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Natasha Spann spent time last week making an art collage while others helped celebrate Baldwin's Pre-School Centre's 25th anniversary last week. Baldwin's is located on Wellington Street West in Aurora.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Controversial ad lacked contact address: editor

The ad that appeared in last week's Auroran lacked one thing, editor of the newspaper, Ron Wallace said this week.

"While we heard from many people, those wanting to respond had nowhere to do it," he said. "So the authors of the ad have set up an e-mail address."

Anyone wishing to respond to the ad, or make a comment, may do so by sending an e-mail to auroracoalition@gmail.com.

The ad, which suggested people in Aurora come forth with names and/or intentions of seeking public office in the next municipal election in 2010, caused a stir in the community that resulted in a news story appearing in The Toronto Star, Rogers Television using it on their "First Local" news pro-

gram, and radio station 88.5 airing it on many of their newscasts.

Authors of the quarter-page ad have indicated they have no intention of seeking public office, but are depressed with the way Aurora Council is handling various items.

Not everyone agrees with the sentiments of the ad, Wallace said, but many anonymous comments have appeared on a local blog (Aurora Citizen) asking how they can respond to the advertisement.

Before the ad appeared in The Auroran, it was sent to a lawyer for comment.

A second ad is scheduled to run in the paper next week.

For more information on the subject, read "Poor Ronnie" on Page 4 of this week's Auroran.



A strike sign is embedded in the ground beside the Drive Test outlet in Aurora, one of 56 such outlets in the province. About 20 local employees, of the 590 on strike, are in their second week of action against the outlet which is located in a plaza at the corner of Yonge Street and Henderson Drive. At issue are several concerns including job security, seniority and health and safety. Drive Test issues drivers' licenses for the province.

Briefly

At the library

If you're a child, there's plenty going on at the Aurora Public Library this fall. For example, on Wednesday, October 7, children can discover the beauty of autumn by creating their very own cornhusk figure. The fee is \$6 per child, ages 6 to 9, and the event begins at 6.45 p.m.

On Monday, October 19, kids, aged 6 to 8, can be part of an evening of spooktacular fun! Children will make a creepy craft, listen to spine-tingling tales and will unearth the truth behind the unexplained. The event is free and starts at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 27, children, aged 6 to 9, can explore the World of Art and learn about Vincent Van Gogh's famous sunflower series. The event costs \$6 per child and begins at 7 p.m.

Visit www.library.aurora.on.ca, or phone 905-727-9493 for further information.

Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to join the fun in Family Storytime, slated for three nights beginning September 28. Register for one or all of the sessions. Registration is limited to three children per family. The event is free and continues October 26 and November 30 starting at 6.30 p.m.

Nordic walking

Nordic Pole Walking is an excellent way to get everyone from all walks of life out exercising.

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Two free clinics will be offered in the Sheppard's Bush Parking Lot on Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, at the south end of the park, Saturday, September 12 beginning at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 9.30 a.m.

The clinics are open to all ages and all fitness levels.

For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Shawn Nisbet, at 416-804-0938 or info@shawnnisbet.com.

Hot Spot reopens

Hot Spot, Aurora's answer to a youth centre, will reopen this Friday, September 4th and again Friday, September 11, at their new home on the second floor of the Aurora Community Centre.

Organizer Wendy Gaertner said Hot Spot hit hard times in the summer when they lost backing from regular bingo evenings held in town.

Now, with the help of the Toronto Dominion bank, Hot Spot appears to be back on track.

For further information, call 905-717-1002.

Toot, toot again

Richmond Hill Live Steamers, a non-profit hobby club of volunteers operating scale model steam and diesel locomotives, with plenty of Aurora members, will hold their second open house of the season in a couple of weeks.

The group is inviting train lovers of all ages to take a miniature train ride on its new extended track through the woods, which happens to be on McCowan Road (7th Concession of Whitchurch-Stouffville), just north of the Aurora Sideroad (Wellington Street East).

The place will be open Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13 from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The group is looking for donations as admission.

For more information, call 905-277-0969.

Happening at Tuscany

Following several rumours about what will happen at the Tuscany Banquet Hall on Edward Street, next to the fire hall, The Auroran has learned Tanis Hargrave, better known as the Roving Chef, has moved her kitchen and banquet facilities there.

She has taken over half the space and the kitchen and plans to have an official opening in late October.

Tanis has a number of weddings to do immediately and so she has to move and get up and running almost at the same time.

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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.

A Bereavement Support Group for adults experiencing the death of a loved one, is again being offered at the Aurora United Church for an eight-week session, from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Wednesday, October 7 and ending November 25. The program is non-denominational and is open for free to all in the community. To register or for more information, contact Mary at 905-727-6984 or kenmar.smith@rogers.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Probus Club of Aurora resumes. It meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Aurora Legion, from 10 a.m. until noon. However, the meeting for November will be on the third Wednesday, November 18th, due to Remembrance Day, November 11th. For further information call 905-841-9043 or 905-727-9344.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Town of Aurora mayor's blood donor clinic at the Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 11-13

4th annual Ribfest runs for three days at

Machell Park, across from the Aurora Community Centre. A children's activity zone will be held Friday and Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. and it's free. Electric bull rides happen Saturday only from 7 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$2 a ride. Hours of operation for the ribfest are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The beer garden will be presented by the Aurora Rotary Club. For more information log onto www.e-aurora.ca or call 905-726-4762.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The annual Terry Fox run begins and ends at Sheppards Bush. Registration starts at 8.30 a.m. in the Pavilion at the Sheppards Bush Soccer Fields and the run begins at 10 a.m. There is a five kilometre course through the streets and a more leisurely two kilometre stroll in the forest. Participants have the option of walking or riding a bike. Volunteers are needed. This is a great opportunity for students looking to fulfill their requirement for Volunteer Hours. Food donations, such as fruit, water, juice boxes, fruit bars for the participants following the event are welcomed.

The 12th Annual Aurora/Newmarket SuperWalk for Parkinson's Disease takes place at Fairy Lake in Newmarket. Registration, a Yoga demonstration by The Royal Pathways Inc. and speeches begin at 9.30 a.m. under the main pavilion closest to the Water Street entrance. The walk begins at 10.30 a.m. For more information call Kim Rouse-Parypa in Aurora at 905-713-0774 or e-mail kimrp@sympatico.ca. For more information on Parkinson's or to register on-line visit www.superwalk.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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society presents its Annual Flower Show from noon to 4 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library, Yonge and Church St. Free admission. Chance to win a raffle.

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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Breast cancer fundraiser will be held at the Aurora Legion beginning at 8 p.m. and feature Aurora's Randy Skelcher and guest appearance of Chicago Transit. Tickets will be \$40. For tickets call 905-836-7584 or 905-841-3861. All proceeds go to the Regional Cancer Program at Southlake District Health Centre in Newmarket.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

A "Country Corral" is coming to Aurora with the toe-tapping tunes of five women playing 13 musical instruments. You don't have to dance - but you certainly can - during this evening that gets under way with a country supper and ends with hours of danceable music. Event begins at 6.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Hall at the Presbyterian Church, 32 Mosley Street. Tickets, at \$25 each, are limited. Call the church office at 905-727-5011.



