

Town's Mr. Industry, Earl V. Stewart dies

Many newcomers to Aurora won't know the name Earl V. Stewart, but to long time residents, his name was familiar as a real estate broker, a member of Aurora council, and a candidate for mayor in 1985.

As economic development officer, he was primarily responsible for developing Aurora's industrial parks and bringing many new

industries and businesses to the municipality.

Stewart died recently in Barrie's Royal Victoria Hospital.

He moved from his Kennedy Street residence in the mid-1980s to Barrie to be close to his son Bob, also a real estate agent.

His wife, Violet, died in March.

A long-time resident of Aurora,

see page 8

60 Buicks ready to invade Aurora

The Buicks are coming.

The National Tour of Buick Driving Enthusiasts, known as the Golden Tour, will be in Aurora from June 17 to 20.

Most of the 60 Buick owners expected to visit are from the United States, particularly Arizona, South Dakota, Florida, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New York.

Hosting the event are former Aurora residents Wendy and Keith Horsfall.

Keith, at one time, operated Aurora Shell at Yonge & Ransom, and spent several years with Weitzes/Aurora

Toyota.

Buick owners themselves, the Horsfalls have owned their 1965 Riviera automobile since 1974 and have taken part in several similar events.

Diane and Hugh Schedlich, of Aurora, are also expected to participate in the show.

The tour will base itself at the Howard Johnson in Aurora, and members are planning side trips to Parkwood in Oshawa, Cullen Gardens in Whitby and to the Bradford and Cookstown areas.

Prizes during the Golden Tour have been donated by numerous local businesses.



The colourful annual St. Andrew's College cadet inspection took place Saturday at the college under perfect weather condi-

tions. Reviewing officer was Dr. Charles Malcolmson.

Auroran photo by Matt Haggerty

THE

AURORAN

"If it's good for Aurora, it's good for us"

Vol. 2 No. 29

Week of May 7, 2002

905-726-2892



Yonge Street was ablaze with colour Sunday as dozens of clowns, delegates at a Clowns Canada convention at the Aurora Howard Johnson hotel, prepared to march to the Community Centre to entertain the community. The makeshift parade brought much reaction from passing motorists who waved and honked at the colourful characters. Sunday afternoon's event, sponsored by the Aurora Rotary Club and The

Auroran, was the finale to a successful three-day convention that was officially opened by Mayor Tim Jones Friday night. Impressed with the hospitality, the group has booked next year's convention back in Aurora and will time it to entertain at the annual Street Festival in June. More pictures on Page 7.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace

Briefly...

MERLIN'S HOLLOW AWAITS

Assuming we've seen the last of the snow - it is May, after all - it's time to turn to warmer thoughts.

How about an English flower garden? Right here in Aurora.

For four days this summer, Merlin's Hollow opens to the public. First viewing is this Saturday, May 11.

The garden will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is wheelchair accessible, and is free.

This splendid display - it covers nearly an acre and contains more than 1,500 different plants - is yours for the looking (and buying) at 181 Centre Crescent, Aurora. That's off Centre Street, just west of Industrial Parkway North.

Dierdre and David Tomlinson are waiting for you.

CHAMBER TRIPPING AGAIN

Elated from the success of last year's trip to Niagara-On-The-Lake, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce has another adventure planned for this summer.

On Friday, July 19, a busload of travelers will have lunch at the Stratford Golf & Country Club, watch a matinee of My Fair Lady at the Festival Theatre, and enjoy dinner at the Church Restaurant before returning to Aurora.

To register, call 905-727-7262.

YET ANOTHER AWARD

To add to his immense collection of awards, Aurora's Tom Davey won another one Monday.

The editor of the Canadian magazine, Environmental Science & Engineering, Davey was presented with the 2002 American Water Works Association Award of Merit "for his leadership as a journalist and publisher who has championed the cause of safe drinking water through the principles of sound science".

The award was presented in London, Ontario, and will be recognized at the AWWA conference in New Orleans in June.

Authorized Dealer of:

Screwpull corkscrews

Vintage Keeper wine cellars

Haier wine coolers

Spiegelau Glassware

Redwood wine racks

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

YONGE STREET

WINERY

14834 Yonge St. Aurora 905-841-5552

(at Brookland, facing the liquor store)

JAZZY GIFTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Open Tuesday to Saturday

Over 50 Styles of wine glasses in stock

2 - The AURORAN, Week of May 7, 2002

COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

CONTINUING

Aurora Minor Ball Association limited space still available. Ages 5-21 (born 1997 to 1981). For more information see www.amba.ca or email famdro@sympati-co.ca or call 905-727-8461.

MAY 9/11

Pine Tree Potters Spring Sale at the St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club on the St. John's Sideroad. For further information call 905-727-1278.

MAY 11

Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society Annual Spring Plant Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre on Victoria Street.

Maple Key Senior Branches Guides will host a garage sale at 15 McClellan Way, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds go to financing a guiding trip to British Columbia.

MAY 13

Aurora Writers Group, writers of all styles, meet to share and expand knowledge of craft in the Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall, 7-9 p.m.

MAY 15

Aurora Neighbourhood Employment Resource Centre will hold a no cost workshop at Aurora Library at 6.30 p.m. entitled "Asserting Your Way To Success". To register call 905-726-3702.

MAY 19

Twin Dragon kick boxing - five title fights. Aurora Community Centre. Further information or tickets 905-727-3114 or 416-229-1280.

MAY 23

Spring Health & Wellness event featuring Dini Petty at Shopper's Drug Mart Doane Hall. Ticket proceeds to Southlake Regional Health Centre Cancer Clinic.

MAY 25

The Aurora Seniors' Art Group will hold their 8th Annual Art Show and Sale at the Seniors Centre from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The art exhibition is the culmination of the artists' paintings completed during the year.

Aurora Grove Public School First Spring Fling at the school located at 415 Stone Road from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events include tethered hot air balloon rides, dunk tank, silent auction and lots of games and races.

MAY 26

York Regional Police Male Chorus will join forces with the Ogmere Valley Male Voice Choir from South Wales, UK, at Marylake Shrine, 13760 Keele Street North, just west of Aurora. 7.30 p.m. Tickets, \$10. All proceeds to the Big Brothers of York. Further info at 905-727-1251, extension 304.

MAY 27/JUNE 14

The York Senior's Games are open to all York Region citizens 55 plus. For more information or to pick up a registration form, contact the Seniors' Centre on Victoria Street or call 905-727-2816.

JUNE 2

Michael Leach will entertain at 4 p.m. on the new Phoenix 3-manual organ at Trinity Anglican Church. Tickets \$8. For more information call the church at 905-727-6101.

Seventh Annual Street Festival on Yonge Street from Wellington to Murray. More than 480 vendors, entertainment, and something for everyone.

JUNE 7

The jumpers return to the Annual Aurora Horse Show sponsored by the Aurora Agricultural Society at Machell Park with a Grand Prix jumping competition

Seniors art show set for May 25th

Every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. until noon, a group of seniors gather at the Aurora Seniors Centre to draw and paint. They work under the direction of Aurora artist Dorothy Clark McClure.

McClure has been teaching the group since 1992, with many of the seniors returning session after session.

The course is sponsored by the town's Leisure Services Department and 8-10 week sessions are held during the fall, winter and spring.

"It's never too late to learn, and for many seniors, 55

and over, it's the only activity they do," McClure says. "They experience the magic of painting, the gift of creating something."

The students range in age from 55 to over 80 years of age, and from beginner to near professional level in talent and experience.

In 1995 as the culmination of the year's work, the seniors held their first Art Show and Sale at the Seniors Centre, with the artists in attendance.

The art show and sale has continued over the years and the 2002 event will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. May 25 at the Centre

on Victoria Street.

Businesses are invited to participate in the Art Purchase Award Program. Details can be obtained by calling the Centre at 905-727-2816.

