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Even though Vic Paraninfo has retired and even though Wells Street School children now make their home in a school on Stone Road, the 36th annual Halloween parade up Yonge Street past his former shoe store took place Friday morning. Wells Street School students were bussed in from Aurora Grove Public School in the town's east end, and they marched from the historic school on Wells Street, to be greeted by the new owner of Vic's Shoe Repair Reza Haghiri, left, and Vic Paraninfo, right. Enjoying the moment are students Katherine Aspden and Emma Salhani. York Regional Police officer, Sgt. Ben Hendeveld, assisted.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Aurora's Jonathan's remains open despite radio report

Mary Georgopoulos doesn't think much of the media these days.

The owner of Jonathan's Restaurant in Aurora, answered several phone calls Friday morning, after radio stations announced a restaurant named Johnathan's had closed because two confirmed cases of E. coli and three possible cases had been reported in Halton Region.

The restaurant is located in Burlington, something that was pointed out in a story in the Toronto Star but not mentioned in the radio news.

Four of the cases were con-

nected to Johnathan's Family Restaurant in Burlington.

The links to the restaurant became apparent late Thursday afternoon after it was found eating there was a common factor in four cases, said Mary Anne Carson, director of Halton Region Health Protection Services.

The fifth person was still being interviewed, she said.

Johnathan's "voluntarily closed" after being contacted by the health department, Carson said.

It will remain closed until the inspection is completed, she said.

Georgopolus said her phone started ringing Friday morning and people were shocked to learn the restaurant was still open.

It took several phone calls for the owner to realize there was another Johnathan's Family Restaurant in Ontario.

The owner of the Burlington establishment said the shutdown has put 30 employees at his '50s-style' diner out of work.

Jonathan's in Aurora features Mediterranean fare.

The restaurant is still "business as usual", in spite of what radio announcements said, Ms Georgopoulos said.

Creek realignment defers house sale

In August, 2007, Aurora Council asked staff members to sell the Jack Woods' property on Allaura Blvd., but at a recent council meeting it was agreed to defer the sale of the property until staffers reported back on the possible realignment of the creek on the property.

The property has a long history in Aurora. It was originally settled by Captain William Graham in 1794.

He was an officer in the Yonge Street Company of the York Militia and appointed magistrate and justice of the peace in 1800.

He served during the war of 1812 and died in 1814, one year after his wife, Unis.

The couple was buried in a family plot on the northwest corner of the property, which is now the site of the Aurora Cenotaph. In 1878, the bodies were moved to the Aurora Cemetery.

The farmland ran east of Yonge Street, south of what is now the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School to the creek behind the farmhouse. Part of the farm was once used as the school's playing field.

The existing house was built in the 1840s by Graham's son, Adam, upon the stone foundation of an earlier home. The house has since been remodelled and much of its original historic woodwork was covered by

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Briefly

Economic summit

Business owners in Aurora and Newmarket are the reason Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees will host a special meeting on the economy, Wednesday morning.

The meeting will take place from 8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., at the Aurora Town Hall at 1 Municipal Drive, in the Holland Room. Anyone interested in attending is asked to register with Klees' office by calling 905-750-0019 or by email at fklees@frank-klees.on.ca.

"This 'Summit on the Economy' will be open to all business owners operating in the communities of Newmarket and Aurora and will provide a forum for practical input on what the provincial government should be doing to support business during this time of economic turmoil," the MPP said. "Just as important is advice on what the government should NOT be doing."

"If the Premier doesn't want to give the hard working business owners who create jobs in our communities an ear, then I will," he said. "And I'll ensure that their ideas and recommendations are heard by the government."

First luncheon

The first Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting of the season will be held Thursday, Nov. 13th, at King's Riding Golf Club, 14700 Bathurst Street.

Featured speaker is Denise Marek, discussing the three essential risks for maximizing professional success, and how to eliminate worry while boosting productivity and happiness.

The event is sponsored by PowerStream, who will outline two new energy saving programs with financial incentives for local businesses at their showcase table.

New exec director

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce announced Monday that Karen Addison has joined the Chamber as Executive Director (Acting) while Carla Adams is away on a one-year maternity leave.

Karen officially started with the Chamber Monday.

The new executive director brings a wealth of experience in program development, event management, fundraising, management/administration, the non-profit sector and human resources to the position.

She garnered the experience during her time with Magna International and Belinda Stronach's office over the past four years.




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The Aurora Food Pantry was the winner from this haunted house on Aurora's Hollandview Trail. Owned by Mary and Mark Rival, the house becomes "haunted" at this time of year and has been for the past five years. All funds and food received from visitors to the house are donated to the food pantry on Yonge Street in Aurora.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Free publicity considered

At a recent meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, Economic Development Officer Marnie Wraith presented a brief overview of a proposal for the town to have a number of short promotional films produced and placed on the Toronto website at no cost to the town.

She explained that the company offering the proposal recovered their costs and revenue through adver-

tising spots which would be placed with the movie links on the website.

The committee received the presentation and authorized staff members to investigate the proposal further and to also investigate the feasibility of placing the existing town promotional movie on the town's website.

Not many remember it now but when "Sketches of Our Town" first appeared on Hamilton's CHCH TV in

November, 1989, it was a hit.

Aurora was one of 13 municipalities featured on the program, a nationally syndicated show seen in 17 markets from Atlantic Canada to Manitoba. Host of the program was TV newscaster Harvey Kirck.

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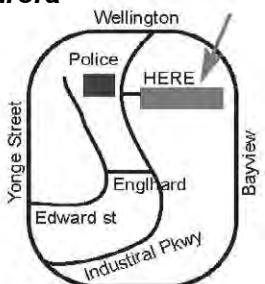


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Poor Richard

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

Is Code of Ethics a good or bad thing for town volunteers?

*The Code of Conduct is a hot topic,
Or so some councillors believe;
They don't want to discuss it publicly
Do they have something up their sleeve?*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Last July after an alleged leak of a property issue that had been discussed in a private (in-camera) meeting of council, Mayor Phyllis Morris obtained council authority to engage an external solicitor to investigate the alleged leak.

Among other things the solicitor recommended the establishment of an executive committee, including the mayor and certain other members of council, with jurisdiction or terms of reference enabling it to "receive and give consideration to reports and information of a confidential nature in accordance with rules, procedures and other laws applicable to committees of council".

To review and amend the procedural bylaw by the enactment of a Code of Conduct including provisions intended for the purpose of prohibiting members of council from contravening the bylaw and from unlawfully disclosing information or records contrary to the provisions and intent of the Municipal Act, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and bylaws was enacted by council.

Council enacted a Code of Conduct for members of council and a Code of Conduct for committee members.

With the adoption of the Code of Conduct, an Integrity Commissioner was required to adjudicate complaints against members of council or committees.

Within the Code of Conduct for members of council a Complaint Protocol was included whereby anyone may file a complaint related to the conduct of a member of council.

The Integrity Commissioner, a contract position, would serve the complaint and supporting material upon the member whose conduct is in question with a request that a written response to the allegations be filed within 10 days and serve a copy of the response provided upon the complainant with a request for a written response within 10 days.

Questions have been raised about the need for citizens who volunteer to serve on council committees to sign a Code of Conduct, as they are giving their time, energy and talents for the good of their community.

It is almost an insult and could have a bearing on obtaining citizens to serve on council committees.

Citizen members of council committees already have to sign a Committee Declaration of Appointed Office and the reason for this was questioned last year.

At that time the town solicitor said that the intent of the declaration was to ensure that committee members were aware of their ethical obligations as committee members.

