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Owner of a new restaurant on Temperance Street, Bijoy Kaniyanthra, welcomed Aurora's Al White to the establishment last week. Al, now in his 90s, grew up in the house (inset) that has now become a 26-seat restaurant, just south of Wellington Street. An official opening of the business took place recently.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Doors open Saturday

By **MICHAEL SEAMAN**

Although now in its fourth year, Aurora's Doors Open festival continues to be a vibrant and exciting event as it welcomes new and interesting sites for visitors to experience and enjoy.

Of all the sites that have opened their doors since 2006, none has generated more excitement than the

Church Street School Cultural Centre.

This beautiful Victorian era landmark has had its doors closed for much of the past decade while the

building underwent restoration.

With the works now complete, the building is once again poised to be a centre of arts, heritage and culture in

Please see page 13

Integrity commissioner fired

Aurora council decided, after a lengthy closed door session last week, to relieve its newly hired Integrity Commissioner David Nitkin of his duties.

"What did I tell you?" responded Councillor Evelyn Buck after she reviewed a copy of the minutes of the "special" meeting that was called to deal with two items.

Three members of council, Ms Buck included, did not attend the meeting.

She was joined by Councillors Bob McRoberts and Alison Collins-Mrakas who gave lengthy explanations why they would not attend the meeting.

The meeting began at 5.20 p.m. Thursday, recessed into closed session at 5.53 p.m., re-convened and

reported out at 11.05 p.m. and adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

"When a council goes behind closed doors only those matters listed on the agenda can be discussed," Councillors McRoberts and Collins-Mrakas notified in considerable detail why they were not prepared to attend. No reason was given for the meeting and no agenda was circulated. I also indicated I would not attend for all of the reasons cited by both colleagues."

According to Councillor Buck, "apparently an agenda was circulated, though not to myself, 13 minutes before the meeting was scheduled to begin."

On the agenda were two items: 1.

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Black is Liberal candidate

King Township Mayor Margaret Black will represent the Liberals in the next federal election, after two other candidates for the position dropped out.

The story is on Page 13.

Briefly

Coffee, tea or Lois?

Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Lois Brown has launched a new program called "Coffee and Tea with the MP".

She will visit various coffee shops, seniors' facilities and other community meeting places for an hour at a time to allow constituents an opportunity to chat with their MP in a relaxed and informal setting without needing to make an appointment, and she'll start the program in Aurora.

On Saturday, August 15, the MP will be at the On The Bean Coffeehouse, from 10 a.m. for an hour.

The popular spot is located at the rear of St. Andrew's Plaza, at the corner of Yonge Street and Orchard Heights Boulevard.

Visitors may ask the MP questions, voice any concerns they may have or simply find out the latest federal government developments in Ottawa.

The following Saturday Lois will be in Newmarket at the Maid's Cottage on Main Street.

For more information on the program, call 905-953-7515.

Legion barbecue

Aurora's McAlpine Ford is hosting a barbecue for Aurora Legion members, but they need to use the Legion property to do it.

The barbecue is set for this Sunday, August 16, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Legion, Industrial Parkway North.

If you're planning to attend, call 905-841-0800, 1-800-465-0411 or e-mail randy@mc Alpineford.com to RSVP.

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The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You do not have to be a police officer nor are you required to read music to volunteer. The group rehearses Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. For further information, contact the chorus supervisor at 905-727-9676 or the coordinator of volunteer services for YRP at 905-830-0303, extension 6717.

The Adult Bereavement Support Group offers a chance to learn how to cope with the loss of a loved one. Fred Bullen has given the use of the Aurora Lions Club and Brent Forrester of Thompson Funeral Home will provide administrative cost so that this service is given free to the community. Contact mariesgriefjourney@yahoo.com to reserve a seat or get further information.

Aurora's Air Cadets meet every Tuesday night at Cardinal Carter School from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and offer a program for 12 years and older boys and girls.

Aurora Opera Company's Children's Chorus is a new treble voice choir dedicated to educating, nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys and girls in Grades 1 through 12 and consists of two choirs: Angel Choristers, a training choir for six and seven-year-olds and the Children Chorus, open to eight to 17-year-olds. To audition, contact general director Sarah Kyle at keepsinging@look.ca.

CHAT'S Community Home Assistance to Seniors is looking for volunteers to assist with the activities in its Adult Day Program. The positions call for a commitment of a few hours a week at its Aurora location. Various times are available. Call Christine at 905-713-3494.

Every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11 a.m. it's Story and Playtime at Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South for tots (age 0-4 years) and their caregivers for coffee or tea. Call 905-841-8883 for further details.

Every Wednesday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. the Pioneer Club for boys and girls, age three to Grade 4 and the Junior High Club for boys and girls, Grades 5 to 8, will be held at the Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. For more information call 905-841-8884.

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing every Friday morning

at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are 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.

Masonic 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. and lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080 for more information.

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

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

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

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre, every Wednesday from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. under the direction of Enid Maize.

Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps has openings for boys and girls ages 12 to 18. Membership is free. Aurora squadron meets every Friday evening from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 138 Larmont Street. For more information, call 905-726-8600.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Concert in the Park features the Toronto Alstar Jazzband. Event is free but participants are encouraged to bring a donation for the Aurora Food Pantry. Event begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Park.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Doors Open Aurora, 2009, takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hillary House is looking for volunteers for Doors Open. There are two-hour shifts available from noon until 2 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, call 905-727-8991 or e-mail ahs@aurorahs.com.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Members of the Aurora Legion are invited to a

complimentary family barbecue on the Legion grounds, Industrial Parkway North, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. RSVP by calling 1-800-465-0411 or 905-841-0800.

AUGUST 17-21

Hillary House Summer Program for Kids takes place at Hillary House National Historic Site on Yonge Street. For \$15 a day or \$70 for the week, children, ages 6-10, can learn and play during half day programs. Daily themes include: Teddy Bear Picnic, Butterfly Garden, Tea Party, Movie Day, Olympics, and Superhero Day. Pre-registration is required. Call 905-727-8991 to register and for more information.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

PowerStream Learn to Conserve Workshop happens today from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Mosley Street. Residents are invited to the free seminars focused on learning about sensible energy consumption habits. Residential electricity customers in Aurora are the first group in PowerStream's service territory being migrated to the provincially-mandated Time-of-Use (TOU) rates. Workshop participants will get information on energy savings programs, home conservation strategies including how to reduce electricity consumption in the kitchen through a live cooking demonstration, smart meters and TOU pricing. To register in advance, please call 1-877-963-6900 ext. 25068 or email learntoconserve@powerstream.ca.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Concert in the Park features Benny and The Jets, A Tribute to Elton John. Event is free but participants are encouraged to bring a donation for the Aurora Food Pantry. Event begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Park.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Inaugural Mardi Gras Golf Tournament in support of the Southlake Cardiac Care Program takes place at the King Valley Golf Club on Dufferin Street west of Aurora. For more information, visit www.mardigrasforsouthlake.com.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Aurora Film Circuit presents "Sugar", the story of a newcomer's pursuit of the American baseball dream. Miguel 'Sugar' Santos experiences isolation, loneliness and bigotry when he is summoned to the American minor leagues, and also has to deal with the expectations of his family. This complex drama surprises those expecting a by-the-book, "underdog-beats-the-odds" story by finding bigger ideas through smaller, more personal moments. Tickets, at \$10, are available at Aurora Public Library and R & R Revisited. All screenings take place at the Cineplex Aurora, with door prize at 6.45 p.m. and film at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

September meeting of the Aurora Historical Society will be held at the Church Street School from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The program will focus on the AHS's collection of artifacts and their use in the old/brand new facility. The event is free to AHS members and a donation is requested from non-members.

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Town sign bylaw doesn't work for two applicants

When it comes to sign variances, the exception continues to be the norm in Aurora, as council approved two more requests at their July 21 meeting.

First up was Bob Green, an architect representing the Aurora Shopping Centre.

With the new signage complete on individual stores in this plaza at Yonge Street and Murray Drive, attention was turned to upgrading the two pylon signs along the road.

The sign bylaw allows a maximum of 18 square metres for the two signs at this address, but the request before council was for more than 24 square metres.

Town staff members were recommending the request be denied.

However, Mr. Green quickly noted that since their proposal had gone in, they had met with town staff and reduced the scope down to 21 square metres.

After some consideration, council agreed with and approved the new proposal.

Later in the evening, an agenda item was before council to permit the Bank of Montreal to install four signs at their new location on the northwest corner of Bayview Avenue and Wellington Street East.

The sign bylaw permitted signs on only the east and north faces of the building.

The company representative argued that the west side was the main entrance from the parking lot, and many customers would be arriving from the south, so the bank would need signs on all four sides.

There was a lot of discussion on this one, including some comments about other stores that had been denied similar requests.

Councillor Evelyn Buck suggested that with all the exemptions and time spent discussing them, the town would be better off repealing the sign bylaw, and just leave these decisions to the developers.

In the end, council agreed with the staff recommendation to allow the additional two signs for the bank.



Known as “the singing waitress”, Patti McLaughlin, formerly of Aurora, was one of the entertainers as the town hosted its first Jazz Concert Saturday at the Town Park. Patti, who was once a waitress at Jonathan’s Restaurant on Yonge Street, has been entertaining the public with her singing and music for years. Organizer of the event, which is expected to become annual, Sher St. Kitts, presented cheques Monday night to support Aurora’s Safehaven Home for special needs children.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Three movies planned for Aurora this month

Movies under the Stars is returning to Aurora.