In 1995 the art show was a day Mildred Arthur will long remember. For the previous seven years Aurora Hydro had purchased a painting from the Annual Aurora Art Show and Sale for their permanent collection.

In 1995, to celebrate the Seniors first Art Show, Hydro decided to purchase a work by one of the artists. Sharon Jamieson and

Mayor Tim Jones had the difficult task of selecting the winning painting and awarding the artist with an Art Purchase Award.

They finally settled on a floral watercolour "Hydrangea" by Arthur.

Jones was so impressed with the work of the artist, he purchased another floral "Clematis" for himself.

There may be a perception that a seniors art show must be an amateur show. If that's what you believe visit the Centre May 25 and see how wrong that perception can be. Refreshments are also served.



Marilyn Redvers



#1 in Aurora Sales Rep - 2001 *
Top 1% in Canada - 10 Yrs.
Over 75% Referral Rate

**Selling Aurora
For More Than
12 Years!**

*"Proud to be living
and working in Aurora"*



HOME OF THE WEEK



\$399,000 FABULOUS PRIVATE LOT ON QUIET COURT IN CENTRAL AURORA!

1/4 acre with mature trees, large deck, professionally landscaped! Custom woodwork, hardwood floors! Super kitchen with walk-in pantry! Finished bsmt. has 5th Br, 3-pc. bath, rec. rm. & wet bar!

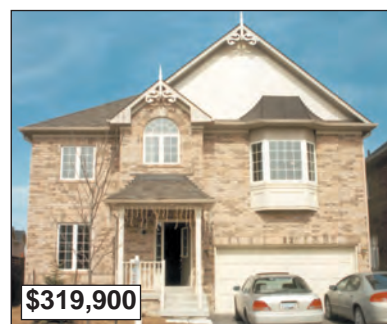
Other GREAT HOMES



\$299,000

**GROUND FLOOR CONDO -
AURORA HIGHLANDS!**

Fabulous 2 bedroom unit, plus den! Walkout to patio & grass...Just like a bungalow! Terrific Living Space! 24-hr security! Exceptionally maintained building! Convenient location on Yonge St.!



\$319,900

BETTER THAN NEW IN EAST AURORA!

Terrific open concept floor plan! 12' cathedral ceiling & gas fireplace in fam.rm...open to kitchen! A light & bright home! Master has 4-pc. ensuite! Interior access to double garage! Great neighbourhood!



\$339,900

QUIET CRESCENT IN WEST AURORA!

Wonderful family home, immaculate and beautifully decorated! Hardwood floor in family room! Lovely master with sitting room and 4-pc. ensuite! Property backs to estate lot with trees! Trails nearby!



\$364,900

**RAVINE LOT ON QUIET CRESCENT
IN SOUTHWEST AURORA!**

Terrific location on sought-after street...great for kids! Light and bright kitchen with walkout to deck! Cozy family rm. with woodburning fireplace! Lots of potential in bright walkout basement!

ROYAL LEPAGE

Associate Broker Network

*FOR YOUR COMMUNITY REALTY

Call **905 727-3154**

14799 Yonge Street, Aurora





Gerry Conetta, owner of Aurora's newest limousine service, watches a DVD inside his new limo, a Chrysler Town & Country van. Aurora Council recently decided a limo did not have to be a stretch vehicle, and gave approval to Conetta to operate his van as a limousine.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Arts/Culture Fund seeks applications

It was back in 1973 when the late David Merkur, owner and operator of the Aurora Shopping Centre, donated \$2,500 to the Town of Aurora to establish an Arts and Culture Fund for town individuals or groups.

He also made a commitment to contribute a similar amount over the next 10 years.

He said then that he wanted to pay back something to the municipality and the citizens who had been so good to him and the merchants in the centre. Contributions have continued annually.

It was hoped other businesses would contribute to the fund, but Merkur remained the lone contributor until the mid-1980s when Joseph Lebovic, of Lebovic Enterprises, began contributing.

Over the years many individuals and groups have received various amounts of money for special projects.

Applications are now invited from individuals and groups in the form of a letter outlining the nature and general activities of the individual or group and spe-

cific information as to the use of the grant and any other pertinent information.

Deadline for applications is June 14.

Send applications to Mayor Tim Jones, Aurora Town Hall, Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1.




Lighting Gallery
Traditional/Hi-Tech,
Indoor/Outdoor,
Repairs, Shades,
Bulbs, Home Decor

13130 Yonge Street. Oak Ridges
(across from McDonalds)
905 773-9989



**BEN HAS MOVED TO
KLOSTER'S BUTCHER
SHOP**

BBQ TIME HAS ARRIVED
Shish Kabob * Souvlaki
* Homemade Burgers
* Back Ribs



**Great BBQ Ideas
For Mother's Day**

18025 Yonge St., Newmarket
(across from Walmart)
(905) 895-0437



JAGUAR
Gymnastics Club Inc.
Celebrating 10 years!
**INQUIRE ABOUT OUR
SUMMER CAMP.**

NOW TAKING FALL REGISTRATIONS

Parent and tot classes, recreational, special needs program,
pre-competitive, competitive, adult programs,
and birthday parties.

905 841 7598

6 Vata Court, Unit 6 & 7 (off Edward)
2 blocks east of Yonge, AURORA

PURE PIZZA
COMPANY
ITALIAN RESTAURANT

PROUDLY SERVING:
Real Tomatoes
+ Real Cheese
+ Fresh
Ingredients
= PURE TASTE

**2001
Small Business of the year
Nominee in Aurora**

Try our
2002 MENU
Quality & Value
The Whole Family
will LOVE

Eat Smart!
Ontario's Healthy Restaurant Program
AWARD WINNER

(905) 841-PURE
15420 Bayview Avenue
(North of Wellington in the
Sobey's/Zellers Plaza)

Giving you
the pure taste
of Northern Italy

Potters' sale on this week

The Pine Tree Potters annual Spring Sale starts Thursday, May 9, and continues to Saturday, May 11, at the St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, located at 368 St. John's Sideroad East in Aurora.

On Thursday and Friday, the event runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information call 905-727-1278.

AURORA

SHOPPING CENTRE

Just the Best Place to Shop!

<p>SALON SECRETS</p> <p><i>"Happy Mother's Day"</i></p> <p>from Salon Secrets</p> <p>(905) 727-1044</p>	<p>SOUND CITY AURORA</p> <p>We love our moms too!</p> <p>Great gifts for MOTHER'S DAY:</p> <p>New: Celine Dion, Michael Bolton, Jan Arden, Josh Groban</p> <p>Not sure? Get a Gift Certificate</p>	<p>REGENCY VARIETY</p> <p>Regency Variety & Gift Postal Outlet</p> <p>Mail your Mother's Day Cards here at our Post Office</p> <p><i>"Happy Mother's Day"</i></p>
<p>OAK RIDGES OUTFITTERS</p> <p><i>Remember Mom this Mother's Day</i></p> <p>Sunday May 12th JUST ARRIVED Beautiful parkhurst Sweaters...just in time for Mother's Day!</p>	<p>KAREN & TINA'S FLOWERS</p> <p>DON'T FORGET MOM! SUNDAY MAY 12TH</p> <p>Large Selection of Mother's Day arrangements & Flowering Plants</p> <p>905-727-9865</p>	<p>KITCHEN ACCENTS</p> <p><i>We have a range of gifts to please Mom</i></p> <p>(905) 841-0885</p>

THE SHOPS

A&F HAIR ELITE, 727-6212
ALBRIGHT DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDRY, 727-8288
AURORA ALTERATIONS, 726-9242
AURORA DOLLAR DISCOUNT STORE, 841-2497
AURORA SALON SECRETS, 727-1044
BARRONS, 841-5454
BEER STORE, 727-4741
CIBC BANK, 1-800-465-2422
CLOTHING OUTLET, 905-841-7652
CREATIVE COLOURS FASHIONS, 727-0552
DECORATING WORKS! 727-7048
DELI DELIGHT CAFE, 841-3195