The contents of the declaration made it clear to committee members that conflicts of interest in the form of an interest in any contracts with or on behalf of the town were strictly prohibited.

It was pointed out that members of council were obliged to comply with the town's Code of Ethics and were subject to the provisions of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, which did not apply to committee members.

By signing the declaration, the member promises not to receive any payment or reward in exchange for exercising their role and not to engage in any type of public misconduct.

With regard to the Code of Conduct, the Aurora Public Library Board was requested to prepare a Code of Conduct for board members and for town staff to develop a Code of Conduct for members of the Committee of Adjustment to ensure compliance with the Planning Act.

In addition, members of council and members of advisory committees who have not yet signed the Code of Conduct be given one last opportunity to submit the required document for consideration at a future meeting of council.

There is sufficient provincial legislation to ensure the proper conduct of members of council and a Code of Conduct and/or a Code of Ethics as previously adopted by council should not be necessary. In the final analysis, the voters have the last word.



It's known as the Petch log house, and it has been sitting on this site on Leslie Street for several years. There is currently a move afoot to move the historic building to a permanent location in Sheppard's Bush. The building is believed to be the oldest house in Aurora, and currently sits on the entrance route to Aurora's Model Aircraft Club. It was moved there from across Wellington Street, where a huge retail centre is now located. See the story on page 11.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Letters to the Editor

Seniors shouldn't have to pay for snow removal, reader says

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in response to an article written by Sean Pearce and published in a local paper Oct. 26, reporting on the decision made by the Aurora Council to not fund the Windrow cleaning service.

I am angry and disappointed that they cannot pay for any part of this service but instead, will collect the money and those using it must pay the full bill.

Last winter I approached Mayor Phyllis Morris to request help for the seniors and disabled persons in Aurora.

I was told that the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville cleared the snow left by the ploughs at the foot of the driveways for seniors and the disabled.

I wondered if we could do the same in Aurora.

I did not think that the Council would end up voting to "help" us with this by charging a fee of \$130 for the same service that the towns of Stouffville, Markham and Vaughan are doing for free.

My question to our council is, what about our citizens who are living on minimal pensions or very low incomes?

Not all seniors are wealthy and those on disability pensions will be hard pressed to pay this fee, whereas a fee of \$35 (which had been suggested) would be within reach for everyone.

It is my understanding that our government wants seniors to stay in their homes.

Having the snow removed is necessary to allow our seniors and those on disability to keep doctor's appointments and to allow access to their homes by emergency services.

I didn't believe that I would ever feel ashamed of our town, our Mayor and our Town Council.

I have watched many council meetings on television where money is given away with very little hesitation, yet we can't find the money to have these windrows cleared away for those who cannot do it for themselves.

Put yourselves in the

position of someone who is living on a minimal or small pension and see how proud you are of yourselves.

Cheers to those councillors who thought that \$130 was too high of a price and shame on those who voted for this fee.

As a homeowner and taxpayer, I would like to see some of my tax money applied to this initiative. How hard would it

be to find the \$32,500 in our town budget?

If you read this letter and feel the same way call or speak to one of our councillors.

Perhaps, if enough people let them know how they feel, they will reconsider their decision to tax the most vulnerable citizens of Aurora.

B. Gaspar
Aurora

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Letter confused him

To the editor,

Who or what the hell is the "Rotino'snon'ni Women Title Holders"? (The Auroran, Letters to the Editor, Oct. 28)

Actually I'm not sure I want to know.

Recognize the "no vote"? Huh?

"Bilderberg group"? "New World order"?

Double Huh??
Release Omar Khadr and leonard Peltier. Stop the IPP's.

Return our troops, including peacekeepers from Haiti. (just what the heck has Ms.

aluminum beanie got against Haiti, I wonder?)

Sure no one should be sleeping in the streets this winter, but this lady is in dire need of a nap.

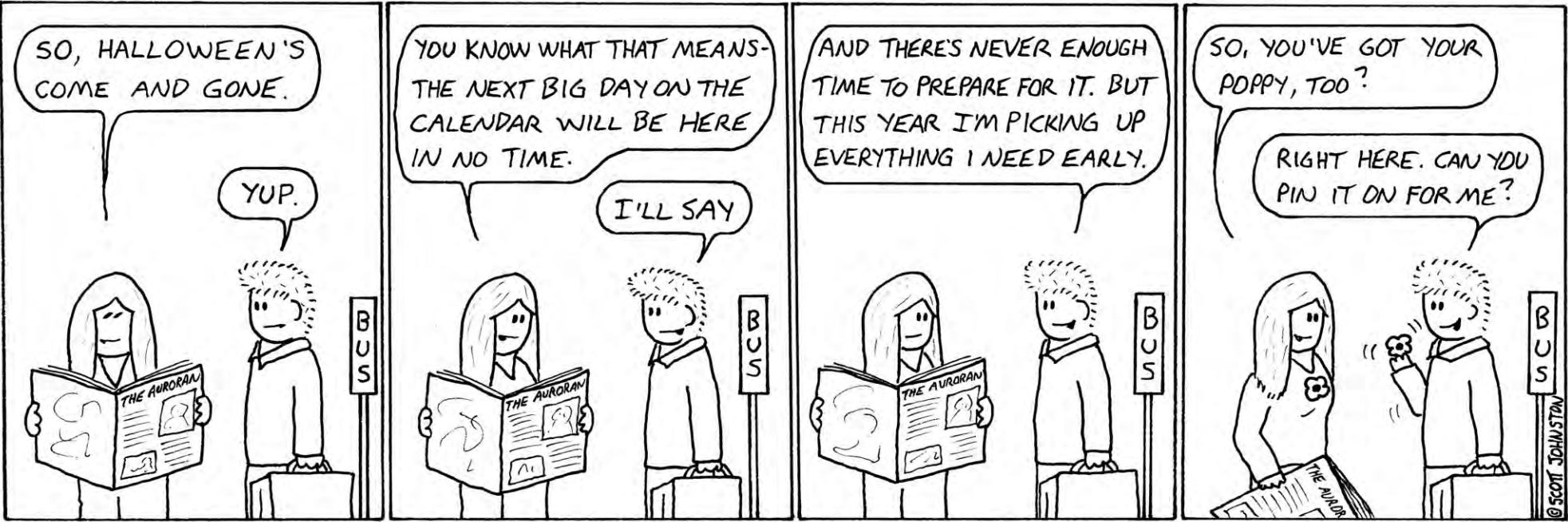
No wonder the RCMP "discriminated" against Heidi Too-tight-stockings (cutting off the circulation to her brain, you know).

Kind of makes the guy with the pumpkin on his head seem decidedly normal, though.

Only in Aurora...

You poor buggers...

Hugo Croon
Bethesda



Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

The Big Three

We have all heard of the big Three; GM, Ford and Chrysler. We have also heard of the Holy Trinity; The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit.

Well, we have our own kind of local democratic Trinity here in Aurora; the ward system, the introduction of term limits and the realization of another Aurora representative on York Region Council.

I have written about each of these in the past, but as they are important issues, it seems as good a time as any to revisit these topics.

Along with restating some thoughts on reforming the structure of electoral representation in town, I also kindly suggest that we need to make another fundamental change at the same time as well - the introduction of term limits.

While we are at it, Aurora deserves another voice at the York Region table.

Regarding the issue of a ward system, let's rewind the clock to the 2006 municipal election.

When asked during an Aurora Chamber of Commerce municipal campaign event, all three of the mayoralty candidates stated that they supported the use of a ward system.

