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Three-stream collection starts in Aurora Sept. 11

Residents have seen lots of publicity recently about "Binnie" and the Green Bin three-stream garbage collection and the program starts September 11.

The green bin, a smaller kitchen unit and an instructional kit have been delivered to homes and residents will be able to put their organic waste in their new green bin instead of the garbage container.

The green bin and blue boxes will be collected every week at the same time as at present, while bagged garbage will be collected every second

week.

Green bin material will be composted rather than going to landfill.

If everyone in the six northern municipalities - Aurora, Newmarket, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville, East Gwillimbury and Georgina - follows the instructions and reduces family garbage, up to 500 trucks will not have to transport garbage to landfill sites, according to reports.

Green bin material will be processed at a composting facility and converted to soil

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Traffic obstacles to stop motorists from bypassing the busy Yonge Wellington intersection are currently under construction in a historic area of Aurora, just north and west of the congested corner, but some residents aren't crazy about the plan.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Traffic obstacles installed in Aurora's historic district

If you are used to driving in the designated historic area of Aurora to avoid the Yonge-Wellington intersection, get ready for traffic changes as Aurora Council has adopted several bylaws in accordance with a recent traffic calming study.

Construction is currently underway to slow traffic, but several Aurorans are not happy with the plans.

Two letters to the editor appear this week on Page 8, and neither favours the changes.

One new bylaw allows Fleury and Centre Streets to become one-way. Fleury will be one-way southbound from the Maple Street intersection to a point 20 metres south of Maple Street at all times, while Centre will have one-way traffic eastbound from the Spruce Street intersection to the Wells Street North intersection.

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BRIEFLY

SUPERWALK

The Aurora/Newmarket SuperWalk for Parkinson's Disease takes place at Fairy Lake in Newmarket Sunday, Sept. 9.

Registration, a Taoist Tai Chi demonstration, a Yoga demonstration by The Royal Pathways Inc. and speeches begin at 9.30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10.30 a.m.

For more information call Kim Rouse-Parypa at 905-713-0774, or e-mail her at krp@acanac.net.

If you wish to register on line, go to www.superwalk.com.

THE BARBER

Aurora's senior citizens are at it again.

They're bringing "The Barber of Seville" to Aurora in October.

The one-hour show will be held at the Seniors' Centre, Thursday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m.

The Aurora Seniors Association has teamed up with Opera York's Concerts for Seniors to present the live, tour-de-force production of Rossini's best loved comic opera.

It'll star Dion Mazerolle as "Figaro", Jennifer Fina as "Rosina", and Rory McGlynn as "Count Almaviva".

Tickets, at \$10 each, are currently on sale at the centre, but there are only 200 available. Price of admission includes refreshments.

Call 905-726-4767 for further information.



Now an annual event, the tomato tasting in Gord Barnes' Aurora backyard drew a big crowd Sunday. Among them was Carol Field. Money raised from the event goes to the Aurora Arboretum.

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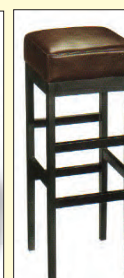
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COMING EVENTS

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The 3rd Aurora Scouting Group has spaces available in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. For registration information or to volunteer call 905-726-2393 or 905-841-0556.

Aurora Agricultural Society meets the first Monday of every month from 6.30 to 9 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6773, e-mail at info@auro-rafair.ca, or visit www.aurorafair.ca.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members welcome. For further information, call 905-841-1352.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-9205.

Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee club at 9 a.m., lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

Gamblers Anonymous, every Tuesday night, Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, 7.30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night. Aurora Legion, 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women has monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

Bid Euchre at the Legion, 1 p.m. every third Sunday.

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice under the direction of Tom Rainsford every Wednesday from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors Centre.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Movie in the Park, "A Night at the Museum" with Ben Stiller at the Town Park starting at 7.30 p.m. with a barbecue, weather permitting. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Call 905-727-3123 ext. 4762 for details.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Deadline for applications from citizens who are interested in serving on the Leash-Free Park Advisory Sub-Committee. Five citizen members are required for the com-

mittee with a mandate to provide policy and assistance to council regarding the operation of the Lease-Free Park. For more information call 905-727-3123 ext. 4241.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Aurora council meets in general committee at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Aurora Historical Society presents the 2007 Candlelight Tour of Homes from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Tickets at \$20 are available by calling 905-727-8991.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Battle of Yonge Street returns hosted by Newmarket-Aurora MP Belinda Stronach to raise funds for the Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre. Event features an NHL Oldtimers game and a hockey game featuring the Aurora Tigers and the Newmarket Hurricanes. Call 905-727-8874 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 7-9

Second annual Aurora Ribfest at Machell Park featuring five rib teams from across North America competing for town titles. Each team uses a different flavour and their signature sauce. For those who don't enjoy ribs, chicken, pulled pork, yam fries and more will be available. Aurora Rotary Club will run the beer garden and live entertainment will begin at dusk.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Aurora/Newmarket SuperWalk for Parkinson's Disease takes place at Fairy Lake in Newmarket. Registration, a Taoist Tai Chi demonstration, a Yoga demonstration by The Royal Pathways Inc. and speeches begin at 9.30 a.m. at the Water Street entrance. The walk begins at 10.30 a.m. For more information call Kim Rouse-Parypa at 905-713-0774, or e-mail krp@acanac.net.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Aurora Film Circuit presents "Mon Meilleur Ami" (My Best Friend), starring Daniel Auteuil. French with English subtitles, rated PG. Tickets are \$10 and available at Aurora Public Library and R&R Revisited, 95 Edward Street. All screenings take place at the Cineplex Aurora, with a door prize at 6.45 and film at 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit out-of-budget programming at the library.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast hosted by MPP Frank Klees at 7.30 a.m. at Graystone's Restaurant, 14889 Yonge Street.

VARIOUS DATES SEPT. 14 TO 29

Theatre Aurora presents "Charley's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas. Call the box office at 905-727-3669 for further details.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Aurora Seniors visit the Stratford Festival to see the musical "Oklahoma".

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

20th annual Wild Wild West Magna Hoedown on the Magna grounds, Wellington Street East. Watch for further details.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Second annual Aurora Historical Society golf tournament at Westview Golf Club. Fewer than 60 spaces available. Known as the KSG (Kiss Summer Goodbye) tournament, the event will feature dinner and a silent auction at DiNardo's, The Mansion. \$150 gets you the package; dinner only is \$50. Tickets available at Hillary House, Westview Golf Club and The Auroran. Tournament gets underway at 11 a.m. and will not use the "shotgun" format.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Regular meeting of the Aurora Historical

Society with guest speaker Jackie Stuart on the topic "Then and Now" at 8 p.m. at Hillary House.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Amnesty International meets at 7.30 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. New members are welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6713.

Aurora Chamber of Commerce invites its members to Hillary House at 5.30 p.m. for a presentation of the 2007 audited financial statements, followed by complimentary food and refreshments.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Clear Aurora's streams and ponds of trash by participating in the TD Canada Trust Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. To work on the McKenzie Marsh, contact Rebecca Camino at 905-660-6529. For other areas contact the Town of Aurora's Environmental Advisory Committee: auro-raeac@hotmail.com or call Info Aurora at 905-727-8214.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Business After Five meeting hosts members from the Aurora and Newmarket Chambers of Commerce at Skyview Dental Care, 372 Hollandview Trail.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Aurora Horticultural Society presents lecture on "Four Months of Blooming Iris" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 8 p.m., 105 Industrial Parkway North.

Aurora Council public planning meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The first ever Words Alive Literary Festival will be held all day at the Sharon Temple and features several people from Aurora. The festival celebrates a rich literary heritage providing a showcase for contemporary local authors. Words Alive is a non-profit organization. The festival will feature

Aurora's Marina Nemat, Dr. John McIntyre, and Ron Wallace. Also making an appearance are Roy MacGregor, Eliza Clarke and Barry Dempster. For more information, visit www.wordsalive.ca.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Blessing of the Animals at the Rectory lawn of Trinity Anglican Church. Bring your pets, large or small, for a blessing as church celebrates St. Francis Day.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Aurora and Newmarket members of the Chambers of Commerce will host a Business After Five meeting at Georgian Downs racetrack in Innisfil from 5.30 p.m. Cost is \$10 which includes buffet.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Provincial election and Referendum Day.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual Business Excellence evening in Aurora.

OCTOBER 19 and 20

Aurora United Church Fall Rummage Sale, 15186 Yonge Street. Hours on October 19: 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; on October 20, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 905-727-1935.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Aurora Horticultural Society presents lecture on "Festive Entertaining" at the Royal Canadian Legion, 8 p.m., 105 Industrial Parkway North.

NOVEMBER 4 to 19

Aurora seniors will take a 15-day Hawaiian cruise. Call Pam at 416-630-3499 for details.

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Historic Doan Hall now just a memory

Today it is a Dollarama store but for many years it was Doane Hall Pharmacy and before that the location was Doan Hall, the home and business place of Charles Doan, Aurora's first Reeve, Aurora's postmaster and the man who changed the town's name from Machell's Corners to Aurora.

Doane Hall was located on the west side of Yonge Street just north of Wellington Street and opened for business in 1969 after the demolition of Doan Hall which had been built back in the 1850s.

In March, 1969, Richard Isaacson appeared before the town's planning board with a proposal to build a six

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If you get caught parking in a place where you shouldn't and get a ticket from the town's bylaw enforcement and it's too much trouble to go to the Town Hall to pay, the town has made it easier for you.

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Bridge results

Aurora Bridge Club

Tuesday, Aug. 21: Marg and Paul Macfarlane; John Jarman and Dan MacNeil; Marg Farmer and George Payment; Virginia and Ed Smereka.

Wednesday, Aug. 22: N/S - Marg and Paul Macfarlane; Carol Coady and Fawzexa Shafi; Ross Jenkinson and Joan Rotenberg. E/W - Peter Brugger and Peter Ho; George Jordan and Paul Stanbury; Beth Stokell and Alex Carpenter.

Thursday, Aug. 23: Barb and Thomas Zmach; Maria Moreau and Bill Boyle; Geri Adam and Doris Van Der Veen.

Friday, Aug. 24: Gord and Mary Walker; Marg and Paul Macfarlane; Ross Jenkinson and Izhar Haque; Gerald Heath and Marg Farmer.

Aurora Seniors Bridge Club

North-South: Sheldon Fast and Eva Guttman; Mary Oglanby and Joan Rotenberg; Sue Scott and Ruth Rea. East-West: Audrey Robertson and Evelyn Dickie; Lucille Sequeira and Judy Salmon; Priscilla Hull and Inger Kamel.

or eight storey office building on the site.