DISCOUNT SHOES, 727-9391
FABULOUS FLICKS VIDEO, 841-5768
FAMILY SHOE REPAIR 841-8922
GERRY'S NO FRILLS
HENRY'S FISH & CHIPS, 727-8001
KAREN & TINA'S FLOWERS, 727-9865
KESSLER'S SWISS PASTRIES, 727-8492
KITCHEN ACCENTS, 841-0885
KNIT OR KNOT, 713-1818
KODAK IMAGE CENTRE, 726-4243

KODAK IMAGE CENTRE, 726-4243
NOT JUST CARDS (HALLMARK), 727-1547
OAKRIDGE OUTFITTERS, 726-4063
OMAR'S SHOES, 727-9391
R&R BOOK BAR, 727-3300
REGENCY VARIETY, 727-6691
SOUND CITY 751-0397
SPARKLE PHARMACY, 727-2322
STAPLES/BUSINESS DEPOT 713-0367
VAN DE VEN CAR WASH
YORK MEDICAL, 713-0404





*Poor
Richard*

Yonge Street before the 400

*Aurora has changed over the years,
As growth and development took place;
It wasn't always for the better,
As old-time citizens have to face.
Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

Prior to the construction of Highway 400, Yonge Street though Aurora was the main route that cottage-bound families and tourists had to use to travel north, and return on the following Sunday.

For many of them the highlight of the trip was driving through Aurora, admiring the well-kept homes, the trees, and the warm small-town atmosphere.

As visitors and tourists entered the Aurora area from the south, back in the pre-Highway 400 days, they crossed over the CFRB Sideroad, as the radio station's transmission towers were located at the southwest corner of the intersection with Yonge Street.

Now it is known as Bloomington Road.

The Ontario Hospital for the Mentally Disabled, originally De La Salle College, came into view on Priest Hill, the watershed between Lake Ontario to the south and Lake Simcoe to the north.

The young male residents used to wait by the side of the roadway to entice passing motorists to throw out chocolate bars and other goodies

Past the former Toronto and North York Hunt Club on the right, now part of the Beacon Hall golf course, the well-kept Aurora Cemetery and the heritage Keeper's Cottage at the entrance.

An old barn with the name Hazelburn Farms came next.

The Jarvises used to live there and their farm was the site of the first Aurora Horse Show.

A painting of the old barn became the inspiration for the Preserve Aurora in Paint category of the Aurora Art Show and Sale.

Under the Canadian National subway and the old swamp on the left is now a shopping plaza and town houses.

At one time a hotel was proposed for the site but like a lot of other proposals it never developed.

The Aurora War Memorial stood tall and proud on the right side of Yonge Street with the names of the men from Aurora, King and Whitchurch Townships who lost their lives in the First World War.

The Altar of Sacrifice to honour the men and women who lost their lives in the Second World War was dedicated in the early 1950s, with the Honourable Keiller MacKay, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in attendance.

Later in the 1950s, Sterling Drug built their plant across from the Cenotaph. Aurora almost lost the big addition when an overzealous Chairman of the Water Committee, took them to court because he thought they were wasting water. Sterling paid the \$5 fine.

Across Murray Drive from Sterling was the Aurora Shopping Centre and travelling north a series of strip plazas on both sides of Yonge Street, broken by a little green space, the Billings Well site.

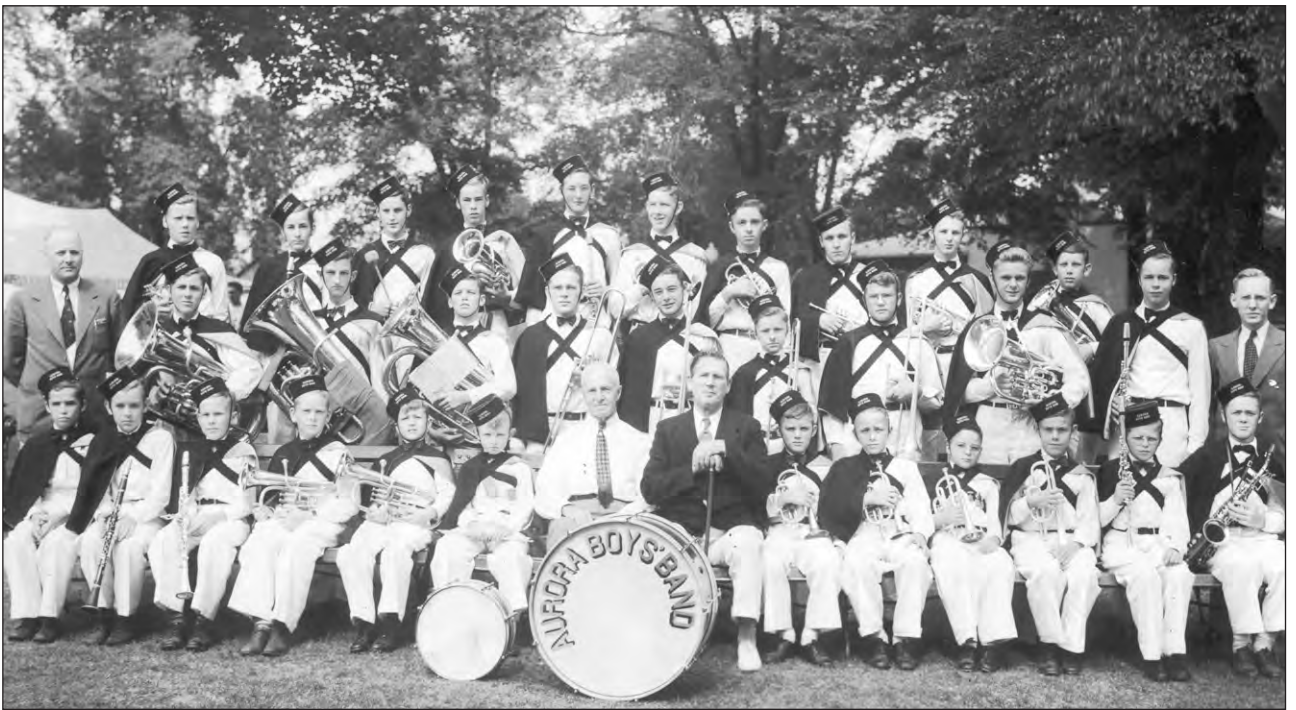
Another break from strip plazas was the Aurora Highlands Golf Club, with McLean (later Highlands) Motors across the street. Then a mixture of large houses and little shops, the old water tower where Park Place Manor is now located and the old Aurora Arena site, part of which is still vacant.

Downtown Aurora then was a beehive of activity with a wide range of shops, including Nixon Fisher's 5 cents to a dollar store, Ardill's Ladies Wear, Norm Cook's Men's Store to name a few.

North of Wellington Street was a mixture of old homes including historic Hillary House, and on the other side of Yonge the Fleury Home, which later became the first Our Lady of Grace Church.

At the north entrance to the town were the playing fields of St. Andrew's College with the spire of the College Chapel seen through the trees in the distance.

Aurora may not be seen quite the same by visitors and tourists today as it was back in the early 1950s, but for residents who have caught the "Aurora Spirit" it is still their kind of town.



Fresh from a performance at the Canadian National Exhibition, the 1939 version of the Aurora Boys Band takes time out for this photograph. Here's who we think is in the picture: back row, left to right, Bill Babcock, Owen Richards, Fred Rowe, Harold Oliver, Scott Annon, John (Scotty) McGhee, Bill Williams, Howard (Jake) Pattenden, Bill Ransom, Bruce Heise. Middle row, left to right, Preston M. Thompson, Eric Bilbrough, Frank (Rooster)

Anderson, Ken Jones, Harry Sprague, Raymond Cook, Charlies Williams, Bill Knowles, Bill Thompson, Doug Nisbet, F. Delroy Babcock. Front row, left to right, Howard (Mickey) Sutton, Cliff Clubine, Jimmy Willis, Howard Bunn, Harold Foote, Jimmy Ransom, Dr. Garnet Williams, Robert Moore, Harold Milgate, Garfield Doolittle, Bill Attridge, Stuart De La Haye, Howard Case and Ross Ash.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

A dime to go swimming

To the editor,

It is with great anticipation I await the arrival of The Auroran every Thursday.