Then challenger (now mayor) Phyllis Morris stated that "there are 18,000 doors to knock on in Aurora" and that it "is too hard for first time candidates to get elected".

Challenger Nigel Kean and then incumbent Tim Jones were also in favour of a ward system.

This writer agrees with them. I believe that a system, whereby all or at least a portion of the councilors is elected by a specific geographic region and will be accountable to that area, is important.

Generally speaking the options would be limited to one of two

systems. Either have Aurora divided up into eight electoral precincts and have one councillor represent each ward or you could go with say four larger wards and then have four "at-large" councillors.

Besides the implementation of a ward system, term limits should also be adopted.

Napoleon supposedly said that the battlefields are littered with the bodies of irreplaceable soldiers. He could just have easily been speaking about modern day politics.

Since it seems that many public figures stay well past their "best before" date, we need to help the politicians help themselves. Mandating term limits is one way to lend assistance.

This is especially important now that Ontario municipal council terms will be four years instead of three.

A councillor should be limited to serving two terms. Mayors should also be limited to two terms.

If an individual becomes mayor after already having served two four year terms as a councillor, then he or she would have served 16 years by the time they are through.

This should be more than enough time to implement or achieve any legislative agenda that they initially brought to the table.

Public life is fundamentally about the nobility and selflessness of public service. It should not be about longevity; it should simply be about service.

As for the last of the local democratic Trinity, Aurora has a "rep by pop" issue.

Some background is in order.

York Region is comprised of nine municipalities (March 31, 2007 population in brackets) - Aurora (49,716), East Gwillimbury (22,721), Georgina (46,026), King (20,386), Markham (283,297),

Newmarket (79,448), Richmond Hill (178,327), Vaughan (250,032) and Whitchurch-Stouffville (27,788).

Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Whitchurch-Stouffville and King each have one seat, while Georgina and Newmarket have two seats; Richmond Hill three; Vaughan four; and Markham five.

Aurora, based upon the fact that its current population is greater than Georgina, should have two seats.

A couple of questions to ponder:

Is there anything that we can do about getting another seat?

Assuming we do get a second seat, would we have a direct election for a regional councilor, like in Newmarket, or would we simply have the person with the second most votes - the deputy mayor - as the representative?

Having this extra seat could dovetail quite nicely with the introduction of a ward system in Aurora.

If the additional representative is directly elected by us town folk, he/she would also sit on Aurora Council as an "at large" Councillor.

The arguments for Aurora having another seat, while no doubt sound, don't mean this is a slam dunk by any means. After all, we are talking about Aurora receiving something extra, which implies another municipality losing out.

Moreover, true rep by pop does have its limitations.

If having a population of 50,000 people means having two region seats, then the good people in Markham and Vaughan may start clamoring for additional seats to preserve the status quo.

Lots to think about; I intend to follow up on this next week.

Stay tuned.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

Scary Stuff

"Trick or treeeeeeeeeat!"

Yes, it was Halloween. I opened the door to find myself confronted with a pair of ghosts.

One of them, I'm not sure why, had three eye holes. But that's the great thing about home-made costumes.

Right behind them, a witch came scurrying up the walk. She looked like one, too; black clothes, pointed hat, broom...she even had a big wart on her nose.

I pretended to be frightened, as I dropped some goodies in their bags, and smiled as they ran off to join their parents, who were waiting just beyond the porch light.

Halloween is a night intended to instil fear in one's heart, and this year, it seemed like everyone at the door was dressed to frighten.

Apart from the witch and ghosts, I'd already seen the Joker from the latest Batman movie, some aliens, a Frankenstein monster, three mummies, and The Invisible Man.

I suppose if he'd had a really good costume, I wouldn't have actually seen that last one.

"Twith a' tweet!"

In the glow of our porch light was what had to be the world's smallest vampire. He went "rrrrr", and gnashed his oversize fangs, one of which fell out.

I suppressed a grin, as he stooped to pick it up, and assumed a terrified look.

"Don't bite me, Mr. Vampire! Here - bite down on this chocolate bar instead."

He giggled and scurried off into the night, tripping on his

cape.

A few minutes later, the doorbell rang. I opened the door, all ready to pretend to be scared, and was confronted by a boy in a suit and tie. I was a bit surprised.

"And who are you supposed to be?"

"Good evening, sir", he said, sticking out his hand. "I'm a member of Aurora Council."

Well, he certainly looked the part. He even had notes in one hand labelled 'Meeting Minutes'.

I shook his hand, and reached for our bowl of candy.

"So, how are things on council?" I asked. "Still as dysfunctional as ever?"

He was ready for this one.

"Oh, we may argue a bit," he conceded. "But we do agree on many things."

"In fact," said the little politician, with a smile, "we just voted unanimously to raise property taxes."

This threw me completely off guard.

"Then we're going to continue to approve unrestrained development...although that may mean longer summer water restrictions."

My hand paused over the candy bowl, as he glanced at his 'minutes'.

"And all this code of conduct stuff. It doesn't really apply to us. But we will be enforcing it for all town and committee volunteers."

I felt my pulse go up a notch, as he again referred to his paperwork.

"And to show some fiscal restraint, we really should cut back on the hours of the library, and the seniors' centre, and the new recreation complex. And maybe we'll look at more user fees."

My eyes went wider, and the hair went up at the back of my neck.

But he wasn't done, yet.

"Thinking it over, it's been too long since Wellington was torn up for road repairs. Oh, and Yonge Street, too. We may bring that idea forward to the region."

This kid was good - just like the real thing. Too much so, in fact.

"And we also agreed that people don't really need to know about our discussions, so in future all council meetings will be closed door sessions."

With a final glance at his notes he concluded, "And you won't be able to do anything about it until the next election in 2010!"

Thoroughly shaken, I hurriedly shovelled some candy at him.


He smiled as he looked at it - almost like he was mentally tallying it up.

"Thank you, sir," he said as he left. "We'll just consider this your first tax instalment."

As he headed off next door, I realized that it didn't matter how many more zombies, and wolfmen, and mutants appeared at my door that night...

I no longer needed to pretend to be scared.

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Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Adam Lye and the Aurora Minor Hockey Association for arranging to collect used hockey equipment to be shipped to New Brunswick where hockey rinks were empty because people couldn't afford to play hockey. Aurorans were generous as almost 100 bags of hockey equipment were collected.

BRICKBATS to members of Aurora Council for making such a big issue of the Code of Conduct and requiring the citizen volunteers who are members of council advisory committees to sign it. If members of council believe they need a Code so be it, but leave the volunteers alone.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Panthers Novice Girls on winning the Oshawa Fall Classic Tournament recently by defeating Leaside 6-0.

BRICKBATS to Canada Post for increasing the price of a basic letter stamp from 52 to 54 cents in January, subject to cabinet approval, and the cost of mailing a parcel weighing between 200 and 500 grams will increase from \$2.25 to \$5.50. Why?

BOUQUETS to the Toronto Police for their novel gun amnesty program "Pixels for Pistols" in a joint endeavour with Henry's Camera chain in which digital cameras are exchanged for firearms, legal or not, for a four-week period. It's one small step to get guns off the streets.

BRICKBATS to a justice system which permitted St. Catharines Judge Stephen Glithero to sentence a man who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the strangulation death of another man to one day in jail as the Judge gave him credit of 30 months for the 14 months he spent in pre-trial custody. The Crown is appealing the sentence, thank heavens.

BOUQUETS to Halton Region for playing hardball with the province and developers in a showdown over funding for hospitals and other infrastructure before the region will connect new developments to water and sewer services. No cash, no growth.