He said there was a strong market for office space in Aurora above the drug store he had planned.

He proposed a 5,000 square foot drug store and 4,300 square feet of office space which would be adapted to meet the needs of tenants.

He added that if the parking space problem could be resolved, he was prepared to build a higher building, and efforts were made to acquire parking spaces from the neighbouring IGA store to the north, where there were more spaces than required.

Mr. Isaacson said if he was unable to resolve the parking problem, he would proceed with the drug store making structural provision for upper floors later.

The planning board agreed to meet with town council and Mr. Isaacson for further discussions resulting in the current two-storey building that's on the site.

The drug store opened in

August, 1969, with low prices, balloons and suckers for the children and free cosmetic samples for the ladies.

In September, 1994, Isaacson celebrated 25 years in business and to celebrate the anniversary he added an expanded gift department.

It was given the look of an old fashioned apothecary or country store of years gone by, yet with the modern conveniences shoppers expected.

In January, 1995, Doane Hall was sold to Andy Hancock and Rob Shannon as part of the Shoppers Drug Mart family.

Then in February, 2005, after decades at the corner of Aurora Heights Drive and Yonge Street, D-Mac Furniture closed. The space was leased to Shoppers Drug Mart.

The move resulted in the closing of Shoppers Drug Mart Doane Hall and the opening of the Dollarama store and the loss of any connection with the historic Doan family.



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Poor Richard

Lots to consider in October 10 provincial election

*It's going to be a tricky election,
As there's a mixed member threat;
So be very careful how you vote,
Or you may be adding to the debt!*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

There's no doubt that some form of electoral reform is needed to help restore confidence in our political institutions, improve voter turnout and better balance the popular vote with the number of candidates elected, or proportional representation.

In almost every election more people vote against the government than vote for it and that's not the way it's supposed to be in a democratic system.

The current McGuinty Liberal government elected 70 seats to the 103-seat Legislature but did it with only 46.5 per cent of the popular vote.

In 1990 Bob Ray's New Democratic Party government won a majority government with only 37 per cent of the popular vote.

In the 1995 election, the Mike Harris government won 63 per cent of the seats with 45 per cent of the vote and in 1999 the Tories held about 60 per cent of the seats with 45 per cent of the vote.

Changes are needed but whether the preferred mixed member proportional method is the right one or not will be decided at the October 10 election as voters will be required to make two crucial decisions.

First, they will be choosing the next Ontario government and second, they will be passing judgment on the voting process itself in a special referendum on electoral reform to be held at the same time as the general election.

Voters will have to decide whether the current "first past the post" system is better than the proposed form of proportional representation called mixed member proportional.

The status quo which awards the riding to the candidate with the most votes and as has been seen usually results in the party forming the majority government with less than 50 per cent of the popular vote.

The preferred mixed member proportional system, as recommended by a Citizens' Assembly on Elector Reform, allots seats based roughly on each political party's share of the popular vote through a mixture of local members running in geographic ridings and lists members selected by each of the parties.

There will be 90 expanded ridings across the province where electors will vote for the candidate of their choice in the same manner as in normal elections.

Then a second ballot will be cast for the party of choice and another 39 members will be selected from the lists of candidates proposed by the political parties to make up the 107-seat Legislature.

So, if a party elects fewer local members than its share of the popular vote, candidates from the party's list will be elected to compensate for the difference.

In other words, the members elected from the party's list will not represent any constituency but will represent the party, and electors will have to decide whether this method is more democratic.

I don't think it is and believe there must be other systems that will achieve a better balance between the popular vote and the number of seats held by the winning party and still retain a semblance of democracy, where the member is elected to represent the people, not the party.

However, there is a high bar set for any change.

In order for the mixed member proportional to succeed it must attain 60 per cent of all votes and 50 per cent of the ballots in at least 64 of the 107 ridings.

There's still a couple of months before the election so electors have time to study both systems and decide which system is the best for the province and themselves.

But what is needed is a full scale public debate on the issue so that electors can make a more informed decision when they cast their ballot.

As the vote is crucial to the future, it will be necessary to cast a smart vote in this election, so get yourself prepared.

And, in you're confused by all this, relax...you're not alone.



They dressed up for the occasion. Members of Aurora Council, citizens, and the mayor, the late Keith Nisbet, centre, were on hand in 1963 when the bell from the locomotive "Toronto" was gifted to the community of Aurora. The bell was apparently on the first train to leave Toronto more than 100 years earlier, and the train's destination, hours later, was Aurora. Resident historian Jackie Stuart doesn't think the bell came from that locomotive, however, and we'll follow up on that theory next week. The years have taken their toll on the bell, which still sits in front of Aurora's old library on Victoria Street (inset), and, depending on how the future of Library Square plays out, the bell will have to be refurbished or moved...or both

Letters to the Editor

It's unfair to compare the two health systems

To the editor,

There are many, like myself, who, I am sure, sympathize with Bonnie Tiffin in the matter of human health care (Letter to the editor, Auroran, August 14).

Most of us have either experienced some kind of horrific situation or have friends and relatives who have suffered needlessly because of a health care system that is becoming increasingly overwhelmed.

Nonetheless, I contend that the analogy drawn between animal and human health care systems is inexact.

Animal health care is privately funded and serviced by a rather large number of veterinarians who are in direct competi-

tion with each other for clientele.

In a word, they are operating in a capitalist market where their fees must be competitive and where success hinges on pleasing Fido's master or mistress.

They are not subject to tight political scrutiny of their 'modus operandi'.

It is quite the reverse with the human health care system which is based on the principle of universality.

Such a system is an expensive burden to the taxpayer.

The burden grows near exponentially as the population ages, life expectancy increases and the ratio of health care deliverers to users diminishes.

Now, if we apply the animal care system as a

solution to the aforementioned burden, then we have a private health care system similar to our American cousins.

And what a wonderful system it is!

It is efficient. It is quickly accessible. Near miraculous recovery from deadly ailments is attainable.

But, there is one problem-it is built for the super rich (forget it if you are really ill and your net assets are much below \$5

million).

One of our greatest politicians (and we have had few in our short history), Tommy Douglas, built the foundations of a publicly funded health care system.

It is our responsibility today to keep faith with the past and improve the system that this great man passed to us.

Frank Hawkins
Aurora

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Tap water is better than bottled water

To the editor,

Aurora just recently passed A-1 for its water quality (tap water).

Why is it then, as I walk through the parks, that I am continuing to pick up empty plastic water bottles to deposit in the garbage containers provided?

The people who buy and drink from these plastic bottles seem to be allergic to garbage containers.

Pat Foran, of CTV fame, conducted a test on several of these water bottling companies a few

months ago, versus tap water, and guess which water won?

Tap water, of course.

I guess he came to Aurora for the water, before this dry spell.

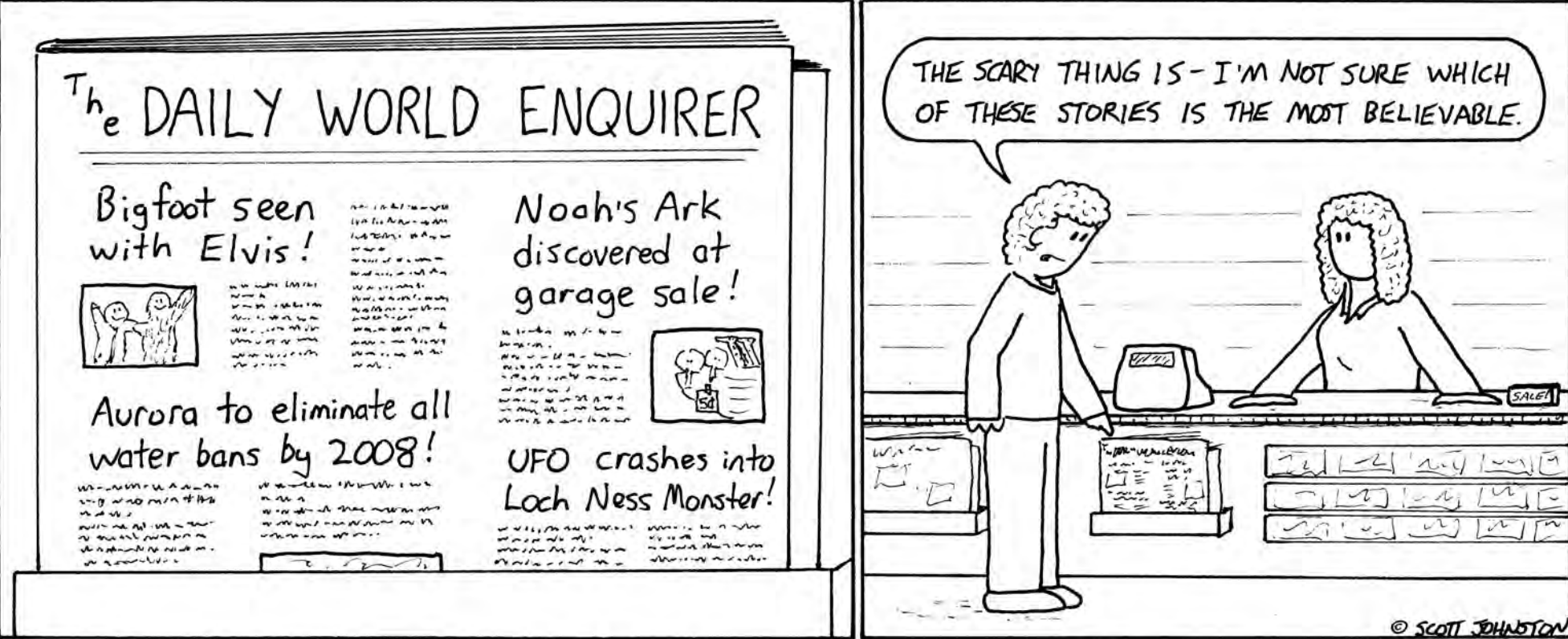
So, Aurorans, save yourself some money.

Drink tap water...that is, if you haven't run dry.

You'll also save on the garbage.

N. Pemberton
Aurora

*More letters:
see pages
6, 7, 8 & 9*



Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

A couple of weeks back I produced a column identifying energy as a potential sleeper issue during the upcoming Oct. 10 provincial election.

Most people, other than those who work in the industry, don't really pay attention to this subject.

As long as the lights remain on and any outages are short in duration and don't occur too frequently, people are pretty satisfied and go about their busy daily existence of raising a family, paying the bills and saving for vacations.

And with the best of the summer weather behind us, we have probably avoided rolling blackouts or brownouts due to severe warm weather.

