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The hair came off last week, and when all the clipping was done, nearly \$2,000 had been raised and children suffering from long-term medical hair loss would receive hairpieces. Doing the cutting was Erica Fairbairn, right, from Eco Hair Studios on Wellington Street East where all the action took place. Ready for cutting are, left to right, Jenn Hogan, Amy Nieland and Rachel Gordon.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

## Frank plans electric car in two years

Magna International officials have announced that the company's development of an electric hybrid car was on schedule for 2010.

The Aurora-based auto parts manufacturer supported its comments by buying a Michigan-based company that specializes on propulsion and energy management for electric vehicles.

Magna is looking to partner with an automaker to produce the vehicle.

The four-door car that Magna is developing will demonstrate the sub-systems and the components for electric and hybrid vehicles and Magna will supply all the sub-systems.

Last May, Magna founder Frank Stronach announced that \$30 million had been allocated to the project and that research and development was within budget.



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# Poor Richard

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

## This department at Southlake well-kept secret

*Oh, to be young and fit again,  
With all challenges ready to take,  
Instead of an old curmudgeon  
Trying to pretend it's a piece of cake*  
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

After my last little rest at Southlake Regional Health Centre which included occupational and physiotherapy at the Complex Medical Rehabilitation Unit, which included physical activity, I started to feel young again.

CMR must be one of the best kept secrets of Southlake as you never hear about it.

There's lots of publicity about the new Cancer Care Unit and the Cardiac Centre, but nothing about CMR.

Patients who are admitted to CMR require specialized care to improve their level of independence before they return home or move to another care facility.

While in the CMR you have a team of professionals who specialize in caring for people who require rehabilitation or supportive treatment.

I didn't know that I needed rehabilitation, but I knew I needed supportive treatment due to shortage of breath and difficulty in any activity.

Depending on your needs, your health care team includes a wide range of professionals from doctors, nurses, therapists to social workers and Community Care Access Centre case managers.

While in the hospital your primary care providers will prepare a health care plan to identify activities that will help you improve your level of independence in preparation for discharge.

Working out in the gym under trained therapists, my thoughts went back many years to the early 1940s when I was a PT and drill instructor in the RCAF.

Back in September, 1939, I tried to enlist in the RCAF without success, as at that time a university degree was a requirement which I didn't have.

The recruiting sergeant was keen and helpful and noting that I had listed photography as one of my hobbies, suggested that I enlist as a photographer to which I quickly agreed.

He arranged a trade test which I passed, but at that time they were not recruiting photographers, so my application and test results went into a pending file and I would be called when a vacancy became available.

After a year of waiting for a call that there was a photographer vacancy, I visited the recruiting office in Toronto.

In checking my application, the recruiting sergeant noted that I had been a Boy Scout and had been in the Cadet Corps when a student at Western Technical School.

He asked if I knew anything about drill and before I could reply "no", he started to process my application as a disciplinarian.

I found out later that meant I was a PT and drill instructor.

I was sworn in and assigned number R88574 and told to report to Manning Depot, Toronto.

Finally I was sent off to Trenton for a gruelling six-week training course in drill and PT.

Even though I was in pretty good shape, I ached all over.

On graduation, I was shipped back to Manning Depot in the Training Wing as a sergeant.

Every 28 days a new group of rookies arrived and the Discips had to teach them enough drill and PT to make them airmen, before they were sent to a training station for whatever part of the service they had been assigned.

At that time I was in the best shape I have ever been in, but after remustering to aircrew as a navigator and assigned to the RAF Ferry Command, where parades were never held, I forgot about exercise.

I used to say that every time I felt I should exercise, I laid down until the feeling went away.

These memories came flooding back as I exercised under the direction of the physiotherapists at CMR in an attempt to get some strength back into my tired body.

They did what they could, but it may have been too little too late, as the doctor told me to start taking life easy, as my 92-year-old heart was worn out.

So Poor Richard has to slow down, which may prove a little difficult, but as long as Editor Ron Wallace prints my scribbles, Poor Richard will continue to tell it "As I See It".

**ED. NOTE: The editor, Ron Wallace, is no spring chicken either. In less than half a year, he'll be one of those pensioners.**



An empty lot for decades, this property at the corner of Yonge and Tyler Streets was once a hive of commercial activity. Ernie Roylance - he was a volunteer firefighter - had a florist shop there, while on the corner Terry's Sport Shop did a booming Kawasaki business. Prior to that, the building was home for Ron Simmons' butcher shop and before it became a leather clothing outlet, Eric Smith ran a paint and wallpaper store. The late Mr. Simmons served on Aurora Council in the 60s and 70s. Several presentations have been made to build on the site, but none has ever become a reality.

### Letter to the Editor

# Reader wants peace

To the editor,

Do you wonder what a world free of violence and full of love would look like?

Do you wonder about a world where man doesn't exploit man for his own selfish gain but where every individual is supported at all levels throughout their life to aspire to reach their greatest potential and in return use this talent to support their community?

Do wonder how the world would be if we didn't rape our natural resources but embodied creativity to develop a truly humane society?

Do you wonder about the economic, nutritional, medicinal and spiritual benefits of hemp and cannabis?

Do you wonder if the word "sacred" has any meaning left in our consuming, material world?

Do you wonder if we can heal our planet for the betterment of mankind and for the future of our children's grandchildren?

Do you wonder what it would be like to say, "I helped make that happen!"

For the last 38 days I have been forced to watch five people who I don't know, compete to become the Prime Minister of Canada.

Stephen Harper received a minority government to lead our country.

The beauty of the election system is it reveals how many people do not vote. The ugliness of the election system is that the no vote holds no value as to how the people are feeling.

Since the inception of government in Canada our leaders have not recognized the no vote.

This is about to change as I represent the majority of Canadians

who are directly against our new leader and his loyal supporters. We've had enough!

My name is Heidi Genevieve Aurora Stoecklin. I am a 39-year-old, single, white, childless female who can no longer be silent about the injustices which infest our system.

I can no longer take part in a society whose government doesn't stand for peace, respecting human rights or demanding corporate social responsibility in protecting the environment for Canada's and the world's future generations.

I want to have a talk with Stephen Harper because quite honestly this insanity in our country has to stop and it has to stop right now.

However, since I know you're going to try dodging me for as long as you can, the following is a list of demands we wish you to fulfill in the meantime.

I want to let the public know this is the second time in the last three months that I have asked Stephen Harper to recognize our concerns.

1. Immediate withdrawal of Canada's military (peacekeepers included) from all foreign lands including Afghanistan and Haiti.

2. To honour the request for a meeting by the Rotino'shon'ni Women Title Holders which on June 20, 2006, Governor General Michaëlle Jean failed to communicate and make public to Canadians.