The first priority is to turn to Page 4 to see what picture is published. These oldies bring back a flood of many pleasant memories of the "old home town" I left 50 years ago. It seems like yesterday.

Here are some of my recollections of the good times.

In winter the public school yard (Church Street) would be flooded.

I'm sure most of the kids in town learned to skate and play hockey on that sheet of ice, as I did.

If we were lucky the flood light would be left on and if the school was left opened we could change into our skates in the basement.

Otherwise we changed and left our shoes outside in the snow and cold.

Also during the winter months the water tower on Yonge Street would overflow on the north side, leaving a sheet of ice down the hill across the sidewalk and driveway into the field in front of the arena.

Hours were spent sliding down that sheet of ice on a piece of cardboard.

Where there are now subdivisions, we went skiing, etc.

In the summer there was the town park.

The ball diamonds and soccer fields were there for

everyone to use.

The big event at the park was the weekend fair sponsored by the Legion. There were games, rides, merchant displays and a barn dance in the Armouries.

During the summer we could go swimming in a pool in the back yard at a private home out Kennedy Street West. It cost ten cents to stay as long as you liked..

Hallowe'en was another event I remember.

During public school we would dress up in our costumes and go to school,

form up by classes, and parade through part of Aurora, and then head back to the school for a party and prizes for the best costumes by classes.

I also had the privilege of playing in the "Aurora Boy's Band".

The band would play at various events around town. I believe at that time the Band Master was Mr. Moore.

Like the public dances at the high school on a Saturday night, these childhood memories mean so very much because of the

people.

It is the people of Aurora who made these events wonderful. Thank you.

Fred White
Richmond, B.C.

ED. NOTE: Wow. Kudos to the post office. We don't mail your paper until Tuesday afternoon, and you get it in British Columbia on Thursday. For your enjoyment we present a photo of the 1939 Aurora Boys' Band. Sorry you're not in the picture.

THE AURORAN

*If it's good for Aurora,
it's good for us*

Published weekly by The Auroran Publications Inc.
"Above the Trio Restaurant"

FAX

Editorial
905-727-2620

MAILING

14845-6 Yonge St.
Suite 381
Aurora, ON
L4G 6H8

E-MAIL

auroran@msn.com

EDITORIAL

Ron Wallace
905-727-1470
auroran@msn.com

CLASSIFIEDS

Cynthia Proctor
905-726-3701

ADVERTISING

Bob Ince
Kathy Bitove
905-726-2892
oquest2@istar.ca

Fax

905-726-8589

PRODUCTION

Terry Weller
Marg Goldsack
905-726-2892
905-726-3701

oquest2@istar.ca

EDITORIAL POLICY

Opinions expressed by columnists, contributors and letter writers are not necessarily those of The Auroran. Letters must include name and phone number (phone number will not be published). Requests that a name be withheld will be honoured only if there is a compelling reason to do so. Errors will be corrected if brought to the editor's attention. We reserve the right to edit or refuse publication of any material submitted. All letters to the editor not to exceed 300 words. All contents protected by copyright.

ADVERTISING POLICY

Publisher is not liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. The publisher is not liable for other errors or omissions in any subsequent issue or the refund of any monies paid for the advertisement. All claims of error must be made by Friday prior to the next week's publication. No claim will be allowed for more than one insertion.



Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

Looking back at 66 columns

In reviewing the 66 columns I have submitted to The Auroran, I did a quick analysis of the topics covered and have identified the following:

Nine columns were prepared on specific governance processes in Aurora including the role of staff and council; our code of ethics; corporate values; our procedural by law; how meetings are conducted; the size of council; suggested attributes of members of council; our Strategic plan; and what the Mayor does.

My objective continues to be to explain how your municipal government works, and the guidelines and parameters that our municipal officials must regard in the function of their duties.

I tend to get the best reaction when I include some of my own opinions on these topics, and have done a column or two on that, as well.

I have done three specific columns on our budget and taxes to keep residents up to speed on how their tax dollars are being spent.

Numerous columns have appeared on town services and four columns have tracked our efforts to merge our Hydro service, an initiative that the Province has let us down big time as we prepare to go it alone.

Other services columns include our successful fire merger with Newmarket and three stream garbage.

I have written about our water supply to present the facts and quell some fear mongering.

There were columns on our road reconstruction program, Go Transit statistics, and five columns on growth related issues, including our historic core, buffer strips, growth process and growth realities that must be considered as we manage our development demands.

Full municipal amalgamation was laid to rest in one column.

Periodically I have had fun with six columns on statistics generated from economic development reports, Stats Canada, the Towns budget and Annual Report comparing year to year statistics.

To put Aurora governance in perspective, we must also consider the Region, and I have written about the Finance and Administration committee and regional contract awarding.

There was one column describing the GTSB while it was a functioning body, describing its influence on our town.

On the Provincial scene, I have given my opinion on the Ontario Municipal Board and the need to reform it, and on the new Municipal Act.

This Act still needs to be clarified into day to day practice through regulations.

I suggested questions to ask candidates running to be our provincial member in a 2001 by-election and I have described my involvement on your behalf with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

One of Aurora's biggest strengths is its volunteers and I have prepared columns to highlight the efforts of those connected with groups such as the Community Safety Village, Ladies Hockey, Info Aurora, St. John Ambulance Safety Dogs, the Canadian Cancer Society, and the Canadian Blood Services.

I have promoted the Walking to School initiative.

Encouraging Character Communities has been the focus of two columns.

I have also given up my column to a student to write his views and experiences on shadowing the mayor for a day.

Finally, there have been two columns on controlling pesticide use (the Region has since set up a task force) as well as the infamous oil spill to provide known information at the time and, a column on facts about holding swimming lessons at home pools.

THANK YOU to all those community groups who have been involved in community area clean ups, you are part of what makes Aurora a great place to call home!

Machell's Corners

Meanwhile, near John West Way...



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Treegrove Circle is a "drag strip"

To the editor,

I wanted to comment on the "Poor Richard" article on solutions to control speeding.

We live in Aurora - on Treegrove Circle, which has the 1/4 mile east-west drag strip from Bathurst to Willow Farm Lane.

We have had numerous car accidents on this street, usually in the form of a car at high speeds going out of control and taking out trees.

The latest, March 15, saw two under-age teens go out-of-control at Police estimated 110km/hr and wipe out a medium sized curb tree. Lucky the tree wasn't larger or the passenger side teen would have been dead. Also lucky no one

was immediately nearby running, roller-blading, walking, etc. as Treegrove Circle is very popular in that regard.

Anyway, I realize there is no easy solution to stop the speeding. But, I think speed humps, can't help but slow down the excessive speeding and reduce the likelihood of an accident that seriously hurts or kills someone.

Similarly with stop signs. While speeders may pick up speed between signs, they can't possibly get to the speeds they get when there are no signs.

My view is supported by a recent article, shortly after the Auroran article, in the Toronto Star, describing the success of speed humps in Etobicoke.

Another approach that appears to slow down excessive speeding and drag racing (this is also going on our street) is to place a large box, strategically in the middle of the road.

Saturday, I spent a couple of hours at the end of my driveway bagging yard waste for pickup. Within 10 minutes two sportier vehicles passed by in excess of 100 km/hour (my estimate).

We subsequently placed the box in the middle of the road and for the next hour or so almost every vehicle slowed to check it out. One lad on a scooter stopped to remove it - nice to see.

We have 40 km/hr signs posted. We have tried the speed box. We have had police monitor the street.

None of these work. The stop signs on Willow Farm Lane have done a good job in slowing traffic there.