But that does not mean there aren't a lot of issues in this file for whoever assumes the mantle of energy minister after Oct. 10.

Some of the issues include things like the timing of the closure of the remaining coal plants, the refurbishment plans for existing nuclear, the procurement process for new nuclear and the needed expansion and further upgrades to our provinces' transmission lines.

Add into the mix the questions of whether the public sector or the private sector should be doing the nuclear and transmission additions and it all adds up that the new minister should have a large bottle of Aspirin on his/her desk.

So what of the above? What are the potential implications for electricity rates in Aurora?

Let's briefly examine a local PowerStream monthly electricity bill. You are currently charged 5.3 cents/kilowatt hour (kWh) for the first 600 kWh's of energy and charged 6.3 cents kWh for the balance over 600 kWh's. According to the back portion of the monthly bill, this "is the cost of the electricity supplied to you during the billing period and

this is part of the bill that is subject to competition."

This cost makes up about 46 per cent of your total monthly bill. You then have delivery charges, which "are the cost of delivering electricity from generating stations across the province to PowerStream then to your home or business.

This includes the costs to build and maintain the transmission and distribution lines, towers and poles and operate provincial and local electricity systems." This comprises about 43 per cent of your total monthly bill.

There is also a regulatory charge, which is "the costs of administering the wholesale electricity system and maintaining the reliability of the provincial grid." This comprises about 5.5 per cent of your total monthly bill.

The last item on the invoice is the Debt Retirement Charge, which is used to pay down the debt of the former Ontario Hydro.

This also accounts for roughly 5.5 per cent of your total monthly bill.

So the two real cost drivers on your bill are the actual generation of energy and getting the electrons to your home.

A recent announcement has provided some short term, welcome price relief.

The headline in the July 31 Auroran stated, "Hydro bill may drop up to 8.2%" for a typical residential consumer using 1,000 kWh's.

This was due to an Ontario Energy Board decision reducing transmission rates for utilities.

This may be true for now, but not for long.

According to various published reports Ontario will need to refurbish, rebuild or replace 25,000 megawatts of generating capacity over the next 20 years.

Aurora's electricity rates

That represents more than 80 per cent of Ontario's current capacity of about 30,500 megawatts.

The estimate is that this will require an investment anywhere from 25 to 40 billion dollars, depending on what generation resources we choose to build, and when.

Replacing aging assets that have been fully depreciated over their long term useful life means that we will be paying higher prices for the new facilities.

Think of it this way: replacing that 1996 Ford Minivan with a 2008 Ford Minivan will now cost you quite a bit more.

Sure, the government could decide to subsidize consumer and industrial rates at a level that is less than the real cost of the generation but that would simply be putting off the inevitable.

Whether it be nuclear, wind, coal, hydro or gas, all these cost more to build today, which means we, as ratepayers, will pay more at some point in the relatively near future.

We obviously have to learn, as a society, to conserve energy, but with our GDP and population growth new generation will still be required.

Ontario is facing critical decisions regarding the appropriate energy supply mix and also how best to procure new generation.

Inextricably intertwined with these decisions is a need for power that is affordable, reliable and environmentally friendly.

I look forward to a vigorous and thoughtful debate on energy issues as part of the campaign this fall.

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Cathy's Corner

By Cathy Vrancic

The only thing we can't change is the fact that things will change.

As Tim prepares to return to Brock University (becoming a full time resident of St. Catharines and consequently an occasional weekend visitor to Aurora), I suddenly wonder "Where did the summer go?"

Indeed...where did the past two decades go?

Sometimes I feel like Rip Van Winkle...

I must have fallen asleep when my little boy was in the Velcro stage.

I feel like I woke up to find he not only long ago mastered the art of tying shoelaces, but the Tonka trucks are gone!

There is a real car in the driveway now and most of the time, it's gone too! And so is he...

This summer, Tim worked as a camp counsellor. I watched him make phone calls and schedules, planning outings and activities for "his kids".

I couldn't help but long for the days when I dressed my children in identical T-shirts and did frequent head counts...

Every time I see a little kid with shoes that light up, I get teary-eyed. Is this normal?

Last week, a little boy called "Mommy" in the grocery store. I answered.

The little boy backed away slowly, then turned and ran to his "real" mother. What is wrong with me? I haven't shopped with little kids in tow for over a decade! You'd think

I'd be over it by now!

I made for the cash register shaking my head and wondering if I should cut down on my sugar intake.

In front of me, a mother answered question after question from her inquisitive young daughter.

I listened with a smile and was soon transported 20 years...down Lollipop Lane.

We were at the doctor's office awaiting our turn. Jennifer was about three or four years old, cuddled in my lap - oh, for the days when this 5 foot 7 almost 23 year old fit in my lap!

A young man sporting long hair and an earring came in and sat down across from us.

Jennifer surveyed him for a while, then blatantly pointed at him and in the bold voice that is the trademark of unabashed childhood curiosity, asked: "Mommy, is that a boy or a girl?"

I was mortified speechless.

The young man smiled nervously and blushed. He quietly answered, "I'm a boy".

Jennifer wasn't done yet. "Then why do you have an earring?"

"I like it."

"How come you don't have the other one? Did you lose it?"

"No, boys only wear one earring."

A time for change

About a week later, Jennifer lost an earring and started to cry. "Oh Mommy! Now everybody will think I'm a boy!"

I chuckled out loud at the memory as I loaded my groceries into my car.

Behind me, a mother was growing frustrated trying to break up a fight between her two children. Another memory...

I was trying to get my brood out the door on time, but Nadia wanted to wear a particular pair of shoes that we couldn't find.

I went out to look in the car and when I got back, Nadia and Tim were engaged in some sort of argument.

Back and forth it went and just as I was about to step in and put a stop to it, Tim threw up his hands and shouted: "Nadia! Stop bickering! You know how Mom hates it when we bicker!"

Nadia put her hands on her hips and gave him a haughty sigh.

"Timothy," she said evenly, "I wasn't bickering! I was WHINING!"

And so am I it seems...

Oh, why do things have to change?

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Bouquets & BRICKBATS

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Beaver Gas at Mary Street and Wellington Street East for being the only service station in Aurora that cares about the needs of seniors and handicapped motorists by providing full service at competitive prices. Long may they reign!

BRICKBATS to Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP and Provincial Treasurer Greg Sorbara for claiming that the recent slush fund scandal wouldn't have an effect on the coming provincial election. The lack of adverse public comment was primarily due to citizens becoming disenchanted with politicians at all levels of government and their wasteful expenditures.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Jays baseball team on capturing the York Simcoe Midget Championship with a narrow 4-3 victory over the Newmarket Hawks.

BOUQUETS to Aurora seniors on capturing 22 medals, including five gold and 10 silver in this year's edition of the York Region 55+ Summer Games held recently.

BRICKBATS to the driver of a black van parked in the Aurora Heights Plaza for more than half an hour just before noon on a hot day leaving a small brown curly-haired pup in the van. Although the windows were down about an inch, it was obvious the pup was feeling the heat.

BOUQUETS to the member of council who will suggest that the Splash Pad at the Town Park be activated by some form of a motion sensor so the water starts flowing when children are using it. Granted it is timed to shut off at 9 p.m. but it's a waste of water.

BRICKBATS to the motorists who drive into a well-marked handicapped parking space, then climb out and walk smartly into the store. They were observed at Staples and Shoppers Drug Mart in the south end the other Saturday morning.

BOUQUETS to three-year-old Kai Schmidt of Aurora who raced to a second place finish in the children's 100 metre event at the recent Cyclissimo Cycling Club's Grand Prix. His tricycle was #13.

BRICKBATS to Prime Minister Stephen Harper for promising to clean up Ottawa, get rid of patronage and to be more accountable and responsible, but is following the same path as former governments. To find a top CBC executive, he called on Tom Long, a former Canadian Alliance leadership candidate with ties to the Harper government.

BOUQUETS to the member of Aurora Council who will ask for another review of the town's sign bylaw as council grants more exceptions to the bylaw, than approvals in accordance with the bylaw.

BRICKBATS to the Quebec Court of Appeal for upholding an arbitrator's ruling that the Commission Scolaire de Montreal must reinstate a teacher and compensate him for lost salary after serving seven years for manslaughter for beating his wife to death in 1990. When he applied for a teaching position in 1998 he didn't reveal his criminal past and he was fired in 2004 when the Board found out. The Board is considering an appeal.

BOUQUETS to Simon and May Pang of Aurora for winning \$100,000 as a second prize in the Ontario Lottery Encore with six of the seven numbers correct.

BRICKBATS to the persons responsible in the Ontario government or Elections Ontario for appointing the executive assistant to the wife of a Liberal candidate to the supposedly independent position of returning officer in Thornhill, where the wife's husband, Mario Racco, is seeking re-election. She was replaced when the appointment was challenged by the Tory candidate.

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Letters to the Editor

Water: common sense must prevail

To the editor,

Debbie Korolnek, Regional Director of Water told council at the last council meeting, the taps had never before run dry in Aurora.

It was not true because they did way back in 1963.

I ran for council for the first time because of it.

It was after supper.

Bathtime for the kids, formulas needed to be made, dishes washed and the grass needed watering. Suddenly, no water in the taps.

Our system of delivering water in Aurora is the same as it always has been only it's better now.

We had low pressure. A toilet flushed could scald a person in the shower. There was high iron content.

Once a man brought his laundry and dumped it on the council table. It had rust stains.

We had water restrictions

every summer but we never again needed the town truck to tour the streets with a loud speaker shouting at us to turn the sprinklers off.

We have water meters now, as opposed to a flat rate that was less than a subscription to a daily newspaper.

We pay a sewer rate according to water use.

We have invested millions in infrastructure. We have replaced miles of old watermains, separated storm from sewers and established storm water retention ponds to keep road pollution from Lake Simcoe.

Thirty years ago when we went down to our present aquifer, the water was carbon dated.

It is thousands of years old. It has been down there in the cool dark recesses of the earth for longer than we can calculate. It is a precious resource.

New regulations mean water treatment is more

expensive than ever.

Millions are being spent to deliver potable water to Aurora homes.

I do not care to think of the millions we pay for the planning and engineering expertise to make sure the system serves us well.

If we want to spill it back on the earth to keep the grass green, wash the car or the driveway or enjoy a swimming pool, we are allowed to do that.

But common sense must prevail.

We are not sucking water out of Lake Ontario.

We are pumping it up out of the earth and storing it in sufficient quantities to meet normal demands. And it does.

This year, we had less than normal snowfall, the ground was dry before the heat wave and the drought began.

Then one night, in a particular neighbourhood, a sufficient number of people

turned on the sprinklers and let them run until the reservoir ran dry.