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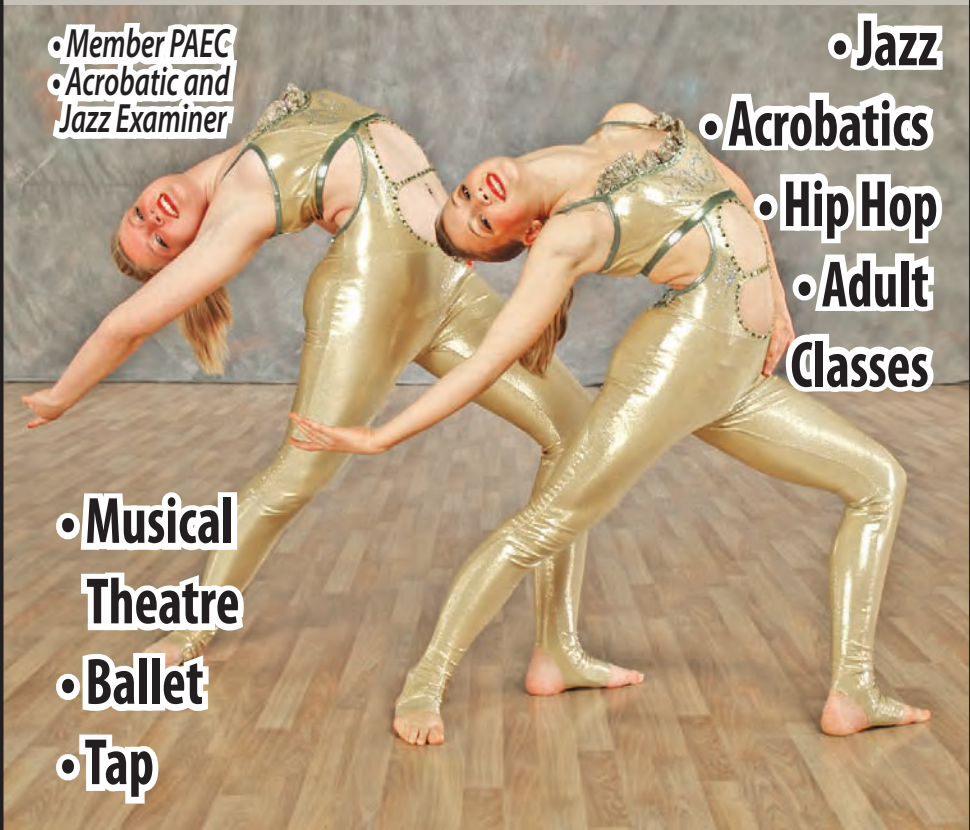
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Members of the group, The After Hours Big Band, were on hand Saturday as Aurora's Farmer's Market hosted a mayor's Corn Roast and Barbecue at the Town Park. Hundreds took advantage of the gathering to visit the market which opens to the public every Saturday morning and will continue to do so until October.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Film Circuit movies begin September 14

Now that summer is drawing to a close, it's time to think about great movies once again.

The Aurora Film Circuit has announced a special film for its September 14th screening.

"Sugar" received nominations at both the Independent Spirit Awards and the Sundance Film Festival.

It's the story of Miguel "Sugar" Santos (Perez Soto), a talented Dominican baseball player who longs to break into the American big leagues and earn the money needed to support his impoverished family.

Miguel Santos is a talented pitcher who might just have what it takes to earn a prized spot on a Major League Baseball team, but before that happens he'll have to prove his worth in the minor leagues.

Written and directed by

Ryan Fleck and Anna Boden (Half Nelson), the film offers a surprising alternative to the formulaic Hollywood sports story, and instead focuses on the small victories and heartbreaks that accompany the pursuit of a far off dream.

Tickets are currently on sale at R&R Revisted, 95 Edward Street, and The Aurora Public Library at \$10 each.

Note this film is rated 14A (Ontario).

As well, the Aurora Film Circuit announces its subscription sale night, which will be held in conjunction with its October 5th screening.

Come for the film, the excellent and important documentary "Burma VJ", and get first in line for your 2010 subscription.

Prices are still \$80, which gets you eight excellent films next year.

Dates are January 11,

February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, September 13, October 4 and November 8.

New this year is an exciting bonus package exclusively for subscribers.

Details will be announced at the September 14th screening.

Because so many of the group's mailing list members have changed e-mail providers due to the Rogers acquisition, the Aurora Film Circuit asks that anyone with new information should contact afc@library.aurora.on.ca to update it.



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Mayor's blood clinic set September 11

Aurora's Mayor's blood donor clinic is one of several clinics happening in September as blood flow needs constant priming from new donors.

The clinic is set for Friday, September 11, from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and will be held at the Aurora Town Offices, at 1 Municipal Drive.

Canadian Blood Services reminds Aurora residents that there is a constant need for new blood donors in continuing efforts to meet patient's needs.

As the population ages, many regular donors can no longer give blood and may even need the help of blood products themselves.

More than 90,000 new blood donors are needed this year.

Earlier this year, Canadian Blood Services took action in efforts to avoid a repetition of the low inventory situation faced during the two previous summers.

Although the results are encouraging, the need for new blood donors remains a reality due to the short shelf life of some

blood components and increasing hospital demand.

Serious trauma, surgery or illnesses can sideline anyone in an instant.

Right now, one in two Canadians is eligible to give blood, but only one in 60 rolls up a sleeve to donate.

If you are 17 years of age or older and in general good health, you are likely eligible to give blood.

Call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to make an appointment to give.

To find a clinic close to you or to learn more about blood donation and the patients donations have helped, visit blood.ca and thankyourdonor.ca.

Canadian Blood Services is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization that manages the supply of blood and blood products in all provinces and territories outside of Quebec.

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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Ad has caused uproar here

Well, to put it mildly, the fertilizer has hit the air conditioner.

The anonymous ad that appeared in last week's Auroran has caused no end of comment, from dismay to hopeful excitement.

On Page 5 this week, there is a statement in Stephen Somerville's column which says: "this newspaper has a policy of not publishing anonymous letters to the editor".

That's partly true.

The newspaper will not publish anonymous letters UNLESS the editor knows who the writer is.

In its editorial policy, which appears on Page 4 every week, it states: "Names may be withheld assuming a compelling reason to do so."

In this case, the editor is aware of where the ad came from and that is a group of people who has no interest whatsoever in seeking public office.

If there is a flaw in the ad, it has to be a contact is missing where others can go to express their feelings.

That is why there is an e-mail address provided in a news story this week, and copy is ready to go for a similar advertisement next week.

Several people have expressed a desire to belong to the "coalition" and that's the reason for inclusion of an e-mail address.

Needless to say, The Auroran has been under some discussion about printing the ad.

The ad made the Toronto Star in a story last week.

Rogers television got hold of it and sent a reporter to The Auroran offices for comment.

There was no way on earth the ad was going to run without first being seen by a lawyer, which it was.

The lawyer who read it suggested some changes to the ad, and those changes were included in the copy, with the approval of the group who started the whole thing in the first place.

It should be noted here, it wasn't me, and I'm not running for the mayor's job...or any other position on Aurora Council.

Patricia would kill me if I did, and she assures me, she isn't running for any seat either.

As a matter of fact, I would be surprised if anyone truly knew who was behind this campaign.

The Star story said that a couple of councillors had an idea who could be behind it, but the people interviewed wouldn't say who it was.

I can tell you right now, they're not even close. Whoever they think it is.

While I am an editorial person at heart, I will admit one thing.

People do read ads.

In a 16-page paper, I put the ad on Page 12, a left-hand page, thinking no one would see it.

Hah.

You see, people are more inclined, according to studies, to read a right-hand page before they look at a left hand one.

So I thought.

People who read The Auroran are, and this proves it, reading the whole paper, Page 1 to the end.

That's a good thing.

Stay tuned...I'm sure we haven't heard the end of this yet...

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

I see the traffic lights are now working on Industrial Parkway North to allow school buses to exit from the new Catholic high school that faces Wellington Street.

Brings up a question.

How come the Catholic board couldn't get access onto Wellington Street (frankly, I think it's a terrible place for a high school) when the commercial development at Bayview and Wellington could?

My understanding was that Wellington is a Regional road, and the Region of York would not allow any more access onto the street. So, how come there is now more access onto the street?