Town of Aurora staffers are offering a unique twist to the modern movie theatre.

You can enjoy an evening of free movies under the stars.

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The Town of Aurora kicks off a brand new summer line-up of films with “Shrek the Third”, Tuesday, August 25 at Hickson Park, located in the Borealis - Conover area.

The movie begins at dusk or approximately 8 p.m.

Other movies planned include “Grease,” and “Inkheart”.

“Grease” can be seen at the Aurora Town Park Wednesday, August 26, while

“Inkheart” will be shown at Confederation Park, Thursday, August 27.

Confederation Park is in the Glass and Seaton Drive area of Regency Acres.

All movies will be viewed on oversized outdoor screens.

Early arrivals can take advantage of a barbecue, sponsored by M&M Meats, Aurora, for a nominal fee, beginning at 7 p.m.

Movies are free of charge and movie goers are asked to bring a donation to help support the Aurora Food Pantry.

All movies, of course, are shown weather permitting.

In case of inclement weather, call the Special Events Line at 905-726-4762 for regular updates.

How to recycle computers, TVs

If you have any unwanted old computers, televisions, cell phones, or similar devices stored away in your basement collecting dust, the town will be able to help you get rid of them.

On Saturday, August 22, Aurora and the Region of York are partnering with Greentec to host a free electronic recycling event.

Aurora residents can drop off used electronic equipment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the Aurora Community Centre, just west off Yonge Street, one traffic light north of Wellington Street.

Acceptable items include information technology and telecommunication equipment such as

computers, monitors, mice, keyboards, laptops, televisions, printers and printer cartridges, fax machines, rechargeable batteries, CD/DVD players, and cell phones.

Household appliances, including microwaves, will not be accepted.

Greentec will recycle all material received, after first ensuring that any information stored on it is permanently and anonymously destroyed.

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Apologies and a trip with YRP

Before we get into what the picture below is all about, let me first apologize to my friend Evelyn Flannigan, who really isn't.

Evelyn Buck, before she married the incredible Cyril Buck, was Evelyn FINNIGAN.

In a letter to the editor this week, she blamed the error on computer spell-check, but I know better...it was simple stupidity.

Before the ink was dry on the newspaper two weeks ago, I had been informed of the error, and, even though all this time has passed, I still feel badly about it.

Sorry, Evelyn.



Now about the picture above.

My question is "Where does the driver sit?"

The photo shows the interior of a York Regional Police cruiser, and it's loaded with trinkets and do-dads.

There's a computer, a speeding device that can catch you coming or going, and several other items that I simply don't understand.

It was the first day of my holidays and I was scheduled to do a "police ride-a-long" with Sgt. Ben Hengeveld.

Ben is not what you would call a small policeman. He could barely get in the car.

An affable fellow, Ben drove me around for two hours throughout Aurora and Newmarket, part of his One District area.

One District of the York Regional Police stretches to the western and eastern boundaries of York Region, goes north into Georgina and south to Markham and Vaughan.

It's a big area and likely, had we tried to cover it all, would never have made it.

Ben got out of the car in Aurora's Sheppard's Bush parking lot (at the end of Industry Street) to check on a person who could have been dead in his vehicle.

He was asleep thankfully.

We also walked around the area where the Newmarket Radial Railway Arch, built in 1909, is...near Queen Street.

I knew of the old arch that once supported a trestle bridge over the Holland River and carried streetcars from Toronto, through Aurora to Sutton, but I had never seen it up close.

Later in the day, we visited and were given a tour of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police building, also in Newmarket.

Ben was surprised to learn the building had cells in it, because he always thought the RCMP used the cells at One District.

Only when they're beyond capacity, he learned.

One District's headquarters is located in Newmarket at the corner of Water and Prospect Streets.

Maybe they'll open a district in Aurora when the new police building is finished in the east end of town.

Oh, sorry...that's going to be the home of York Regional Police headquarters someday, isn't it?

Thank you, Ben, for a most enjoyable afternoon.

And I'm glad I had no need for the bullet-proof vest I was wearing.



This is the group responsible for the Aurora High School yearbook that came out in 1975. They are, front row, left to right, Wendy Gordon, Trish Edwards, Kim Whiten, Beth Gordon, Leslie Grainger, Carolyn Miland, Ruth Alsop and Debbie Loughheed; middle row, left to right, John Oliver, Jason Miller, Jamie Crabbe, Wayne Hortensius, Chris Hanks, Les Burger and F. Sadler.; back row, left to right, Bruce Tattle, Zaid Khamissa, Tim Haddock, Grant McConnell, Claude Arcand, Chris Burland, John Kerry and Andre Dietl. Some of these people still live in Aurora.

Letters to the Editor

He's no longer mentioned

To the editor,

Council created and approved their own Code of Conduct.

Some felt the Oath of Office wasn't enough.

Apparently, they believe they need more in order to "control" some members of council from expressing opinions that don't mirror theirs.

Council approves the hiring of an Integrity Commissioner.

Puts someone at the ready to "investigate" any complaint that may be lodged under their Code.

His bio and experience as posted on the Town website are impressive.

Next council approves the hiring of Aird & Berlis, at Town cost, to help get ready ammunition in order to prepare a formal complaint against Councillor Evelyn Buck under the Code.

Six members of council file a formal complaint against Councillor Buck. Two do not participate. No surprise who the six are.

The complaint is placed on the Town's website and paid advertisements are taken out in two local papers. Apparently

Councillor Buck has levelled "unmerited public criticism of staff". So much for confidentiality in the process.

On July 30th, I called Mr. Nitkin directly on his confidential line to let him know that I was willing to provide information for his investigation should he be interested.

I actually do have firsthand experience with how other members of this council, including the mayor, have criticized staff.

Mr. Nitkin advised me that he was unable to discuss council's complaint as he had not yet either accepted or rejected the complaint that was advertised by council.

A fair and appropriate response, in my view.

My feeling from the conversation, although Mr. Nitkin said nothing specific, was that it may not be long before he would make that decision.

Just seven days later, on August 6th, Rogers First Local broadcasts that Councillor Buck believes a decision has been made and while looking for a copy, it appears she is stonewalled.

On the same broadcast the mayor admits that an e-mail was sent to the Director of

Corporate Services, and a copy was sent to the director's assistant (the deputy clerk).

She further stated nothing would be disclosed and it could be up to 90 days before anything is made public.

Seems to me that a staff member (the assistant to the designated person) getting a copy should not be a big deal.

Why should that stop the councillor accused from receiving a copy?

Later that same night, there is a special council meeting at which, according to the public minutes, the same six councillors who lodged the complaint, spent five hours and 12 minutes behind closed doors on two "personal" items and the results are:

The Integrity Commissioner is removed. Any mention of him is gone from the Town's website by the next day, and it's directed that more money will be spent recruiting a new Integrity Commissioner. We (the people paying the bill for all this) still don't know what his decision was or why it must be secret.

Council's complaint was made very public, in two newspa-

pers, at our expense, but we are not entitled to know the result.

Draw your own conclusions:

Would the decision put those who orchestrated the complaint into a bad light, perhaps?

Did he reject their complaint outright?

Did he come to the conclusion that it was purely political?

How can they explain promoting the high standards and experience of Mr. Nitkin and so easily dismiss him?

Are they looking to hire a "different" Integrity Commissioner who will accept their complaint?

How many will they have to go through before they find the "right" one?

How much will this cost us in the end in money and time?

A staggering number, I'm sure.

I have certainly drawn my own conclusions, and quite frankly this whole affair simply does not pass the smell test.

But I'm also not surprised.

Grace Marsh
Aurora

Disappointing news from Town Hall

To the editor,

How disappointing is the news out of the Town Hall.

The integrity commissioner was let go.

Wow, what a joke.

This is the first time that Aurora has needed such a person and this person was hired by the mayor and council yet they are the six who let him go.

How much will this cost the Town and how far will the mayor and her five followers go to get rid of Councillor Buck?

Why not agree with the person they hired to do his job?

Why not agree that perhaps they were wrong?

Why fire the person that a week ago they spoke so highly about?

Aurora has become the laughing stock of York Region.

A councillor has quit, a non-elected person sits on council, key Town Hall staff have quit and now this.

Residents of Aurora, please wake up especially next November and vote all of these people out of council.

Thank you, Alison and Bob, for having the guts to stand up to this joke.

Thank you both.

Now as for Granger, Wilson, MacEachren, Gaertner and Gallo, when are you going to wake up and stop following this train that is going nowhere?

Nigel Kean
Aurora

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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Before this column returns next week to the local themes of people, politics and public affairs, below are some unconnected, stream-of-conscious and (most likely) incoherent musings and observations from the summer season thus far in Aurora.

Just when I thought the summer would remain quiet on the political front, I read about the goings on between Aurora Council and Evelyn Buck.

I don't know enough about all the details to weigh in with any thoughtful analysis or comment on the situation, other than to remark that this is all getting rather tiresome.

It seems that Ms Buck doesn't like or respect the mayor or how she does things. Fair enough.

If Ms Buck has a competing vision for Aurora, then she should run against Mayor Morris next November.