When the tub drains, it will only fill up again if the stopper is replaced. Outside watering had to be banned.

Buying a property in Aurora means more than providing shelter for the family or location for a business.

Property ownership means shares in the corporation and all its assets and resources.

It means learning how things work and taking responsibility for care and maintenance and having the right to be a candidate for public office or learning enough to discern when a candidate is respecting your intelligence in a campaign platform.

Fifty years ago, Aurora's population was 5,500 people.

Today it is more than 48,000.

The taps did not run dry a couple of weeks ago because the town continued to grow.

They ran dry because homeowners, myself among them, had to learn the hard way how the water system works in Aurora and govern ourselves accordingly.

There is no level of government more relevant in our daily lives than Municipal. If we can't make it work here, we can't make it work anywhere.

capacity enough to handle big spikes in demand?

There is a problem here, the Town and the Region should fix that problem before adding more development to increase the demand.

Dave Watson
Aurora

Evelyn Buck
Aurora

To the editor,

I look at the reference to Dick Illingworth's 1970 comment a little differently than Debbie Korolnek seems to (Auroran, Maybe no more water bans in Aurora...maybe, Page 1, August 21).

My impression is that she (and York Region) look at it as a minor situation that has been around for a long time.

The way I view it is that we have had a problem for at least 40 years and that neither the town nor the Region has seen fit to "fix the problem", a phrase I

heard used at the council meeting more than once by Mayor Phyllis Morris in regard to letters she had received from the public.

The only way Aurora seems to get more water allocation is for new development, not to make sure we have enough water for the existing town.

Why is it that when planning for storm containment they plan for the 50, the 75 or the 100-year storm but when it comes to ensuring everyday supply of a vital necessity that the daily average is good enough?

Why isn't our water

Thank you, Nigel

To the editor,

The Farmers' Market is considered a success today because those involved were able to stand on the shoulders of Nigel Kean.

Without his 5 a.m. Saturday devotion for six years, the town would not have one of its present day jewels.

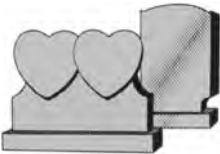
We owe a debt of gratitude to former Aurora Councillor Kean, even if he is no longer in the job, for his vision and effort to revive the downtown core, and by making Saturday mornings in Aurora just a little bit nicer and quainter.

Bryan Moir
Aurora

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Just who is using our water, reader wonders

To the editor,

On August 14, Debbie Korolnek, York Region's Director of Water and Wastewater made a presentation to Aurora's council to explain the recent water restrictions all residents have been coping with.

Water bans apparently aren't a new phenomena.

An August 20, 2001, a press release from York Region proudly announces that a "temporary ban on outdoor water use has been lifted in Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill".

Debbie Korolnek does go on to say, in that press release, that "the ground water aquifer supplying water for most areas in the north end of the Region takes longer to recover".

And therefore residents of Aurora, Newmarket, Holland Landing, Sharon and Queensville would

remain under the watering ban.

I understand this to mean that the aquifer level is dropping or has dropped and requires a certain period of time to recover and to aid this recovery residents should adhere to the ban.

I can only assume that the statements made by the director are accurate and true and based on science.

Given this understanding and the current ban, I don't understand why York Region's Director of Water and Wastewater, had nothing to say when she was advised that the Magna Golf Club had recently applied for a permit from the Ministry of the Environment to take up to 1,635,840 litres of water per day from ground water sources, for 183 days per year for the next 10 years.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern asked if the Region was aware of the

application and if there was any concern?

Ms Korolnek indicated this was a Provincial approval and the Region has no role in commenting and further that drawing 1.6 million litres of water per day was insignificant. Despite her claim that 1.6 million litres of water is insignificant, York Region has provided assurances to the residents living in areas who have been or may be affected by these permits issued by the MOE, that should their private wells be negatively affected our York Region tax dollars have been used and will continue to be used to rectify this "insignificant" impact.

To put things in perspective, the Yonge Street aquifer produced on average between 2005 and 2007, 42,278,000 litres per day.

That's for the residents of Aurora, Newmarket,

Sharon, Holland Landing and Queensville.

Magna Golf Course can take up to 3.8 per cent of the current daily average to, presumably, water their grass.

This isn't a comment on Magna.

There are numerous companies that do the same thing. They are a corporation, accountable to their shareholders and their executives are doing exactly what is expected of them - maximize the return on investment.

Nothing wrong with that.

I question who is looking after our interests.

After all, water supply is the domain of York Region and yet they don't even have a clue that someone is significantly tapping into a shared resource.

Even when they are advised - their only response is stunned silence.

It appears that we are

expected to conserve and adhere to watering bans to allow the aquifer to recharge while others are welcome to take more and more.

For almost 40 years we've had a water shortage problem.

I would hope that someone has been working diligently to overcome this problem; but unfortunately, the success of their work is only measured by continuing bans.

And the region wants us to believe that things are going to be better; however, they can't guarantee it.

According to Ms Korolnek, the only guarantee in life is death.

There is another guarantee in life and that's TAXES.

In York Region, this certainty is ever increasing taxes and no end to watering bans.

I just hope that we don't die of thirst.

In closing, Debbie Korolnek, put up slide

#11, that contained a quote: "Now that summer has finally arrived, the annual problem of water restrictions is with us once again... A prolonged heat wave plus inconsiderate and selfish watering habits by some citizens were more than our system could stand."

The quote was made by Dick Illingworth, then mayor of Aurora.

By putting up the slide, who was Ms Korolnek implying is being selfish and inconsiderate?

It couldn't be Magna, she had no idea of their application.

Is it the developers who are pushing for further development?

Is it the elected officials or the public servants who support such proposals?

Or is it just the great unwashed - the citizens of Aurora?

Walter Mestrinaro
Aurora

Scampers were "all the rage" when Sisman's Shoes thrived

To the editor,

The picture in The Auroran, week of August 14 of the T. Sisman Shoe Company building at the corner of Berczy and Mosley Streets, brought back memories of growing up in Aurora.

My father, Frederick Charles Bush, was a shoemaker all his life.

His parents were also shoemakers and had worked in England and

Scotland.

They came to Canada in 1865, landing in Montreal, then settling in Toronto in 1866 where my father's father continued in the shoemaking trade.

My father and his two brothers became shoemakers and first worked in Toronto.

The family then moved to Markham and the father and his three sons went to work at the Sisman Shoe Company there.

In 1901, my father came to Aurora to work at the T. Sisman Shoe Company, and his two brothers also came to work there for several years before returning to Toronto.

My father worked at Sisman's for 43 years until a short time before his death in March, 1944.

My brother, Harold, who was the oldest in our family, also worked at Sisman's for more than 35

years.

In 1936, when I was nine years old, I remember having a pair of Sisman Scampers, and I'm sure that almost every kid in Aurora, as well as many adults, too, wore a pair of Scampers at some time or other.

They were certainly all the rage back then for quite a number of years.

Our family never had to go to a local shoemaker to have our shoes repaired while my father was alive.

He had a wooden box full of all the tools required to repair shoes.

Our son, Gary, now has this shoemaker's tool box of his grandfather's.

I can remember often watching my father putting new leather soles and heels on our shoes many times over the years.

It was certainly quite an art, and now there doesn't seem to be hardly any shoemakers left who can do that kind of work anymore.

As my daughter would say, "too bad, so sad".

Dorene Stephenson
Dundas

It's a great idea to open Sheppard's Bush house to public, reader says

To the editor,

I read with great interest the letter from Lynn Wilson regarding use of the home in Sheppard's Bush to rent out to artists as a gallery, workshop etc. (Letters to the Editor, The Auroran, August 21).

This is a wonderful idea. As the great niece of J.E.H. MacDonald, Group of Seven painter, I have been working along with

the City of Vaughan for the past seven years to restore his home and grounds in Thornhill.

I have also, for the past six years, been running an art show and sale from his home during the Thornhill Village Festival every year (which takes place September 15th this year) with great success.

This is a wonderful way to not only help talented artists but also help with

paying for the upkeep of these historical sites.

My hat's off to Ms Wilson for putting forth this suggestion and I hope it will be looked into by the Aurora Council.

Susan M. MacDonald
Great Niece
of J.E.H. MacDonald
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Traffic deterrents upset this citizen

To the editor,

Have you ever heard the expression "an accident looking for a place to happen?"

Well, I have story for you! I recommend that you don't walk or drive on Maple Street because the sidewalks are only half finished but you may have a problem driving.



These cement pods that protrude onto the road are simply a hazard to drivers and pedestrians. Only one vehicle can pass through this maze at a time. How would you like to drive though this at night?



Now, how would like to be on the snow removal team? Where is the snow going to go? What do the emergency services here think of this concept?



Maybe I'm just behind the times.

Wayne Hemington
Aurora

Traffic calming devices “moronic”, reader claims

To the editor,

I have lived on Batson Drive for the past 27 years and during that time I do not recall that there have been any serious accidents in the general area of this so-called "calming" route.

Traffic, yes! But with the rapid growth of Aurora, what else can one expect?

However, this moronic "calming" drive is going to serve no real purpose, except to make drivers more irate and impatient, and supposedly keep Catherine Street out of bounds!

I have a number of questions/comments and wonder if the people who live in this so-called "heritage area" fully understood exactly what they would be receiving, in order to reduce the traffic in their neighbourhoods.

1. School re-opens in a couple of weeks and there are two schools in the area. Lester B. Pearson on Odin Crescent (which, by the way, is expanding) and Ecole Catholique St. Jean on Walton Drive.
2. Can you just see the chaos on the first day of school as busses and anxious parents drop their youngsters at school.
3. Who has the right of way? Presumably, the first person in the "maze." I have waited until eight cars have passed through this maze.
4. Obviously, one would hope that the person waiting until the last car has gone through does not have an emergency, or is trying to reach a destination at a certain time.
5. Emergency ambulances, snowploughs, over-sized moving vans, landscaping trailers, SUV's with boats, parked cars on the street etc. etc. The wait can be endless and tempers will flare.
6. How will these areas be ploughed during the winter or will the snow just pile up on them, eventually spilling onto the sidewalk?
7. How many snowploughs will the Town have to replace due to the difficulty in manoeuvring this obstacle course?
8. How many years does a street have to be in existence to constitute a "heritage area?" I can't imagine that Walton Drive and Mark Streets are more than 100 years old! Also, the residents of Mark Street are no longer able to park on the north nor south sides of their street.
9. What happens if one is having a gathering and there is only a two-car driveway? Presumably more congestion on the side streets of Cedar and Oak Court!
10. Have the mayor and town councillors travelled on Walton Drive, north of Wellington Street?
11. If not, I would suggest that they do so during peak hours, when the Town residents return from summer vacations and the schools re-open.
12. Has the Town of Aurora received any guidance from the engineering department of their municipal liability insurer, before putting these "hazards" in place? If not, I have grave concern that should there be a serious accident involving the Town's liability, the insurance company could deny the claims.
13. Going north on Spruce from Centre Street, one is diverted to Catherine/Fleury Streets, or going south on Spruce to Catherine/Yonge Streets at the intersection of Spruce and Catherine Avenue.