BRICKBATS to the federal government for being a top generator of toxic junk by scrapping more than 2,000 tons of computers, fax machines, monitors and other electronic equipment every year according to a newly released report and according to the report it will be another year and a half before Ottawa launches a recycling program to safely dispose of toxic junk.

BOUQUETS to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for their donation of \$400,000 to support 100 automated external defibrillators and associated training for emergency medical services workers in York Region. The Restart a Heart, Restart a Life campaign is dedicated to 11-year-old Chase McEachern who died from cardiac arrest and led a campaign before his death for mandatory heart defibrillators at schools and hockey arenas.

BRICKBATS to the gold-plated political pension system in Canada which will cost Canadian taxpayers \$52.4 million for the 65 MPs who were defeated in the election or didn't seek re-election, with the biggest payout going to NDP MP Bill Blaikie who will receive \$122,224 a year for a total of \$2.7 million if he lives to age 75.

BRICKBATS to a safety system under which three workers were injured at a construction site and the firm responsible had been issued with 125 occupational health and safety orders since 2005 and 73 orders during the past six months after 53 field visits. Can anyone explain how this can happen?

BOUQUETS to former Supreme Court Justice Frank Iacobucci for his frank report that found the RCMP and CSIS probably contributed indirectly to the torture in Syria of three Arab Canadians suspected of being involved in terrorist activities.



Peter Virtanen
CLU, Agent, Aurora

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Letters to the Editor

Hallowe'en: time for imagination

To the editor,

When we first came to Aurora in 1973 it was delightful to see the imagination and generosity that children, parents and neighbours put into Hallowe'en.

Recently when David and I were walking through Sheppard's Bush we saw the gravestones that had been placed for the Haunted Forest event with messages on them such as, I Told You I Was Sick and Space 4 Rent - Apply Below! and it reminded me of going down on the bus to take my grandson Booker around for Hallowe'en night a few years ago.

When I got on the bus in Aurora, I saw a tall young man dressed as a tree, looking forward half shy, half longing to be noticed, two

seats behind.

Slipping a film into the camera I gestured to take his photo and he agreed with a laugh.

The flash woke a sleeping man on the seat between us who erupted into a loud reaction.

Coughing, laughing, swearing, he loudly climbed into my book, drowning out Timothy Findley's words.

Every other word was a swear word.

At one point he shouted full volume, "Everyone Down!", vacillating between boozy bonhomie and angry swearing.

We passed a motel where a young woman with long hair stood obliquely in front with hands pressed to her ears, reminiscent of Munch's Scream.

A schoolboy sat next to

the drunk laughing and encouraging him, he obliged by shouting various commands to the bus driver.

All the while he had his foot curled round my seat poking my arm.

A young man got on with narrow, pale face, neat ears fitted close to his head, small hooded eyes and flared red nostrils.

Quiet and gentle, he was a plain man yet beautiful, talking to a middle aged woman beside him.

Outside one of the shops in a strip mall there were two women cleaning windows, one pregnant and both over 300 pounds and talking to a woman dressed as a sexy French maid.

As they laughed together I realized that the window cleaners were wearing inflatable clothes.

On the journey home on subway and bus there were many intriguing vignettes, I took a photo of an exhausted construction worker asleep beside a giant carrot; historical and fantasy figures sharing an outing; a father dressed as a convincing bird of prey with a three-year-old fireman on his shoulders and a dour, 10-foot man on stilts dressed all in black.

Many years ago the funeral home put a coffin on the sidewalk inviting children to lift the lid, as dry ice smoke emerged children dipped their hands in for a treat.

Many costumes are bought now but I have a weakness for the ones concocted by the eccentric and imaginative on a night when anything is possible.

When exhibitionists (but also shy people) can strut their stuff.

My son-in-law was daunted when I turned up to their annual Hallowe'en party as a bag lady in an array of seedy clothes, where I sat in a corner scratching and sniffing and talking to myself.

The next year I was wondering out loud what costume to wear.

"Don't go as a bag lady, Dierdre!" came the alarmed reply.

To the editor,

Re: Senior seeking low cost vet care ' letter by B.J. Murray, The Auroran, week of October 28.

In response to the letter sent in by B.J. Murray, I thought I would provide some information regarding The Farley Foundation which helps sick and injured pets that belong to low-income seniors, people with disabilities and individuals leaving abusive environments.

Named after the Old English Sheep dog in Lynn Johnston's cartoon series "For Better or Worse", the organization offers financial assistance to vet clinics in Ontario to help cover the cost of providing necessary veterinary care for pets whose owners are eligible.

This includes seniors who are in receipt of the Federal

Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) as well as individuals receiving either the Ontario Disability Support Payment or the Canada Pension Plan Disability support payment.

It also encompasses a SafePet program to assist women at risk of abuse who are entering a shelter to find temporary housing and care for their pets.

Medical care is for non-elective (necessary) procedures for sick and injured pets.

Routine veterinary care such as physical exams and vaccinations are (unfortunately) not covered.

Details can be obtained by calling the Farley Foundation (1-888-262-9811), visiting their web site (www.farleyfoundation.org), or asking at your local veterinary clinic.

I don't know if this will be of

assistance to B.J. Murray's situation, but thought I should share the information.

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Gail Gray
Aurora

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Letters to the Editor

Why she didn't advertise for Remembrance Day

To the editor,

I seldom start a fight. I generally prefer not to tussle with someone several generations removed from myself. The match is uneven. Oddly enough though, the difference is not always appreciated. I was recently solicited to purchase advertising to promote Remembrance Day.I did not respond. On a second approach I refused the offer and proffered an explanation. Remembrance Day is sacred to the memory of

those who died in service to their country. I consider its use to promote business, politics or any other endeavour inappropriate. The solicitation was to all members of council.I circulated my response to colleagues. I expected that to be the end of the matter. My respondent, however, was apparently not satisfied to let it rest. She circulated my response and hers to several individuals.She informed me she had met with Aurora Legion's execu-

utive. In return for free advertising, they supported her enterprise.She is a member of the Legion and her grandfather was a veteran. Subsequently I received copies of other e-mails. Freedom to express an opinion was acknowledged but mine was deemed to be negative, disrespectful of the debt owed to veterans and lacking in progressive thinking and positive change. From my perspective, some things cannot change.History can be enlightened.It cannot be

changed. Remembrance Day commemorates the casualties of war, not the survivors. It calls upon us to contemplate lives cruelly cut short before they had a chance to begin. They died thousands of miles from home and family, in circumstances too terrible to imagine. Allied Cemeteries in foreign lands have row upon row of gravestones bearing thousands of names, ranks and numbers. But for many there are no resting places.At War Memorials throughout the

world people gather to remember, relive their sorrow and loss and offer a prayer that the carnage and waste may never be repeated. The mayor will lay a wreath on the Cenotaph to pay respect on behalf of all the people.Representatives of other levels of government will do the same.In the past, a mother would be chosen to personally represent families of those who never came home. The awful and continuing

reality of their sacrifice should not be used to promote business, politics or any other mundane endeavour. Such change is neither positive nor progressive.It is crass opportunism, materialism in the extreme and degrading to their memory. Directly "From Falling Hands" I claim the right to say so. Loud and strong.

Evelyn Buck
Aurora

From the thinking of an eight-year-old

To the editor,

From a very early age, my daughter, Haley Rose, was aware that she was part of a Canadian military family whose tradition of service

has spanned close to 100 years. This included her great-great grandfather, great grandfather, grandfather, two great uncles, one of whom lies buried in the Canadian

Military Cemetery at Calais, France, numerous cousins, an aunt, her father, who recently retired after 25 years in the Canadian Forces and her mother, who is still serving in the CF.