I am happy to see the new baseball diamond is going to get built and I think it was a good idea to get the batting cages included, although at extra cost - good decision by Councillor Evelina MacEachern and her Committee.

I really miss Dick Illingworth's columns. It was through his insightful writing that I was kept apprised of the week-to-week work of the Aurora Town Council.

My family and I have attended the local Farmers' Market on a number of occasions, but the experience a couple of weeks back was very good.

There was a peewee baseball game going on, the Farmers' Market was bustling with people and there was a ton of families and children at the play area.

These are the things that really "make" a community.

The weather this summer has, for the most part, not been good at all - enough said.

Our foursome was having a rather tough time playing the ninth hole at St. Andrew's a couple of weeks back.

This from my playing partner Bob: "I am going to come out here at night and cut down that large tree that sits in the middle of the fairway."

From our other playing partner Gus: "How about filling in the creek for me on that same hole while you're at it."

On a related topic, are you aware of the new golf club statute of limitations?

You have all heard of the statute of limitations and how, after a certain period of time, someone can't be charged with a crime that they may have committed. (Murder is not included.)

I bought a new driver and putter two summers ago and at the time asked my golf buddies how or whether I should inform my wife.

They said I had two options.

First, tell my wife that I was awarded the equipment as a result of winning a long drive competition or a putting competition at a corporate outing.

This would not work for the simple reason that my wife

has seen me both drive a ball and also putt - and she wouldn't buy it.

If this doesn't work, then tell her that you won these in a draw at a corporate outing last year and that you had already told her about it.

Again, a bad idea because she forgets nothing.

Notice how the guys did not offer up "tell her the simple truth" as one of the options?

The guys told me the formal statue of new golf club limitations is legally 18 months - except a wife's anger could go on for quite a bit longer.

How much longer I asked, and they said, to steal a phrase from Buzz LightYear - "To infinity and beyond!"

Good thing that I told her!

An appropriate way to end this rambling soliloquy would be to make some of my patented, dead-on and fearless predictions. Here goes.

First, there will be a federal election sometime later this year and the Newmarket-Aurora seat will be decided by a little less than 1,000 votes between the Liberals and Conservatives.

And the Leafs will be fourth over-all in their division by this Christmas and Thomas Kaberle will still be with the team!

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

When I awoke it seemed like any other summer day.

The sun was shining, birds were singing, and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

I hadn't picked up the mail in a couple of days, so I wandered down to the mailbox.

The neighbours were already out, washing their cars, and watering their lawns.

Strange...I didn't remember the water ban being lifted.

"Hi, Scott," one called over. "We're taking the kids for a swim later in Tannery Creek. You guys want to join us?"

"Tannery Creek?!"

"Yeah, but we'll have to go early. You know how busy it gets."

He must have meant somewhere else. Tannery Creek had been a pollution hot spot in town for years.

Sifting through the mail on my way back inside, a letter from the Town of Aurora caught my eye.

It was one of those envelopes with the little window in it. That was never a good sign. I opened it up, wondering what payment they were looking for this time.

"Dear Resident," it said. "Enclosed is your interim 2009 tax rebate. This represents the first portion of this payment. The balance of the funds we owe you will be mailed in the Fall."

I read it again, and looked at the bottom of the form.

Sure enough, attached was a cheque - a big one. And I thought there had been a tax increase this year ...

Flabbergasted, I sat down and opened The Auroran to see if there was anything in there that would explain what was going on.

"Councillors Agree on All Issues in Latest Ten Minute Council Meeting" said one headline. "Mayor's Anti-Litter Day Cancelled Due to Lack of Garbage" read another.

My jaw dropped. Each article seemed more unbelievable than the next: "85 Per Cent Voter Turnout Expected in Next Year's Municipal Election" was followed by "New Left Turn Lanes at Yonge and Wellington Make Traffic Delays a Thing of The Past".

It was all too much. Something strange was going on. In a daze, I hopped in the car.

As I exited my neighbourhood, something seemed to be missing.

Then it hit me; there were no dandelions, thistles, or other weeds. Despite the water and pesticides bans, all of the lawns were green and lush - even the boulevards.

I continued along smooth roads, wondering what had happened to all the potholes, traffic cones, backhoes, piles of dirt and construction dust.

I pulled into one of the many available parking spots in Library Square. I'd never been able to do that before. A sign in the window of the library claimed that they were now open 24/7.

Through the looking glass

Wandering down Yonge Street, I was surrounded by crowds of shoppers, and other pedestrians. The buildings were graffiti-free, and no fliers were glued to utility poles. And there wasn't a piece of litter to be seen.

What had happened overnight?

Hoping to get some answers, I headed over to the offices of The Auroran. In the parking lot, the editor was putting an "I Love Newmarket" bumper sticker on his car. He smiled as he stood up, and said: "Order."

Did I hear him correctly?

"What's that supposed to..."

"Order!"

My eyes flew open. From my vantage point up in the media gallery at Town Hall, I looked down on a council meeting rapidly deteriorating into a shambles.

The mayor was ineffectually trying to control councillors, half of whom were rising on points of privilege or order, while the other half threatened to seek legal council.

Accusations were flying, everyone was talking, and no one was listening. It was chaos.

I took a deep breath, and smiled at the familiar reality of it all.

It was good to be home.

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Letters to the Editor

Jays Bantam Select team in Italy, thanks to you

To the editor,

Over the past several months, you may have been approached to buy a calendar, attend a garage sale or a golf tournament, all in support of the Aurora Jays Bantam Selects, a group of 10 Aurora teens making their way to a very special baseball tournament in northern Italy this summer.

Well, the team achieved their fundraising goals and is currently at the tournament in Sala Baganza, near Parma in northern Italy.

They are Chris Fafalios, David Baccellieri, Joe Ariganello, Brian Baran, Ryan Laird, Scott Tonello, Matt Miller, James Harkin, Trevor Best, Andrew Seguin and Coaches Mike Ariganello and Rob Seguin.

The team would like to thank the countless supporters who helped them make their dream a reality. Last fall, they sold calendars and many local retailers allowed them to use their stores for this purpose.

Thanks to Foodland, Weston Produce, Shoppers Drug Mart, Aurora Metro, Zellers, Home Hardware, Aurora Minor Hockey Association, and No Frills Aurora.

Thanks also to Goodyear Aurora for their support and to everyone who purchased a calendar when the boys went door to door.

Thanks also to Artcraft Three Hands Printing, and to the additional support of David Smith, Paul Perras, Fraser Murphy, Bob Shiley and Michael Suksi.

A banner was produced for the Canada Day parade and for display at team events.

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Additional thanks to M.R. Wardrobe for hosting team meetings.

The team organized a trip to the World Baseball Classic and thanks all attendees and especially Pizza Pizza Aurora for supplying pizza and pop on the bus.

A Golf Tournament was held in July and the team would like to thank all players, and our host and partnering organizer, Westview Golf Club.

Also thanks to the following for donating prizes: Absolute Knowledge Inc, Allan Window Technologies, BalancePlus.com, Baseball Hall of Fame, Brisson Sports & Marketing, Clothes Out Trading, Coca-Cola Ltd., Cooling Tower Maintenance, Ernst & Young, Eyeglass Factory, Highland Gate Golf Club, Interior Systems Contractors Association (ISCA), Koskie and Minsky, The Laird Family, The McAteer Group, The Miller Family, New Zealand Spring Lamb, Magna International Ontario Petroleum Contractors Association (OPCA), Perras Consulting Inc., Peter's Food Shop - Aurora, David R. Smith, Spa'z Classical Esthetics, Toronto Blue Jays, Ultra Look Hair Salon, Warm Fuzz Cards, and Harkin Video Productions.

Thanks for the patronage of all who attended our garage sale and to the Aurora Legion for partnering with us and allowing us to use their parking lot for the event.

Thanks to the offices of MP Lois Brown, MPP Frank Klees and Mayor Phyllis Morris for providing pins and flags to trade and give during the trip.

And, thanks to Himelfarb Proszanski for donating our travel bags.

Look for a full report of the tournament and trip after the team returns in mid-August!

Christine Woodley
Aurora

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Police with radar would slow Stone Rd. drivers

To the editor,

Re: Speed bumps on every road, he suggests, Letter to the Editor, The Auroran, July 28

I think Stewart is missing the point.

I, too, live on Stone Road and see a lot of speeders disregarding the posted speed limit and driving a little faster than what I would call safe.

My big concern is that I have two small children who play at the park across the street on the south end of Stone Road.

Although my children have been taught to look both ways before crossing the street, my worry is that some careless driver with no regard for safety does not have this at the forefront of his mind also.

The town will not put speed bumps on Stone Road due to fire response times and school bus safety issues (I have heard the debate before on this).

I would like to see more speed control on this street.

Something that worked well in the past was to have a police officer with a radar gun posted at random times for a couple of weeks.

People get the message when it hits their driving records and pocket books.

By the way, I do agree with your point that it seems like we are putting traffic lights everywhere in Aurora now.

Andrew Avgousti
Aurora

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Trail story had “misconceptions”: reader

To the editor,

Re: Trail system through Aurora continues to cause discussion, The Auroran, July 26.

I am writing to clarify a number of misconceptions about the proposed Elizabeth Hader Kennedy Street West trail some of which are included in the July 26 article "Trail system through Aurora continues to cause discussion".