3. To call President George Bush and demand immediate release of Leonard Peltier and Omar Khadr.

4. To immediately stop all Independent Power Projects (IPP's) and Olympic developments in Canada.

5. To reveal your relationship with the

Bilderberg Group.

Our Prime Minister is associated with the New World Order.

Many informed, worldly Canadians know this already.

Though Federal Investigator Carol Clarke of the Newmarket RCMP detachment discriminated against me June 12 by denying me equal protection under the law, this time the RCMP will do their job to serve and protect the people.

Last week, I called upon Chief Zaccardelli to charge the Prime

Minister.

To conclude, we have notified the Organization of American States.

I am a woman of peace and I am not here to fight but to ensure justice is served and to ensure that the children of my country grow up free from knowing hate and war.

I have faith in mankind that once educated we will do the right thing.

No one will sleep on Canada's streets this winter.

**Heidi Stoecklin  
Aurora**

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## Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

## Boards and committees work

When one thinks of political committees - if at all - a couple of visions come to mind.

For those old enough, you may remember the Senate Watergate Committee Hearings during the Watergate scandal, and the famous question posed to participants by co-chief counsel Sam Dash, "What did the President know, and when did he know it?"

In Canada, and of more recent vintage, we think of the Mulroney hearings and all the grandstanding by various MPs and witnesses.

For those like me who enjoy watching some of the federal parliamentary hearings on CPAC (yes, I don't get out much) you can learn quite a lot about a particular issue.

During the daily Question Period, the Opposition parties usually don't spend the entire 45 minutes on one topic, so viewers don't gain much insight.

But if you watch the televised parliamentary committee proceedings, the Minister is asked a number of pointed questions and a serious debate takes place with other committee members.

Closer to home, and without any fanfare whatsoever, the work of the various Aurora Council boards and committees quietly goes on.

While not dealing with high visibility issues, they do deal with many aspects that influence the quality of life in our community.

The committees are created by the council.

There are 11 different committees in Aurora, ranging from the Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Audit Committee to the Leisure Services Advisory Committee - which has three sub-committees.

There are also two external boards and committees, com-

prised of the Nokiidaa Trail and the Central York Fire Services.

There is also an Ad Hoc Committee - called the Graffiti Abatement Committee. The Town website says the mandate of this committee is completed. Goody - I guess this means no more graffiti in town!

I recently spoke to Councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas, the Chair of this ad hoc committee.

She said that "it was recognized that something needed to be done regarding the graffiti problem in town...and the mandate given us was very specific with a short time frame in which to report."

The group had six months to investigate the issue and come up with solutions. Ms. Collins-Mrakas stated that "the group offered ten recommendations, which were fully supported by council. Many of these recommendations have since been instituted."

I noticed a couple of things about these various committees.

First, the mayor is ex-officio on all of them, which means, by virtue of her being the mayor, she is automatically a member of each of these committees. Adding these duties to her responsibilities on various York Region Committees makes Phyllis Morris a busy lady.

Second, each committee has a number of community participants.

This from the Town website: "The Town of Aurora's Strategic Plan promotes citizen involvement and participation in the community. In the spirit of open and accessible government, the Town of Aurora has several committees and boards on which citizens participate."

Third, none of the community members is paid.

Fourth, the terms of the committees range from two years to running the full term of council. A committee usually meets each month.

Fifth, ordinary citizens can attend any of the committee meetings as they are open to the public. Individuals can attend either as observers or they can make a deputation on a matter that is important to them.

Six, often times council will refer a specific issue to a particular committee. This is where the heavy lifting gets done; a more detailed discussion can take place. After discussion and debate within the committee a motion and recommendation may be forwarded for the next council meeting.

Seven, the mandate of these committees is pretty large and important to our town. Take the Economic Development Advisory Committee for example.

"The Committee will liaise with existing businesses and facilitate the development of new enterprises through support and provision of opportunities for new economic development growth to enhance the quality of life and prosperity in our community and to meet the needs of the future."

If you are interested in serving on any of the committees, go to the Town website and you can either download a printable copy of the application form or apply on-line.

We are fortunate in Aurora that so many people take the time to volunteer their time and give considerable effort on these committees.

Our community is what we make it.

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## Cathy's Corner

By Cathy Vrancic

## Are we having fun yet?

When Damir and I were dating, life was simple.

On our third date, we went to a movie and that's when I knew I had to marry this man. He took me to see "The Jungle Book".

To me, this meant he would make a great father and marriage to him would be great fun! Six months later, we were planning our wedding and I started wondering...are we having fun yet?

My father wanted to invite the entire population of Macedonians in North America.

My mother thought I had gone insane when I asked the cake maker if he could put real roses on the cake instead of those outrageously ugly hardened icing things.

His parents didn't like my wardrobe suggestions - a tuxedo for him and a blue dress for her. It rained in the afternoon and the band got soaking drunk in the evening...before they started to play.

After I stepped on a hot dog in Edward's Gardens and got mustard on my white gown I wondered, are we having fun yet?

Hey, that's what the honeymoon is for! We went to Hawaii...on a budget. It was very romantic...and sort of therapeutic.

I got over my fear of amphibians and unidentified insects the size of small airplanes that came with the condo we rented. We got such a deal!

One morning we woke up at 4 a.m. and drove to a beautiful cove so we could watch the sunrise together. We nearly froze to death. Romantic, huh?

Another morning, we drove up a volcano so tall that we drove through the clouds. When we got to the top, we were both

sick.

Apparently altitude can not only affect your digestion but your attitude so when we got back to our condo (a.k.a. wildlife sanctuary), I threw out all the brochures Damir had collected.

I was afraid that next thing, he would wake me up at 4 a.m. to go deep sea fishing! He did.

After two weeks in romantic paradise, we arrived home with two suitcases full of dirty laundry.

I discovered that the only place my husband had ever seen a washing machine was on television and he had never actually touched one. Ever!

He discovered that I like cats. One day, he came home from work and there it was...swinging from the curtains.

Damir refused to let the cat into our bedroom because it kept jumping on his face, so it pawed at the door and howled all night.

When it wasn't sharpening its claws on his only good suit, it was standing on the kitchen table eating his dinner. Are we having fun yet?

Hey, that's what babies are for! When I got pregnant, we shipped Max (the cat) off to Damir's mother.

Unlike Max, Jennifer got to sleep in our bedroom so Damir didn't get much of a chance to miss the all night howling.

Just as Jennifer started sleeping through the night, I got pregnant again.

And when Nadia started sleeping through the night, I got pregnant again...It was an epidemic! Are we having fun yet?