Two years ago, at age eight, as part of her school's Remembrance activities, Haley chose to write a Remembrance poem which reflected how she felt not only about her own family, but for all the Canadians who have served their country in the cause of peace.

My "claim" a fact, he says

To the editor,

I am responding to a letter sent by Mr.Hanes, and printed on October 16, in which Mr.Hanes states that I "claim" that 86 per cent of Aurorans participate in walking and hiking. This figure of 86 per cent came from a statistically valid survey conducted by consultants who were hired by the Town Of Aurora.

I stated a fact: this is not a claim that I made, in my September 23 letter. I was able to reach Mr. Hanes on the phone. He is part of the Aurora majority who walk and hike; only he does it on side-walks. Mr.Hanes acknowledged not to have used any of Aurora's nature trails. They are quite far from his home, so I am not surprised. But it was my recom-

mendation that he try one of them - so he can find out what they offer, and possibly change his position. He could help us establish links from his Aurora Highlands Golf Course neighbourhood to the Case Woodlot, Smith property, and Monk's Walk;to Sheppard's Bush and the Vendorf Woodlot;to the Arboretum all around Town Hall and beyond;and to the Northwest section of Aurora. Mr.Bob Hanes' help would be very welcome.

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Customer got no satisfaction from this store

To the editor,

I am writing in regards to my recent experience at a local place of business. I bought a snow blower from the Aurora Canadian Tire on October 24th. The following day, I received delivery of the product and had a rather negative experience with the delivery driver. Foolishly thinking that Canadian Tire would want to hear about my experience, I called the store and asked to speak with the store manager. I was put on hold, where I remained until I tired of waiting and hung up.A second attempt yielded the same result. Not to be deterred, I sent an e-mail through the Canadian Tire website. As of the date of this letter there has been no response. I support Canadian business and this was the main influence in my decision to buy this particular snow blower from Canadian Tire.

In the future I will be certain to spend my money at businesses that appreciate the people who buy their merchandise.


Steve Darling
Aurora

She wants bike back

To the editor,

To the person who borrowed my bike from the driveway of 87 Spruce Street, Aurora:my red and white Schwinn bike was an anniversary gift from my children--I would like my bike back. I miss it! Please put it back in the driveway--no questions asked! Thanks. If anyone out there sees this bike, let me know--I have only seen one other red and white one in Aurora.

Heather Masters
Aurora



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Tigers in first place overall

Aurora wins another two games

If anyone needed convincing a poor team in the standings doesn't draw fans, all one had to do was attend Friday night's home game between the Aurora Tigers and the Seguin Bruins of the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Only 78 people were in the stands.

Of course, Halloween, going on outside, may have had a bit to do with it.

Not to worry, though. The Tigers kept their home-game undefeated record in place by handing the hapless Bruins an 8-2 drubbing.

Aurora was up six goals before Seguin got a smell of the inside of Aurora's net, and it took them more than half the game to do it.

They added their second marker with less than a minute remaining in the final frame.

Earlier in the week, Aurora won its 15th game of the season by downing the Streetsville Derbys 7-3 in a rare mid-week contest.

Leading that charge was the line of Cody Smith, Jeff Vanderlugt and Brandon Happeney.

Also scoring for Aurora were Michael Sardella, Domenic Monardo, Michael Bodley and Phil Bushbacher.

Following Friday night's victory, Aurora's record is now 16 wins and two losses.

Just to mix things up a bit, maybe the Aurora Tigers should deliberately lose their next home game.

The game was anything but suspenseful, as the Tigers led 5-0 after one

period and 7-1 after two.

Aurora's Lucas Van Natter opened the scoring 4.30 into the first period, and 46 seconds later, Brandon Happeney made it 2-0.

Both markers were powerplay goals, and just to show it they could burn the candle at both ends, Aurora scored two short-handed goals before the period ended.

At 9.13 of the opening period, Aurora forward Erlich Doerksen scored his first goal of the season.

David Morley added an unassisted goal at 11.43, and Aurora's leading scorer Michael Sardella rounded out the first period with a goal at 17.26.

The momentum carried over to the second period, as the Tigers went up 6-0 on a Tyler Virgoe goal just 2.30 into the period.

However, with 8.50 remaining in the middle frame, Seguin spoiled Aurora goalie Brendan Sullivan's shutout bid.

40 seconds later, another Sardella goal brought

Aurora's lead back to six goals.

The Tigers increased their lead to seven when Aurora defenceman Thomas Evans scored at 9.40 of the third period.

Seguin managed to score one more goal with 51.7 seconds to play in the game.

Aurora outshot their opponents 55-26 in the win.

AURORA 7 STREETSVILLE 3

First Period

A - Jeff Vanderlugt (unassisted) SH 10.33

S - Mike Djogovic (Colavecchia, Mandrik) 13.33

Second Period

A - Brandon Happeney (Evans, Cody Smith) 2.56

S - Matthew Feric (Grant) SH 4.29

A - Dominic Monardo (Hellyer, Sardella) 6.02

A - Michael Sardella (Morley, Monardo) 6.09

S - Justin Baker (unassisted) PP 8.44

Third Period

A - Phil Bushbacher (Mooney, Cody Smith) 6.18

A - Mike Bodley (Revell, VanNatter) 8.43

A - Cody Smith (Happeney, Vanderlugt) 9.18

AURORA 8 SEGUIN 2

First Period

A - Lucas VanNatter (Revell, Hellyer) PP 4.30

A - Brandon Happeney (Jordan Smith, Cody Smith) PP 5.16

A - Erlich Doerksen (Vangog, Hellyer) 9.13

A - David Morley (unassisted) SH 11.43

A - Michael Sardella (Jordan Smith, Evans) SH 17.26

Second Period

A - Tyler Virgoe (Cody Smith, Davies) 2.30

S - Jacob Robitaille (Marinakos, Yeatman) 11.10

A - Michael Sardella (Morley, Monardo) 11.50

Third Period

A - Thomas Evans (Jordan Smith, Revell) PP 9.40

S - Steve Quinton (Dew) 19.09

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Following a home and home tournament involving teams from Aurora and Newmarket, the deal was whoever won would get to place their hockey jersey with the loser for a year. When the smoke had cleared following the tournament, Newmarket outscored Aurora 28-20 even though eight games were tied. Above, president of the Newmarket Minor Hockey Association Stephen Paine, left, enjoys the Newmarket sweater worn by Aurora Minor Hockey Association president Joe Bentolila. The Home and Home tournament is an annual event and teams from all divisions and levels of Rep hockey in Aurora and Newmarket play home and away league games against each other on the same weekend. Bentolila, not happy with having to display the Newmarket sweater is confident Aurora will win the series next year.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Historic Petch log house may get permanent home

As a result of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Evelina MacEachern, the historic Petch Log House may finally find a permanent home in Sheppard's Bush.

Last August, as a member of the Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area Steering Committee, Councillor MacEachern suggested the possibility of locating the building in Sheppard's Bush as a permanent site and she received a positive response.

It was proposed that the house be used for Community Programming in partnership with the Leisure Services Department and the Conservation Authority.

Her Notice of Motion was for staff to meet with Authority staff and the Ontario Heritage Trust to explore her proposal further and that a capital item be included in the 2009 budget.

In October, 2007, the Heritage Advisory Committee recommended that the report entitled "Options for Relocation and Restoration of the Petch Log House" be received and an expenditure of \$108,000 be included in the 2008 budget for restoration work.