Option A placed the entire trail on a four-acre parcel of land that is owned by our small

Condominium Corporation on Creek's Meadow Lane.

Putting a public trail on private property raises a number of significant issues and concerns for both the Town and the property owners as opposed to trails established on public lands.

At the January 22, 2009, meeting of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) I was informed by Town staff that one of the primary purposes of the trail was to divert the high school students off of Murray Drive by creating a shortcut for the students through our prop-

erty.

This fact was never disclosed to us until well after we had already purchased our homes.

This use is quite different from using the trail for recreational purposes.

In the article it states that "Option A proposed the path along the wooded west side of the creek while option B would travel in a mainly open area on the west side of the creek in full view of Murray Drive".

The opposite is true.

The first half of the trail on the west side of the creek is

through a mainly open field in full view of our backyards and Kennedy Street West.

Although Option B is closer to Murray it is more heavily wooded than is the west side.

Both options still place about 50 per cent of the trail in a heavily wooded area located at the north end of our property.

At the June 18th LSAC meeting I pointed out that the Home Owner Survey did not accurately reflect the views of the community as numerous submissions included in the survey were not signed and did not state a specific address.

Consequently the results were skewed to be more favourable to Option "A".

The survey would not withstand any degree of scrutiny.

In discussions with Town staff it was my understanding that the only additional direct cost to the Town would be for the bridge itself as all of the preparatory work would be done by staff.

I believe the \$30,000 estimate includes both.

Moreover, under Option A the Town would have to incur significant costs to provide natural screening along the trail in the open area behind our homes to protect our property from indiscriminate trespassing.

We believe that building a comprehensive trail system in the Town is a good thing for the community.

Our elected officials, members of LSAC and our homeowners have worked very hard and in a positive manner to reach a compromise on the trail issue.

Compromise may not always be perfect but it did allow us to arrive at a solution that we all can live with and allows us to move forward in a positive manner to achieve our collective goals.

In other words a win-win result that is reasonable, fair and balanced.

The homeowners of Creek's Meadow Lane look forward to

continuing to work in harmony with all concerned to establish a trail that will provide a safe and truly enjoyable experience for all

those who choose to use it.

Bernard A. Moyle
Aurora



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The truth is out - it was “a joke that bombed”: Evelyn Buck

To the editor,

Following your very supportive editorial two weeks ago, it is time for me to fess up. It's hard to find the right words.

I would almost rather people would imagine me swoosh around the council chamber in full sail with my deadly weapon

of a rolled-up truncheon of 200 pages of copy paper in my raised arm than what I am about to confess.

The truth is...it was a joke that bombed.

My weapon was an unusually thin copy of The Auroran, four pages folded four ways weighing not more than four ounces, I bet.

It was a gentle swish that came a little too close to your venerable pate.

To tell the truth, I thought you were dozing. I was taking full advantage of our many years of friendly working association.

Afterwards, I spent considerable time composing an apology which would allow you to respond with dignity intact.

I thought we both performed our roles to the hilt that night and received a vigorous ovation from a full house of citizens in the council chamber.

But I repeat, I will be forever grateful for your acceptance of my apology and our continued friendship.

By the way, my name is Finnigan with two ns and an inot Flannigan.

But that was probably an error of the computer spell-check.

Evelyn Buck
Aurora

ED. NOTE: See “Poor Ronnie”, on Page 4 this week.

Someone sprayed plots with herbicide

To the editor,

This letter is addressed to the person or persons who did the heartless act of spraying herbicide on certain garden plots at the Aurora Community Gardens on Industrial Parkway South, beside a church, even.

This has been verified by the University Plant Testing Station in Bradford on July 22.

Whoever did it not only

destroyed food grown mainly to donate to Aurora's Food Pantry and others, but also endangered the lives of two people who ate vegetables prior to the discovery of the cowardly act.

One person is myself and the doctor says I will feel the symptoms for two weeks.

They are not nice.

The garden plots mostly died and lots of food for those less fortunate has been destroyed.

How can you live with yourself?

The Town of Aurora and York Regional Police are involved in this life endangering cowardly act.

This could have been worse if food had got out to the Food Pantry.

If you are found out, I will personally see you get full reward from the courts.

John Sargent
Aurora

Wells story angers reader

To the editor,

Re: Reports still confuse future of Wells school; (July 21, The Auroran)

As a person who assists physically challenged seniors this story angers me.

The headline article by Marla Lewis cites either an obviously unqualified 'expert', or '37-year veteran of the OBC (Ontario Building Code)' John Gryffyn retired from the industry prior to the passing of A.O.D.A. legislation in 2005.

Either way, are there really people so desperate as to support reconstructing a public school that isn't fully accessible?

Some 'community hub' that would be.

The future of Wells Street School is surely an emotional issue, but you need not fuel emotions with ignorance.

Ric Cione
Oak Ridges

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Letters to the Editor

This tour guide is related to Mosley

To the editor,

I would like to thank the Doors Open committee to again have the opportunity to share our "Step In Time" tour.

I am proud to be an Aurora resident all my life and proud of the deep roots we share with the community.

John Mosley was a visionary during the 1800s who

helped make Aurora what it is today.

This is not just from a land aspect but also for speaking up for what is right.

Mr. Mosley was very small

in stature but in 1837 he spoke large.

However, those in power failed to listen when they should have.

I am proud to have

searched out our roots and discovered that I am a relative of his.

I also have searched to find great roots to the decisions that made our capital in 1857.

Then, in Toronto, wonderful photos were shown for the first time of that now great city and I find it fascinating that before knowing this, I decided to share great photos of historic Aurora at the Farmers' Market each Saturday.

It seems that one of my relatives was a visionary like John Mosley and I may be only

repeating history in "A Step In Time".

Please join us at 11 a.m. August 15 in front of Wells Street School for the tour.

I think you may find the unique stories and community spirit of our town in the 1800s and early 1900s a breath of fresh air.

Time is the most valuable thing we have on this planet...using it with community awareness is gold.

David Heard
Aurora

Former subscriber still getting bills from Rogers

To the editor,

I have read the legion of disaffected former ACI clients with much interest.

When I received my May letter outlining how I must call to arrange migration to 'Rogers' I decided to check into it.

When I discovered they offered less service for more money, I declined to 'move' to this corporate predator.

I told the operator that

I would change service providers for my internet, as that was all I had contracted for with ACI.

I proceeded to sign on with Bell Sympatico on June 5 and on the specified date of June 10, I returned the modem to the ACI office on Industrial Parkway.

I received a receipt for the modem and termination of my internet service.

A couple of weeks later

I noticed when checking online that I was billed on my Visa account for the next month's internet service.

This was reversed by my bank after I called and was most insistent that I would not be paying 'Rogers' anything since I was not a customer.

I returned to the office on Industrial Pkwy the next day as soon as they opened.

Once again I told the receptionist that I was not a happy camper and that they erroneously billed me.

I was assured, Rogers would return the overpayment in some six to eight weeks.

I told her I have already had the charges reversed by my bank and that she should contact her company to ensure no further bills for my cancelled account.

Then to my dismay in July, I was once again sent an invoice from Rogers for the period ending in August, a full two months after I had left.

Several more phone

calls and more departments, I am again 'assured' that my account is expunged and that I owe no sums to Rogers.

This time I requested a letter in writing confirming this.

I await to see if it will arrive with my 'next' invoice.

For a company that 'sells' high tech communication services, they possess a distinct lack of communication skills within house and with their clients.

I strongly advise all former and current clients of ACI and Rogers to carefully screen all of their invoices and credit card statements with a watchful eye.

I now certainly do.

Doug Bushey
Aurora

Couple disappointed with Theatre crowds

To the editor,

The 2009/2010 season of Theatre Aurora is just around the corner.

This is their 52nd season. It is completely run by volunteers and they all do a super job.

We have always enjoyed each and every performance we have seen.

However, we are very disappointed at how few people attend, so we are asking all Aurorans to please come

out.

You will be surprised to see what great talent this town has.

This is your town, so please support our local theatre.

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Auroran coached Jade across the lake

When Jade Scognamillo officially became the youngest person to ever swim Lake Ontario last Saturday, her coach was from Aurora.

Nancy Black, head coach of the Aurora Master Ducks swim club trained Jade in the Aurora Recreation Complex swimming pool.

Jade is a 15-year-old girl from Caledon and she entered the water at Niagara On The Lake, some 20 hours earlier. Nancy was beside her

in a kayak. The young swimmer touched home at Marilyn Bell Park in Toronto. In 1954, at 16 years of age, Marilyn Bell became the first person to swim Lake Ontario. It took her almost 21 hours to do the same job Jade did. Jade, who covered 52 kilometres to cross the lake, now has a new record to add to her impressive list. She already holds records for being the youngest and fastest swimmer to cross Lake Erie, which she did about a year ago.