To follow last week's photos of three basketball teams from Aurora High School in 1960-61, we present the school's rifle club award winners from the same year. They are, back row, left to right, Don Steadman, Don Graham, Brian Rice, Don Gordon, Al McLean and Stephen Wright. In the front row, left to right, are Paul Sisman, Larry Wall, Lorne Wall and Claire Doolittle. Speaking of Sisman, last week we identified Neal Sisman as a player with the school's midget boys' basketball team. We soon learned that his first name is "Neil", but all we were doing was following the spelling in the school's yearbook, where all these photographs are coming from.

Letter to the Editor

Writer doesn't know more than citizens, this reader maintains

To the editor,

An open letter to Sher St. Kitts:

Afraid of being falsely accused of "sullyng your good name" I hesitated in responding to your long-winded post but after seeing this same letter posted in both The Banner and The Auroran I can no longer remain silent while you have been granted such a large soap box to speak from.

Although I find it true I wonder how is it that you can claim that Aurora is a fantastic place to live, grow and invest, not being a citizen yourself.

I would like to know how you have determined that the majority of Auroran's citizens are shocked by the recent attention of the press.

Have you conducted a poll?

Do you claim to know more about public sentiment in Aurora then us Aurorans?

The shock is not in regards to the press, it is from our council that has disgraced the political process and our Town's reputation in it.

There is no untrue picture being painted, or cunningly spun article being drafted as you suggest, unless you include your own entry.

I have to wonder if you are now trying to sully the good names of those dedicated journalists at the Toronto Star, Toronto Sun, Globe and Mail, CBC and every other news outlet that was consistent on their coverage of these recent events.

What scares me most is when you write that "It's time to embrace the new

Aurora".

Excuse me, but I happen to like the town that I live in now.

I have not voted for any radical change and now have to wonder what agenda you are privy to regarding such change.

Contrary to what you claim, change is not usually uncomfortable, change that is being forced upon you is.

You compared recent shifts in the cultural, social and economic fabric of Aurora to the Renaissance. Talk about being "blown up", a more correct comparison might be the Inquisition.

As for defending Aurora, I already do, from people like yourself.

As a citizen I can assure you that the positivism and the cheer echoing from its citizens,

regardless of the political mess we are in, is one thing that is not going to change here in Aurora.

Aurora already has a rich soundtrack, it can be heard at our farmer's market and you may be surprised to know that it is not provided by St. Kitts Music.

It takes more than just courage to lead, it takes passionate citizens, real ones, ones with integrity.

I look forward to voting for them in our next election.

As an "actual" citizen who lives and works in Aurora, I am offended that you chose to speak about my town as an "actual" citizen.

You either are or you're not, and until you are, please stop.

Christopher Watts
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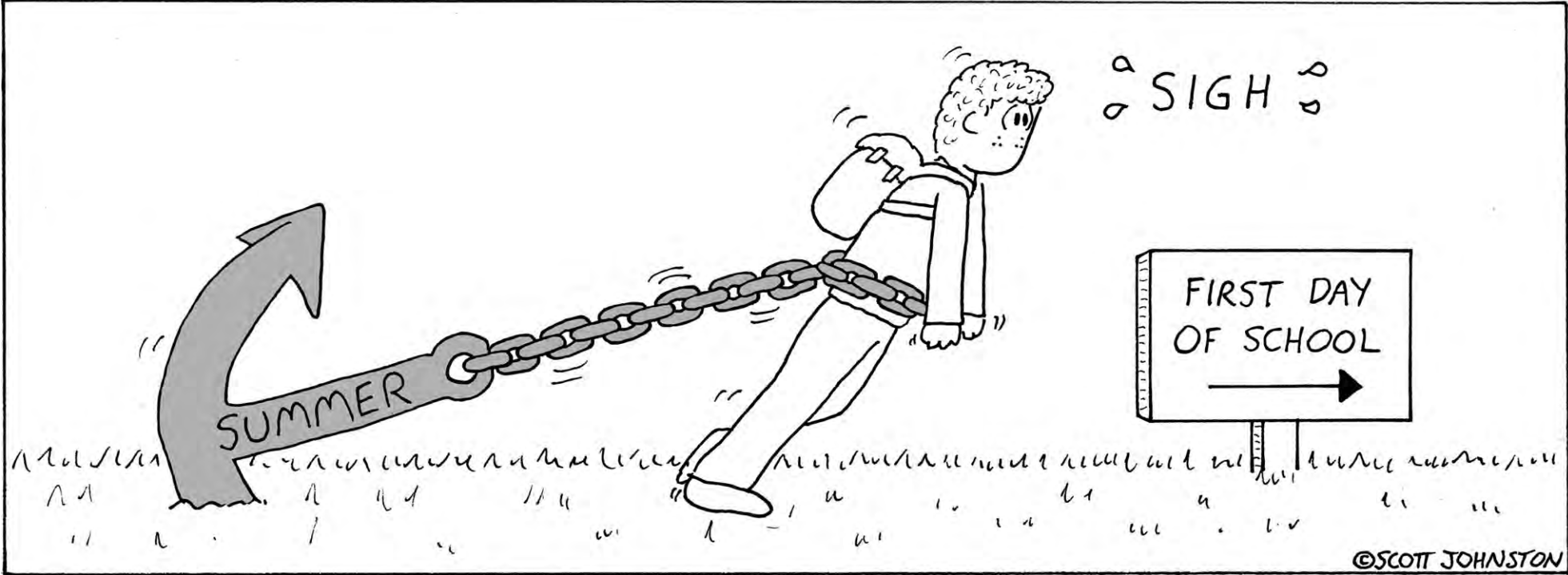
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

The open letter

Political Action Committees ("PACs") have been a part of political life in the United States for many years. PACs are organizations that support some specific cause by spending money on media advertisements and lobbyists in an effort to get their message out. This is what is referred to as the so-called "soft money" - it doesn't get counted toward a candidate or political parties' election limits. PACs have been in the news lately because of the U.S. fight over the Obama Health Care Plan. Some think that PACs diminish the democratic process while others feel it should be part of the electoral system, and trying to limit the participation of these third party entities limits peoples' freedom of expression. I won't get into these arguments here today. PACs do exist today in Canada and so it seems, locally as well. We saw this instance last week with the publication of the "To the residents of Aurora" letter that was published on Page 12 of this newspaper. This letter, sponsored by an anonymous group called the "coalition for a better Aurora," appeals to members of the public "who are interested in serving the Town of Aurora and its citizens to come forward and declare themselves as candidates for public office, either for the position of Mayor or that of Councillor." The letter also calls to "Rid the Town of Aurora of its present Mayor" and five of Council's sitting members. The letter then goes on to point out why this group should be removed, with the most vitriol being reserved for the mayor "whose campaign promises, when seeking the posi-

tion of Mayor in 2006, have been broken, trampled, and denigrated almost to the point of blasphemy." This writer has absolutely no problem with anyone communicating a particular viewpoint on a subject, and in this case, judging by the recent batch of letters to the editor, many people share the sentiments expressed in the open letter. However, I do have an issue here. This newspaper has a policy of not publishing anonymous letters to the editor. And with good reason, if you are going to offer some criticism, then people should know who you are. In this case, the group or persons behind this letter has produced this document as an "Advertisement" that cleverly gets around this issue. From where I sit, if this letter is simply the opinions of a group of concerned citizens and they want to quick start the discussions for the municipal election to be held in November 2010 - all the power to them. And I thank them for doing this. However, if this is the work of a single person or a couple of people with either mayoralty or councillor aspirations, then shame on them. For anyone thinking of entering public life, it would not be the campaign start that I would either envision or encourage. Before anyone writes in accusing me of supporting the current mayor and council, please don't waste your time. The policy of this paper - which I adhered to while commenting on the 2006 municipal election - is to not declare support for any specific candidate. God knows, the present council has been a public rela-

tions nightmare and shot itself in the foot on way too many occasions. I would not mind the foolish antics at council if I were certain that it wasn't costing us any money and that the community's business was being accomplished. However, I'll bet that there are some good initiatives that this council can and should be proud of. Maybe this council, as a group, has got to start blowing its own horn, so to speak. They certainly need to do something to refocus our eyes and ears away from the petty and costly stuff that has been going on. No matter. The point is, whether you support this mayor and this council or not, we need to have a good race next November. But before I go to the ballot box next fall I want to hear the important issues of the day being discussed and debated in open forums and I want to read, through the use of pamphlets and newspaper advertising, about the views of the opposing candidates. At the top of the open letter it says, "This will be the first in a continuing series of messages..." while at the bottom the group signs off as "Aurora Deserves Better." Aurora does deserve better. I would welcome more such open letters, with the twin provisos that the letter writers soften up the political hyperbole just a bit, and also remove the shroud of secrecy and tell us who they are. Stephen can be contacted at: stephengsomerville@yahoo.com



Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

Signs of the times

Everywhere you go in Aurora there are signs; business signs, directional signs, bylaw signs, historical signs.... We see them every day, but we never ask why they're there. Until now. Here are just a few questions about various aspects of our town's signage: (1) Why does the sign identifying Machell Park still proclaim that it's the "Home of the Aurora Fair and Horse Show"? This terrific annual event had been a part of Aurora's history for 85 years, and it was a real loss to the town when it was permanently cancelled three years ago. Putting up an historical plaque or other form of recognition I can understand, but the current sign must really confuse newcomers to town, who pass the park regularly, and never see a Fair. They must think it's held late at night, or on the weekends that they're out of town. Perhaps by keeping the sign up, the town is leaving the door open for the Fair's return? We can live in hope. If not, it does beg the question why we don't have similar "let's confuse the new residents" signs in other parks. For example, it was tradition until the 1960s for old Christmas trees to be burned in Town Park. So if there's no statute of limitations on these things, perhaps the sign there should be revised to read: "Town Park - Home of the Big Christmas Tree Bonfire". (2) Why is Aurora's new gateway sign going to be located in

Whitchurch-Stouffville? Granted, the sign will be just over the border, near where Wellington crosses Highway 404, but shouldn't Aurora's sign be in our town? We don't proudly display signs for Newmarket, King and Richmond Hill within Aurora, do we? Perhaps this is all part of a plot to annex a chunk of W-S when they're not looking. Or maybe there were concerns about the cost of lighting and maintaining the new sign. I can just hear the discussion at our Town Hall: Person A: "It'll cost how much? We can't afford that!" Person B: "Let's put it in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Then it'll be their responsibility, and they'll have to pay for it!" Person A: "Brilliant!" (3) How long does a new store need to be in business before a "Now Open" sign becomes redundant? I love seeing new shops in town, and fully support them putting up special signs noting that they're now open for business. But sooner or later, enough is enough. Take the LCBO over on Bayview. We were all delighted when it opened in time for the 2006 Christmas season rush. But it's been almost three years and a huge sign at the street, at least as large as the LCBO one, still proclaims that they are "now open". Are there fears that it will close? Or do they think that the

Aurorans who watched it being built in mid-2006 will think it's still under construction? Laura: "It may be finished on the outside, Bob, but I hear it takes at least 10 years to complete an LCBO on the inside." Bob: "I heard it was as long as 15. In any case, it obviously won't be open for another decade, so there's no point even checking. Let's go to Newmarket." (4) Why do people entering town need to know our population total from the last century? As with many communities in Ontario, there are the big blue signs on our borders, which for some reason, identify our population. The problem is that the signs are never up to date, and in fact, usually state different totals depending on whether you're entering town from the north, south, east or west. The most visible one, located on Hwy. 404 northbound, says our population is 41,000, which was probably correct about 10 years ago. It doesn't really matter to people entering a town how many folks live there. It's that you've arrived that's important (especially when the location is somewhere as special as Aurora), so why don't we just proudly identify "Aurora", and leave it at that?

Feel free to e-mail Scott at: machellscorners@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

Rogers' supporter changes his mind

To the editor,

I offer a Mea Culpa.
A few weeks ago, I felt obligated to offer my thoughts on the transition from Aurora Cable Internet to Rogers Cable.
As I stated at that time, the transition was very smooth and the few people I dealt with were pleasant and helpful, and I felt it was important to publicize that.
Unfortunately, the rest of the deal has not been quite as

advertised.
We are getting fewer channels than we had with ACI; I have been advised that I should have the enhanced Internet package to get the same speed as was offered by ACI; and, most importantly, the quality of the signal is not as good.
The service technician who visited my house advised us that the problem was in the house - which is interesting as we didn't have the problem

before the switch.
(Having worked in the cable television industry for about 15 years, providing engineering services from coast (Halifax) to coast (Vancouver) to coast (Pond Inlet on Baffin Island), and many points in between, I am qualified to comment on the quality of the signal.
So, we are switching to Bell!

Geoffrey Dawe
Aurora

Praise the chief week in Aurora

To the editor,

Last week was praise the chief week in Aurora.
Sher St. Kitts and Councillor Stephen Granger, in letters to the editor, gave rave reviews

about the Aurora Council and their leader Phyllis Morris.
I have not met Sher St. Kitts. I do wish to meet her after her performance along with Mayor Morris in late May at a Council meeting where both

showed total lack of decency to Councillor Evelyn Buck.
I have not met Stephen Granger.
It is difficult for me to believe his write up of Phyllis Morris. He had to be asleep during some of her performances.
So I will rely on an old saying, show me who your friends are and I will tell you who you are.

So my take on Phyllis Morris is one who likes to say she operates with openness, transparency, honesty and integrity. No mention of decency.
I have not observed any of these traits in Mayor Morris's performances as Mayor of Aurora.

Wendy Gaertner
Aurora

R.W. Hanes
Aurora

Ad authors should name themselves

To the editor,

In the past I have not responded to the many Letters to the Editor that in my view have spread falsehoods.
I believed it best to "let sleeping dogs lie."
On the urging of my family, I have decided to respond to the ad "To the residents of Aurora," printed in the August 25th Auroran.
In this ad the sponsor, or maybe sponsors, wrote anonymously.
I suggest that they have the courage to disclose their name(s).
Provide facts and specific information to back up your views, not political generalities.
For example: What "affairs conducted behind closed doors" are you referring to? Which "senior public servants have been forced from office?"

A boy's bike showed up in back yard

To the editor,

Last week, August 20th, I woke up to find a bicycle in my back yard.
Although I'm told by the resident Mr. Fix-it that it needs some minor repairs, I'm sure its owner is anxious to have it returned.
To the best of my knowledge, it does not belong to any of my neighbours, so if anyone in the Old Yonge area of Aurora is missing a boy's junior bike, please email carolinerusnell@yahoo.ca to identify and we will return it.

Caroline Rusnell
Aurora



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Letters to the Editor

Roundabouts could replace the stop sign

To the editor,

This is further to the article "Stop and Go" which appeared in your paper some weeks ago. Apparently, a group of citizens had just completed the installation of stop signs at all intersections in Aurora. To continue their good work, they were about to replace all stop signs with traffic lights.

Should this group be for real, which I very much doubt, rather than going ahead with this task their efforts should be directed toward replacing most stop signs with roundabouts (traffic circles).

This would generate much needed employment and in addition to calming traffic would cost considerably less than the amount spent on the northeast quadrant.

Studies have shown that on average seven out of ten drivers roll through stop signs.

Some benefits of roundabouts:

- a) fewer drivers breaking the law;
- b) reduced driver frustration;
- c) savings on brake jobs;
- d) fuel savings and less pollution in the air.