Safety remains utmost in our minds. No amount of "wringing of hands and gnashing of teeth" will bring back a life or the health of someone seriously injured. The neighbourhood has many young families and the Treegrove Circle circuit attracts many sports minded individuals.

We should do our best to protect their safety, even if there are other negative side effects and inconveniences to the community as a whole.

Let's make safety our priority.

Kevin Thompson
Aurora

Roads are for cars

To the editor,

Mr. Thiessen made some valid points in his letter to the editor April 30 regarding the ridiculously low speed limits on many of our town roads and the undemocratic methods with which the Town assigns new low limits.

Has everyone forgotten that roads are for cars?

Aurora has bylaws which prohibit even cats and dogs from running at large, so precious children should never be playing in the roads.

Many homes in this town have multiple car garages, even three and four car garages are not uncommon here.

We love and need our cars and we expect to be able to drive them on the roads we paid for.

I don't think all these stop signs, low speed limits and speed bumps are entirely about safety, either.

Some complainants are irked by the number and speed of cars they per-

ceive to be invading "their" roads and mourning the old days when Aurora was much smaller and the streets were quieter and slower.

Unfortunately those days are long gone and that has become an unrealistic expectation in south York Region.

When the town continuously caves in to these people they are contribut-

ing to the traffic problems.

They hinder the progress of cars and contribute to gridlock, road rage and pollution.

They need to consider the whole picture when they receive complaints.

Shame on all Aurora staff and politicians who even considered lowering the speed limit for the entire town down to 40 km which apparently turned out to

be illegal, as it is below provincial standards.

Some of these people aren't going to be content until cars are banned from the roads!

Let's keep pets, children, and parked cars off the roads and let traffic get moving again.

Roads are for cars!

S. Leonard
Aurora

50 km/hr is too fast

To the editor,

I must say that I disagree with a recent letter to the editor in which the writer suggested that the speed limit on residential streets in Aurora should be 50 km/hour, and that even "That is slow enough!"

I think that 50 km/hr is much too fast for most residential streets, where young children are often playing.

Last fall, I was driving on Aurora Heights, at about 30 km/hour, past Our Lady of Grace School.

I just narrowly missed hitting a young child, perhaps two or three years old, who darted into the street from behind a

parked car.

Apparently, her mother was in the garage doing some work, and had not noticed the child straying towards the street.


Even at that slow speed, I barely had time to react when the child stepped out into the street 10 feet in front of my car!


Fifty km/hr on residential streets may be "slow enough" most of the time, but who wants to take the chance of hurting or killing a child too young to understand the danger of speeding cars?


Linda Schneidereit
Aurora


Bouquets & Brickbats


BY DICK ILLINGWORTH


 **BOUQUETS** to those responsible for having Aurora named as "Community of the Year" in the 35,000 to 60,000 population category by Welcome Wagon Ltd. This is the third time Aurora has been so honoured. The plaque will hang in the Town Hall.


 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora businessman and vice-chairman of the York Regional Police Services Board, Bob Callow, on becoming a grandfather twice on the same day. His daughter Stephanie Holmes was in the Newmarket hospital to have a baby and was visited by her sister Samantha Callow, also pregnant. While at the hospital the delivery started and she was quickly admitted to the room next to her sister. Both mothers and babies are doing well. Bob's third daughter Debbie Gust is expecting soon.


 **BRICKBATS** to those at York Region for adopting a stringent sign bylaw on regional roads, but not having the staff to enforce it. A bylaw that isn't or can't be enforced sets a bad example and it should either be enforced or repealed!


 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora's minor hockey teams for continuing to bring home the honours. The Aurora Tesma Peewee AA Tigers defeated the Caledon Hawks in a hard-fought series to win the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Peewee AA Championship. The Minor Atom AA Tigers won their 3rd consecutive Ontario Minor Hockey Championship and the Aurora Minor Peewee AA Tigers brought home a Gold Medal from an invitational tournament in Lake Placid U.S.A.


 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora Golden Eagles Melissa Chittle on winning the 400 metre and the 800 metre girls running events at a recent competition.

 **BOUQUETS** to Matt Cameron of Cardinal Carter High School on racing to victory in the boys 800 metre and a record shattering win in the 1,500 metre event.

 **BRICKBATS** to those in the Ontario government for their continued haste and waste in education funding, when schools are so short of staff and equipment, in mandating teacher tests for new education graduates, and then saying it was just a pilot project. Just another screw-up!

 **BOUQUETS** to the unknown elderly couple driving a blue car who went to aid a young lady in distress, when she felt faint in Aurora's Goodwill store recently, returned to her car and passed out. They looked after her and drove her home.

 **BOUQUETS** to those at the Aurora Town Hall for returning the pictures of Aurora's Reeves and Mayors dating back to 1863 to their place of honour on the main floor of the Town Hall outside the council chambers. But where is the town's permanent art collection?

 **BOUQUETS** to Clowns Canada and the dozens of delegates who arrived in Aurora last weekend for their annual convention. After spending three days at the Howard Johnson, the group hit the streets Sunday afternoon, marched to the Aurora Community Centre and put on a two-hour performance that thrilled hundreds of people...young and old. The colourful contingent was impressed with Aurora's hospitality and have already booked hotel space next year when their convention will be held in conjunction with the eighth annual Aurora Street Festival. The Aurora Rotary Club and The Auroran worked in conjunction to pull off Sunday's colourful event and both are expected to get involved again next year. If nothing else, everyone had a lot of laughs, and that included the clowns, too.

Like a good neighbour, State Farm is there.™



PETER VIRTANEN, CLU
220 Industrial Pkwy S. Unit 37
(Across from Aurora Hydro)
Aurora, ON
905-727-8400



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company * Canadian Head Office: Scarborough, Ontario

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Sorority appreciates local news coverage

To the editor

In recent weeks, The Auroran has featured some newsy items about Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and this publicity about the activities of our organization has been very much appreciated.

To follow up on the story about the missing highway signs, I'm happy to report that the chapters were able to work with Rosalyn Gonsalves of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce to make arrangements to have new signs prepared and reinstalled on three of the Chamber's highway sign boards.

We were sorry there were no winners for the "contest" to identify the names of the ladies on the 1963 Aurora Centennial Parade float.

However, it did give us an opportunity to remind the people of Aurora about the importance of Daffodil Days for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Campaign organizer, Mary Gibson, has reported that Aurorans were most generous resulting in more than \$12,000 being raised for cancer research. Thanks to all for their generosity.

At the recent Founder's Day banquet, almost 100 members of the seven chapters of Beta Sigma Phi gathered at the Tuscany banquet hall to celebrate the 71st anniversary of the founding of our international organization.

Beta Sigma Phi is a non-denominational and non-academic social and cultural organization for women.

It is interesting to note that in these days of declining membership in fraternal and service clubs, the

sorority remains strong, involved with the community and committed to continue to play an active role in the life of our town.

Xi Eta Xi chapter, for example, has recently completed a major fund raiser to purchase a Breast Cancer Screening Chair at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

The winning tickets of some beautiful diamond jewelry were drawn at the group's annual banquet - and Helen Hufnagel, Donna McQueston and I were the lucky winners.

Marilyn Munslow, Retiring President of Alpha Omicron Master chapter, was pleased to conduct a very special ceremony in honour of fellow member Claudia Jones' 40-year membership in a surprise presentation.

Special guest at the annual banquet was Colleen Abbott, Chief Executive Officer of the Aurora Public Library, who was on hand to receive a donation of \$1,400 for the Library Building Fund.

We thank the editorial staff for allowing our chapters this opportunity to share our

news and activities with our fellow citizens through your wonderful community newspaper.

I'm sure that all your readers would like to read more stories like ours - the news and views and work of Aurora's service clubs are

such an important part of a small community.

Thank you for your help.