Hey, let's buy a house! Our first house was in Thornhill - an ugly Tudor style thing that came with an equally unattractive

mortgage. I learned to paint, hang wallpaper, sew curtains and plant gardens. It still didn't help. It was ugly when we bought it and ugly when we sold it.

Our first house in Aurora was beautiful. We decorated it with wall-to-wall toys and multiple diaper pails.

As a centerpiece, we installed a huge plastic playhouse in the middle of the family room.

Every winter, our unfinished basement became a tricycle racing circuit. It was um, fun...?

I don't know how many people know this, but having three kids in three years can result in exhaustion, sleep deprivation and the occasional breakdown.

Every once in a while, I would call my mother and ask: "do you love your grandchildren?"

Of course she would say "yes". Then I would say: "In that case, can I drop them off at your house instead of the orphanage?" Are we having fun yet?

No...that's what teenagers are for! They fight over the phone, play bad music at high volumes and covet your car.

But if you raise them right, eventually they move out!


Oh, the joy! The house is peaceful and quiet, the bedrooms are clean and tidy and Damir and I can go out on dates whenever we want.

Or we can just curl up on the couch and watch "The Jungle Book" on DVD!

Are we having fun yet? Yes...just like before we got married!


Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:  
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# Bouquets & BRICKBATS


By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 **BOUQUETS** and sincere appreciation to Theatre Aurora for paying tribute to Poor Richard for helping to promote community theatre through his Our Town program on Aurora Cable Internet by establishing a scholarship in Poor Richard's name for a member of the theatre's Youth Group.


**BRICKBATS** to whoever is responsible for what appears  to be a lack of training for the citizens appointed to staff election polling stations or an unworkable system due to the complaints about the process and procedures at some polling stations.


 **BOUQUETS** to the member of York Regional Council who will initiate a move to make public transit employees, especially VIVA bus drivers, an essential service so they are unable to strike but must submit to arbitration to settle labour disputes. The recent VIVA strike resulted in 160 drivers leaving more than 35,000 commuters without public transit to get to work, school and other important activities.


**BRICKBATS** to the many Canadians who fall for quick get  rich scams in spite of warnings by the police and media. According to a report from the OPP/RCMP anti-fraud call centre, 195 Canadian victims lost \$3 million in 2006, 170 victims lost \$5.5 million in 2007 and so far this year there have been 104 victims who lost \$3 million. If it sounds too good to be true, it is.


 **BOUQUETS** to the wag who suggested one way the federal Liberal Party could get out of its leadership woes would be to appoint Green Party Leader Elizabeth May as the new Liberal Leader. She has all the makings of a power politician.


**BRICKBATS** to the federal government for continuing to  export and promote the use of asbestos according to the Canadian Medical Journal will continue to block international controls at the UN-sponsored Rotterdam Convention to be held in the coming weeks. It was the position Canada successfully took at the 2006 conference. Quebec is the major asbestos producer and the industry provides about 700 jobs.


 **BOUQUETS** to the 64 per cent of Canadians who registered their phone number on the CRTC's new national do-not-call list which went into effect at the end of September. Once a number is on the no-call registry, telemarketers will be barred from dialing that number or face a hefty fine if they do.

**BRICKBATS** to a justice system which caused an Ontario  Court Judge to throw out charges of assault, harassment and breaking and entering after hearing that the defendant's bail hearing had been delayed eight times.


**BRICKBATS** to a justice system for its long delays in  hearing cases such as the fraud trial against former federal Privacy Commissioner George Radwanski for alleged misuse of public funds in 2003. What takes so long and what is being done to correct it?

 **BOUQUETS** to Councillor Stephen Granger, the many volunteers, vendors and customers who made the Farmers' Market such a successful community event every Saturday morning during the summer and helped bring the small town feeling back to Aurora.


**BRICKBATS** to the weatherman for dumping snow on  Aurora last week as a dire warning that winter is ahead, but hopefully Indian Summer which is supposed to come after the first snowfall will last a couple of months.

 **BOUQUETS** to Brian North, owner of Ellis Studios in Aurora on being named Business Person of the Year Award at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Awards Dinner. Well deserved!

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Letter to the Editor

# Senior seeking low cost vet care

To the editor,

I am a senior with a cat who gives me lots of love and attention.

She is a very good companion.

The problem is when she is ill.

Where can a senior take their pet for low cost care?

My pet recently was experiencing some problems.

I called first to a vet that I have used in the past to find out that it would cost me \$ 60 for the vet to see her - \$ 58 to check out a urine sample (which I was to get and take in with my cat).

This was a feat that turned out to be impossible. At this time I could not afford these costs.

I found that these are normal costs in this area.

At the same time a friend of mine was experiencing the same problems with her cat which she did take to a vet and the outcome was \$400 later that there was no problem, her cat was fine.

She now has a Visa bill.

Fortunately, for me, a friend of mine made a suggestion which seems to have worked.

She suggested that I change her diet, which seemed to have some success.

My cat still needs to

see a vet in the near future for a check up which would be well over \$100.

My problem is that I do not have this kind of money nor do I have a credit card or wish to have one. Where can I get low cost care for my cat?

Surely there is someone somewhere who offers this service (not just a 10 per cent discount for seniors)?

What is the solution - give my cat away ( which I was contemplating) or have her put down (which I was also contemplating)?

I also have very guilty feelings over this situation as I gave this cat a home as her previous owner could no longer look after her and she has given me so much love over the last two years.

If anyone has a solution for this problem I would certainly like to hear about it.

I know that I am not the only senior in this situation.

There are many positives in a senior having a pet but the feeling of frustration over not being able to give them the proper vet care outweigh all the benefits of having a pet for both the pet and their owners.


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# Code of conduct will decimate volunteers

To the editor,

This current council, attempting to implement their Code of Conduct, is outrageous, and intended to target certain people only. Good for Councillor Evelyn Buck and any Advisory Committee members who refuse to sign it. I read it thoroughly and can tell you I would not have signed it either. One of the major issues I take with it is, at the end of the complaint process it's council who votes whether to accept the Commissioner's recommen-

dation(s) or not. Without the words being said specifically, it appears they could also change the recommendation(s). If they think the sanction against the alleged offender is not harsh enough, they can change it and vote on it. This is ripe for abuse. There are members of Advisory Committees in this Town who have served with good conduct and integrity for years and years. These are people who have professional standing in our community and make their living on that professional standing.

Why any of them would put themselves in a position of potentially being "punished" by this, or any council, is beyond me. The Town will lose valuable, educated and dedicated volunteers. Certain members of this council and the mayor need to give their "collective" heads a shake and take a look at what they are doing. It's not enough that they are decimating the Town's professional staff, now they are after the volunteers as well. This speaks volumes to the attitude I regularly wit-

nessed that this "band" thinks they can do everything better than those currently doing it, staff and volunteers alike.