The committee also recommended that Whitwell Developments fulfill the obligations related to its agreement with the town to permanently relocate the structure and it was suggested that it be relocated to town-owned land on the southeast corner of Industrial Parkway and St. John's Sideroad.

The house was built in 1844 and is said to be the oldest house in Aurora.

In 1990, several artifacts from the Petch family were given to the Aurora Museum, including the surviving parts of an ensemble worn by

Donald Webster's mother, Eva Petch, at her 1906 wedding to his father.

In 1990, an auction was held at the Petch farm and the Aurora Museum purchased a buggy, a clover seeder and a harness-maker's bench.

Based on a recommendation from the Heritage Advisory Committee in June, 2003, council approved an agreement with Whitwell Developments to move the house to a temporary location on the town-owned Leslie Street property until a permanent location could be found.

In June, 2005, the Advisory Committee received an update on the house and staffers were asked to bring forward a further report outlining progress with respect to finding a permanent future location and an update on restoration.

In September, 2006, staff members advised they were

meeting to discuss the next steps and a budget for restoration.

In June, 2007, recently announced plans to sell the town-owned Leslie Street property made it necessary for council to make a decision as to the future of the historic log house.

Although there was considerable discussion no decision was made at that time.

Performance affects sales

By ROBERT REVINGTON

The Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team has not played a playoff game since 2004, and this has had a wide range of impact on sports-related stores in the area.

Richard Billingham of the Aurora's Hockey Heaven has had a noticeably different experience since a lockout wiped out the 2004-2005 NHL season.

Nestled at 220 Industrial Parkway South, where Hockey Heaven started a decade ago, "our objective was to be the hockey stuff store," said Billingham. "The reality of the 905 area is that most of the stuff we were selling was Leafs stuff."

"A business like mine is directly tied to how well the team does," he said.

From jerseys to toothbrushes, Hockey Heaven boasts a wide variety of Maple Leaf products.

Yet as Billingham explains, "The players themselves have a lot to do with driving sales."

Many of the team's recognizable faces from previous years are now gone.

Toronto's last deep playoff run was in 2002, when they advanced to the conference finals before being eliminated by the Carolina Hurricanes.

"I don't think it hurt us," said Shean Oozman of Aurora's Rec Cycle N' Sports.

Located on Yonge Street, Rec Cycle N' Sports has long been one of the top stores in sports equipment expertise in the region.

To that end, Leaf jerseys and hats make only a small portion of the store's overall profits.

Sport Mart Aurora is another outlet that has not been greatly affected by

the team's woes.

"Their performance doesn't hurt our business," said Sport Mart manager John Smyth.

Sport Mart offers a variety of clothing products and shoes

in addition to its hockey supply.

"There are many, many Leaf fans around the area," said Smyth.

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If you were one of the 30 people able to get tickets, you enjoyed the murder-mystery dinner presented by the Aurora Historical Society at Hillary House Saturday night. The evening has been a fundraiser for the society in the past, but wasn't held last year. However, officials say it will be an annual event from this year on.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Harbourfront on Wheels in Aurora

In August, 1977, Mike Bebbington, his brother Bob, Bruce Green and Jean Ellis of the Harbourfront on Wheels staff visited the Aurora pool with a message of water safety.

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Classes began with the viewing of water safety films produced by the Red Cross after which the class was taken to poolside where the skits were performed.

Red Cross officials estimated that 40 per cent of Ontario's residents didn't know how to swim and the society planned to continue its hard-hitting campaign to educate the public on water safety.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

In November, 1988, Aurorans proved they were Santa Claus fans first and football fanatics second when they lined Yonge Street to cheer on the town's annual Santa Claus Parade.

There were fears that the Grey Cup game would have an adverse effect on the parade but the fears quickly disappeared when the hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators joined in to share the parade.

MUSIC TO PLEASE EVERYONE

In February, 1993, there was music to please everyone at Aurora's Winterfest which featured Doug Gibson's Band at the Town Hall and the York Symphony Orchestra at the Aurora High School.

The YSO, under the direction of Roberto De Clara, got the evening off to a rousing start with Donald Coakley's "Bonavista Harbour" capturing the music and magic of Newfoundland.

Meanwhile at the Town Hall with Doug Gibson on trom-

bone, Mike Nease on trumpet, Scott Alexander on bass guitar and John Roby on keyboard all the old traditional Dixieland classics were played.

While the band was taking a break, members of Theatre Aurora entertained with music featuring the English Music Hall songs.

A LETTER FROM THE PAST

While going through some old files Auroran columnist Dick Illingworth came across an undated letter and package from Mathew and Anne Bartley Smith of HighTor.

The letter stated it was obvious from his writings that he shared the same love of the English language as they did and the package contained the First Folio of William Shakespeare, the actual words, with original type.

They found the publisher who had published a limited edition and ordered two copies, one for them and one for Illingworth.

It was pointed out that all of Shakespeare's writing might have been lost if it had not been for two former actors, who have been forgotten by history, who decided that someone should collect and preserve the plays of their friend Will.

The letter concluded with the comment that it was thrilling to read the original type of Henry V's exhortation to his troops at Agincourt and Hamlet's soliloquies.

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Two-goal lead evaporates for Atoms

The Aurora Minor Atom A Tigers, playing one of the league leading teams from Markham, were not intimidated as they came out of the gate flying in minor hockey action last week.

Thirty-seven seconds into the game, Josh Schmitt took a pass from Kyle Rice and quickly fired the puck past the Markham Waxer

goaltender.

Less than a minute later, Stewart Gable jumped on a loose puck and fired at the Waxers net from a bad angle beating the goalie for the second Tiger goal.

However, the two early goals weren't enough for Aurora who went down to a 3-2 defeat.

Midway into the period,

the Waxers replied with a goal of their own narrowing the gap to one.

But as the period neared its end, the Tigers continued to press and seemed to be controlling the play.

Throughout the second period, Aurora played an aggressive forecheck style and the balance of the play took place in the Markham end.

The Tigers had many chances that just seemed to fall short of increasing their lead.

Before the frame ended, Markham scored its second

goal knotting the game at two.

The third period began with the Tigers slowing down a little and the Waxers, sensing this, applied more pressure.

Markham got its go-ahead goal around the middle of the period, to steal the victory from the Tigers.

The team played well and continues to improve.

As the season progresses, the coaches are pleased with the effort and direction of their team, knowing there is still an opportunity to grow.

Woods' farm house

From page 1
modern trappings.

Adam was a follower of William Lyon MacKenzie during the Rebellion of 1837.


In 1912, Jack Woods' father bought the farm which originally contained 180 acres. Over the years, bits had been sold and other parts added so that the total acreage was about the same.

Jack was born in the house in 1913, worked on the farm all his life and in 1973 sold what was left of the farm to the town for its first industrial park, but the town retained the farmhouse and surrounding land.

After the family moved out, the house was vacant for 15 months and at one time the site was considered a possible location for a new town hall.

In 1988, the house was leased to the Aurora Learning Co-op Centre as a child care facility and in 2001 to the York Neighbourhood Services.

In April, 2007, the Community Planner was asked to bring a heritage designation report to a future meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee, but there was opposition on council that designating the house could have an effect on the sale of the property.



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Novice

203 Caravan Kids Senators 6 - Chris Sands 4G, Ayrton Ochab 1G, Stephen Silverio 1G 2A, Jake Carson 4A, Kenzie Macmillan 1A, Louis Wood 1A. **204 Caravan Kids Flyers 3** - Adam Wochenmark 1G 1A, Brendan Dodd 1G 1A, Bret Walsh 1G, Michael Vivian 1A, Ethan Cohen 2A.