Also, I'm sure Police Chief Armand La Barge would appreciate having more officers at his disposal, instead of sitting around corners and ticketing those who roll through intersections with stop signs.

The roundabouts east of Bayview are quite attractive and

function well.

However, future roundabouts need not be so costly. A domed circle eight feet in diameter would do the job of slowing traffic.

The stop sign would be replaced with a roundabout sign further up the road.

They have worked in Europe for decades, why not here?

James E. Crockford
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Just to set the record straight, the story referred to early in the letter was a column written by The Auroran's Scott Johnston, who writes "Inside Aurora" every second week. We're sure Scott's tongue was planted firmly in his cheek when he wrote "Stop and go". We do agree, however, roundabouts do work and would eliminate a lot of unnecessary stop streets in Aurora, provided there was room to install them.

Someone ruined this reader's lawn

To the editor,

Sometime during the night of July 31/August 1, someone was driving south on Nisbet Drive, and as they approached Murray Drive, decided to avoid stopping at the stop sign.

In the process, they drove up onto my lawn and proceeded to bypass the stop sign, turning onto Murray Drive, jumping over the curb, and continued west on Murray.

This has left two gaping tracks on my lawn at 72 Murray Drive, and has ruined it completely.

It would be nice if the person/people responsible for this irresponsible action, could identify themselves and come and repair my lawn.

Dave Penney
Aurora



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Letters to the Editor

Citizens successful in delaying dump site

To the editor,

Good day to my fellow Aurorans and readers. Just writing again to follow up my letter to the editor, "Opposition to site is growing, reader says" (August 18).

For all those who didn't read the coverage in the Toronto Star or the Toronto Sun on August 25, I am thrilled to report that through the collective action of concerned citizens, our water has been protected for future generations!! On August 24th, Simcoe County councillors voted 22-10 in favour of a moratorium to halt Dump Site 41.

Whether they chose to listen to reason or they just came to their senses, I and so many others are forever grateful to the seven councillors who changed their position to the opposition.

The other great news reported in the Star is "council voted to 'discontinue' claims for damages against protesters relating to delays".

That means convicted spokeswomen, Vicki Monague and Anne Nahius can be relieved of the emotional and mental stress they've been enduring. Though the battle has been a victory, "the work is not done. We have to ensure

Site 41 is stopped permanently", Vicki declares in the article.

At least now, the people no longer have to put up a fight.

This conflict shows the importance and the need to hear both sides of an issue. It is so wrong that our political system sanctioned so much wasted tax-paying dollars in order to promote and protect corporate interests while suppressing the facts and the people's will.

At some point soon we have to figure out a fairer method of dealing with conflict which promotes value in every opinion.

While this victory for the People was a highlight of the week, our universal human rights were hit with a massive blow of injustice which virtually went undetected in Canadian and International mainstream media.

American Indian Movement activist, Leonard Peltier was denied parole by the U.S. Federal Parole board August 21.

I have mentioned Peltier in past letters and I hope readers educated themselves on his story.

According to Peltier's attorney, Eric Seitz, "The Bush Administration holdovers on the U.S. Parole Commission today

adopted the position of the FBI that anyone who may be implicated in the killings of its agents should never be paroled and should be left to die in prison. Despite judicial determinations that the unrepentant FBI fabricated evidence and presented perjured testimony in Leonard Peltier's prosecution; despite a jury's acquittal on grounds of self-defense of two co-defendants who were found to have engaged in the same conduct of which Mr. Peltier was convicted; despite Mr. Peltier's exemplary record during his incarceration for more than 33 years and his clearly demonstrated eligibility for parole; despite letters and petitions calling for his release submitted by millions of people in this country and around the world including one of the judges who ruled on his earlier appeals; and despite his advanced age and deteriorating health, the Parole Commission today informed Mr. Peltier that his 'release on parole would depreciate the seriousness of your offenses and would promote disrespect for the law,' and set a reconsideration hearing in July 2024."

Where's the justice? When will we, as citizens, stop turning a blind eye to the abuse of the

political prisoners worldwide as well as the abuse of the Natives since the colonization?

When will we accept responsibility that our freedom comes at the loss of the freedom of the Natives?

When will we realize that we can not achieve real peace until both sides of the story get told?

If you wish to act on Peltier's behalf, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will meet with President Barack Obama on September 16.

Peltier supporters have called upon Canadians to write Stephen Harper (pm@pm.gc.ca) to intervene on Peltier's behalf and called upon President Obama to grant Peltier clemency.

Peltier supporters state Obama should..."if he truly seeks freedom and justice for all - as his inaugural address indicated - act to right the wrongs committed by our government in years gone by."

We can only wait and see.

Perhaps some readers see what I write as dramatic or irrelevant.

I can only say that until Peltier's truth is broadcasted worldwide, our system will remain lawless and corrupt. Only with Peltier's freedom will come our chance to begin healing our society's sick foundation.

If it can happen to Peltier for 34 years and he is as internationally renowned as Nelson Mandela, it can easily happen to you.

Our entire system (nationally, provincially and locally) is in need of a massive overhaul. Even in Aurora we feel it with the

conflict with mayor and council.

The tides are turning and something is going to

give real soon.

Heidi G. A. Stoecklin
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Reader believes ad coalition is cowardly

To the editor,

Re: To the residents of Aurora, advertisement, The Auroran, Page 12, August 25)

I am not a resident of Aurora and as such do not have an ax to grind with anyone.

I like to pick up The Auroran from time to time to

Winner thanks market vendors

To the editor,

An open letter to the Aurora Farmer's market vendors:

I wish to thank all the vendors who contributed to the draw last Saturday on Seniors' day.

I am the lucky senior who won the two bags of delightful gifts of food, jewelry, etc.

It was truly exciting to open.

My congratulations to the Market committee.

It really has become a lovely place to meet with friends and it is adding to the "small town atmosphere" in Aurora.

Shirley Douglas
Aurora

check community events, etc.

I was appalled to read this cowardly diatribe.

This so called coalition may have a difference of opinion that they wish to express, however, to not sign or give a means of contact is


nothing short of cowardly.

If you are so committed to your opinion, stand by by convictions and allow others to respond.

Mary Ann Hocquard
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This group of adults and children keep their eyes on the balloons as part of a water balloon toss put on by the aquatics staff of the Town of Aurora to raise money for the Lifesaving Society last week at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex pool. The event provided children and their families with an opportunity to join in an afternoon of games and water themed fun. Prizes were given out following the event.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Trampolinist finishes fourth

Samantha Sendel, a graduate of Aurora High School, has been representing Canada on the trampoline internationally since she was 12.

With more than a dozen international victories for Canada she is most proud of her two World Age Group silver medals.

Last year she qualified as

the alternate for the Beijing Olympics, however, was too young to compete, so another athlete was sent in her place.

Finally, this season she has come of age.

Turning 18 in October, Canada has sent her to her first Senior World Cup.

And, she definitely did not disappoint.

After qualifying for finals

last Friday at the Ostend, Belgium World Cup in 7th place; Samantha climbed to a 4th place finish missing the podium in her World Cup debut by a mere 0.3 points.

Now it is on to Poland for her second World Cup next weekend, and a much deeper field.

A top 15 finish in Poland will be an excellent result, said

her father Nevin.

After Poland she will return to attend the University of Toronto in their BPHE program.

Her future trampoline goals are to hold the women's degree of difficulty record like her stable mate, Jason Burnett does on the men's side...and, of course, to qualify for the 2012 Olympics.

Jays eliminate Georgina

It only seemed fitting that the 2009 Aurora Jays Minor Peeewe Rep baseball team exact revenge on the very team that stole this year's York Simcoe Baseball Association title away from them.

As a result, Aurora will enter a tournament in Niagara Falls this weekend.