**Betty Pedersen,
Secretary,
Alpha Omicron Master
chapter
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority**

Kean's queries are important, reader states

To the editor,

Re: Councillor Nigel Kean

I was very glad to see a member of council asking questions on population growth in newly planned subdivisions and how proposed amended plans would change this growth.

The reason these questions are important is that if an area is planned for a certain growth in population and if that growth is increased substantially, this puts more strain on our water supply, our works

department, our police, fire and ambulance services and also on our main roads.

Thank you, Councillor Kean, for having the "heads up" to ask these questions and also show developers they are being watched and should think carefully through their proposed and amended plans.

I believe developers have had it too easy in the past in order to get their plans accepted by the town.

**Paul Downey
Aurora**

Countdown To Closing R & R Book Bar

will officially close its doors for
the last time
Saturday, May 18 at 6 p.m.
Until May 11 take



(and if you have 10 bookmarks, add 25% off
to any purchase from now until closing)

Aurora Shopping Centre

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Carrying a coffin not that simple

To the editor,

RE: J.A.S. Milne letter, "How to carry a coffin." (Auroran, April 30)

Being a Funeral Director for 15 years before changing careers I watched the military funerals with great interest.

After reading Mr. Milne's letter I felt compelled to respond.

Mr. Milne is correct, the wobbling and movement is troubling and does not look smooth and I do not doubt that this can be avoided with the out of step cadence.

But in all fairness to our unfortunate RCMP and military, the Queen Mum probably weighed about 120 pounds or less and the "coffin" only weighs about 150 pounds.

The design of a European "coffin" is six-sided, narrow at each end and is about 20 inches wide at the shoulder of the deceased.

Unlike in North America where we use a "casket", which is, depending on the material used, anywhere from 150 to 300 pounds and is about six feet, eight inches in length.

A casket is rectangular in

shape being 28 inches wide.

On top of this is the weight of the deceased.

All the individuals Mr. Milne is speaking of were male and probably were over 180 pounds. Total weight, about 400 to 500 pounds.

Now, at CFB Trenton those pallbearers had to carry a steel (probably lined with lead) shipping container.

This container would weigh somewhere in the neighbourhood of about 700 to 800 pounds with human remains.

That is why there were eight pallbearers instead of six (also adding to the difficulty of stepping).

So, although I do agree that with a little practice (something the British had time to do over and over again with the Queen Mum) we could have made it look smoother.

But, I think under the circumstances, these grief stricken young men did a tremendous job as did the Princess Patricia's regiment. They all did our country very proud.

Paul Cooke
Aurora

Skate Break 2002 was great success

To the editor,

The Canadian Mental Health Association, York Region, wishes to thank everyone who helped to make the McAlpine Ford Skate Break 2002 such a great success.

On March 13, more than 200 people laced up their skates at the Aurora Community Centre to skate with the "stars"; World and Olympic silver medallist Elizabeth Manley; five-time Canadian Pro Champion Josee Chouinard; and five-time Canadian Champion and 2002 Olympic team member Jennifer Robinson.

Everyone skated in support of the Youth Wellness Programs of the CMHA, York Region. The three "stars" donated their time to the event.

Elizabeth Manley spoke to the participants and shared her own struggles with depression. Her main message to all those who participated was to "make sure you ask for help when you are feeling bad".

To Mayor Tim Jones and the Town Council I send a warm thanks for ensuring our success.

Mayor Jones opened our event on skates with Councillors George Timpson and Ron Wallace on hand for support.

The town staff was extremely supportive in preparations and in providing actual "hands on" assis-

tance at the arena.

We extend our thanks to our title sponsor, McAlpine Ford, and to H.B. Fenn Publishing, Mackenzie Financial Corporation, RBC Investments, Maunders Food Shop, Skaters First and Torcan who also provided sponsorship.

We also thank Capseals Unipac, Thermogenics Inc., and Les Fromages Saputo Cheese for their donations, and Rec Cycle N' Sports and Gam Skates for donating the terrific prizes.

Thanks to Stephan Potopnyk of Enlightened Images for the wonderful photographs and to C. Lenore Kay, Sportsmusic Consultant, for compiling such great music.

We also thank the volunteers from St. John Ambulance and the many other volunteers who donated their time at the skate-a-thon.

A special acknowledgement goes to Jean-Michel Bombardier of JMB Events who volunteered his time and his talent to help to plan and to direct the Skate-a-thon that raised more than \$8,000.

The Board of Directors, the staff, volunteers and members of the CMHA, York Region, join me in thanking everyone for demonstrating their support for youth by supporting the event.

Colleen Zakoor
Executive Director,
CMHA, York Region AHA

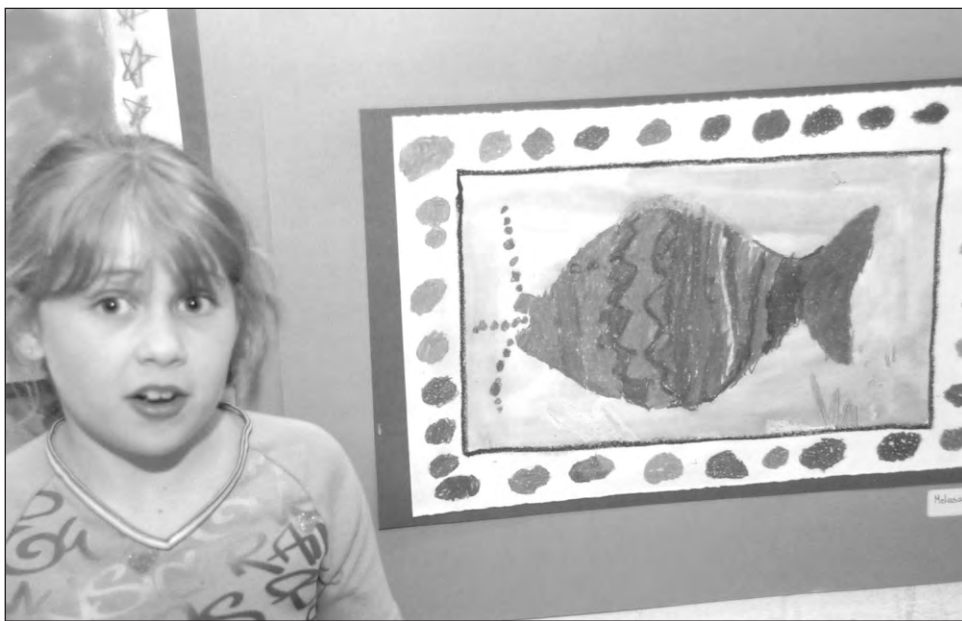
Clowning around in Aurora



It was a weekend of clowning around in Aurora as members of Clowns Canada invaded for their annual convention. Sunday, scores of clowns descended on the Aurora Community Centre to entertain hundreds of children and adults alike. They arrived at the centre after marching, in costume, from the Howard Johnson Hotel, much to the delight of passing motorists. The Auroran, who along with the Aurora Rotary Club sponsored the Sunday event, was on hand to capture the weekend in pictures. Clockwise from top left, Mr. and Mrs. Dufus await the start of the parade; Dilly Dolly makes and fits a balloon hat for four-year-old Dylan Godson; a pair of clowns

take their pet "hot" dog for a walk but had a hard time keeping it on the ground; Jacob is the son of Tickle The Clown and he enjoys squeezing mom's nose; Tara Nickerson undergoes a face-painting adventure, courtesy of Checkers The Clown; Clowns Canada president Lorri Pearce adorns Mayor Tim Jones during Friday's official opening; and The Auroran's Naomi Tobin was commissioned by the organization to take group shots so she found a good location atop the Community Centre. In addition to face-painting activities, Rob Powers entertained the children inside with a magic show.

Auroran photos by Matt Haggery & Ron Wallace



Ashley Dickenson, top photo, a Grade 7 student, and Melissa Cain, Grade 4, display their artwork at a Devins Drive Public School art show held at the Aurora school last week. Show revealed lots of talent at the school.