205 Caravan Kids Leafs 1 - Evan Bryan 1G, Dylan Clark 1A. **202 Caravan Kids Bruins 1** - Jaedon Jackson 1G, Shayne Colin 1A, Mathew Winters 1A.

206 Caravan Kids Penguins 4 - Nicholas Vamvakaris 2G 2A, Colin Windle 2G 1A, Brayden Pitre 3A, Raffaele Parente 2A, Christopher Foscia 1A. **201 Caravan Kids Flames 3** - Benjamin Godber 1G 2A, Keegan Fisher 1G, Jack Hosmer 1G, Bryce Davison 3A, Dillon Varone 1A.

201 Caravan Kids Flames 7 - Benjamin Godber 3G 2A, Nicholas Robinson 2G 1A, Jack Hosmer 1G, William Reid 1G, Adam Dipiero 2A, Keegan Fisher 1A, Riley Jackson 1A, Dillon Varone 2A. **205 Caravan Kids Leafs 5** - Dylan Clark 2G, Mitchell Levy 1G, Dane Kerckamp 1G, Andreas Imperio 1G, Jack Fournier 2A, Mathew Broad 1A, Jessey Van Soest 1A, Evan Bryan 1A.

202 Caravan Kids Bruins 3 - Christopher Walsh 2G 1A, Jaedon Jackson 1G, Ben Hagias 2A, Matthew Winters 1A. **203 Caravan Kids Senators 2** - Jacob Cowl 1G, Stephen Silverio 1G.

206 Caravan Kids Penguins 6 - Nicholas Vamvakaris 4G, Christopher Foscia 1G, Colin Windle 1G, 2A, Callum Gorrell 2A, Matthew Bolger 2A, Raffaele Parente 2A, Dalton Slind 1A. **204 Caravan Kids Flyers 1** - Brendan Dodd 1G, Scott Wilson Smith 1A.

Minor Peewee

Team 405 Chevalier Chrysler 5 - Christopher Baggio 1G, Ryan Donovan 1G, Christian Baggio 3G, Bradley Snoulton 2A, Samuel Davis, shutout. **Team 406 Calgary 0.**

Peewee

Team 401 Rogers 9 - Dennis Semenovych 5G 1A, Johnny Sherwood 1G, Gregory Rutherford 1G, Parker Jackson 1G, Alexander MacKinnon 1G, John Barber 1A. **Team 403 Ruff N Redi 1** - David Leeper 1G.

Greenpoint Laser 7 - Matthew Walker 3G 1A, Brayden Beswick 3G, Corey Young 1G, Samuel Mason 1A, Liam Henderson 1A. **506 Wikoff Color Corp 1** - Harry Smith 1G.

507 Sgt. Pepper's Bar & Grill 1 - Keith Jarvis 1G, Mac Cawfield 1A. **Omars Shoes 1** - Neil Duggan 1G, Alec Ground 1A.

504 Pizza Pizza 2 - Derek Capone, shutout, Max Brown 1G, Joseph Veneziano 1G, Hussain Akbar 1A, Michael Tanel 1A, Oliver Jones 1A. **505 Laurion Law Office 0.**

Tilemaster 4 - Jake Anderson 1G, Ryan McGoldrick 2G, Tyler Hindley 1G, Matthew Pelkola 2A, Adam DeRoos 2A, Hunter Jones 1A, Alexander Jonasson 1A, Nicholas Romano 1A, Adrian Ramirez 1A. **501 Perfect Moves 2** - Matthew Sanita 1G, Jake Arcangeli 1G, Mitchell Carter 2A, Justin Chalmers 1A, Nicholas Marrelli 1A.

Bantam

Team 704 AJ Printing 8 - Jake Langford 4G 2A, Jeremiah Diaz 2G, Eamon Reilly 1G, Kelley Hudson 1G 1A, Wade MacFarlane 1A, Evan Jones 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Shane Arcangeli 1A. **Team 701 Pizzaville 3** - Coulton Speight 1G, Matt Noseworthy 1G, Dylan Gaudet 1G, John Dinicolantonio 1A, Alex Cackirovski 1A, Eric Butler 1A, Evan Foxwell 1A.

Team 702 Delph Jenkins 6 - Cameron Albert 2G, Liam Judges 1G, Matthew Stewart 2G, Jeremy Warner 1G, Taylor Brewda 1A, Stefan Richardson 1A. **Team 703 Pierce McNally 4** - David Baccilari 4G, Joseph Ariganello 2A.

Team 705 Optimist Club 6 - J.P. Hudon 3G 1A, Jordan Caruso 1G 1A, Peter Teti 1G, Kyle Coughlin 1G, Matthew MacEachern 1A, Ryan Rival 1A. **Team 707 AHPA 2** - Brandon

Kirasack 1G, Ryan Dalcin 1G, Christopher Beach 1A.

Team 703 Pierce McNally 4 - William Millar 1G 2A, Andrew Seguin 1G 1A, Kasey Piper 1G, Zach Cook 1G, Braedon MacKenzie 1A. **Team 707 AHPA 1** - Andrew Gibbs 1G, Brenden Kirasack 1A.

Team 706 Caruso and Company 6 - Alex Woodward 2G 1A, Connor Lynas-Flynn 2G, Austin Fenyes 1G, Nick Reinholdt 1G, Drew Marshall 1A, Myles Munding 1A, Cody Rundle-Sanderson 1A. **Team 704 AJ Printing 3** - Jake Langford 1G, Kelley Hudson 1G, Daniel Whitley 1G, Jesse Bentolila 2A.

Team 701 - Pizzaville 7 - Royce Kirby 2G 1A, Dylan Gaudet 2G, Jim Tatum 2G, John DiNicolantonio 1G 1A, Chris Karaganis 1A, Alex Cackirovski 1A, Eric Butler 1A, Cameron Greig 1A. **Team 702 Delph Jenkins 1** - David Schueller 1G, Jeremy Warner 1A.

Rep League

Novice

Aurora Novice A 6 - Andrew Jorgensen 2G 1A, Carson Venneri 2G, Michael Thibeault 1G, Anthony Magnante 1G, 2A. **Newmarket Redmen 3.**

Aurora Novice A 8 - Nicholas Rountes 2G 1A, Carson Venneri 2G 1A, Anthony Magnante 2G 1A, Nicholas Andrew Jorgensen 1G 1A. **Newmarket Redmen 7.**

Aurora Tigers Atom AE 1 - Cameron Anderson 1G, Keegan Matthew 1A, Christian Acuri 1A. **Newmarket Redmen AE 0.**

Aurora Tigers Atom AE 6 - Spencer White 2G, Jeffrey McKay 1G, Keegan Matthew 2G, Adam Caicco 1G, Tristan Kuchar, 1A. **Newmarket Redmen AE 4.**

Aurora Tigers Atom AE 2 - Jeffrey McKay 1G, Keegan Matthew 1G, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Christian Arcuri 1A, Cameron Anderson 1A. **Stouffville Clippers AE 0.**

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Senior Scape

Woodworking interest increasing

By BRIAN WARBURTON

The Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) represents a diverse cultural group united in the goal of creating a common lifestyle in the elder years.

This aspiration is a work in progress and characterizes customs and practices, which govern seniors' collaboration together, to produce excellence in senior community affairs, while cooperating as a well-functioning group.