After falling to rival Georgina in the YSBA year-end tournament, the Jays regrouped with a focused effort in the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) qualifiers last weekend.

Mack MacKinnon put on a pitching clinic in a game one victory against Richmond Hill who had dominated the Jays throughout the regular season.

Not to be outdone, pitchers Hank Hauck and Matthew Neice, fresh off the disabled list, provided additional schooling as the Jays had Georgina on the ropes after a decisive 12-2 win in game two. Liam Gray and Mattie Leroy kept the outfield in order along with alternating catchers R.D. Donovan and Mitchie Albert ensuring extra base hits never became a reality.

Sandie Bitondo, Jackie Pecora, Roni Davelman, Anton Kalinin. Jack Mull and Michael Dislosa provided batting support.

The Jays had many memorable performances in their OBA qualifying run but one stood out in Kylie Hauck.

The lead-off batter frequently turned a trip to first base into a third base appearance through aggressive base running.

When he wasn't blazing a path on the bases he was firing

strikes for the Jays on the mound and assisting on countless numbers of put-outs at first from his familiar short-

stop position.

The Jays humbled Georgina in the elimination game, 4-0, allowing neighbour-

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U8B Mon - August 20 - Red/Canada - Soccer Nation 5 (L. Douvinos 3, C. McDonnell 1, S. Wittle 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 5 (C. Midolo 4, G. Leavasi 1); **Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read** 6 (A. Rincon 3, M. McConnell 3, C. Read 3, C. Harrison 2) vs **Gold/Brazil - Primerica** 1 (C. Therkilsen 1);
U8G Tues - Aug 12 - Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read 8 (L. Elliot 4, K. James 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 3 (D. Oreilly 3);
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora 4; **Runner-up - Navy/USA - Century 21 Martin Read** 3
U8/9B M/W - Aug 17 - Navy/USA - Longos 5 (P. Charleson 3, N. Hubbard 1, N. Sever 1) vs **Royal/Greece - Belairdirect Car Insurance** 0; **Gold/Brazil - Bank of Montreal Nesbitt Burns** 1 (M. MacDougal 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Port Royal Mills** 4 (P. Namrood 2, W. Welham 1, B. Reid 1);
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Orange/Netherlands 5; **Runner-up - Sky/Argentina - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 0;
U8/9G T/Th - No scores reported at this time.
August 23 - Stinger Sup Champions - Sky/Argentina - Kile Contracting Inc 5; **Runner- up - Forest/Italy** 3;
U9B Mon - No scores reported at this time.
August 23 - Stinger Cup Champions - Gold/Brazil - SNAP Aurora 2; **Runner-up - Navy/USA - Priestly Demolition Inc** 1
U9G Thurs - Aug 13 - Navy/USA - Summers & Smith 3 (A. Amos 2, T. Avery 1) vs **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 2 (S. Bressel 1, R. Eberlin 1); **Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental** 4 (N. Manjarres 3, M. Lang 1) vs **Forest/Italy - Guaranteed Roofing** 2 (T. Dunstan 1, E. Ronis 1); **Royal/Greece -Great Clips** 4 (R. Meehan 3, N. Whitla 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Bank of Montreal** 2 (S. Spagnuolo 1, K. Chang 1);
August 23 - Stinger Cup Champions Gold/Brazil - Wellington Aurora Dental 5; **Runner-up - Royal/Greece - Great Clips** 2;
U9B M/W - No scores reported at this time.
August 23 - Stinger Cup Champions - Orange/Netherlands 5; **Runner up Sky/Argentina - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 0;
U10G T/Th - Aug 11 - Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora 6 (A. Kristakkakos 5, B. Wong 1) vs **Fuschia/Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (S. Marelli 1, M. Cabelis 1, A. Alberton 1); **Navy/USA** 2 (S. mai 1, K. Dajia 1) vs **Red/Canada** 4 (M. Coutts 1, C. Joseph 1, A. Mosu 2); **Orange/Netherlands** 3 (M. Cantelope 1, M. Andrews 1, V. Volpe 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental** 4 (S. Essex 1, M. Bujold 1, E. Haw 2); **Royal/Greece** 4 vs **Forest/Italy - Homelife North Realty Inc** 0;
Aug 18 - Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental 3 (E. Haw 1, H. Perlmutter 1, M. Stoutt 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 3 (A. Kristakakos 3); **Navy/USA** 0 vs **Red/Canada** 0; **Fuschia/Spain - Michelberger Orthodontics** 1 (S. Marelli 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 4 (J. Aben 1, V. Volpe 1, M. Andrews 2); **Royal/Greece** 6 (A. Markwart 1, V. Garittano 1, C. Kilburn 2, K. Hunter 2) vs **Italy/Forest - Homelife North Realty Inc** 1 (N. Trozzo 1);

August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Dental 3; **Runner-up - Red/Canada** 2;
U10G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	10	1	6	24
Sky	8	5	3	33
Navy	6	2	3	18
Orange	6	6	2	20
Gold	6	6	2	20
Fuschia	5	6	1	25
Forest	3	10	1	10
Royal	3	11	0	0

U10B T/Th - No scores reported at this time;
August 23 - Stinger Cup Champions Royal/Greece - Division sponsored by Shoeless Joes 3; **Runner- up - Orange/Netherlands** 2;
U10B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	11	1	1	34
Sky	8	4	1	25
Orange	6	4	3	21
Gold	6	4	3	21
Forest	5	5	3	18
Navy	4	6	3	15
Silver	2	7	4	10
Red	0	11	2	2

U11G T/Th - August 11 - Red/Canada - Michelberger Orthodontics 3 (N. Verstraten 2, Z. Webster 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora** 0; **Forest/Italy - En Ville Event Design & Catering Inc** 5 (S. Lindo 5) vs **Gold/Brazil** 6 (B. Howell 5, K. Devris 1); **Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden** 1 (R. Remedios 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands** 4 (J. Petsinis 2, M. Bryan 1, M. Brenzel 1); **Purple/Czech Republic - Canadian Vascular Labs** 3 vs **Navy/USA - Reflections Pools** 2;
August 18 - Red/Canada - Michelberger Orthodontics 2 (Z. Webster 1, S. Bellerby 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora** 0; **Navy/USA - Reflections Pools** 0 vs **Royal/Greece - Dr. Weeden** 5 (S. Nanos 3 E. Velovic 1, J. Marteias 1); **Forest/Italy - En Ville Event Design & Catering Inc** 2 (S. Lindo 1, K. Palmer 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 2 (I. Graham 1, K. Devris 1); **Orange/Netherlands** 3 (B. Ninn 1, N. Maugeri 1, J. Pestinis 1) vs **Purple/Czech Republic - Canadian Vascular Labs** 1 (C. Gibson 1);
August 23 - Stinger Cup Champions - Gold/Brazil - Joia Ristorante 3; **Runner- up - Sky/Argentina - Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora** 1;
U11G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	12	0	2	38
Royal	9	4	1	28
Gold	8	4	2	26
Forest	7	4	3	24
Purple	5	8	1	16
Navy	4	8	2	14
Red	4	10	0	12
Sky	1	12	1	4

U11B T/Th - Aug 13 - Navy/USA 7 (E. Duarte 2, N. Hatzitatos 1, N. Campbell 1, R. Smiths 1, J. Frakes 2) vs **Forest/Italy - Hunter Lavigne Communications Ins** 2 (J. Sangha 1, E. Faber 1); **Gold/Brazil - Betz Cut Stone** 3 (C. Pearce 1, C. D'Arrigo 1, G. Venosa 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Core Micro Technology** 2 (D. McConnell 1, T. Ziskos 1); **Red/Canada - Soccer Nation** 5 vs **Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal** 6;
August 23 - Stinger Cup -Champions - Gold/Brazil - Betz Cut Stone 3; **Runner- up - Royal/Greece - Bank of Montreal** 0;