Third annual Miller golf tournament ready to go

Pete Miller served six terms as a member of Aurora Council. He also spent every Sunday night during the winter at the Aurora Community Centre where he was the official time-keeper for the Aurora Tigers junior hockey team. Pete died from cancer in 2004. Now, the Pete Miller Charitable Foundation is setting up the third annual Pete Miller Memorial Golf Tournament and

you're invited to play. Assuming you are prepared to pay the \$200 entrance fee. The event will be held at Silver Lakes Golf Club Thursday, Sept. 10 with a 12.30 p.m. shotgun start. If you're there between 11 and 12.30, you can take advantage of practising with a pro and participating in a barbecue lunch. The fundraising event continues to earn money for the Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake in

Newmarket. Last year the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation raised \$1,000,000 of which the tournament was responsible for 2.5 per cent of the amount raised. Pete was an avid fundraiser and supporter of Southlake Regional Health Centre. For further information, contact Brian Miller at 416-990-6966 or Gerry Miller at 416-363-2614.



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HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

U8B Mon - July 6 - Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read 7 (M. McConnell 4, A. Rincon 2, A. Carson 2, C. Read 1, J. Campbell 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Joia Ristorante** 2 (Owen Romano 2);

July 13 - Forest/Italy - Joia Ristorante 6 (O. Romano 1, R. Clarke 4, D. Prescott 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 5 (L. Cantania 2, A. Brown 1, C. Lervasi 1, A. Crescenzi 1);

Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read 6 (C. Read 3, A. Carson 1, J. Campbell 1, A. Solano 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnsons Hotel Aurora** 4 (G. Ali 3, D. Amos 1); **Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 3 (A. Mosu 1, S. Whittle 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 2 (C. Therkildsen 2, C. Fermo 1);

July 20 - Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read 5 (M. McConnel 3, A. Rincon 2) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 2 (Q. Bruckner 1, C. McDonnell 1);

U8G Tues - July 21 - Sky/Argentina - Ploders Collision Centre 5 (S. Casey 3, M. More 1, K. Ross 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 0;

U8/9B M/W - July 22 - Red/Canada - Belairdirect Car Insurance 2 (D. Kislev 2) vs **Silver/France** 4 (B. Keeler 3, P. Randalkar 1);

Gold/Brazil - Bank of Montreal 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands** 5 (A. D'Andrade 2, A. Conte 2, A. Meunier-Geoffrey 3, A. Mueller 3, A. Buffa 1);

Navy/USA - Longos 3 (B. Shennan 1, P. Charleson 1, N. Sever 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Port Royal Mills** 3 (E. Adams 2, P. Namrood 1);

Sky/Argentina - Dr. Weaver's Drillers 3 (T. Fisher 2, C. Chiarenza 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 3;

U8/9G T/Th - July 9 - Red/Canada - Kwik Kopy Printing 3 (V. Brochu 3) vs **Forest/Italy** 3 (K. Locke 1, K. Heese 1, S. Fanuzzi 1);

Navy/USA - World Mosaic Stone and Tiles 0 vs **Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal** 4 (C. Foss 1, C. Gilliland 1, M. Venosa 1, A. Moreno 1);

Gold/Brazi I- R & J Concepts Inc 4 (K. MacFarlane 3, T. Young 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Kile Contracting Inc** 2 (S. Evans 1, N. Modreanu 1);

July 16 - Gold/Brazil - R & J Concepts Inc 2 (L. Howell 2) vs **Navy/USA - World Mosaic Stone & Tiles** 3 (R. Wright 1, S. Mogavero 1, G. Bennett 1);

Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal 2 (L. McPhearson 1, E. Barber 1) vs **Red/Canada - Kwik Kopy Printing** 0;

U9B Mon - U9G Thurs - June 25 - Royal/Greece - Great Clips 1 (M. Bishop 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 2 (R. Eberlin 1, S. Bressel 1);

Navy/USA - Summers & Smith 4 (A. Amos 3, A. Sandiford 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental** 3 (J. Winter 1, A. Devogel 1, S. MacLeod 1);

Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal 1 (S. Spagnuolo 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing** 6 (M. Tenciger 4, T. Dunstan 2);

July 9 - Navy/USA - Summers & Smith 0 vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 3 (A. McGregor 2, A. Javellana 1);

Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing 4 (M. Tencinger 2, A. Stewart 1, S. Capobianco 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 3 (C. Card 1, R. Wood 1, M. Kuchar 1);

Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal 3 (I. Pennington 2, S. Gipp 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Dental** 3 (C. Spector 2, S. MacLeod 1);

July 16 - Red/Canada - Soccer Nation 3 (L. Flores 3) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 2 (A. Koller 1, R. Meehan 1);

Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing 6 (E. Ronis 2, M. Tencinger 1, V. Holden 1, S. Capobianco 1, N. Levesque 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal** 0;

Navy/USA - Summers & Smith 2 (J. Newman 1, L. Shaw 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental** 4 (J. Winter 3, J. Bondarewski 1);

U9B M/W - U10G T/Th - July 7 - Forest/Italy - HomeLife North Realty Inc 0 vs **Fuschia/Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics** 1 (L. Harrison 1);

Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental 1 (P. Solano 1) vs **Navy/USA** 1 (S. Mai 1);

Orange/Netherlands 2 (M. Cantelope 2) vs **Red/Canada** 1 (A. Mosu 1);

Royal/Greece 0 vs **Sky/Greece - Michelberger Orthodontics** 5 (M. Hughes 3, B. Barberio 1, A. Christakakos 2, L. Michelberger 1, E. Laurigano 1, G. DaSilva 1);

July 14 - Forest/Italy -HomeLife North Realty Inc 0 vs **Navy/USA** 3 (C. Rutherford 1, S. Mai 1, K. Dajia 1);

Fuschia/Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics 3 (J. Spicer 1, A. Alberton 1, L. Harrison 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental** 1 (E. Haw 1);

Red/Canada 2 (A. Mosu 1, L. Brock 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Michelberger Orthodontics** 0;

Royal/Greece 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands** 0;

July 21 - Red/Canada 3 (L. Brock 2, A. Mosu 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 1 (M. Graham 1);

Navy/USA 3 (K. Dajia 1, S. Mai 2) vs **Forest/Italy -**

Homelife North Realty Inc 3 (N. Trozzo 2, R. Foran 1);

Orange/Netherlands 3 (J. Aben 3) vs **Sky/Argentina - Michelberger Orthodontics** 4 (G. DaSilva 1, A. Christakakos 2, L. Michelberger 1);

Fuschia/Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics 2 (S. Marelli 1, A. Alberton 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental** 3 (E. Haw 2, H. Simpson 1);

U10G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	9	1	2	29
Navy	6	1	5	23
Sky	7	5	0	21
Fuschia	5	4	3	18
Orange	5	5	2	17
Gold	5	6	1	16
Forest	3	8	1	10
Royal	1	11	0	3

U10B T/Th - June 25 - Division sponsored by Shoeless Joes Aurora - Royal/Greece 5 (N. Keizer 1, J. Mikucki 2, J. Fallavollita 1, J. Kranczyk 1) vs **Navy/USA** 0;

Red/Canada 4 (M. Bailey 2, A. Zori 1, J. Salomons 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 6 (R. Lewis 1, E. Turner 3, J. Freel 2);

Silver/France 8 (B. Scott 1, T. Wilson 1, S. Royes 1) vs **Forest/Italy** 4 (J. Duthie 1, J. D'Aoust 4, D. Farrell 1, E. Pears 1, #10 1 goal);

Gold/Brazil 7 vs **Orange/Netherlands** 4 (M. Nitsopoulos 2, R. Carpenter 1, M. Carpenter 1);

July 8 - Silver/France 2 (M. Rotman 1, M. Niro 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 6 (D. Tonelli 1, J. Mikucki 2, J. Fallavollita 1, M. Devlin 1, J. Krawczyk 1);

Navy/USA 7 (G. Logan 2, K. Thompson 2, J. Clements 1, C. Loria 1, J. Coker 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 2;

Forest/Italy 2 (E. Pears 2) vs **Sky/Argentina** 7 (R. Iervasi 2, M. Schwarze 1, I. Czajczyc 1, J. Freel 1, E. Turner 1, E. Lambert 1, M. Rivas 1);

July 15 - Sky/Argentina 5 (M. Schwarze 3, R. Iervasi 1, J. Freel 1, E. Turner 1, M. Rivas 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 0;

Orange/Netherlands 3 (A. Theodorou 1, J. Pugar 1, S. Mackrell 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 5 (J. Mikucki 2, J. Rodrigues 1, J. Gonsales 1, J. Fallavollita 1);

Navy/USA 5 (B. Sarazin 2, G. Logan 3) vs **Forest/Italy** 5 (J. Duthie 1, P. Irwin 1, C. Boom 2, E. Pears 1);

Red/Canada 1 (E. McGhie 1) vs **Silver/France** 1 (B. Scott 1);

U10B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	9	1	1	28
Sky	6	4	1	19
Forest	5	3	3	18
Orange	5	4	2	17
Gold	4	4	3	15
Navy	4	5	2	14
Silver	2	5	4	10
Red	0	9	2	2

U11G T/Th - July 14 - Forest/Italy - En Ville Event Design & Catering Inc 4 (K. Palmer 1, S. Lindo 2, E. Clarke 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden** 1 (E. Velovic 1);

Gold/Brazil - Joia Ristorante 5 (S. Pietrolungo 1, V. DiMichele 1, B. Howell 2, N. Iaboni 1) vs **Red/Canada - Michelberger Orthodontics** 1 (S. Bellerby 1);