The ASA is a combination of a playground for seniority, and an establishment to improve individual abilities able to cope better in a world where technology changes with mind boggling rapidity, challenging seniors' capacity to maintain a meaningful presence in the world of technology.

The ASA is a place that attempts to satisfy many seniors and clearly does that for a great many, and while we do not all share the same cultural origins, we expect to share the same future and add to our collective benefit.

Ever since members of the ASA woodshop constructed 50 bird nesting boxes in the spring of 2008, interest in wood working has been increasing.

The boxes were used by birds in Aurora through this year's breeding season, and this initiative was followed by the construction of a replica of the Aurora Post Office clock tower.

The clock tower helped decorate and define the Aurora Seniors' award winning Canada Day Parade float last summer, and interest is translating into increased membership and the capabilities of members, male and female, who spend quality time, planning and making a variety of items, attracts attention and curiosity from exploratory novices who are encouraged to pursue woodworking.

For this year's Halloween celebration the ASA woodworkers were requested to construct a full size wood coffin to add a decorative theme to the ASA Halloween Luncheon and the Friday Night Dance. This was accomplished and Ron Coe modeled it for me with the coffin on end and Ron standing up, and looking pretty lively considering the circumstance.

News of the coffin reached the Aurora Town Parks Department whose interest was awakened and who requested two for their use, which were constructed and saw service at the Haunted Forest evening presented by the Town of Aurora recently and which was illustrated on the front page of The Auroran last week. The Town will find a secure place to preserve these items for future events.

In addition, the Aurora Community Arboretum Society requested the construction of six sturdy cold frames for starting seeds and for seedlings, and these have been constructed and are in use.

The Arboretum Society is having a huge impact on the Holland River Parkway, and it is a pleasure to report that the ASA woodshop has been helpful in the Society's fine cultural endeavours and that more ASA members are involved in the ongoing Arboretum initiative.

Hillary House has been storing a sleigh for at least 50 years and perhaps longer and they have decided that it should be refurbished and members of the ASA woodshop have risen to this challenge.

Among the members performing these works are Jack Hirst, Bill Moore and Ron Coe on the cold frames plus those same members and John Scherrer on the sleigh and coffins.

The ASA will take possession of the sleigh early in November and the work will require refurbishing of woodwork and paint, plus iron work and paint, with the existing iron rusted but not too badly.

What is believed to be woven horse hair upholstery stuffing, will be removed and returned to Hillary House and the area exposed refurbished with other material.

The restored sleigh is destined to be parked for display on the lawn in front of Hillary House for the Christmas season, and is sure to bring back memories for many seniors from a world before snow-mobiles.

The ASA Tuesday evening movie November 11th, starting at 6.30 p.m. will be "Houdini's Death Defying Acts", starring Catherine Zeta-Jones, Guy Pearce, and Timothy Spall. Refreshments will be served in this very popular rendezvous.

For those who have not visited the centre previously, other activities are open or in progress, including the pool room, the darts club, and the chess club.

If you are not a member, seniors are welcome to join.

A shopping and dining trip is planned to Buffalo November 24th, which includes an evening tour of the Festival of Lights.

You will require a valid Canadian passport for this trip which will provide change of scenery shopping, coach transportation and a refreshing change of setting to find those special gifts which can make a trip so pleasurable.

On Friday, November 7th, between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., the ASA will host an "Open House Membership Drive" at which light refreshments will be served.

A new ASA membership, purchased at this open house event, will include the remainder of 2008, and all of 2009.

Part Two

The poppy - Flower of Remembrance

By IAN SWEET
Aurora Legion

In 1915, during one of the darkest periods of World War I, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant-Colonel John Alexander McCrae, was serving in the trenches near Ypres, Belgium, in the area traditionally referred to as "Flanders".

He tended to hundreds of wounded soldiers every day, including those who had been affected by the German's use of deadly chlorine gas.

After one particularly terrible day of fighting, one of McCrae's closest friends, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed and buried in a nearby makeshift grave.

McCrae noticed that almost immediately after, wild poppies began to bloom between the many wooden crosses that marked the graves.

It was there that he penned his second last and most famous poem entitled "In Flanders Fields":

*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

The flowers and the larks serve as reminders of nature's ability to withstand the destructive elements of war by men, a symbol of hope in a period of human despair.

However, by the fall of 1917, the war had taken its toll on Dr. McCrae and he contracted pneumonia and meningitis, dying January 28th, 1918.

He was buried with full military honours in Wimereux Cemetery, not far from the fields of Flanders. Before he died however, John McCrae had the satisfaction of knowing that his poem had been a success. It was first published in the English magazine "Punch" in December, 1915, and it had become the most popular poem of the Great War.

After the end of the War, and particularly due to the poem, an American, Moina Belle Michael thought that a Poppy worn over the heart would be a fitting tribute to all those who fought for peace. She made a personal pledge to keep the faith and vowed always to wear a red Poppy of Flanders Fields as a sign of remembrance and as an emblem for keeping the faith with all who died.

She also arranged for disabled veterans to make the Poppies with the profits from their sale going to help veterans and their families.

In 1920, during a visit to the United States, a French woman, Anna Guerin, learned of the custom of wearing a Poppy for remembrance. On

her return to France, she decided to use handmade Poppies to raise money for the destitute children from the war-torn areas of the country.

Following her example, the Great War Veterans' Association in Canada (the predecessor of The Royal Canadian Legion) officially adopted the Poppy as its Flower of Remembrance.

Since 1921, the Poppy has been adopted as the Flower of Remembrance for the war dead of Britain, France, the United States and other countries.

In Canada, traditionally the poppies which were worn were made by disabled Veterans beginning in 1922, under the sponsorship of the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment.

Until 1996, Poppy material was made at the "Vetcraft", sheltered workshops run by Veterans Affairs Canada. The work provided a small source of income for disabled ex-service persons and their dependants, allowing them to take an active part in maintaining the tradition of Remembrance.

When it no longer became practical for Veterans Affairs Canada to maintain the "Vetcraft" operations, the Legion volunteered to take on the continuing responsibility for the production of Poppies.

Today, poppies are the reminders of those 117,000 Canadians who died while fighting for peace: we wear them as reminders of the horrors of conflict and the preciousness of the peace they fought so hard to achieve.

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This program eases fear of hospitalized children

An Aurora woman is one of four volunteers who is working with area schools to make the fear of children going to the hospital go away.

Sylvie Hoyer of Tyler Street told The Auroran she is "quite proud" of the program.

"It is our aim to take the fear of hospitals out of young children's hearts and to prepare them should they need Southlake's services," she said. "Our team is donating their time, expertise, gas and food allowances."

The Travelling Road Show, as the group is known, is an initiative of the Community Resources Department at Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, once known as York County Hospital.

The program is run through volunteers who devote their time to educate Grade 1 students in York Region and Simcoe County about the hospital experience.

Each session lasts about 90 minutes and covers a variety of topics to help ease students into the hospital experience, by helping to overcome fears and to introduce the hospital as a friendly and familiar place.

Southlake volunteers have already taken their show into a number of public and private schools in Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill.

The maximum number of children during each visit is limited to 25 and there is a program fee of \$75 per class.

The fee covers a booklet

with puzzles, games, and pertinent information about the hospital as well as a small gift from Southlake.

Included in a session are authentic x-rays used to show broken bones and items that have been swallowed accidentally.

Students are given the opportunity to dress in gowns, masks and gloves, to use stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs, and role play as surgeons examining their patients.

For more information regarding the Travelling Road Show, contact 905-895-4521, extension 2169, or visit the website at southlakeregional.org/volunteers.travelingroadshow.html.



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