Why?

To reach Our Lady of Grace Church going north from Centre and Spruce Streets, requires a detour via Fleury and Maple Streets!

9. Many drivers, I know, use the Walton/Batson Drive route to get over to Orchard Heights (west of Yonge Street). Now, the main arteries of Wellington and Yonge Streets will be even more congested, with motorists trying to avoid the "maze!"

10. Mayor Phyllis Morris indicated to me that this was a very expensive program. I wonder, if in the interest of saving some of our tax dollars, any consideration was given to placing "speed bumps" as exist on Kennedy Street West?

I realize that I live on the outskirts of the "heritage" area. However, I do have a right to be able to get around Town conveniently, and this "maze" protects the rights of interest groups and infringes upon the rights of the greater community.

Rosalyn A. Gonsalves
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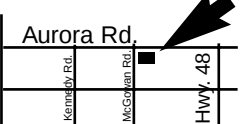
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Letter to the Editor

Writer apologizes for misunderstood letter

To the editor,

If Mr. Nigel Kean took offence to my letter of last week he clearly misunderstood its intent and I would like to extend an apology and offer clarification.

It was not intended to belittle or undermine the great work he has done in creating the Farmers' Market.

The intent of the letter was to shed light on the poor planning and muddled thinking of the councillors currently involved.

I agree that the Farmers' Market is a good thing for Aurora.

I also believe that more money should be spent to revitalize and promote growth in our historic core.

What I was questioning was the incomprehensible motion at council to spend

taxpayers' money presented by Councillor Stephen Granger.

The motion did not clearly outline the how, why, where, when or by whom the money was to be spent.

There were no clearly stated goals and objectives, and the expected benefits to the public were missing.

This is unacceptable today by any financial or legislative standard.

This amateurish attempt to provide much needed funds fell way short of the mark of the professionalism we should expect of our elected officials.

Recently, the provincial Liberal government "threw" money at various groups recently totalling almost \$32 million.

Councillor Granger's

motion looked suspiciously similar.

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Madeline Rageas of Aurora, second from right, was the winner of the Farmers' Market basket Saturday. The basket was filled with produce which is sold at the Temperance Street market every week. With her is, left to right, Mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillors Stephen Granger and Alison Collins-Mrakas.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Leash-free

Applicants are needed for this park committee

Last June Aurora's Leisure Services Advisory Committee was directed to advertise for interested residents to serve on the Leash Free Dog Park Committee to enable the continued operation of the Leash Free Dog Park.

The goal is that the issue be resolved by September.

Deadline for applications is August 31 and council was advised at last week's meeting that there is a need for people to apply or the leash-free dog park may close.

At a previous council meeting it was reported that dog owners were not cleaning up after their pets or were tying doggie bags to

the fence surrounding the park on Industrial Parkway North.

When the committee report came to council it was recommended that staff be directed to advertise for interested residents to serve on the Leash-Free Dog Park Committee.

It was also decided that council direct staff members to ensure that the waste is cleared from the park until this issue has been dealt with.

Staff members pointed out that it was the original plan that dog owners take the bags of waste home and for that reason a garbage container was not provided.

Dog owners, meanwhile,

were tying bags to the fence creating a health risk,

The formation of the committee as soon as possible was a necessity, staff members said in the report.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she was not in support of staff cleaning up and either the users should be made to clean up the waste or the park should be closed.

Staff members replied that another notice will be posted and a summer student will visit the park to hand out information folders in an attempt to educate the owners.

If that fails, they said, council will be asked to close the park.

Tough battle to link Murray to Wellington

In June, 1971, it appeared as if Aurora would have a new high school with no access to it.

Aurora Council was advised that the new Aurora High School on Wellington Street West would be finished ahead of schedule, but was inaccessible to students unless action was taken to construct a roadway and services.

Council agreed to meet with the York County Board of Education and Del Zotto Construction, who planned to build an apartment and town house complex opposite the school to discuss shared cost arrangements for building the roadway.

Negotiations were carried out with the school board refusing to enter into a cost-sharing arrangement that it was not part of their mandate to pay for roads.

Finally in November, 1971, council agreed to a cost-sharing agreement for a southerly extension of McDonald Drive in which the town would pay \$56,750 and Rayel Construction, a division of Del Zotto Homes, would pay the remaining \$75,750 to cover the cost of constructing 1,400 feet of roadway to provide access to the school and apartments.

In December, 1971, consideration was given to extending Murray Drive to Wellington Street West to provide a long-planned north-south route through Aurora.

The most probable exit for the road at Wellington would be the newly constructed McDonald Drive.

The Regency Acre exit was more of a problem as it could include the Golf Glen subdivision and a possible crossing of the Highlands Golf Course.

Then Town Engineer Jack Reid suggested the first part of the roadway would take it to Kennedy Street and he would submit a report to council early in 1972.

According to the town's official plan, Aurora, sometime in the future would be surrounded by a "ring road"

and the proposed extension of Murray Drive was the first section of such a road.

According to the plan the southerly extension of McDonald Drive would hook up with the Murray Drive extension with Industry Street on the east to complete the "ring road".

Some residents of Murray Drive were quick to express their objection to any extension to Murray, even though the official plan clearly stated a "ring road" was planned.

By July, 1972, council had approved a gravel road through land owned by the Ontario Housing Corporation to provide a secondary access to the Golf Glen subdivision and help to relieve traffic congestion on Brookland Drive at Yonge Street.

By November, 1976, work had started on extending McDonald Drive south to Kennedy Street, scheduled for completion by June, 1977.

In September, 1977, plans had completed with Highlands Golf Club owner Joe Shaw to join McDonald with Murray early in 1978.

Mr. Shaw had redesigned the golf course with housing bordering some of the holes permitting the roadway extension to cross golf club property.

In the fall of 1980 with definite plans in place to join up the two sections of roadway, residents of Regency Acres and Golf Glen renewed their opposition to the proposal due to an increase in traffic.

While expressing some sympathy for the concerns expressed by the citizens, it was pointed out that as far back as 1967 and when the official plan was amended in 1978 a public meeting was advertised and held and there were no objections from residents.

In January, 1981, residents on the original section of Murray Drive lost their fight to prevent their street from being extended to Wellington Street as council rejected a second attempt by the residents' group to have the extension halted.

The link has been in place now for a number of years with no complaints or comments.

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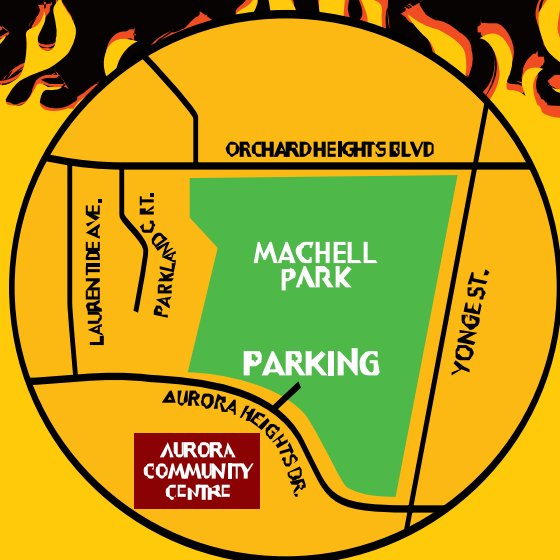
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Food service contract rejected by councillors

At a recent meeting Aurora councillors rejected a staff recommendation to award the contract for food services, concessions and vending services at town buildings to Global Food Services for a five-year period.

Three firms submitted bids, one of which had supplied the services for the past few years.

The rejection came about after councillors claimed a lack of information in the staff report and a presentation by Joe Bentollina, President of the Aurora Minor Hockey Association.

He said many services were provided by the previous vendor, Recreation Leisure Services, to minor hockey including plaques for the Showcase Tournament and he spoke of the company's honesty and creditability. He added that awarding the contract just on dollars didn't make sense as it was what the firm did for the community that counted.

He asked for some assurance that prices would not increase with the proposed vendor.

Councillors said it was difficult to make an informed decision based on such limited information and approved a motion to obtain a revised report for a gen-

eral committee meeting next month and to extend the existing contract until a decision was made.

Concession services, snack food, warm and cold drink vending service contracts with Recreation Leisure and Coca-Cola Bottling were scheduled to expire June 30 at various town-owned facilities.

A new tender call will include services at the new Aurora Library.

Terms of reference include provisions of over the counter snack bar services at the Community Centre, the Recreation Complex and the library.

They also provide for snack machine and warm and cold drink vending at the Town Hall, Community Centre, Recreation Complex and the Leisure Complex.

With regard to including the Library Café staff members reported several options had been

presented to the Library Board for consideration.

One included the Board assuming responsibility for the Café, which operates at a low or no profit margin and cannot afford to pay rent.

Other options include the town retaining responsibility at the Café as is, a modified Café, no Café operation or re-leasing and a separate request for the proposal of the Library Café,

The Library Board said their preference was for the Café to remain as it is

as the service provided by the current operator was compatible with library operations and was regarded as a desirable service for the facility.

Regarding the options, the Board preferred a separate request for proposals for the Café or for the town to retain responsibility of the Café as it is, but failing either of these options, the Board would consider assuming responsibility for the operation of the Café.

Staff members

reviewed the Library Board comments and recommended the Café be included in the Request for Proposal.

Term of the agreement is for five years with a five-year renewal option.

Without question or comment the general committee approved the staff recommendation of the consolidated Request for Proposal for vending and concession services for all town facilities and a two-month contract extension for existing vendors to provide ade-

quate time to award a new contract.

Now, the contract for facility concessions is back to square one.



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Hydro building's future still undecided by Town

It has been more than a year and the future of the Aurora Hydro building on Industrial Parkway South is still waiting for a council decision.

The future of the facility was discussed at a private meeting in July with a report to Tuesday's council meeting recommending the proposal submitted by L. H. Lind Realty not be accepted.

Instead, it was suggested the town support a proposal submitted by NAIC Realty for a two-month lease from October to November this year.

However, it was learned the lease was in connection with the October 10 provincial election and had subsequently been cancelled for another site.