Purple/Czech Republic - Candian Vascular Labs 4 (S. Gupta 2, V. Petinarelis 1, C. Gibson 1) vs **Sky/Argetina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora** 2 (C. Long 2);

Navy/USA - Reflections Pools 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands** 5 (J. Petsinis 4, S. McGee 1, M. Brenzel 1);

July 21 - Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden 2 (R. Remedios 1, N. Schachter 1) vs **Purple/Czech Republic - Canadian Vascular Labs** 1 (C. Gibson 1);

Navy/USA - Reflections Pools 0 vs **Orange/Netherlands** 2 (J. Petsinis 1, M. Brenzel 1);

Gold/Brazil- Joia Ristorante 1 (B. Howell 1) vs **Red/Canada -Michelberger Orthodontics** 0;

U11G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	10	0	2	32
Royal	8	3	1	25
Forest	7	3	2	23
Gold	7	4	1	22
Purple	5	6	1	16
Navy	3	7	2	11
Red	2	10	0	6
Sky	1	10	1	4

U11B T/Th - July 2 -Navy/USA 4 vs **Sky/Argentina - Core Micro Technology** 1;

Forest/Italy - Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc 0 vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 5 (R. Prater 1, M. Montesanti 1, M. Dacosta 4);

July 9 - Navy/USA 2 (E. Duarte 1, J. Frakes 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Betz Cut Stone** 1 (E. Shennan 1);

Red/Canada - Soccer Nation 2 (A. Scarsellone 1, N. Whitta 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Core Micro Technology** 2 (D. McConnel 1, J. Grelet 2);

Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal 3 (S. Midolo 1, R. Walsh 1, S. Modreau 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc** 4 (J. Kleine 1, C. McGoldrick 1, M. Colucci 1);

July 16 - Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal 3 (Z. Razhk 2, J. Morello 1) vs **Gold/Brazi - Betz**

Cut Stone 1 (C. Pearce 1);

Red/Canada- Soccer Nation 2 vs **Forest/Italy - Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc** 1;

Navy/USA 5 (E. Duarte 2, J. Chiarenza 1, J. Frakes 2) vs **Sky/Argentina - Core Micro Technology** 3 (C. Eby 1, D. McConnell 1, M. Valvasori 1);

U11B T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	8	1	1	25
Sky	6	3	0	18
Red	5	4	0	15
Gold	3	6	0	9
Royal	3	6	0	9
Forest	2	7	1	7

U12G T/Th - July 2 - Navy/USA - JDS Financial Group 0 vs **Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 5 (M. Baile 1, L. D'Andre 1, S. Brochu 1, K. Dol 1, M. Gilliland 1);

Forest/Italy 2 (A. Kern 1, D. Pannozzo 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Century 21 Martin Read** 3 (A. McNern 1, K. Long 1, V. Leame 1);

Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 1 (S. Urban 1) vs **Red/Canada** 1 (K. Gram 1);

July 9 - Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart 2 (M. Baile 1, S. Brochu 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Century 21 Martin Read** 1 (A. McNern 1);

Red/Canada 1 (R. Loveless 1) vs **Navy/USA - JDS Financial Group** 2 (T. Issaris 2);

Forest/Italy 1 (A. Kern 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 2 (M. Gans 1, O. Weir 1);

July 16 - Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart 3 (S. Brochu 2, K. Wood 1) vs **Red/Canada** 0;

Forest/Italy 4 (H. Rahal 1, J. Devries 1, D. Pannozzo 2) vs **Navy/USA - JDS Financial Group** 4 (A. Point 4);

Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 2 (K. Lemaire 2) vs **Royal/Greece - Century 21 Martin Read** 0;

U12G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sky	9	0	1	28
Gold	6	3	1	19
Red	3	3	4	13
Forest	2	5	3	9
Royal	2	6	2	8
Navy	1	6	3	6

U12B M/W - June 27 -Sky/Argentina 5 (B. Burbank 2, M. Bellerby 2, D. Middleton 1) vs **Navy/USA** 2 (J. Appleby 1, J. Power 1);

Royal/Greece 5 (M.Galajda 4, G. James 1, A. Roberts 1) vs **Red/Canada - Supreme Collision Centre** 0;

Royal/Greece 3 (G. James 2, T. Runco 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Country Style** 7 (B. Bilotta 2, J. Sherwood 2, E. Missaghi 1, N. DaCosta 1, L. Camick 1);

Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals 3 (R. Ouwroules 2, M. Bablanin 1) vs **Red/Canada - Supreme Collision Centre** 2 (R. Zawada 1, S. Diaz 1);

July 13 - Sky/Argentina 2 (B. Burbank 2) vs **Red/Canada - Supreme Collision** 3 (A. Tosky 1, R. Zawada 1, S. Diaz 1);

Forest/Italy - Country Style 2 (B. Bilotta 1, E. Biziotis 1) vs **Navy/USA** 2 (G. Wood 1, J. Appleby 1);

Royal/Greece 6 (T. Runco 2, G. James 2, M. Galajda 1, T. Foster 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals** 2 (M. Babbnian 1, R. Ouwroules 1);

July 20 - Forest/Italy - Country Style 1 (E. Nisenbaum 1) vs **Red/Canada - Supreme Collision** 1 (R. Zawada 1);

Sky/Argentina 1 (M. Bellerby 3, E. Powell 2, A. Bernier 1, A. Popa 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals; Royal/Greece** 7 (M. Galajda 3, G. James 2, T. Foster 2, A. Hung 1, T. Runco 1) vs **Navy/USA** 2 (N. Papousek 1, J. Power 1);

U12B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	6	1	4	22
Sky	6	3	2	20
Royal	6	5	0	18
Navy	5	3	3	18
Gold	3	8	0	9
Red	2	8	1	7

U13G M/W- No scores reported this week

U13G M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	5	3	3	18
Sky	4	2	5	17
Navy	5	5	1	16
Gold	3	2	5	14
Forest	2	4	4	10
Royal	1	4	6	9

U13B M/W - June 24 - Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp 6 (T. Abushinov 1, M. Slack 1, I. Dunlop 1, D. Johnson 1, M. Tanel 1, A. Walter 1) vs **Navy/USA** 2 (N. Pellarin 1, G. Perfetti 1);

Royal/Greece 7 (L. Pozzebon 3, M. Caceres 3, J. Caldwell 2, A. Remedios 2) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 1 (R. Smith 1);

June 27 - June Festival - Game 1 - Navy/USA 3 (B. Wilson 2, T. Reiter 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 1 (D. Chronis 1);

Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp 1 (L. Martineau 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 1 (A. Remedios 1);

Game 2- Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp 5 (I. Dunlop 2,

L. Martineau 1, T. Abushinov 1, M. Slack 1) vs **Navy/USA** 0;

Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza 1 (R. Smith 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 0;

July 8 - Royal/Greece 9 (L. Pozzebon 7, L. Coll 1, Z. Kroll 1) vs **Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp** 3 (M. Slack 1, M. Tanel 1, G. Oulahan 1);

Navy/USA 5 (N. Hossack 3, A. Marsland 2) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 1 (C. Graham 1);

July 15 - Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza 0 vs **Royal/Greece** 5 (M. Caceres 3, L. Pozzebon 2, L. Coll 2, T. Pape 1);

Navy/USA 5 (A. Nogueira 2, B. Wilson 2, A. Marsland 1) vs **Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp** 2 (B. Scully 1, G. Oulahan 1);

July 22 - Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp 7 (J. Vndzys 1, B. Scully 2, I. Dunlop 2, M. Tanel 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 2 (C. Forest 2);

Royal/Greece 4 (A. King 1, L. Coll 1, G. Zabiuk 1, J. Powell 1) vs **Navy/USA** 1 (A. Marsland 1);

U13B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	8	1	1	25
Red	5	4	1	16
Navy	4	6	0	12
Sky	2	8	0	6

U14/15B T/Th - No scores reported this week

U14/15B T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	8	1	0	24
Orange	4	2	3	15
Sky	4	3	2	14
Navy	3	2	4	13
Silver	4	5	0	12
Red	2	5	2	8
Gold	2	5	2	8
Royal	2	6	1	7

U14/15G M/W - No scores reported this week

U14/15G M/WSTANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	8	1	1	25
Purple	7	2	1	22
Silver	7	2	1	22
Gold	6	3	1	19
Royal	5	2	3	18
Fuschia	5	4	1	16
Sky	4	6	0	12
Navy	1	7	2	5
Forest	1	8	1	4
Orange	0	9	1	1

U16/18G Tues- No scores reported this week

U16/18G TUES STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Fuschia	10	1	1	31
Royal	9	1	2	29
Sky	6	5	1	19
Navy	5	5	2	17
Orange	5	5	2	17
Red	3	8	1	10
Gold	2	8	1	7
Forest	1	8	2	5

U16/19B Wed - July 8 - Division sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - NMKT/Silver 7 (R. Sellan 2, A. Giacomazzo 3, A. Mertins-Kirwood 2, A. Lupis 1, M. Belly 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 2 (C. Boyce 1, S. Sirbovan 1);

NMKT/Royal 4 (T. Antel 2, N. Huby 1, A. Manouk 1) vs **Navy/USA** 4 (A. Munn 4);

Red/Canada 0 vs **NMKT/Scarlet** 2 (D.G. G. Delorme 1);

Royal/Greece 3 (D. Kovacs 1, K. Town 2) vs **Gold/Brazil** 2 (C. Annear 1, A. Partridge 1);

July 15 - NMKT/Scarlet 6 vs **Royal/Greece** 1;

Gold/Brazil 3 (L. Battiston 1, A. Marsillo 1, A. Partridge 1) vs **NMKT/Royal** 1 (T. Antel 1);

Navy/USA 0 vs **NMKT/Silver** 4 (D. Rubbo 1, A. Giacomo 2, A. Swann 1);

Sky/Argentina 3 (D. Eveleigh 2, M. Lerner 1) vs **Red/Canada** 2 (G. Iaboni 1, T. Sandhaus 1);

U16/19B WED STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
NMKT/Silver	9	1	0	41
Sky	8	4	0	18
NMKT/Scarlet	7	3	2	15
Navy	5	3	2	1
Royal	4	5	1	-14
NMKT/Royal	1	6	4	-18
Red	1	7	3	-16
Gold	1	9	2	-27

U19/25G Sun - No scores reported this week

U19/25G SUN STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	6	0	3	11
Forest	4	2	3	4
Sky	3	5	2	0
Red	1	7	2	-15

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Aurora team edged 4-3 in Cooperstown

The 2009 Aurora Jays Minor Peewee Rep baseball team traveled to Cooperstown, New York last week along with the Mississauga Tigers representing Canada in a 103-team tournament.