U11B T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	10	1	1	31
Sky	7	5	0	21
Red	6	6	0	18
Gold	5	7	0	15
Royal	5	7	0	15
Forest	2	9	1	7

U12G T/Th - Aug 13 - Red/Canada 4 (P. Dutchysen 1, R. Bell 1, R. Loveless 2) vs **Royal/Greece - Century 21 Martin Read** 0; **Forest/Italy** 2 (H. Rahal 1, J. Devries 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 4 (S. Brochu 1, F. Dusome 2, S. Klinger 1); **Gold/Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Services** 2 (O. Weir 1, S. Vocino 1) vs **Navy/USA - JDS Financial Group** 1 (A. Point 1);
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Red/Canada 1; **Runner-up - Sky/Argentina - Royal LePage Cathy Stuart** 0;
U12G T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sky	10	0	1	31
Gold	7	3	1	22
Red	4	3	4	16
Forest	2	6	3	9
Royal	2	7	2	8
Navy	1	7	3	6

U12B M/W - Aug 17 - Navy/USA 6 (S. Reid 1, J. Ellison 2, J. Appleby 1, J. Laird 1, H. Hassard 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 3 (M. Bellerby 2, C. Screech 1); **Forest/Italy - Country Style** 5 (V. Adarquah 1, E. Missaghi 1, N. DaCosta 1, Taylor Simpson 1, J. Maxwell 1, E. Nisenbaum 1) vs **Royal/Greece** 0; **Gold/Brazil - AMG Metals** 9 vs **Red/Canada - Supreme Collision Centre** 4 (R. Zawada 4);
August 23 - Stinger Cup Champions - Sky/Argentina 3; **Runner- up - Navy/USA** 1;
U12B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	7	1	4	25
Navy	6	3	3	21
Sky	6	4	2	20
Royal	6	6	0	18
Gold	4	8	0	12
Red	2	9	1	7

U13G M/W - No scores reported this week
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Forest/Italy 1; **Runner-up - Royal/Greece** 0;
U13G M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	6	5	1	19
Red	5	4	3	18
Gold	4	3	5	17
Sky	4	3	5	17
Forest	3	4	5	14
Royal	1	4	7	10

U13B M/W - Aug 12 - Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp 8 (I. Dunlop 3, D. Johnston 3, B. Scully 2, M. Slack 1) vs **Navy/USA** 3 (B. Wilson 1, A. DeRoos 1, M. Pelkola 1); **Royal/Greece** 6 (L. Pozzebon 3, J. Powell 1, J. Caldwell 1, A. Remidios 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Pizza Pizza** 3;
August 23 - Stinger Cup -Champions - Navy/USA 2; **Runner up - Red/Canada - Wikoff Color Corp** 0;
U13B M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	10	1	1	31
Red	7	4	1	22
Navy	4	8	0	12
Sky	2	10	0	6

U14/15B T/Th - No scores reported this week
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Forest/Italy - Upper Canada Mall 1; **Runner up - Red/Canada - ScotiaBank** 0;

U14/15B T/Th STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	9	1	1	28
Orange	5	2	4	19
Sky	5	3	3	18
Navy	4	3	4	16
Red	4	5	2	14
Silver	4	6	1	13
Gold	2	7	2	8
Royal	2	8	1	7

U14/15G M/W - No scores reported this week
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Gold/Brazil 4; **Runner-up - Fuschia/Spain - Omars Shoes** 3;
U14/15G M/WSTANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	9	1	2	29
Purple	7	3	2	23
Gold	7	3	2	23
Silver	7	3	2	23
Fuschia	6	4	2	20
Royal	5	4	3	18
Sky	5	7	0	15
Navy	2	7	3	9
Forest	2	9	1	7
Orange	1	10	1	4

U16/18G Tues - No scores reported this week
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Royal/Greece - Upper Canada Mall 4; **Runner-up - Gold/Brazil - Upper Canada Mall** 2;
U16/18G TUES STAND -INGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	11	1	2	35
Fuschia	11	2	1	34
Sky	6	6	2	20
Navy	6	6	2	20
Orange	5	6	3	18
Red	5	8	1	16
Gold	3	10	1	10
Forest	2	10	2	8

U16/19B Wed - Aug 5 - Division Sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - NMKT/Royal 2 (G. Sabbough 1, T. Standard 1) vs **Red/Canada** 3; **NMKT/Scarlet** 0 vs **Navy/USA** 2 (G. Marshall 1, A. Munn 1); **NMKT/Silver** 5 (Z. Multer 1, R. Sellan 3, M. West 3, A. Giacomazzo 1) vs **NMKT/Scarlet** 0; **Sky/Argentina** 5 (D. Golmohamady 1, J. Russell 4) vs **Royal/Greece** 1 (A. Pozzebon 1);
Aug 12 - Divison Sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - Navy/USA 2 (A. Munn 1, N. Whelan 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 5 (C. Boyce 1, M. lerner 1, J. Russell 2, J. White 1); **Red/Canada** 2 (G. Iaboni 2) vs **NMKT/Silver** 5 (A. Giacomazzo 2, M. Kulozh 1, M. West 1, A. Zultner 1); **Royal/Greece** 0 vs **NMKT/Royal** 2 (T. Antal 1, T. Standard 1); **Gold/Brazil** 3 (A. Marsillo 1, W. Seminara 1, J. Seto 1) vs **NMKT/Scarlet** 2 (S. Godin 1, C. Tomilinson 1);
U16/19B WED STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
NMKT/Silver	13	1	0	39
Sky	11	4	0	33
Navy	9	4	2	29
NMKT/Scarlet	7	5	2	23
Red	4	8	3	15
Royal	4	10	1	13
NMKT/Royal	2	9	4	10
Gold	2	11	2	8

U19/25G Sun - No scores reported this week
August 23 - Stinger Cup - Champions - Royal/Greece - Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2; **Runner-up - Forest/Italy- Aurora Celtic Supporters Club** 1;
U19/25G SUN STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	8	0	3	27
Forest	5	3	3	18
Sky	4	6	2	14
Red	1	9	2	5



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Aurora Barbarians RFC: 2009 Ontario Rugby Union Marshall Premiership League Champs

Barbarians capture title

The Aurora Barbarians Rugby Football Club saved the best for last in winning their fourth consecutive Ontario Rugby Union title Saturday.

The local club defeated Brantford Harlequins 47-15 at Fletcher's Fields, east of Aurora, to lock up first place in what was the most hotly contested Marshall Premiership season in more than 10 years.

The 47 points was the most scored by the team in their 2009 campaign which started May 23rd and the 32 point margin of victory was also their biggest of the season.

The win gave the Aurora club 50 points from 11 wins (four points each) and 6 bonus points topping Oakville Crusaders and Balmy Beach who also had a chance to take first place honours going into Saturday's final league games.

The Beach lost to Stoney Creek 26-25 while the Crusaders prevailed over Brampton Beavers 44-17 but it was for naught given the Aurora win.

In the league's last match the Irish Canadians ended a disappointing season on a high note with a win over Toronto Scottish 11-8.

After the match Barbarian Coach Bart Hennessey congratulated his players citing the season long play of captain Shaun Allen as inspirational.

Allen, a graduate of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, led a team that included three other Williams grads in Matthew Prevoe,

Neil Dunn and James Hulbert all of whom played key roles in the victory.

"It was a satisfying win," Allen said. "Our league was very competitive this year, 14 games over 14 weeks and every match was hard, there were no easy teams".

The Barbarians struggled early in the season with injuries and player changes and despite a six-game win streak to end the season, a lack of bonus points for scoring kept the standings very tight. A bonus point is awarded if a team scores four or more tries in a match or loses

by seven points or less.