Auroran photos by Naomi Tobin

Art Show attracts 300 submissions

The Aurora Art Show and Sale started out as a small local exhibition in 1963 in Victoria Hall under the direction of Cathan Shoniker, a member of the Aurora Recreation Committee.

As local artists did not have a venue to display and sell their artwork, the event was planned to provide a suitable showcase for them. The emphasis was on sales.

The Art Show has changed considerably over the years as it is now open to all artists and is known as Art Aurora, with no mention of sales.

Just recently the Leisure Services Committee decided that art work submitted as "NFS" (Not For Sale) would not be accepted.

The 40th Anniversary Art Show was held on the weekend at the Town Hall with 108 artists submitting more than 300 works of art.

By Saturday noon only five had been sold.

One of the highlights of the Show was "Memory Lane" in which several local artists submitted posters depicting their memories of the early exhibitions.

Presentations were made to long time participants Dorothy Milne Eplett and Pat Barber.

A new feature was the Budding Artists Hallway exhibiting work by York Region art students.

In 1973 Aurora heritage artist Dorothy Clark McClure, then chairperson of LACAC, suggested the Preserve Aurora in Paint category as a means of having some record of Aurora's historic buildings.

In 1983, council agreed to spend up to \$500 a year to purchase a painting from the Preserve Aurora category for the town's collection, which is on permanent

display on the second floor of the Town Hall.

The art work submitted for this category is mainly of heritage and other buildings familiar to Aurora residents.

Preserve Aurora winner was Barbara Frohlich with "Aurora Museum 2002".

The Oils category was won by Judy Sherman with Honourable Mentions to Lucy Poscente and Helen Barcza.

Ruth McLeod was the winner of the Acrylics category while Honourable Mentions went to Johanna VanKempen, Gerald Heath and Nancy Jones.

Anna Vicherek won the Watercolour category with "Country with a Ladder," which was a bit confusing as it was listed as a Pastel.

Honourable Mentions went to Sonia Sproule, Linda Hobson and Marilyn Gargarella.

The Alternate Media

Award went to Rosie Schroder with an Honourable Mention to Ruth McLeod, Marie Timbers and Sandra Beatt.

Richard Biggs was named winner of the Sculpture category and an Honourable Mention went to James Davis.

The Black and White category went to Christine Valentini with an Honourable Mention to Judy Sherman.

Geoff Sprawson won the Photography Award with an Honourable Mention to Kristen DeFlippas.

For the Print Making category Jennie Clark took the First Place ribbon with Honourable Mentions going to Sandra Beatt and Annette Hansen.

Teresa W. Holland took the Red Ribbon in the Pastel category with Honourable Mentions going to Peggy Whiteside and Jennifer Graham.

Earl Stewart dies

from page 1

he was an active member of the Aurora Lions Club and was instrumental in reactivating the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

He also convinced officials of Lakeview Developments to move their sales trailer to Yonge and Industrial Parkway South (then the Vandorf Sideroad) where it became the home of the Chamber, a building they are still using.

He also urged Orsi Developments to build a hotel in Aurora and Hotel Aurora was the result.

After several ownership changes, the renovated hotel is now Howard Johnson Aurora.

He was always interested

in moving forward with new development, and opposed council expenditures to renovate the historic Church Street School, calling the building an "old blister".

He is survived by two sons, Bob in Barrie and James in Calgary, and five grandchildren.

Region's first wine bar was - where else? - here

Normally one considers that you will only find sophisticated wine bars in large urban areas, but in October, 1989, Aurora was home to York Region's first wine bar.

It was Bar Chianti, part of Prego Ristorante on Yonge Street North.

While Prego Ristorante is still there, Bar Chianti is long gone.

It was the brainchild of Elio and Erica Radocchia and head chef Bryan Anderson who opened the restaurant on November 16, 1986.

The Radocchias came to Canada from Italy and at one time operated the Black Soil Restaurant in Bradford.

Along with Anderson, at Prego they created a menu that specialized in Northern Italian and French cuisine, featuring some of the best imported wines this side of the Atlantic.

Prior to coming to Prego, Anderson was chef at La Foubourg in Aurora and for several years was chef at Hogan's Inn in King City.

Elio Radocchia made regular trips to Italy to sample their wines.

On a trip during the summer of 1990, he visited the vineyards of Italy and brought home more than 800 cases of wine, some of which were for other Italian restaurants in the Greater Toronto Area.

1989

At that time Bar Chianti had a wine list of more than 350 selections.

The 35-seat bar was attractively decorated with photographs of various wine labels, prints of still life paintings of grapes and posters of the wine-growing areas of Italy.

Every Friday and Saturday evening, Joe Caringi entertained.

It was possible for wine-lovers to enjoy a glass or a bottle of their favourite wine, snack on special gourmet Bar Chianti pizza

and listen, or dance, to the continental music.

Every day, Elio selected one white and red wine as the house wine of the day and they were available by the bottle or the glass, at a set price, regardless of the price of the wine.

For a night out on the town, a visit to Prego Ristorante or Bar Chianti was a very special occasion.

ADDICTION
Boutique



Designer Clothes for Men & Women

Versace * Ferre
Dolce & Gabbana
Cavalli * Romeo Gigli

Always
50-70%
off retail

(905) 713-6433
14834 Yonge St. #5
(in the Wimpy's Plaza
beside LCBO)

SHIFT INTO HIGH!

AB COX ABSOLUTELY!

Ab Cox Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd.
305 Wellington St. East, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6C3
Tel: 905-841-2121 or 1-800-813-3539
www.abcoxpontiac.gmcanada.com

BUY NORTH AMERICAN

"My Dad says
it's about
PROTECTION.

My Mom says
it's about
FOCUS
and I say it's
FUN!"



Our classes will make children safer, but we focus on much, much more than just self-esteem.

We teach **ANGER MANAGEMENT** and **NON-VIOLENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION.**

We develop vital skills of **CONCENTRATION** and **FOCUS**, and we build **CONFIDENCE** and **SELF-ESTEEM.**

We also offer a way to try our school out before enrolling to make sure you like what you see. For more information on our **TRIAL PROGRAM**, call us at:

Watson's Family Karate School
905-727-7144
40 Engelhard Drive, Unit 9
Aurora

DON'T FORGET!
May 12 is
Mother's Day!!

Check out the great gift
giving ideas in the
Auroran's Mother's Day
supplement.

Support Local Businesses!

Pamper Mom with a package of goodies from

THE AURORA SHOPPING CENTRE

Win!
May 11th



YOU CAN WIN

*Gift Certificates
from participating
merchants.*

*To qualify
fill out the ballot
and drop it off at
Creative Colours or
Sparkle Pharmacy
Before 4 p.m., Saturday, May 11
Draw to take place at 5 p.m.*

AURORA SHOPPING CENTRE
14800 Yonge Street at Murray Drive

Win!
May 11th



Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

(Ballots not available in stores)



TANNING ZONE

WHERE TANNING IS OUT OF THIS WORLD ☎ 751-0666

2 Allaura Blvd., Unit 7, Aurora



*Close your eyes,
drift away
and let our professional
staff guide you to your
destination.*

**"Mother's
Day Special"**

But any package and receive
30% more time!
(Runs May 3rd to May 12th)

Buy any package and receive a ticket for a gift worth \$200.00

"BEACH ZONE"

Everything you need for the beach.
men and women swim wear sizes 4 to 24.
Sandals, Sunglasses, Sundresses, Jewellery

REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPIST ON SITE.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

INTRODUCING



An elegant restaurant has recently opened up in your area. My husband Chef Roberto Punzo and I have taken our years of industry experience to open up a dream come true. Punzo's is a 50-seat intimate restaurant offering exceptional cuisine and friendly service. Lisa Van de Van of The Post City Magazine writes, "There are restaurants that make you feel like you've entered a person's home - where food, atmosphere, and service are combined to create a welcoming ambience more common in a good friend's house than a restaurant. Punzo's is just such a restaurant."