The event is one of only three national tournaments where top teams from all over the United States and Canada participate, and Aurora was edged out in a final game.

A six-game qualification round determines team seeding prior to a one-game elimination play down format where winners advance until defeated.

A random draw left a tough qualification round for the Jays having to face-off against no less than two state champions and two other top 30 ranked teams.

Since age groupings in the United States follow the school year rather than the calendar year utilized in Canada, American based teams are able to field 13-year-old players where as the Jays roster included only 12 year olds and under.

The challenge mounted when one of the Jay's starting pitchers Mathew Niece was injured during a pre-game warm up sidelining him from the tournament before throwing a pitch.

There were daily trips to the infirmary as Liam Gray suffered a leg injury and Mathew Leroy took a ball off

the nose leaving him looking a little more rugged for the web cameras.

The Jays relied on starters Alexander MacKinnon, Jack Pecora, Aaron Hauck and Kyle Hauck to throw strikes with Alessandro Bitondo and Anton Kalinin pitching relief.

Ryan Donovan and Mitchell Albert were solid sharing catching duties.

Roni Davelman, Michael Dilosa and Jack Mull kept the outfield in order along with Bitondo, Albert, Leroy and Kalinin.

The Jays battled hard, often hurt, never looking intimidated while coaches Ian MacKinnon, Jeff Hauck and Don Pecora instilled a David and Goliath attitude.

Coming together in the playoffs with a total team effort, the Jays fell just short leaving runners in scoring position in the last inning, before eventually being eliminated by the South Jeffco Red Barrens 4-3. Gladiators Baseball Texus emerged as the tournament champions.

2010's Aurora Jays Minor Peewee Rep team has already qualified for next year's event.

As fierce as the competitive play, team pin trading is front and centre during the tournament as players, coaches, parents and siblings aim to add to their own collection.

The Jays' pin was one of the most sought after seeing



line ups at their barracks with eager pin traders even before tournament play began.

Jays now focus on a strong

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CRIME STOPPERS



By **PETER McNEILL**
PACT Member

Most people have heard of **Crime Stoppers** but do not know **Crime Stoppers** was the brainchild of Canadian born Greg MacAleese, a detective with the Albuquerque, New Mexico, police department. in 1976.

Crime Stoppers was started in the United States but the officer who started it was Canadian.

Crime Stoppers started from a last hope attempt to solve a homicide investigation. Detective MacAleese had run out of leads in a homicide investigation in which a young gas station attendant was robbed then murdered. After following all his leads MacAleese had nothing left but to appeal to the public for help.

He knew that general lack of concern and fear of payback were two major preventions militating against the public coming forth with information concerning the homicide.

For the next 24 hours on the local cable channel MacAleese played a tape with a staged re-enactment of the crime hoping that this would bring out some information for the investigation. He even offered a reward for the "tipster" who had information that led to an arrest. The reward was small and out of his pocket but was worth it.

That first tip paid a mere \$300.

Within 12 hours of the broadcast the murder was solved due to a great tip about a getaway car.

Most people think the police run **Crime Stoppers**, but in fact 15

board members run the program.

They range from business people to retired citizens from our community.

The reward currently offered will vary up to a whopping \$2,000 for more serious crimes.

All tips, voice or texts, are anonymous and there are three ways to register your tip. You can call your tip in to 1-800-222-TIPS; you can go to the website and leave your tip at www.1800222tips.com, or you can text your tips in by typing TIP YORK and sending it to CRIMES-274637.

Crime Stoppers likes the text and web tips the best because even though you are anonymous they can still contact you by your report number if they need more information regarding your tip.

Just because you make a tip don't assume you caught the bad guy. "The Tip" is just that "a Tip", a start to an in-depth investigation, which in the end may or may not get a conviction; so just know a tip doesn't necessarily equal a conviction.

***Aurora citizens should be proud of
their participation in Crime Stoppers***

Crime Stoppers is alive and performing well in our community because of you. Since inception there have been 2,184 arrests, charges laid number 5,215, and weapons seized from our streets total 137 and the dollar amount of drugs seized is \$86,689,229.

Congratulations citizens of York Region for making those calls. The server for **Crime Stoppers** is in Canada because we have the best protection laws.

In the R vs Leipert 1997 Criminal law, Police investigating the accused followed a **Crime Stoppers** call that drugs were being grown in his house.

The tip suggested a warrant be obtained to search the accused's house.

The search resulted in the accused being charged with drug offences.

Crime Stoppers is now remarkably successful. Today there are more than 1,000 programs internationally of which 81 are operating in Canada and almost 40 in Ontario alone.

January is the official **Crime Stoppers** international month. All fundraising supports **Crime Stoppers** expenses except the after hours calling service they offer, which is funded by the Government.

Why would you get involved and call or text in a tip? You can always call the police or 911 but another option is to connect with **Crime Stoppers**. If you see something criminal, or suspect a crime is about to happen and you want to stay anonymous, to help stop the activity connect with **Crime Stoppers**, it is easy.

All it takes is a call, a text or a quick web site message and you can be on your way to helping clean up your community.

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Newly renovated classroom at Church Street School will be displayed for those attending Aurora's fourth annual Doors Open this weekend. The school is one of 21 sites on the list this year.

Doors Open happens Saturday

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Aurora as the Church Street School Cultural Centre.

Although the official opening of the cultural centre will not happen as part of Saturday's Doors Open tour, it will be open to visitors.

This is not the first time that Aurorans have anticipated the opening of this building's doors.

The first time was in 1886, when the building was opened as the Church Street School. Aurora's population was still relatively small at that time, most of them in living in modest Georgian vernacular homes, so the construction of this grand Victorian era edifice was certainly the cause for much excitement in the community.

The architecture of the building reflects the architectural and historic influences of the late Victorian era.

The school was first used on April 12, 1876, and was officially opened September 30th of that year. For the next 66 years, every school-age child in Aurora spent time in these rooms and halls.

Among them were Lester B. Pearson, a prime minister of the country, and Dr. Bette Stephenson, who was Ontario's education minister several years ago.

After it became the property of the Town of Aurora, it served numerous community groups.

Soon, the Church Street School will begin a new era as the Town's cultural centre.

The centre will encourage and support community cultural development in all its many facets from the creative arts, cultural heritage and historic understandings of the community, region and nation. It is to be a hub of cultural activity, working to build partnerships with the many community groups which currently contribute to Aurora's rich cultural life.

Church Street School is the perfect location for these activities with its beautiful architecture providing an inspiring backdrop.

Members of the Church Street School Cultural Centre Board have planned an exciting program of events for visitors to see and experience Saturday.

Some of the features include on site visual artists, musicians featuring 'Summer

Baroque' in the morning, 'Jazz Jam' trio in the early afternoon and a classical guitarist to round off the event. Heritage exhibits featuring artifacts courtesy of the Aurora Historical Society can also be viewed.

There will also be four specially guided tours taking place at 11 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Meanwhile, visitors to Doors Open Aurora will have also have the opportunity to take guided tours of another major historic Aurora site, the Charles Henry Sheppard House and Estate.

"Brooklands", as it was known by the Sheppard family, is a beautiful woodlot estate established in 1919 by Charles Henry Sheppard (1875-1967) a retired timber executive.

Buildings on the estate were built in 1920/21 by local builder Fred Browning and designed by Alvan Sherlock Mathers.

Mathers, who later founded the firm Mathers and Haldenby, later became one of Canada's most prominent architects of the 20th Century.

Jacqueline Stuart, former curator of the Aurora Museum and local historian, will take visitors on a half-hour tour of the Charles Henry Sheppard House.

There will be four tours, each a half hour beginning at 10.30 a.m., noon, 1.30 p.m., and 3 p.m. Fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the estate house tour, local conservationist Klaus Wehrenberg will take visitors on a guided tour of the natural environment of the Sheppard's Bush conservation area.

Visitors to Doors Open Aurora this year will see the boyhood home of Lester B. Pearson; the Aurora Readiness Centre - Aurora's own cold war bunker; Harry Lumsden's Swan Garden; and the beautifully restored Church Street School.