It was also recommended that council consider a strategy for all town buildings and schedule a special meeting in September to discuss future uses in all currently vacant town-owned buildings.

Aurora Hydro was sold to PowerStream Inc. in 2005 and the building was vacated in May, 2006.

Aurora got about \$35 million from the sale.

The Hydro facility was built in 1987 on 3.1 acres of land with a fenced yard. The main building contains 20,500 square feet on two floors.

The first floor contains a 12-bay parking/service area, change/shower facilities, large indoor storage/work area, reception area, cafeteria and offices.

The second floor has 7,300 square feet of additional offices and reception and boardroom facilities.

In addition to the building, a significant quantity of office furniture was left when vacated by PowerStream.

Council had previously identified the need for a new animal shelter that could service adjacent municipalities and it was suggested the building be converted.

Another option was to

convert the building into a Youth Centre or for community space due to the need for such facilities by community groups.

Staff members presented detailed plans of suggested uses for the building including the transfer of the Parks Department from the Works Building to free up needed space for the growing Works Department.

It was also suggested that the fitness centre be moved from the Leisure Complex which would free up space at the Leisure Complex for a Youth Centre.

In May, 2006, staff had prepared a report of suggested uses for the building and Councillor John West requested a subsequent report on the costs and benefits of the proposed renovations which was lost on a 4-4 vote.

Later, following a successful motion of reconsideration, the same staff report was presented and was adopted recommending a

further report with options.

In September, 2006, staff members presented a further report to the general committee listing three options; sale of the property, lease of the property or that the property be used for municipal purposes with a recommendation that staff report further depending on the option preferred by council.

Attached to the report was an analysis of the three options and the estimated cost, timeline and feasibility of the various renovations required for conversion to specific municipal purposes.

In response to a question about the value of the building and property, staff members replied an appraisal would be discussed in closed session.

When the vote was called the option to retain the building for municipal purposes was approved with Councillors Evelyn Buck and Nigel Kean in opposition, but no action was taken to implement any of the suggested uses for the facility.

Last February the current council was provided with a package containing all the previous reports pertaining to the building, including its proposed use as a municipal facility.

Council agreed to defer any decision on the future of the building until the parking study and the future of

Library Square had been addressed.

The parking study has been received indicating parking is available in the area but no discussion has

occurred regarding the future of the former library and seniors' centre.

Meanwhile, the hydro building and property remains vacant.

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Election mudslinging starts, Klees demands apology

The Ontario election in local ridings is starting to get dirty as candidates hurl charges at each other in an effort to sway voters.

In a recent edition of a regional paper, Liberal Thornhill MPP Mario Racco claimed that the former Progressive Conservative government had cut funding for public transit to almost zero and that 905 residents had been left without public transit services.

Oak Ridges MPP and Aurora resident Frank Klees, a candidate in the Newmarket Aurora riding for the October

election and a former Progressive Conservative Minister of Transportation, was quick to retaliate by demanding a public apology for what he termed a deliberate attempt to mislead the public.

Klees was critical of Racco claiming the latter knew full well the statements he made were false and were made in an effort to score points for himself and Dalton McGuinty.

Klees demanded a public apology.

He said Racco had done a great injustice to all elected officials.

As of Saturday afternoon, Mr. Racco had not apologized to Mr. Klees.

"The apology was promised the day I asked for it," Mr. Klees told The Auroran. "But it never showed up."

Klees was also critical of Racco's judgment with the appointment of his wife's assistant to the position of Deputy Returning Officer in his own riding of Thornhill for the October provincial election.

The appointment was overturned after a formal complaint was filed with Elections Ontario.

Traffic deterrents installed in Aurora historic district

From page 1

Another bylaw allows for removal of all stop signs from Catherine, Spruce, Maple, Centre and Wells Street North, but stop signs will be posted on Maple and Spruce eastbound and westbound and northbound on Wells Street North at Centre Street.

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U8B TH - No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U8B M/W - JULY 11 - White/Canada - HSBC Bank Canada 5 (R. Carpenter 1, C. Ramirez 1, J. Kagan 1, J. Camplin 2) vs Gold/Brazil - HSBC Bank Canada 1 (O. Bourrie 1); Orange/Netherlands - HSBC Bank Canada 3 (T. Wilson 2, B. Scott 1) vs Red/Poland - HSBC Bank Canada 4 (A. Winghamwest 2, J. Samson 1, L. Viera 1);

JULY 25 - Orange/Netherlands - HSBC 2 (T. Wilson 2) vs White/Canada - HSBC Bank Canada 1 (G. Gerard 1); AUG 1 - White/Canada - HSBC Bank Canada 3 (J. Kagan 1, J. Woodcock 1, J. Champlin 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub - HSBC Bank Canada 1 (T. Kosloff 1);

AUG 15 - Orange/Netherlands - HSBC Bank Canada 4 (T. Wilson 1, L. Spagnuolo 1, C. DeVogel 1, D. Kauffeldt 1) vs Navy Czech Repub - HSBC Bank Canada 1 (E. Coulter 1);

U8G T - JULY 24 - White/Canada - Power Stream 5 (J. Stel 2, E. Butler 1, L. Magyar 1, M. Bujold 1) vs Red/Poland - Marwick Maunufacturing Inc 0; Gold/Brazil - Philthy McNasty's 1 vs Navy/Czech Repub - Highland Chev Cadillac 2 (A. Christakos 1, J. Pisadia 1);

JULY 31 - Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 1 vs Navy/Czech Repub - Highland Chev Cadillac 2 (J. Tiberio 1, S. Saunders 1);

AUG 14 - Pink/Spain - riter ate.ca 3 (R. Bradley 1, E. Waldman 1, A. Boutin 1) vs Gold/Brazil - Philthy McNasty's 1 (E. Myers 1); Navy/Czech Repub - Highland Chev Cadillac 1 (G. Armstrong 1) vs Forest/Portugal - Aurora Cable Internet 1;

U8/9G M/W - JULY 16 - Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 2 (Z. Webster 2) vs Pink/WOWIT 2 (A. Fermo 2); Navy/Czech Repub - Open Road BMW 2 (C. Piccoli 2) vs Forest/Portugal 2 (E. Colin 1, M. Ferry 1); Purple/France 2 (K. Dimatulac 1, L. Brock 1) vs Red/Poland - AIIM 1 (C. Evans 1); White/Canada 4 vs Gold/Brazil 2;

JULY 23 - Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 5 (Z. Webster 2, E. Logan 1, G. Malone 1, P. Dworatzek 1) vs White/Canada 3 (C. Trotter 2, C. Wloka 1); Navy/Czech Repub - Open Road BMW 2 (C. Young 1, C. Piccoli 1) vs Red/Poland - AIIM 1 (C. Evans 1); Purple/France 4 (J. Elliot 1, K. Dimatulac 1, K. Pannozza 1, B. Nunn 1) vs Pink/Spain - WOWIT 2 (A. Fermo 2); Forest/Portugal 3 (B. Howell 1, U. Kenkel 1, A. Fregonas 1) vs Gold/Brazil 3 (M. Hughes 1, C. Gibson 1, A. Roy 1);

JULY 30- Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 5 (Z. Webster 1, E. Logan 2, D. Tavakoli 1, I. Canavor 1) vs Red/Poland - AIIM 0; Navy/Czech Repub - Open Road BMW 2 (C. Young 1, A. Kramer 1) vs White/Canada 1 (J. Petsinis 1); Gold/Brazil 4 (D. Bertrand 3, K. Palmer 1) vs Pink/Spain - WOWIT 1 (B. Gardiner 1); Forest/Portugal 4 (L. Sciberras 1, M. Martin 2, M. Hughes 1) vs Purple/France 1 (K. Pannozza 1);

AUG 13 - Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 6 (S. Bellerby 4, G. Malone 2) vs Gold/Brazil 4 (D. Bertrand 2, B. Howell 2); Navy/Czech Repub - Open Road BMW 2 (M. Brenzel 1, S. Murphy 1) vs PurpleFrance 1 (J. Elliot 1); Red/Poland - AIIM 3 (A. Buccioli 1, J. Laurignano 1, N. Maugeri 1) vs Pink/Spain - WOWIT 0; Forest/Portugal 2 (E. Colin 2) vs White/Canada 2 (C. Wloka 1, M. Andrews 1);

U9B M - No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U9/10G W - July 26 - Pink/Spain - Mirconex Inc Industrial & Trade Supplies 3 (H. Park 2, M. Badali 1) vs Orange/Netherlands 2 (C. Vasilou 1, M. Maynard 1); USA/Sage 3 (C. Smith 2, D. Bulloch 1) vs Argentina/Sky 2 (S. Moody 1, M. Colsimone 1);

Purple/France 1 (Shaw 1) vs Silver/Austria 2 (Bonanno 1, Charleson 1); AUG 2 - Sage/USA 0 vs Silver/Austria 3 (Jones 2, Whelan 1);

U9B T/TH - No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U10B T/TH - JULY 24 - Kelly/Italy - Midrange 3 (T. Boston 2, G. James 1) vs Austria/Silver 3 (Z. Keller 1, J. Ventrella 1, T. Foster 1);

AUGUST 14 - Kelly/Italy -Midrange 2 (A. Bernier 1, E. Duffy 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub 0;

U10B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	11	1	1	34
Silver	9	3	1	28
Kelly	8	2	2	26
Sky	5	5	2	17
Orange	5	6	1	16
Red	5	7	1	16
Maroon	4	9	0	12
White	4	9	0	12
Navy	3	5	2	11
Gold	2	9	0	6

U10G - JUNE - Game 1 - Forest/Portugal 2 (D. Rumble 1, A. Barnes 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub - Summers & Smith 3 (S. Fusco 1, K. Lemaire 1, S. Wang 1); Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 1 (K. Gram 1) vs Pink/Spain - Himelfarb Proszanski LLP 2 (T. Issaurus 2);

AUG 1 - Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 0 vs Forest/Portugal 3 (A. Barnes 2, N. Crouse 1); Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 1 (S. Kazakov 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub - Summers & Smith 1 (K. Lemaire 1);

AUG 15 - Forest/Portugal 5 (A. Barnes 3, M. Baile 2) vs Orange/Netherlands 0; Navy/Czech Repub - Summers & Smith 2 (S. Fusco 1, K. Dusome 1) vs Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 1 (T. Bosch 1); Pink/Spain - Himelfarb Proszanski LLP 1 (T. Issarus 1) vs Red/Poland - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 3 (P. Dutchyshen 1, J. Ferrante 1, H. Kenea 1);