**Grace L. Marsh  
Aurora**

# Student wants his school back

To the editor,

**Re: Wells Street School's fate, October 14 edition of The Auroran.**

I read your article regarding my school.

**Auroran helped raise funds to fight cancer**

To the editor,

We would like to thank The Auroran for its support promoting our breast cancer fundraiser, which was held October 11. Our goal has been to raise money for our local hospital so that those suffering from this terrible disease can receive treatment in our community at Southlake Regional Health Centre. By doing so, your generosity has made this very worthy cause - Pauty and the Greaseballs - a great success. Thank you.

I have enjoyed school at Aurora Grove but it is not my home school. I miss not going to school in my neighbourhood and feel we are missing out on many things. Our traditional Halloween Parade may not happen and it is something that we all enjoy. It makes us feel part of our community. Our School closed in June of 2007 when I finished Grade 2. I am now in Grade 4 and fear I may never go back to Wells Street. Your article says the trustees will make a decision in July of 2009, more than two

years since the school was closed. Can someone explain to me why it takes a group of adults more than two years to decide what to do with our school? Do they not care? Did they forget about us? Do they not realize this affects children? All I want is to attend school in my home neighbourhood.

**Darcy Sarazin, 9,  
Aurora**

**ED. NOTE: Re the Halloween Parade, please see the note in the "Briefly" column on Page 1.**




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Letter to the Editor

# This sailing competitor goes unnoticed

To the editor,

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There are only 30 participants and they sail alone around the world without stopping while enduring the worst of weather and are expected to keep the boats going full tilt day and night with virtually no sleep.

I am writing this letter to raise the profile of his campaign, Spirit of Canada, and so we can show our support of him.

This race is not without its significant dangers: A previous Canadian, Gerry Roufs, lost his life in the same race in 1997 and Derek was capsized and dis-masted in the Antarctic Ocean in 2003 in a similar race.

When today you can virtually buy your ticket up Mount Everest, this remains one of the last endurance feats of man versus nature.

Modern technology allows continued communication with him at sea so send your messages to his team and I am sure that he will get them and he, too, will be inspired by our words.

Visit [www.SpiritofCanada.net](http://www.SpiritofCanada.net).

As sailing is not a big name/big money sport in Canada, Derek has had the names of more than 5,000 Canadians on the hull who have each donated \$100 to his campaign which will sail

with him around the world.

I think it would be great if there was a sudden last minute surge of support from Aurora so support him

anyway you can.

Although I have never met him, this is a citizen that has set out to achieve a goal that most would say is

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I hope The Auroran will share with its readers his progress so that we can

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Patrick Vibien  
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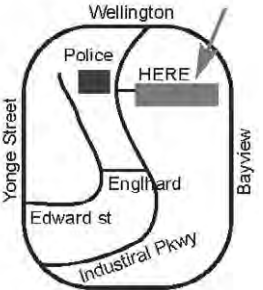


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# THE AURORAN SPORTS

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## Tigers take over division's top spot

The Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey team moved into sole possession of first place in the Phillips Division thanks to a pair of hometown victories over the weekend.

The wins - 6-3 over Brampton Friday night and 4-2 over Huntsville-Muskoka Sunday afternoon - also left them only a single point back in the entire Provincial Junior A league, behind the powerful Georgetown Raiders.

However, Georgetown has played two more games than Aurora.

Georgetown lost an overtime game last weekend to Streetsville and does not play again until Saturday.

By that time, Aurora could lead the entire league, assuming they come up with at least one win in the two games scheduled this week.

Wednesday, they meet Streetsville in that community and Friday, they host the Seguin Bruins at the Aurora Community Centre.

Meanwhile, Aurora continues to march along.

If the Aurora Tigers's top line of centre David Morley between wingers Michael Sardella and Dominic Monardo isn't the best line in the league, then it's in the top three.

In the two home games Friday and Sunday, the line contributed more than half of the team's goals.

Sardella leads the scoring race for the team with 24 points, thanks to 11 goals and 13 assists.

He is closely followed by Morley and Monardo.

On Friday at the Aurora Community Centre, in Aurora's 6-3 win over Brampton, Monardo opened the scoring, and Sardella and Jeff Vanderlugt both scored to give the team a 3-1 lead by 1.17 of the second period.

Brampton came back to tie it, but Aurora responded with



The puck is neatly in the Brampton net, and David Morley skates by after assisting on this goal scored in the first period. Morley helped out on three goals Friday night as the Aurora Tigers defeated the Brampton Capitals of the MacKinnon Division 6-3.

Auroran photo by Steve Mitchell

three more unanswered goals in the third period to earn the victory.

Forward Mike Bodley scored a pair and Monardo produced his second of the game to round out the night.

In Sunday's matinee game against Huntsville, Monardo's strong play continued when he opened the scoring 3.53 into the game.

After Huntsville tied the game 1-1, Aurora produced another run of three straight goals as they had Friday.

Morley and Sardella both registered goals and Tim Revell scored at 8.20 of the second period.

Huntsville scored once more to make it close, but was held off the scoresheet in third period, preserving Aurora's 4-2 win.

With both wins the Tigers grabbed sole possession of first place in the OJHL's Phillips Division. Despite sitting alone at the top, Aurora coach Jerome Dupont was not fully satisfied with the team's play.

"With the exception of not converting nearly enough on our chances I thought we played a decent game for almost 60 minutes tonight which is progress, since that has not been the trend to date," he said. "We still have players that are underachieving though and they know who they are, at least they better."

Since the Tigers no longer play head to head with Newmarket or Stouffville, they now call Huntsville their fiercest divisional rival and

Sunday's game against the Otters was a huge test with first place on the line.

Unlike their disappointing opening night loss in Huntsville, the Tigers took control early in the first on a Dominic Monardo tally.

Huntsville's Corey George replied six minutes later on the power play but late in the period David Morley gave the Tigers the lead for good.

In the second frame, Michael Sardella followed by Tim Revell with a nifty deke padded the Tigers lead to 4-1.

Huntsville notched its second power play marker at 18.12 of the second, but goaltender David Blair slammed

the door shut the rest of the way and the game ended 4-2 in favour of Aurora.

Sixty minutes of total effort proved to be the right formula for the Tigers, playing on their home turf, to beat the visiting Otters 4-2 Sunday afternoon.

"Hard to pick standouts when everybody gives it their all," said assistant coach Craig Evans. "We execute and the result is in our favour."

On Wednesday the Tigers play a rare mid-week game when it visits the Streetsville Derbys while Friday at the Community Centre the Tigers host the Seguin Bruins.