Ontario Rugby now moves into the McCormick Cup competition where the Barbarians will be the first seed in a 16-team playdown.

The format has been changed this year with four pools of four teams playing through round robin games on September 12, 19 and 26.

Two teams will emerge from each pool to play in a quarter final round October 3rd.

Semi-finals and the final are scheduled for October 24 and 31 respectively.

The two week hiatus is to accommodate the last rounds of the Americas' Rugby Championship a North American competition which features entries from four Canadian Regions: Ontario, BC, the Prairies and Eastern Canada, as well as four US Regions and a South American entry all to culminate at Fletcher's Fields October 24th.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING WELLS STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

On September 25, 2008, the Board of Trustees for the York Region District School Board approved the formation of an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the area served by Wells Street Public School. The Wells Street Public School ARC completed its review, conducted public meetings and made recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning the future of the school in the spring of 2009. The ARC was carried out according to the Board's Accommodation Review Policy #463 and in keeping with the Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines.

The Board will consider the future of Wells Street Public School as part of two of its regularly scheduled upcoming meetings, as noted below.

Monday, September 14, 2009 (Board Standing Committee Meeting) - trustees to receive pre-arranged public delegations. Members of the public wishing to address the Board should submit a Request for Delegate Status form (available from the Board office), any related written material for trustees' information and a copy of your presentation by **5:00 p.m., September 8, 2009.**

Thursday, September 24, 2009 (Board Meeting) - trustee decision on Wells Street Public School – no public delegations.

Time:	Monday, September 14th 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24th 8:00 p.m.
Location:	Education Centre – Aurora (Boardroom) 60 Wellington St. West Aurora, ON
Contact:	Ross Virgo (905) 727-0022 ext. 2380 ross.virgo@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

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Senior Scape

Seniors return to the Centre

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Thirty days hath September and we are into the first of them, making Labour Day September 7th, being the first Monday in the month and the first day of school classes is Tuesday, September 8th.

But Labour Day is a holiday and it feels like a holiday even for those who are retired and is as good a reason for a family and friends get together as any other that comes to mind.

With the children once more attending school, life will return to a predictable rhythm and members of the seniors' centre will return in increasing numbers.

Returning to the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) or joining for the first time, presents members with a mixture of pursuits.

If you a new member, stroll around the centre, read the literature and choose something appealing to get started.

Be assured though that if your choice does not work out, you can drop it and do something else. Self satisfactions are the key, and if the tried and true activities of life best suit your needs of the moment, take that route.

Joining the ASA often has a ripple effect on life as each of the new activities and friends adds small measures of positive charm to everybody's life.

The best part of retirement is the opportunity to play or to engage in any recreation available, and there is plenty of recreation available in the ASA and plenty of good people ready to play a part in anything entertaining or intellectually satisfying.

The Aurora Community Arboretum (ACA) is in process of planting hundreds of trees in the Holland Valley Trail System/Nokiidaa Trail, which includes the Arboretum, and their mandate includes the park land at the rear of the ASA.

The ACA has asked the ASA to determine what seniors needs consist of in the nearby Arboretum that would allow planning to accommodate such needs.

This request has drawn members of the ASA into a new committee, including this writer, to determine what is required.

The parkway was farmed for a time but proved inadequate to that purpose and nature continues to reclaim ownership.

However, the ACA will plant trees governed by a desire to improve the area to a degree more to the satisfaction of humanity, and will effect improvements where nature will benefit from help.

Some old growth wooded areas will not be disturbed and other vegetation will grow governed solely by the laws of nature.

The Arboretum staff consists of mostly volunteers and their continued perseverance is yielding excellent results to the point that the Holland River Trail System and Nokiidaa Trail, will improve greatly and be accessible to all who traverse any of the paths and trails available.

The ACA is extending paths, I understand, and I have no doubt that all will be utilized often, by the walking club of the ASA, and by many others.

I have walked most of these trails and found myself away from crowds, close to nature, relaxed and interested in the lush vegetation and the wildlife including a healthy population of insects.

A wish of many of my colleagues is to see more trees and shrubs plus vegetation that will attract a wide assortment of birds that will regard the area as home.

Basic and Word Processing computer lessons will be available the second week in September and lessons in Publisher begin September 14th.

Sign up for courses is available each Tuesday, between 1 and 3 p.m. in the computer room.

The Board of Directors has reached agreement with the Town to acquire new stage components sharing the costs. This is an equitable arrangement since, while the stage is needed and important, it is only used occasionally as occasion arises.

The new stage, which is in portable sections, has become a priority for the ASA as stage performances including the choir of about 30 members, plays and cabaret shows of singing, dancing and comedy routines can strain the present stage equipment into the danger zone.

The truth is the full choir is unable to occupy the present staging at the same time. In addition, making a safe entrance and exiting the stage are priorities.

An advantage of organized trips is the knowledge of the area by the coach operators, and with a good operator, everybody is sure to visit the best places.

Hill Island Lodge is the destination for an ASA trip scheduled September 30th, with two nights' accommodation.

A trip around the Thousand Islands is included plus a visit to a casino.

Two dinners and breakfasts are included plus there will be many games to play and lots to interest everybody.

Enquire at the front counter for more information.

Compostable bags in the mail this week

The Regional Municipality of York is sending a sample package of compostable bags to all York Region homes - Aurora included - receiving Green Bin curbside collection this September.

The Region is encouraging residents to make the switch from plastic to compostable liners in the Green Bin to reduce waste and make this successful program even more environmentally-friendly.

"Shifting from plastic to compostable bags in the Green Bin is a sustainable step forward for our program," said York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. "Residents have enthusiastically embraced the Green Bin program and now have a new opportunity to further reduce waste by choosing to go compostable."

Packages containing information on the benefits of compostable bags, as well as four free samples to line Green Bin kitchen containers, will be mailed

this week.

Residents are invited to try the bags and visit www.york.ca/waste to complete a survey before October 2nd for a chance to win a prize.

Unlike plastic bags, which must be removed at the end of the composting process and disposed of, certified compostable liners are made from cornstarch or plant-based material that breaks down completely during the composting process.

Certified compostable bags are marked with a Compostable BPI (Biodegradable Products Institute) logo on the packaging.

Following the results of the compostable bag campaign, region staff will prepare a report for York Regional Council to determine the possibility of a future mandatory program.

The Green Bin program was introduced in stages beginning in 2005, with all nine municipalities participating by September, 2007.

Fisch elected to AMO board

Region of York chairman Bill Fisch was elected to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Board of Directors recently.

"AMO's Board of Directors benefits from membership from across the Province, reflecting the diversity of Ontario's municipal governments. To that end, I am pleased to have Bill on the 2009-2010 Board team," said AMO President, Peter Hume. "The Board will continue its efforts to see properly funded municipal governments."

AMO's priorities are focused on achieving fiscal sustainability for municipal governments and strengthening municipal legislative authority to advance local economic well being and

environmental sustainability.

AMO, of which Aurora is a member, is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 445 municipal governments.

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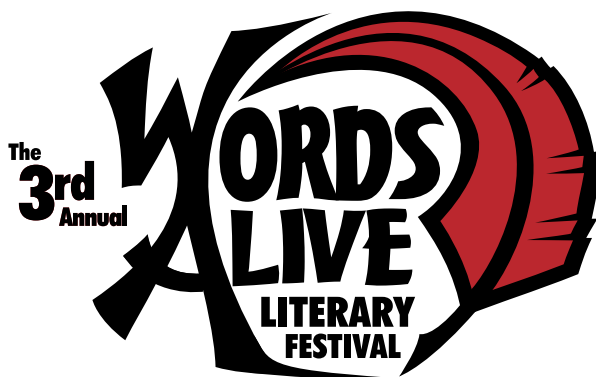
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