U10G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	7	2	5	26
Red	7	3	4	25
Forest	5	4	5	20
Pink	4	5	5	17
Orange	4	7	3	15
Gold	2	8	4	10

U11B - No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U11B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	9	1	3	30
Navy	8	4	1	25
Orange	5	3	5	20
Gold	5	7	1	16
Red	4	8	1	13
White	2	10	1	7

U11G - No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U11G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	9	2	3	30
Red	8	3	2	26
Forest	5	4	5	20
Purple	6	7	0	18
Orange	2	7	4	10
Gold	2	9	2	8

U12/13B - JULY 26 -Portugal/Forest 4 (R. Baskin 1, M. Tenuta 3) vs Poland/Red - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 1 (L. Killops 1); USA/Sage 5 (B. Puskar, C. West, D. Collier, N. Nisbet, A. Stobbe, J. Hudon, J. Huynh, J. Panopoulos) vs Japan/Maroon 0; Italy/Kelly 7 (T. Braunstein 1, L. Driedger 1, L. Marneris 4, M. Perryman 1) vs Argentina/Sky 5 (A. Seto 1, C. Cherubini 4); Scotland/Royal 8 (D. Dilena 1, D. Takla 2, T. Indos 1, D. Indos 1, K. Neice 3) vs Canada/White - La Prairie Inc 1 (S. Smith 1); Czech Repub/Navy 0 vs Orange/Netherlands 4 (Z. Richards 2, D. Richards 1, B. Rossetto 1); Austria/Silver 3 (C. Ridout 1, T. Malone 1, Q. McGowan 1) vs

Gold/Brazil - Dr. Steiner Drillers 4 (K. Joyce 2, K. Lukezic 2);

AUG 2 - Forest/Portugal 3 (M. Tenuta 1, D. Cierpka 1, E. Damencour 1) vs Orange/Netherlands 1 (Z. Richards 1) ; Sage/USA 5 (J. Panopoulos, J. Hudon, E. Jones, B. Puskar, C. West) vs Royal/Scotland 0 ; Kelly/Italy 4 (T. Braunstein 1, L. Driedger 3) vs Maroon/Japan 8 (N. Heintzman 2, S. Hawkins 1, J. Bentolila 4, G. Plukov 1); Navy/Czech Repub - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 1 (S. Grabovsky 1) vs Gold/Brazil - Dr. Steiner Drillers 4 (R. Dowling 2, R. Valvasori 2); Sky/Argentina 0 vs Silver/Austria 5 (Q. McGowan 3, T. White 2);

AUG 16 - Gold/Brazil - Dr. Steiner Drillers 2 (W. Salomons 1, K. Joyce 1) vs Portugal/Forest 3 (M. Tenuta 3); USA/Sage 3 (J. Caruso 1, E. Jones 1, A. Cackirovski 1) vs Canada/White - La Prairie Inc 1 (C. Corsi 1); Japan/Maroon 1 (J. French 1) vs Argentina/Sky 1 (C. Cherubini 1); Orange/Netherlands 4 (Z. Richards 3, B. Markus 1) vs Italy/Kelly 6 (T. Braunstein 2, L. Marneris 1, J. Delplavignano 1, L. Driedger 1, V. Ruscica 1);

U12/13B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sage	13	0	1	40
Gold	10	3	1	31
Royal	9	2	2	29
Silver	7	4	3	24
Forest	7	5	1	22
Navy	7	5	1	22
Maroon	5	6	2	17
Orange	4	5	4	16
White	4	8	1	13
Kelly	2	11	0	6
Red	1	11	2	5
Sky	1	10	2	5

U12G- No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U12G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	9	2	2	29
Pink	7	3	3	24
Purple	6	3	4	22
Red	6	6	1	19
Gold	4	5	4	16
Navy	5	7	1	16
Silver	4	6	3	15
Orange	2	11	0	6

U14/15 B - Gold/Brazil - Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2 (T. McGowan 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub - R & J Concepts Inc 4 (T. Sikura 3, M. Takahashi 1); Orange/Netherlands 4 (D. Eveleigh 3, G. Marshall 1) vs Forest/Portugal 3 (M. Yeatman 1, B. Rivers 1, M. D'Andrea 1); Red/Poland - Scotia Bank 4 (S. Dinning 2, L. Lamanna 2) vs homemadetogo.ca 3 (J. Peters 1, C. East 2);

JULY 16 - Gold/Brazil - Dr. Orschel's Drillers 4 (G. Iaboni 1, T. McGowan 2, M. Orschel 1) vs Forest/Portugal 3 (B. Rumball 1, M. Teatman 1, D. Kovacs 1); Orange/Netherlands 4 (D. Eveleigh 2, T. Brewer 1, G. Marshall 1) vs White/Canada 1; Red/Poland - Scotia Bank 7 (S. Dinning 2, S. Linley 2, T. Nelson 2, J. Sufferin 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub - R & J Concepts Inc 2 (R. Gander 1, I. Gasic 1);

U14/15B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	11	2	1	34
Orange	8	5	1	25
Red	8	5	1	25
White	4	8	2	14
Navy	4	9	1	13
Forest	3	9	2	11

U13/14G - JULY 23 - Forest/Portugal 7 (R. Knetsch 5, S. Baczynski 1, A. Rustico 1) vs Purple/France - Time Tech 2 (J. Sunstrum 2); Navy/Czech Repub - Carproof 1 (C. Weatherhead 1) vs Royal/Scotland 2 (S. Lerner 2); Pink/Spain 5 (J. Bain 3, E. Danziger 1, C. Faiello 1) vs Silver/Austria 3 (E. Herschorn 1, A. Nikolic 1, J. Arnew 1); Red/Poland - CGI 4 (C. Fantin 2, J. Dobson 2) vs Kelly/Italy - En Ville Event Design and Catering 3 (H. Werda 3);

JULY 30 - Forest/Portugal 1 (R. Knetsch 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub - Carproof 2 (J. Kizovski 2); Gold/Brazil - BMPS 0 vs Sky/Argentina - Immersive Media 5 (M. Dias 2, V. Partland 2, R. Hardy 1); Maroon/Japan 0 vs Purple/France - Timetech 2 (J. Sunstrum 2); Royal/Scotland 1 (K. Maruno 1) vs Red/Poland - CGI 1 (S. Bilotta 1); Sage/USA 0 vs Kelly/Italy - En Ville Event Design and Catering 5 (J. McNamee 1, D. Cantarutti 2, H. Werda 2); Silver/Austria 2 (K. Santos 1, J. Arnew 1) vs Orange/Netherlands - CIBC 1 (B. Weimer 1);

AUGUST 13 - Gold/Brazil - BMPS 2 (N. Grande 1, M. Blom 1) vs Silver/Austria 3 (E. Herschorn 1, K. Nice 1, J. Arnew 1); Orange/Netherlands - CIBC 1 (M. Weimer 1) vs Navy/Czech Repub - Carproof 6 (M. Nisbet 3, C. Marshall 1, A. Morisani 1, J. Costa 1); Pink/Spain 2 (S. Rozin 1, E. Danziger 1) vs USA/Sage 2 (C. Layton 1, E. Gauthier 1); Purple/France - Timetech 2 (N. Kuria 2) vs Royal/Scotland 1 (D. Porano 1); Red/Poland - CGI 4 (D. Oomen 1, C. Fantin 1, J. Dobson 1, S. Bilota 1) vs Forest/Portugal 1 (R. Knetsch 1); Sky/Argentina - Immersive Media 2 (G. McIlraith 1, L. Crowley 1) vs Kelly/Italy - En Ville Event Design and Catering 0;

U13/14G STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	10	1	3	33
Sage	9	1	4	31
Sky	7	2	5	26
Forest	8	6	0	24
Pink	6	3	5	23
Kelly	7	7	0	21
Navy	6	6	2	20
Royal	5	6	3	18
Purple	3	8	3	12
Silver	3	8	3	12
Orange	2	10	2	8
Gold	2	10	2	8

U15/16G- No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U15/16 GIRLS STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Silver	11	0	3	36
Red	8	3	2	26
Orange	6	2	6	24
Gold	4	8	2	14
Navy	3	6	4	13
Forest	3	6	4	13
Purple	2	6	3	9
Sky	1	7	4	7

U16/19B - JULY 25 - Navy/Czech Repub - Freshwave Chiropractic 1 (B. Roopnarsingh 1) vs Red/Poland - Tirecraft 6 (D. Bisogno 1, M. Kurkschi 1, G. Lynch 1, N. Whela 3);

JULY 31 - Gold/Brazil - Omars Shoes 1 (C. Moffat 1) vs Red/Poland - Tirecraft 3 (F. Lenuzza 1, C. Divincenzo 1, N. Whelan 1);

U16/U19B STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	10	4	0	30
Red	7	5	2	23
Navy	5	7	2	17
Gold	4	10	0	12

U17/21G T/TH- No scores reported from the coach/convenor

U17/21G T/TH STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	9	1	3	30
Forest	8	4	1	25
Orange	6	4	3	21
Gold	4	6	3	15
Purple	3	9	1	10
Red	3	9	1	10

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ROSS MACKAY

Aurora man achieves major speaking award

Aurora resident, Ross Mackay, earned the Accredited Speaker Award for Professionalism and Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking at a Toastmasters International event in Phoenix, Arizona, recently.

The award recognizes individuals whose public speaking skills are of the highest professional calibre.

A Past President of both Toastmasters Clubs in Aurora, Ross also holds the Distinguished Toastmaster Award, and in 1995, he secured third place in a field of more than 4,000 contestants world-wide at the World Championship of Public Speaking in San Diego, California.

Ross is a professional Keynote Speaker who works with companies who wish to improve their success through effective thinking and more powerful goal achievement.

He is the author of four non-fiction books including the popular "Humour is No Laughing Matter", and has co-produced the audio program "Rules are Made to be Broken".

A Professional Member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers (CAPS), Ross has served on their National Board of Directors for four terms and is the recipient of the President's Award and the CAPS Service Award. He is a member of the International

Federation for Professional Speakers, and has inspired and entertained audiences of various cultures in 34 countries around the world.

He and his wife Margaret live and work in Aurora.

"Binny" arrives September 11

From page 1

for farming, gardening and landscaping.

Waste for the bin includes food products, food scraps, bones, bread, coffee grounds, diapers, facial tissues, flowers, fruit, house plants, meat products, napkins, paper towels, sanitary napkins, wood sawdust and tea bags.

Explaining the program and answering questions will cost an estimated \$30,000.

A public information session will be held at the Aurora Town Hall from 6 to 9 p.m. September 13 and again on October 17 at the same time.

The purpose of the information sessions is to educate and instruct residents about the proper use of the green bin, to outline the benefits of participating in the green bin program and to answer questions and concerns.

