there are many competitive Pickleball tournaments across North America.

For more details, visit...

<http://pickleballontario.blogspot.com>



Questions We'd Like Answered...

- At the movie, which arm rest is yours?
- How far east can you go before you're actually heading west?
- Do dentists go to other dentists or do they just do it themselves?
- When does it stop being partly cloudy and start being partly sunny?
- Are eyebrows considered facial hair?
- Is there a time limit on fortune cookie predictions?
- Since bread is square, then why is sandwich meat usually round?
- Why is vanilla ice cream white, when vanilla extract is brown?
- How can something be 'new and improved?' If it's new, what was it improving upon?
- If a restaurant chef is a bald guy, does he still have wear a hair net?
- How fast do hotcakes sell?
- Has there ever been a day when mattresses were *not* on sale?
- Why don't people ever say 'it's only a game,' when they're winning?
- If there's a speed of sound and a speed of light is there a speed of smell?
- Why do overalls have belt loops, since they're held up with shoulder straps?

Doormats we've seen...



Left side, right side, all around the brain...

You probably know that the left side of your brain controls the right side of your body, and vice versa. Understanding where the different brain functions reside inside your head, and which side of your brain is dominant, can help you access your creativity and inventiveness better.

Left 'brainers' tend to be...

- Logical, linear, factual
- Detail-oriented
- Deductive, words & language
- Prefer math and science
- Prefer classical music
- Prefer descriptions & words
- Fact-based decisions
- Prefers authority, directive

Right 'brainers' tend to be

- Visual, feelings-oriented
- 'Big picture' thinker
- Imaginative, expressive, creative
- Better at geometry, art, sports
- Prefer rock music
- Prefer pictures & spatial imagery
- Intuitive
- Team-oriented, collaborative

When travelling – don't look like a tourist...

Try to blend in with the local population when you travel. You're more likely to be treated well if you at least look like a local, and you'll be less likely to be targeted by thieves. You want to take in the local

culture rather than be an object of curiosity.

In Europe, skip the bright colors, team-themed T-shirts, and clothes with business logos. Don't wear white tube socks, especially with shorts, or bold running shoes. Skip the baseball cap.

For minor burns – Try mustard...

If you touch something hot, putting your hand in cold water is a good first step... it keeps the burn from getting worse. But doesn't do much for the pain. According to the book *'Best Choices From the People's Pharmacy,'* and other sources, applying regular yellow mustard (*not* Dijon) to the burn reduces the pain and encourages healing.

Are You Our Featured Client?

In each of our newsletters we highlight a very special client as our way of honoring good friends and saying 'thanks' to all of you who support us with your friendship, referrals, word-of-mouth, constructive feedback... and of course, repeat business. Our latest *Featured Client* is...

Mr. David Lindsay

Mr. Lindsay is a GreenScape.ca veteran... he has one of our sprinkler systems on his North Gower property, and recently installed a FlowTech valve so he wouldn't have to wait at home to turn his sprinkler system off for servicing. We've also designed and installed his Christmas lighting... and we've just completed repairing and coating his garage floor.

He's always been incredibly easy to deal with. Even when there have been challenges, he's been patient and understanding as we sorted things out... he's a true GreenScape.ca supporter.

We're sending **Mr. Lindsay** our heartfelt thanks, best wishes and a handful of our **Green Backs** to use on any future GreenScape.ca products or services as a token of our appreciation.

You could be our next **Featured Client**... watch for your name here in a future newsletter.



Always question the premise...

After World War II, US General Dwight D. Eisenhower served as the president of Columbia University, where a committee asked him to prohibit students from walking on the grass in the main quadrangle.

Before agreeing, he asked them, "Why do they walk on the grass now?"

"Because it's the shortest way to the central hall," they answered.

"If that's the way they're going to go," he said, "put a formal walkway there."

Eisenhower understood that telling people what not to do isn't always the best course of action.

Others might say, he believed in "riding the horse in the direction it's already running!"



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“Who Else Wants to Win...

A Gift Certificate to Baton Rouge Restaurant?”

Take our Trivia Challenge & you could be the winner!

After being on hiatus for a while, we're pleased to bring back our Trivia Challenge Quiz.... Here's how it works... the first person to e-mail our office with the correct will win a \$50 gift certificate for **Baton Rouge** – famous for their fabulous fall-off-the-bones ribs and melt-in-your-mouth-tender steaks.

Here's our latest *Mega Trivia Question...*

On the comedy show, “Everybody Loves Raymond,” lead character, Ray Barone, worked as a sportswriter for which newspapers?

a.) Globe & Mail, b.) Newsday, c.) USA Today, d.) Herald-Tribune

Think you know? Be the first to e-mail your correct answer to...

Admin@GreenScape.ca

End summer with a safe, enjoyable Labor Day Weekend...

The grand finale of summer is approaching... and while the calendar tells us summer doesn't end until September 22nd, we all know North America calls it quits on Labour Day – September 6th this year.

Labour Day began in Canada on April 15, 1872, that's just five years after Confederation, when the original central labour body in Canada – the Toronto Trades Assembly – organized a parade in support of the Toronto Typographical Union's strike for a reduction to mere **58-hour** work-week. It was Canada's first significant 'workers demonstration.'

At the time, people often worked a six-day week and did mostly physical labour. They used picks and shovels, drove horses to till the fields & haul wagons, ran rudimentary machines, or worked long hours over sets of giant ledger books. There was little factory or farm equipment, no back-hoes or excavation equipment, and no computers to ease the workload.

Initially, Labour Day was celebrated in the spring, but that didn't last long. After it was declared a legal national holiday by Parliament in 1894, the celebration was moved to the first Monday of September, where it has remained ever since.

And while modern equipment and computers have made work less physical, it's still work. But now most of us have the whole Labour Day Weekend to enjoy and even get some rest at the same time.

With that in mind, the GreenScape.ca team hopes...

- You'll return from your Labour Day weekend adventures safe and sound
- You won't over-indulge...
- You won't become impatient in traffic...
- You won't drive long hours and risk sleeping at the wheel – or worse...
- You'll see the “No Diving” signs at shallow swimming areas...
- You'll watch for poison ivy if you're in the woods or at a picnic...

When you stop to think about it, doesn't the idea of relaxing at home and having a cookout kinda' sounds better all the time?

So, whatever you decide to do this coming Labour Day weekend, have a great time... but whatever and wherever you do it... do it safely!