For more information about Doors Open Aurora consult the Doors Open Aurora website at www.e-aurora.ca/doorsopenaurora and the Doors Open Ontario website at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

To begin your Doors Open day in Aurora stop at the Doors Open Aurora booth at the Aurora Farmers' Market

which is in operation from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There you will find Doors Open brochures, information about all the sites on the tour

Black will lead Liberals

A rumour, reported in The Auroran several weeks ago, has come true.

Mayor of King Township Margaret Black has been acclaimed as the candidate to represent the riding of Newmarket-Aurora for the Liberal party in the next federal election.

Before Ms Black had entered the race, with contenders Aurora's Tim Jones and Newmarket's Chris Emanuel, The Auroran reported the King mayor would be acclaimed as the candidate. She had not, at that time, declared.

Former mayor Tim Jones was first to drop out and throw his support to the King mayor.

Newmarket councillor Chris Emanuel dropped out last week. He was not available for comment.

Jones is expected to move a resolution Wednesday night when the nomination meeting is held at Aurora's Town Hall. Emanuel is expected to second the motion.

Ms. Black told The Auroran she has no idea when the next federal election will be held, but said she planned to be ready for it.

as well as walking tour and guided tour times.

There are 21 Aurora local landmarks and heritage gems to visit - all for free.

Pundits expect an election will be called this fall.

If that happens, Black will face off against current sitting Member of Parliament Lois Brown, and probably several other candidates.

In a press release received earlier, it was noted Ms Black was acclaimed as the candidate for the Liberal nomination in Newmarket Aurora and will be nominated Wednesday, August 12.

"Ms Black has served her community for five terms as Mayor of King Township and councillor for the Regional Municipality of York. A lawyer by profession, her extensive experience includes a term as Chair of the York Region Police Services Board and service on the boards of the Southlake Regional Health Centre, Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and the Greater Toronto Agricultural Action Board. Ms. Black has been recognized for her distinguished political career as a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Award and the Rural Female Politician Award," the release said.

Commissioner fired

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Code of Conduct complaint; and 2. Matters related to an individual.

"If the order was followed, the Code of Conduct complaint was discussed and then a decision was made to remove all powers from the Integrity Commissioner and recruit a new one," Councillor Buck said. "It took all those hours to figure out a way to tell you that."

From the town's website came this report of Thursday's meeting, following the five-hour closed session:

"Rising and reporting on item 2, regarding Mr. Nitkin's contract obligations and the process to follow pursuant to the Town of Aurora's Council Code of Conduct and contract with EthicScan Canada Limited, in the public's best interest it is recommended:

THAT further to repeated attempts to seek the Integrity Commissioner's cooperation to adhere to the Town's lawfully sanctioned Code of Conduct complaints process, it is recommended that the powers and duties of the Integrity Commissioner be removed

effective immediately; and further

THAT the Mayor and Acting CAO be directed to immediately communicate with the Integrity Commissioner to advise as to the contents of the recommendation and reasons for the recommendation of Council and Council's willingness to abide to section 30 of the contract between the Town of Aurora and EthicScan; and further

THAT the Integrity Commissioner's postings on the Town's website be removed; and further

THAT any and all pending complaints not yet decided be stayed and that they be reported to the Director of Corporate Services to be held in abeyance pending Council's appointment of a new Integrity Commissioner; and further

THAT staff be directed to commence the process to recruit and recommend the appointment of a new Integrity Commissioner.

Mr. Nitkin, who was not available for comment, is the president of EthicScan Canada.

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Senior Scape

Seniors' Day is Saturday at the Market

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Seniors' Day at the Aurora Farmers' Market is this Saturday, and I understand that Seniors' Day will become an annual day of recognition.

The Farmers' Market is located at Town Park, on Wells Street between Mosley and Metcalfe and provides an excellent shopping excursion.

The hours are Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., running through October. It is situated right in front of Wells Street Public School.

Children, running through the Town Park fountains, were enjoying a watery romp, and spectators spent a few minutes, each admiring the innocent fun of children.

Bands took turns playing their music on the grandstand, entertaining and probably enjoying their presentation equally as much as those who were listening.

Another of the joys of the Farmers' Market scene is the pleasure of meeting friends by chance, and enjoying the resulting and relaxed conversation. As a member of the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA), finding familiar senior faces at a local event is never a surprise for me.

I was also treated to a visit, escorted by Ted McClenny, to the Masonic Lodge located on the corner next to Wells Street School.

The building was constructed in 1877 and purchased by the Lodge in 1885.

The short tour took me into another world and my description is that of a cultural jewel right in the heart of Aurora, with the Farmers' Market in full swing right on the doorstep.

The ASA will be represented with a booth at the Farmers' Market Saturday.

The seniors will have promotional material and information regarding the seniors' center, plus items made by the ASA Knotty Knitters, items from the wood shop, recipe books and a luncheon discount for new members.

At least one player from the ASA chess club will play chess with anybody, regardless of age, playing strength or outcome, and additional chess players are welcome to the chess club.

Pleasant days in the halls and corridors of the ASA, are comfortably mellow with a touch of elegance most of the time, but seniors have surprising bursts of energy and a day or period of days can become punctuated with the pulsating energy of novel, organized entertainment.

A medley of comics, singers, performers of skits and other entertainments are proud to parade their stuff and be rewarded in turn by the noisy appreciation of an enthusiastic audience.

The season of summer serves as an interlude in the ASA, because members continue to take summer holidays.

In the ASA, plans progress to ensure the end of the holiday season and return of our members, coincide with a menu of fall activities, which serves to keep the cachet of the ASA attractive and developing positively.

More of the always popular activities are always in order, but improvements can and are made constantly and the ASA is admired far and wide for its approach and dedication to the life for seniors.

It is true that the ASA is constant in many ways, seniors are always seniors, but the activities they pursue evolve; the craft groups always find something old to resurrect and something new to develop and find fascinating.

Men and women regardless of age develop ideas that can be utilized in the fields of drawing and painting, crafts, knitting, sewing and in the wood shop with their ideas, and carve or build whatever drives their artistry.

Life in the ASA is all about people and groups, and it is clear that everyday members who participate with enthusiasm, tend to persist and continue to fulfill their goals, bolstered by the powerful social diet, full of fun, games and achievement.



This cool, wet summer has been hard on the tomatoes, but fine for invasive shrubs like Buckthorn. Recently four Ontario Stewardship Rangers, left to right, Daniel Lach-Tello, Angela Theobald, Blake Thornley and team leader Karen Dykxhoorn cleared Buckthorn from the walking trails in the Aurora Community Arboretum, part of their work improving water quality in the Lake Simcoe Watershed. The event took place at the end of July.

She turned volunteering into a full-time position

In today's tough economic times, people are losing jobs, companies are donating less, and the need for charitable and social services are greater than ever.

What to do? Cheryl Taylor of Newmarket asked, how about volunteering?

In early 2009, after working for IBM for a number of years, Cheryl found herself looking for a job and wanting to get more involved with her personal interest in the environment.

"I wanted to get involved with something I felt strongly about," she said.

Through Neighbourhood Network, based in Aurora, Cheryl was able to find a volunteer opportunity with the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation.

As the environmental group was gearing up for its annual fundraiser dinner back in April, Cheryl was quickly put to the task of selling tickets and raising

money for the event.

She put her strong background in sales in marketing to use and sold tickets over the phone.

Once the successful fundraising event finished, Cheryl said she "continued to be given more and more work," until the Conservation Foundation decided to hire her on a part-time basis.

Before long, the part-time job turned into a full-time position, and now Cheryl is starting a new career.

Her example is not unique. Volunteering offers numerous opportunities for gaining experience that can lead to employment, even in these challenging times.

Volunteering offers incredible networking opportunities, since individuals can develop personal and professional relationships, hear about job openings, gather insider employment information and develop great references.

Volunteering also offers opportunities for individuals to cultivate new skills.

Serving on a volunteer committee or board is a great way to learn about strategic thinking, group dynamics and teamwork.

Planning a fundraising event can develop goal setting, change management and budgeting skills. Supervising and training other volunteers can help develop supervisory and

conflict-resolution skills. All of these sought-after skills can be documented in a resume.

Neighbourhood Network offers referral service for volunteer opportunities which Cheryl describes as "convenient, organized, and timely."

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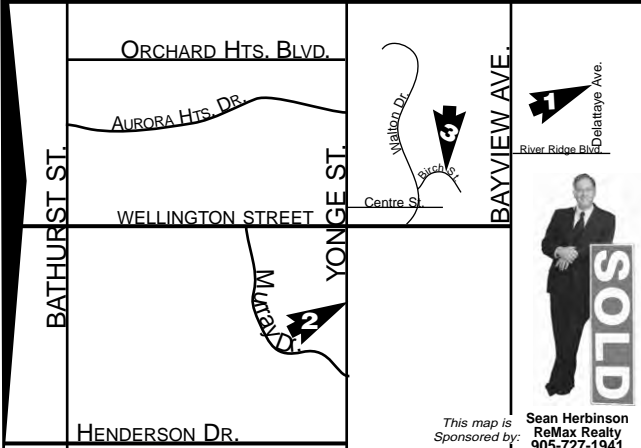
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