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run that took them north on Yonge Street, to Mulock, west to Bathurst, south to St. John's, then east to Yonge and back to the school. Other choices for runners included a five kilometre and a three kilometre course. The run is sponsored by Girls Incorporated of York Region.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

## RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

# Club honours youth council

In November, 1969, the Aurora Lions Club honoured Aurora's first and only Youth Council at the Club's Annual Civic Dinner.

Also invited to take part in the program were municipal officials from Aurora, King and Whitchurch.

Youth council members were Mayor Steve Ostick, Reeve Sharon Brown, Deputy Reeve James Thompson and Councillors Ted Cousins, Susan Dawson, Trish Hutchins, Alan Pekois, Kim Wilson and Dave van Nostrand.

Following the Lions Dinner, non-elected student officials joined the Youth Council for a public meeting at the at the Dr.G.W. Williams Secondary School.

Non-elected officials included Town Clerk Linda Devine, Chief of Police Charmaine Benson, Fire Chief Dana Banke, Town Superintendent Miriam Falkanger, Solicitor Bill van Koot, Treasurer Dawn Hubbard, Recreation Director Larry Preston, Town Engineer Brian McCullough and Building Inspector Rod Lane.

### DID YOU KNOW?

People have been enjoying summer picnics for years but the first recorded consumption of coldslaw, a major picnic component, came in 1792.

The unusual sounding term comes from the Dutch words "kool" meaning cabbage and "sla" meaning salad.

Although people have been making relish from fruits and calling it ketchup, tomatoes were thought to be unpalatable, even poisonous.

Thomas Jefferson cultivated the tomato and exalted its existence.

In 1972, "tomato ketchup" appeared in a recipe book for the first time.

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Residents dialling 911 heard a recorded voice expressing sorrow and that the call could not be completed as dialled and to call the operator for help.

Aurora Deputy Fire Chief Fred Bolsby expressed concern about the loss of time in dialling 911 before realizing the line was not in service..

### REMEMBERING THE PLANET NEWSPAPER

It was in March, 1989, when former Progressive Conservative Cabinet Minister Sinclair Stevens announced a new career in newspapers.

He was the publisher of The Planet This Week to be introduced in York Region and Simcoe County in April.

Bob Richards, general manager of The Planet, said the giveaway would report very little hard news but would focus on lifestyles, human interest and feature topics and would be a paper the whole family could share.

The year before, Stevens, in a private member's motion, called for a new investigation of newspaper ownership in Canada.

He said a Commons committee should be established to determine what the federal government had done about the recommendations of the 1981 Kent Royal Commission on the concentration of newspaper ownership.

He claimed that as a result, editorial operations were being

shortchanged and freedom of the press compromised.

His motion was ridiculed by the other parties as Stevens was known as a free-enterprise advocate and someone who was bidding to buy an Ottawa newspaper.

He resigned as federal Industry Minister in May, 1986, after a series of conflict-of-interest allegations, most spawned in the news media.

Nineteen months later after a \$3 million public inquiry, Mr. Justice Parker of the Ontario Supreme Court ruled Stevens violated conflict of interest guidelines on 14 occasions, which was appealed by Stevens.

### WHEN CANDIDATE MEETINGS WERE EXCITING

Compared to the American Presidential election campaign, the recent federal election campaign was dull, but it wasn't always that way locally.

In September, 1975, two mayors who were often comrades in arms at York Regional Council, tangled during an all-candidates meeting for the provincial election.

A comment by Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck was misunderstood by nearly everyone in the audience of almost 600 and triggered an angry rebuke from King Mayor Margaret Britnell, the York North Liberal candidate.

Mayor Buck, who supported Progressive Conservative MPP Bill Hodgson, noted during the question period that Mayor Britnell had voted against a proposed public transit system and the Big Pipe servicing scheme at regional council, which Buck had supported.

Buck asked Britnell how she could reconcile her position at the region with the Liberal Party's promise to provide serviced lots for housing with Britnell replying that the growth would be redirected to Northern and Eastern Ontario.

When Buck pointed out that the proposed Liberal policy had been "tried", Britnell and the audience though Buck had said "trash" and the battle was on.

Finally, Britnell said she was not going to continue to argue with Buck as she had to sit with her at regional council and that was enough to the applause of the audience.



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# Aurora Barbarians fail to win cup

The Aurora Barbarians Rugby Club's dream of a second consecutive McCormick Cup championship came crashing down Saturday at the hands of the Irish Canadians from Toronto.

Aurora lost the match 18-15.

The game was played at Fletcher's Fields in Markham in front of a crowd of 600.

Aurora was favoured to win the cup going into the match after winning the Ontario League with a record of 12-2.

The Canadians had finished fourth in the standings winning seven games but losing six.

However, when the clubs met, they had split their matches by very close margins.

The Barbarians were unnerved early in the game by less than ideal field conditions and they failed to execute the strategy that had worked for them through the play-offs.

The Aurora side gave up penalties and was down 6-0 at the half.

They trailed 18-3 with only 15 minutes left in the match.

Despite playing with a man disadvantage after losing a player to a red card mid-way through the second half, the Barbs

managed tries by Steve Shortly and Andrew Ziricino and one conversion by Bryn Davies in the late stages of the contest to make it close.

A final thrust was thwarted with the game ending whistle, which game the Canadians the cup.

Aurora got to the final by defeating Balmy Beach in the semis.

The Beach started with flare and opened the scoring just two minutes into the game with a rare drop goal from 20 metres out to lead 3-0.

The Barbs were down 6-0 five minutes later when the Beach kicked a

penalty. But the Aurora club answered with a drop goal of their own from former Canadian National Team player Marco DiGirolamo, a penalty kick and two tries while the Beach could only muster one more penalty kick to yield an 18-9 lead for the Aurora side at half time.

The second half was dominated by Aurora as they rolled up five more tries in an eventual dismantling of the Beach club 54-16.

The Irish Canadians advanced by beating newly promoted Toronto Scottish 22-19 in the other semi-final.



## AURORA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

### Results to Sunday, October 26



### House League Tyke

**Team 103 Tim Hortons Senators 6** - Justin Foster 2G, 2A; Andrew Park 2G, 2A; Mason Brown 1G, 1A; Dylan DaCosta 1G; Bryson Posa 3A; Katie Cruickshank 1A; Sebastian Negalescu 1A; Gabriel Veyt 1A; David DaCosta 1A. **Team 108 Tim Hortons Wild 5** - Geoffrey Wilson 1G; Natalia Forrester 3G, 1A; Kyle Trumper 3A; Zachary Diaz 1G, 3A; Christian Zenteno 2A; Anthony Iacovetta 1A.