For more information call 905-727-3123 ext 3447.

In August last year a

joint request for proposals was developed by the Northern Six municipalities to solicit a 10-year waste collection contract to include the collection of garbage, blue box recyclables and green bin organics plus yard waste.

Subsequently the Northern Six councils awarded the contract to Turtle Island Recycling Corporation.

Each municipality will assume its share of the costs based on the collected waste tonnages from the previous year.

Based on the estimated 2008 waste collection tonnage, Aurora's share will be 21 per cent.

As part of the 2007 budget, Aurora Council

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Leadership Matters

When people talk to me about what they expect from their government, they always identify the same three things: trust, competence and fairness. They tell me they are disappointed when government fails them on any of these three basic issues.

Trust is something that I believe is earned when you are forthright with people, accountable, and keep your word. Competence is demonstrated through effective planning and good management. Fairness is shown by how well political leaders listen to people and understand their needs and by how well that understanding shapes the leadership they provide.

Many Ontarians agree that on these three important leadership measurements, Dalton McGuinty has failed them.

Let me share with you what the Ontario Ombudsman, Andre Marin, has to say about the McGuinty Liberal government. The Ontario Ombudsman is an independent officer of the Legislature who serves in a strictly non-partisan role to ensure government accountability through effective oversight of the administration of government services. In his 2006-2007 Annual Report, Mr. Marin characterizes the

McGuinty government's way of doing business as "puffery" and squandering of the public trust:

"When there is a gulf between promise and delivery, when promises are broken, it matters. Public trust, the necessary currency of good government, is squandered. Openness and transparency are the watchwords of mature democracy for a reason: Without accurate knowledge of what governments are doing, citizen participation is meaningless. Puffery is antithetical to open and transparent government, corrosive of public trust and even harmful to meaningful democracy. It is therefore serious business when government departments and agencies make promises they cannot or will not keep, or attempt to paper over their failings with ostentatious claims.

Puffery can inhibit quality in two ways. First, if organizations fall into the trap of believing their own hype, they can become complacent and lose the urge for self-improvement.

Second, as our recent investigations demonstrate, puffery can become a shield for inertia and apathy. If governments and their agencies believe they can hustle the public, they will be tempted to leave their programs under-resourced and flawed, crossing their fingers that no one will pull back their Wizard-of-Oz curtain and expose the real state of affairs." (Ontario Ombudsman 2006-2007 Annual Report, page 7).

The Ombudsman came to these conclusions after reviewing how badly the McGuinty government has managed a wide range of impor-

tant public affairs, from the Lotto and Gaming Corporation and property taxes to victims of crime, children's services and medical care coverage. It is no wonder McGuinty's Citizenship and Immigration Minister Mike Colle resigned in disgrace following the release of the Auditor General's investigation into the recent "slush fund" scandal that confirmed \$32 million in taxpayer's money was handed out with no formal process in place.

Responsible leadership is about government being accountable to the people throughout its tenure. It is about being forthright and keeping one's word. That is the kind of responsible and accountable leadership a John Tory PC government will bring to Ontario Our plan, "For a Better Ontario," will restore the trust, competence and fairness that Ontarians expect and deserve from their government.

I encourage you to visit my website at www.frankklees.com to review the details of our comprehensive plan under "Policy" or call me at 905-954-1221 to request your personal copy. I welcome your thoughts on this issue or any others of importance to you, and invite you to share your experiences and advice by calling me directly at 416 509 8999 or by visiting my website.

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Senior Scape

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Belinda's Kitchen gets plenty of use

The Aurora Seniors' Association (ASA) is well organized, stable, progressive and enjoys the respect of the members for what it does and what it represents.

The programs and activities are plentiful and function on time as designed, and the future glows brightly as befits a fine, capable and mature membership.

Therefore, it is no surprise that membership continues to increase at a steady rate, and no surprise that the ASA enjoys a high rate of members who return year after year, which speaks to the quality and value of membership in this organization.

Among the enterprises of the ASA is "Belinda's Kitchen", which is constructed to commercial standards.

It is alive with the quality of competent management and sparkles with activity and capable volunteers.

Bill and Mary Higgins operate the kitchen with the assistance and advice of a committee and numerous volunteers who form a diligent, industrious and wonderfully close knit team that consistently produces jobs well done.

If you would like to combine with this team, please volunteer as some openings exist.

The summer holiday season is winding down for the kitchen and with it the Thursday barbecue gives way to the popular Wednesday Budget Bistro, which will commence in September, and serves lunch from 11.30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

As staffing becomes available, muffins and coffee will be served daily, 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The kitchen also supplies the Friday night dances and the Square dances with light snacks and caters to special occasions such as Halloween, Christmas, New Year's, everybody's birthday, and the enormously popular pot luck lunch, which are all events supported by the kitchen to varying degrees.

Bill also supplies produce grown in his garden which adds to the quality of fresh produce besides saving on store bought produce.

Bill informs me that he is looking forward to the needed deck awning now in process of installation, which will add to the area where food may be enjoyed.

A stone ramp/pathway has been constructed to facilitate passage of seniors walking or using wheels from the Centre down to the Arboretum.

Horseshoe pits have been prepared and as soon as the horseshoe equipment arrives, everybody is invited to test their skill.

A trip is planned to the Black Forest Inn for a show September 26, and seating is still available.

The show is a tribute to legends of Rock and Roll and should be excellent.

Also, at the invitation of the ASA, Lenard Lind, Real Estate Broker and Paul Bath, Mortgage Broker, will speak Sept. 5, at 2 p.m., to the question of a change in housing requirements.

This presentation and open discussion will delve into housing issues, and provide opportunity for questions and answers and exploration of how to remedy changing circumstances.

I have been advised that two event dates previously announced, have been revised and they are Carpet Bowling Tournament, now Wednesday, Sept. 12, and the Membership Drive, now Friday, Sept. 28.

And a sure sign of the approaching autumn is not the start of the CNE, but the Friday night dances Sept. 7, at 8 p.m., with Charles Sequeira and big band music.



Aurora's Marlene Lambros, executive director of the Ontario Provincial Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, was honored with a luncheon Friday following her retirement. The luncheon, held at Aurora's Branch 385, of which Marlene is a member, recognized her achievements since she assumed the position of Provincial Service Officer/Assistant Provincial Secretary in 1992. Three years later, she took over as the Provincial Secretary (the title was changed to executive director in 2002) and held the post until her retirement. Marlene was involved with the process of moving the Ontario Provincial Command headquarters from downtown Toronto to Aurora a number of years ago. Assuming her position is Dave Gordon, right, who moves up from the position of assistant executive director, a post he has held since 2002.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Letter gets action on Yonge repairs

Mrs. Cory Zaretaky of Aurora wrote a letter to The Auroran which was published last week on the same date as the Aurora council meeting.

She wanted to know when Yonge Street would be fixed.

She pointed out that over a year ago a large thunderstorm washed out part of Yonge Street and left a hole in the roadway beneath the railway overpass at the south end of town.

After some time of diverting traffic into the centre lane, the road was finally repaired, but shortly afterwards it caved in again.

After that happened,

York Region placed steel plates over the hole and they are still there today.

There are signs warning of the plates and if motorists stay in the curb lane as they go under the railway tracks, they bump their way through resulting in lane changes to use the centre lane.

The letter writer wanted to know why the roadway leading into beautiful Aurora couldn't be repaired properly.

Mayor Phyllis Morris was quick to respond and raised the question at the council meeting.

Staff members responded that the region had let

the tender for repairs and work was expected to start within the next couple of weeks, but due to the amount of traffic on Yonge Street, it could be a lengthy repair project.

Several "brickbats" had been printed in The Auroran earlier about the long delay but it was the letter that got an answer.

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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

When Hawthorne Lane was created

In December, 1969, the owners of eight Kennedy Street West properties with large, deep lots applied to council to sever off the back of their lots to create 23 homes in the \$45,000 to \$50,000 range, with a road-way running west of George Street.

Council referred the proposal to the building and development committee as a change in zoning was required.

It was later approved and Hawthorne Lane was created.

PEOPLE POWER OFTEN WORKS

In October, 1965, with more than 200 citizens opposing his application to council for a two-storey, 11-unit condominium apartment building on George Street, Steven Armata withdrew the application.

He indicated that he might re-submit it in the future with little or no changes, perhaps when a new council was elected in November.

In a report to council, planning staff pointed out that the proposed building would blend in with the low-rise neighbourhood on George Street and provide an alternate form of housing.

The resident group supported by CARE (Conserve Aurora's Residential Environment) argued that permitting the rezoning would represent a total breakdown in the town's zoning process, as citizens must be able to rely on the zoning surrounding their homes, especially in the older areas of Aurora.

The structure was never built.

WHAT HAPPENED?

In April, 2005, the Ontario Legislature adopted Bill 60 which amended the Ontario Heritage Act to give municipalities and the province the right to halt demolition of heritage buildings rather than just postpone it for 180 days as in the previous legislation.

The big question for Aurora Council that hasn't been answered yet is who is responsible for paying the maintenance costs of the designated buildings which were considered to be so essential to the heritage of the community.

It has been suggested that tax breaks or grants be made available to help property owners to maintain the designated buildings.

In March last year, Councillor Evelyn Buck was successful in gaining council support for staff to investigate and report to council on the potential financial implications of providing tax relief for the maintenance of designated properties. Was the report ever prepared and if so, what happened?

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In April, 2005, council approved a Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendation that staff report on the safety concerns expressed about the Murray Drive exits/entrances to the Aurora Shopping Centre.

As nothing has changed, it is not known if a staff report was ever presented to council and if it was, what happened?

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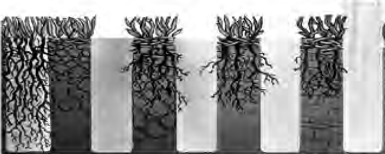
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They heard a shot and a whine and Smith felt a burning sensation in his left arm.

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With the boys, he drove around the area where the shooting took place, but no evidence could be found of anyone with a gun.

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She was rescued by a helicopter and taken to safety, suffering a black eye and a cut on her face.

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The raft's pilot made his way to shore and with the help of others pulled the raft with passengers hanging on its side to safety.

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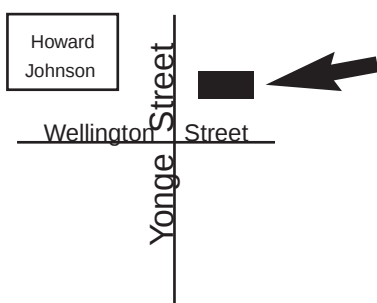
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