**Team 102 Tim Hortons Bruins 11** - Jack Campbell 2G; Hunter Wong 1G, 1A; Matthew McConnell 3G; Rony Wahab 3G; Justin Harburuk 1G; Anthony Miranda 1G, 2A; Colby Prymych 1A; Blair Crabbe 1A. **Team 104 Tim Hortons Flyers 3** - Cory Read 2G; Jeremy Gonsalves 1G.

**Team 105 Tim Hortons Leafs 13** - Luke Catania 5G, 2A; Try Angco 4G, 3A; Malcolm Johnston 3G; Jack Patterson 1G, 3A; Matthew Flanagan 1A. **Team 102 Tim Hortons Flames 4** - Justin Hicks 1G; Noah Johnston 1G, 1A; Daniel Rheeder 1G; Cameron Lang 1G; Cole Forhan 2A.

**Team 107 Tim Hortons Lightning 4** - Adam Wloka 1G, 3A; Sam Ashton 1G, 3A; Spencer Morrison 2G, 1A. **Team 106 Tim Hortons Penguins 2** - Nicola Makhoulta 1G; Carson Williams 1G; Andrew Langlois 1A; Dylan Prescott 2A.

### Peewee

**501 Perfect Moves 9** - Chris Sanita 2G, 1A; Joel Gouveia 1G, 4A; Mitchell Carter 2G, 3A; Matt Sanita 1G, 1A; Brian Langdon 1G, 1A; Billy Haddock 1G; Justin Chalmers 1G, 2A; Mitchell Arnold 1A; Jake Detoro 1A. **503 Greenpoint Laser 3** - Brayden Beswick 1G, 1A; Matthew Walker 1G; Luc Martineau 1G; Michael Bitzos 1A; Luke Gregoris 1A.

**506 Wikoff Color Corp 3** - Harry Smith 3G; Zac Kroll 1A; Andrew Walter 1A. **505 Laurion Law Office 3** - Russell Johnson 2G; Jamie Wilson 1G; Graham Killby1A; Ian Coschi 1A; Michael Arcuri 1A.

**504 Pizza Pizza 3** - Declan Johnston 1G,1A; Brendan Elliott 1G; Max Brown 1G. **507 Sgt. Pepper's Bar & Grill 2** - Tyler Futterer 1G, 1A; Alexander Harrison 1G, 1A.

**508 Tilemaster 5** - Alex Gouthro 1G; Ryan McGoldrick 1G; Matthew Pelkola 1G, 1A; Adrian Ramirez 1G; Thomas McDonald 1G; Alexander Jonasson 1A; Hunter Jones 1A; Owen Woodcock 1A. **502 Omar Shoes 1** - Michael Liscio 1G.

**501 Perfect Moves 5** - Mitchell Carter 1G, 1A; Joel Gouveia 1G, 3A; Justin Chalmers 1G; Billy Haddock 1A; Jonah Blaser 1G; Jake Detoro 1G, 2A; Brian Langdon 1A. **505 Laurion Law Office 2** - Russell Johnson 1G, 1A; Graham Killby 1A.

**504 Pizza Pizza 3** - Declan Johnston 3G; Sajjad Akbar 1A; Derek Capone, shutout. **502 Omar's Shoes 0.**

**503 Greenpoint Laser 2** - Brayden Beswick 1G; Samuel Mason 1G; Braydon Babineau 1A; Matthew Walker 1A. **508 Tilemaster 2** - Nicholas Romano 1G; Hunter Jones 1G; Adam DeRoos 1A; Matthew Pelkola 1A; Tyler Hindley1A.

**507 Sgt Pepper's Bar & Grill 7** - Morgan Walker 2G; Alexander Harrison 2G; Mac Cawfield 1G, 2A; Andrew Kaszuba 1G, 1A; Tyler Futterer 1G, 1A; Michael Hosmer 1A; Adam Petit 1A. **506 Tilemaster 3** - Isaac Hambrock 1G; Andrew Walter 1G; Harry Smith 1G; Jordan Stephenson 1A; Alexander McDonald 1A; Michael Slack 1A.

### Select

**Ajax White 9. Aurora Tigers Tyke Select A 5** - Stephen Whittel 1G; Evan Pringle 2G, 1A; Ben Liotta 1G; Quinn Bruckner 1G; Brendan Sanford 1A; Wesley Reid 1A; Diam Matthew 1A.

### Rep Atom

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 8** - Connor Downs 1G, 1A; Zachary Fletcher 1G; Cameron Anderson 2G; Keegan Matthew 2G; Tristan Kuchar 1G; Adam Caicco 1G; Alistair Johnston 2A; Jeffrey McKay 2A; Jacob Hatton 1A; Christian Arcuri 1A. **Orillia Terriers Atom AE 0.**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 4** - Spencer White 1G, 1A; Jeffrey McKay 1G; Connor Downs 1G, 1A; Zachary Fletcher 1G, 1A; Tristan Kuchar 2A; Charles Bennett 1A. **Georgina Blaze AE 1.**

### Minor Bantam

**Aurora Tigers A 3** - Eric Archibald 1G, 1A; Ryan Baskin, 1G; Quincy Ing, 1G; Andrew McDonald 1A; Peter Sandwell 1A; Casey Severini 1A. **Innisfil Winter Hawks 1.**

**Aurora Tigers A 2** - Eric Damecour 1G, 1A; Quincy Ing, 1G; Peter Sandwell, 1A. **Barrie Colts 1.**

**Aurora Tigers A 2** - Braden Casselden 1A; Quincy Ing 1G; Daniel Jones 1G; Vincent Ruscica 1A. **Bradford Bulldogs 1.**

### Bantam

**Aurora Tigers AA 3** - Josh Klinowski 1G; Dylan Hussey 1G; Andrew Papousek 1G, 1A; Kyle Spicer 1A; Cooper Riswick 1A; Lukas Leslie 1A; Dylan Rochon 1A; Sean Nishimura 1A.**Markham Waxers AA 3.**

**Aurora Tigers AA 3** - Lukas Leslie 1G; Christopher Bull 1G; Andrew Papousek 1G; Kyle Spicer 2A; Dylan Hussey 1A; Matthew Roy 1A. **Richmond Hill Stars AA 0.**

**Aurora Tigers AA 2** - AJ Killens 1G; Lukas Leslie 1G; Andrew Papousek 2A; Dylan Woyslaw 1A, **Barrie Colts Bantam AA 2.**



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## Senior Scape

# Seniors ready for Halloween

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Halloween, which has roots in the distant past, is almost upon us. In Canada almost everybody gets involved because children, dressed up as fairies, pixies, witches, ghosts or pretty much whatever takes their fancy, go door to door, usually in groups offering "trick or treat", and almost always receiving a small treat.

And also observing the Halloween celebratory mood is the Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) which will celebrate with a Halloween luncheon Wednesday, and the Friday Night Dance, Oct. 31st, starting at 8 p.m.

The appealing quality of smiling faces, dancing to the beat of big band dance music presented by Charles Sequeira, is what will characterize this night as distinctive in celebrating Halloween, which has its place in the rhythm of our annual celebrations and is something special.

For more information on this dance, call the centre at 905-726-4767.

The rhythms of retired lives are not necessarily quite as dynamic as the rhythms of younger lives, but passions are passions, interest is interest, and for seniors to get involved with new people and activities has its rewards which are fulfilling in any age.

We seniors are not islands unto ourselves, not even in our later years, but remain part of a larger community and we should be cognizant of this truth.

The ASA seeks to awaken an appetite for good times in the years of retirement, and for the great many seniors, happy to play cards or bingo, badminton or table tennis, snooker or billiards, the ASA is a wonderful resource dedicated to those 55 years or older, to join and participate.

Spending time is like spending money and for the wise who join the ASA on Friday, November 7th, between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., a future filled with interesting people beckons, complete with all manner of activities which will arouse curiosity and provoke the desire to become involved.

We, who have worked so long and so hard, should indulge in pleasure and the years of retirement are the proper season in life to do so, and the ASA is an excellent place to indulge a love of everyday pleasure.

Advantageous opportunities to explore interests abound in the arts and crafts, in the woodworking shop and the computer room, in music with the ASA choir and in photography, in ASA administration and volunteering and in whatever range of capability you may choose to explore and pursue.

The ASA encourages those members who seek calm and serene pursuits for which the ASA is well equipped, and also encourages those who seek to identify capabilities lurking in intellects that require some challenge.

A mind endowed with common sense may think and understand reason and comprehend better, when interrelating with a peer group of a similar generation.

A \$5 trip is planned to Casino Rama November 12th, which includes coach transportation and a delicious buffet lunch. A few tickets are still available.

The annual ASA Memorial Service will be conducted by the Reverend Matthew McKay at 1 p.m. Friday, November 7th.

The service will be approximately one hour in length and Rev. McKay has been asked to read out the names of all ASA members who have passed on in the last 12 months.

The computer club will investigate the cost of installing the Vista Operating System on two computers to allow members to become familiar with its advantages and become wary of any problems.

On Tuesday, November 4th, at 10 a.m., at the Computer Club general meeting, Herb Koller will present Astronomical Misconceptions, and this promises to be well attended by members interested in astronomy.

On November 11th, Tom Yates will present Software Downloads Concerning Digital Imaging.

We are well aware that many people, not just seniors, are fascinated by the scope and power of digital imaging and Tom will speak to this topic of excellence which is in his sphere of interests and which he so willingly shares with others.

The very popular "Computers in a Nutshell", presented by Dave Greenaway, will resume in November.

And applause for all concerned with the recent performance of the "Celtic Autumn Concert". It was a huge success.



## Frankly Speaking

By FRANK KLEES  
MPP - Newmarket-Aurora

Since 2004, the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party has warned the McGuinty Liberals that rough times were ahead for Ontario's economy.

We urged them to prepare for it, but instead they grew more arrogant by the day believing the good times would just keep rolling on.

The result is a made in Ontario deficit announced by Mr. McGuinty's Finance Minister this past Wednesday and the resulting cutbacks on everything from the hiring of nurses to delays in getting important infrastructure projects off the ground.

Contrary to the government's hand-washing and buck-passing, this deficit is the direct result of poor stewardship of the public purse and could have been avoided.

We have cautioned that the fiscal agenda of the McGuinty government of high taxes and increasing regulatory burden would erode Ontario's competitive advantage, and would drive business investment and jobs into neighbouring jurisdictions that offer lower tax rates and a more attractive business environment.

We exposed their irresponsible spending such as pouring \$400 million of taxpayer dollars into the Windsor casino for renovations, and spending millions of dollars for ministers' travel expenses and hotel rooms, at a time when long term care homes and hospitals were being underfunded.

The Premier and his Finance Minister scoffed when we raised concerns that increasing government spending by 50 per cent and hiring more public sector employees than all other provinces put together could not be sustained and that would be a day of reckoning.

They didn't listen and four years later, more than 200,000 well-paying manufacturing jobs have left Ontario, and a \$5.6 billion surplus has

turned into a \$1.6 billion deficit in just six months.

What is most disturbing about the Economic Statement delivered by the Minister of Finance this past week, is that the government continues in denial concerning its mishandling of the province's finances and shows no sign of changing course.

There is absolutely no good reason that Ontario should be dealing with a deficit today, and there should be no talk of cutting back on health care funding - especially in high growth areas such as York Region where we are already struggling to cope with underfunding compared with the rest of the province.

On June 4th this year, with the economy clearly failing, we urged the McGuinty government to hold an emergency debate on the economy and create a new plan to bring jobs back to Ontario.

When asked about it then, Dalton McGuinty dismissed the idea.

Four months later, the McGuinty Liberals finally heeded our advice and called an emergency debate on the economy last week.

But it quickly became clear that the debate was not about working with the Opposition to save Ontario's jobs and develop an action plan for the economy at all.

Any objective observer could quickly conclude that this was yet one more exercise in crass, partisan public relations to set the stage for the Economic Statement that would be delivered by the Finance Minister days later.

That Financial Statement should have outlined a positive action plan for Ontario's economy.

It should have detailed how the government would restrain its own spending and prioritize essential services such as health care and social services. It should have prioritized investments in infrastructure projects that would create

## Dalton's deficit his making: Trouble for York Region

employment and economic activity and it should have outlined a real jobs training strategy to benefit the over 200,000 Ontario manufacturing employees who have lost their jobs. And finally, this was the time to announce a commitment to implement the three point plan proposed by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business aimed at creating a more business friendly regulatory structure in the province that would help companies stay in business rather than be forced to close their doors by the heavy-handed approach of government agencies and their enforcers.

Unfortunately, instead of an economic plan, what we got instead was self-congratulatory rhetoric and more evidence that the McGuinty government has no intention of providing any relief for working families and seniors struggling to cope with the economic turbulence of the day.

Those watching the proceedings of the legislature will know that I have been calling on the government to strike a non partisan Select Committee of the legislature to deal with the economic challenges we are facing.

Only a Select Committee will force the government to

open its eyes to the reality and extent of the challenges we are facing and will focus on finding solutions rather than defending a political record. It will also ensure that the government gets the best possible advice for a meaningful and practical Action Plan for Ontario's Economy.

Unfortunately, it appears the Premier will insist on keeping this debate confined to the tightly controlled structure of the legislature's Standing Committee on Finance which even the Toronto Star calls "a parade of special-interest groups arguing for tax breaks or spending increases in the spring budget - hardly amount to the kind of long-term, comprehensive examination of the province's economic future that is needed."

In the weeks ahead, I will continue to raise the concerns of our communities in the legislature as they relate to the government's economic policies.

I will be particularly focused on the impact of any funding cuts on our health care and social services.

And as always, I invite your comments and questions on this or any other issue of interest to you. Please feel free to contact me on my direct line at 416-509-8999.

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COMING EVENTS

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Aurora Historical Society brings back Murder Mystery Dinner to Hillary House with wine, hors d'oeuvres and a three-course dinner catered by Gabriel's Café. Participate in solving a crime that took place in 1908 when Hillary House was visited by the reluctant ghost of a young woman who is seeking answers of her killer. Call 905-727-8991 for tickets at \$80 per person.

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York Regional Police Male Chorus will hold its 16th Annual Harmony with the Community Fundraising Concert. Tickets are \$10 and for advance sales call 905-727-9676.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Aurora Film Circuit presents "When Did You Last See Your Father?" starring Jim Broadbent and Colin Firth. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Aurora Public Library and R & R Revisited. All screenings at Cineplex Aurora, with door prize at 6.45 p.m. and film at 7 p.m. All proceeds benefit out-of-budget programming at the Library.

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Blood donor clinic at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church from 2 p.m./ to 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by St. Andrew's Guild in St. Andrew's Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Stay for the "Spud Lunch" from 11 a.m. at \$8 for adults, \$4 for children.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting at the King's Riding Golf Club, 14700 Bathurst Street sponsored by PowerStream with Denise Marek, author and TV host as guest speaker. Showcase at 11.30 a.m. with luncheon at 12.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Trinity Anglican Church Women's Christmas Starlight Bazaar from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. with luncheon between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Coffee House at 7:30 p.m. Experience the many talents of Trinity Anglican Church and support the Diocesan choir camp.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Canadian storyteller Jennifer Cayley will be at the Aurora Public Library

from 7 to 8 p.m. to introduce heroes and heroines in the Optimist Room for children ages 6 to 9. There is no charge if you book in advance by calling 905-727-9493..

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Annual Aurora Santa Claus Parade.  
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Local artist and author Nancy Hallas will tell a tale about a clever mouse then offer children between the ages of 6 and 9 the opportunity to model their own mouse character at the Aurora Public Library beginning at 2 p.m. The fee is \$6 per child.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. at M & L Fotografics, 15032 Yonge Street.

NOVEMBER 29-30

Aurora Optimist Club annual book sale at the Aurora Public Library, Yonge and Church Streets, Saturday, November 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Part One

# November the 11th- Why we remember

By IAN SWEET  
Aurora Legion

To fully appreciate military history we must try to understand the human face of war.

Loss of comrades, extreme living conditions, intense training, fear, as well as mental, spiritual and physical hardship helps illuminate what the individual sailor, soldier and airman experienced in battle.

On November 11, especially, but also throughout the year, we have the opportunity to remember the efforts of these very special Canadians.

In World War I, or the "Great War" as it was called, Allied Generals, using outdated 19th century military strategy, believed that sending wave after wave of soldiers would eventually overwhelm the enemy.

Soaring casualty rates proved that soldiers attacking with rifles and bayonets were no match for German machine guns.

Each side dug in and soon the Western Front became a patchwork of trenches in France and Belgium stretching from Switzerland to the North Sea.

However, in April, 1917, Canadians helped turn the tide of battle when they won a major victory at Vimy Ridge.

This triumph came at high cost: more than 10,000 casualties in six days.

Even with this victory, the war continued for more than a year.

Finally, the First World War ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, (November 11) when the Armistice was signed.

Canadians proved they could pull their weight, and earned for Canada a new place among the nations of the world.

During the Second World War, Canadians fought valiantly on battlefronts around the world.

More than one million men and women enlisted in the navy, the army and the air force.

They were prepared to face any ordeal for the sake of freedom.

When the war was over, more than 42,000 had given their lives.

On the home front as well, Canadians were active as munitions workers, as civil defence workers, as members of volun-

tary service organizations, and as ordinary citizens doing their part for the war effort.

Canadians participated in the conquest of Sicily in 1943, and defeated the Nazis in Italy despite fierce resistance especially at Ortona and Rimini.

On June 6, 1944, D-Day, Canadians were in the front lines of the Allied forces who landed on the coast of Normandy.

All three Canadian services (Navy, Army, and Air Force) shared in the assault.

In Normandy, the fighting was fierce, and the losses were heavy. Approximately 14,000 Canadians landed on Juno Beach and suffered 1,074 casualties (including 359 fatalities).

In May, 1945, victory in Europe became a reality and millions celebrated V-E Day. Still ahead lay the final encounter with Japan.

Then, on August 6, 1945, the United States dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima. Three days later, a second bomb destroyed Nagasaki.

On August 14, 1945, the Japanese accepted the Allied terms of unconditional surrender and the Second World War was over.

The end to the Second World War did not provide Canadian troops with a long peace.

By 1950, Canadian soldiers were mobilized on behalf of the United Nations (UN) to defend South Korea against an inva-

sion by North Korea.

By 1951, the People's Republic of China had joined North Korea against the UN force. In Korea, the Canadians fought at Kapyong, at Chail-li, in the advance across the Imjin River, and in the patrolling of the Chorwon Plain.

When the hostilities ended in 1953, Canadians stayed as part of the peacekeeping force.

The conditions in Korea were often difficult, with harsh weather, rough terrain, and an elusive and skillful enemy.

In their own camp, Canadians had to deal with casualties, illness and limited medical facilities.

The winter of 1951 was especially severe. They were living 24 hours a day in trenches, which provided some protection but little comfort.

Altogether, 26,791 Canadians served in the Korean War and another 7,000 served between the cease-fire and the end of 1955 when Canadian soldiers were repatriated home.

There were 1,558 casualties, 516 fatal.

While Canada's contribution formed only a small part of the total United Nations effort, on a per-capita basis, it was larger than most of the other nations in the UN force.

More than 125,000 Canadian peacekeepers have served on missions since 1948 and 115 have died while on missions.

It is estimated that more than 136,000 Canadians

served on the sea, on land and in the air with NATO forces from 1952 to 1998. Of these more than 780 died while on duty during this 46-year period.

In Afghanistan, 98 military personnel have been killed as of September 8.

In remembering, we pay homage to those who respond to their country's needs.

On November 11, we pause for two minutes of silent tribute, and we attend commemorative ceremonies in memory of our war dead.

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