Space Limited
Reserve now for
**Mother's Day
Brunch or Dinner**
(905) 773-9329

**Punzo's
Restaurant**

49 North Lake Road, Oak Ridges, Ontario
905-773-9329
Open for dinner Tuesday - Sunday 5:00pm - 10:00 pm

AURORA	
N	OAK RIDGES
King Rd.	North Lake Rd.
Yonge St.	Stouffville Rd.

Gift Baskets AND MORE 2000 INC.

www.giftbasketsandmore.ca

GIFT BASKETS AND GIFT IDEAS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

- Great Selection
- Prices for Every Budget

DELIVERY AVAILABLE
15105 Yonge St., Aurora L4G 1M3
(905) 727-1683

1/2 PRICE

For Mom
Endeavor 21 Speed Bike

\$199.99
REG: \$399.99

"LUX" frame
Designed for easy
"on and off", the new
"LUX" unisex frame
makes riding
comfortable and
worry free.

**Comes
Assembled!**



Every comfort feature we could think of has been put into the Endeavor. Suspension fork, Suspension seat post, Adjustable stem, Super soft saddle, Mega Range gearing and the easy to use LUX frame.

50% off bike accessories with bike purchase.

REC. CYCLE N' SPORTS
15483 Yonge Street Aurora 905-841-5757

Sound City

We have great gift ideas for Mom!



Michael Bolton,
Only A Woman Like You



Bonnie Raitt,
Silver Linings

**New & Used CDs
Wide Selection of
New Releases &
Old Favorites
Friendly,
Knowledgeable Staff**

**Gift Certificates
Available!**



Celine Dion,
A New Day Has Come



Josh Groban

(905) 751-0397
In the Aurora Shopping Centre

FESTA RISTORANTE

Fine Italian Authentic Cuisine

OPEN FOR
**MOTHER'S DAY
ALL DAY FROM 11:30 A.M.
Lunch and Dinner!**

On the occasion of Mother's Day Festa Ristorante would like to thank our customers for their support over the past year.

"Roses are red,
violets are Blue;
we would like to
celebrate
Mother's Day
with you."

Please come and join us.
Call for Reservations (905) 751-0986

15150 Yonge St., Aurora
(parking in back off Temperance Street)

Hours: Tues - Fri: 12 - 2:30
and 5:30 - 10:30
Sat/Sun 5:30 - 10:30
Closed Mondays




I LOVE YOU MOM!

Make Mother's Day Extra Spécial

with
Elegant Handtied Bouquets
Fresh Floral Arrangements
Beautiful Accents for Home & Garden
from
CARUSO'S
EST. 1913

MARY'S FLOWER SHOP

Open Monday to Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 9am To 5pm
Closed Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day!
Local and Worldwide Delivery
Flowers • Gift Baskets • Accents for Home & Garden
15210 Yonge St. Aurora, On.
905-727-6441 1-888-380-2222

For Men, Women & Couples

SORMEH Beauty Spa

Treat Your Mom to a day at the Sormeh Beauty Spa.

Mother's Day Package

Pedicure * Facial
1 hr Massage * Mud Wrap
Spa Lunch
\$230

Gift Certificates Available

Call or e-mail us for a fabulous brochure to be sent to you!

Come and enjoy any of the wonderful Spa services offered at Sormeh. **Laser Hair Removal, Yoga & Pilates**, facials, manicures & pedicures, hydrotherapy, body wraps, micro-dermabrasion, traditional hair removal, permanent make-up and much more. An array of Spa packages is offered.

38 Wellington St. East, Aurora
Tel: (905) 713-0770
www.sormehbeautyspa.com
email: sormeh@sormehbeautyspa.com

Mother's Day at the Trio

Mom's important enough
to cause The Trio
to open on a Sunday

4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Mother's Day Special Menu

(Reservations recommended)

Trio Steakhouse & Tavern
15171 Yonge Street
905-727-4073

Flowers By Terry

...where Quality and Service Count

OPEN

Mother's Day

Sunday May 12th

Daily Deliveries

14799 Yonge St. Unit 8 Aurora

905-726-1549

Wellington Garden

Chinese Restaurant (L.L.B.O.)

Serving Excellent Chinese Buffet and Exquisite Oriental Cuisine

Mother's Day

Weekend Special

Fri. May 10, Sat. May 11, Sun. May 12

Mom's meal is 1/2 Price with
A Party of 3 or more. (Dinner Only)

(Dine-in only. Not to be combined with any other offers or coupons)

15% off
on pick-up
food over
\$20.00
(before taxes)
Home Delivery
in Aurora and
Newmarket.

Lunch **\$6.99** (Everyday)
Dinner **\$8.99** (Mon.-Thurs.)
\$10.99 (Fri.-Sun. & Holidays)

**Featuring
Sunday
Brunch \$6.99**
(includes free coffee or tea)

BUFFET TAKE-OUT
Create your own combo

\$6.00 - LUNCH
\$7.00 Mon - Thurs
\$8.00 Fri - Sun } **DINNER**

(905) 713-1368 Wellington Square Plaza (Wellington & Haida)

7/10 of a KM West of Yonge St. on the North Side.

Mother's Day at The Graystones

ALL DAY BUFFET

Starting at 11am

COLD

cold cuts, smoked salmon, shrimp pyramid,
cheese platters, fresh fruits and a variety of salads

HOT

roast beef, roast leg of lamb, chicken,
fish, pasta and schnitzel

DESSERT TABLE

a great variety of delightful and sinful desserts

Graystones Restaurant 14889 Yonge Street, Aurora

905-727-9561

Vanden Bosche

J E W E L L E R S

Specializing in Custom Design

15263 Yonge St. Aurora

(905) 841-3760

MOTHER'S DAY

Buffet Brunch

Sunday, May 12th

9:30 a.m. til 2:00 pm

OVER 50 HOT & COLD ITEMS

Including Roast Beef,
Ham, Bacon,
Sausages, Eggs,
French Toast,
Pasta, Pancakes,
Stirfry,
Assorted Breads
& of course
Charley's
Dessert Table

ADULTS
\$14.97

KIDS
\$6.97
Under 12

Charley FitzWhiskey's

TAP & EATERY

265 Edward Street (at Yonge) Aurora

905-727-0944

Jonathan's Fine Food

Happy Mother's Day

(Sunday, May 12)

Breakfast Served
7:00 am to 9:00 am

Sunday Brunch
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

PLUS: A very special
Mother's Day Menu from
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

14845 Yonge St., Aurora

Reservations Highly Recommended

905-841-1807



Representatives from Miller Composting, Hermann's Contracting, and Aurora's Leisure Services department help Mayor Tim Jones spread a new layer of compost on Aurora's community gardens located on Industrial Parkway North.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Aurora's garden plots ready for new season

Gardening is not necessarily over for many apartment dwellers, especially seniors, who are used to having their own garden.

The York Region Food Network may be able to provide you with a community garden plot so you can grow your own vegetables once again.

There are only 36 plots, 10 by 20 feet, in the Aurora Community Gardens, so an early application is suggested.

Sometimes a person allocated a plot drops out at the last minute for one reason or another and the next person on the list is invited to take the empty place.

Seniors, low-income families, food bank clients and gardeners with no place to garden will once again be able to cultivate their own plot in the Aurora

Community Gardens located on Industrial Parkway North, on private property adjacent to the Lambert Willson Park.

This year marks the seventh year for the community garden in Aurora, although the project started in Markham and Newmarket earlier.

In 1996, when the garden plots were launched in Aurora, a local firm, AIIM Inc. Avant Imaging and Information Management, donated a half-acre of land for the gardens.

The town's parks department staff plough the soil and supply the snow fence to surround the plot of land.

Miller Composting has donated compost for the garden plots and in a ceremony last week, the rich earth was sprayed over the plots.

Local high school students volunteer their time as part of their community work to spread wood chips on paths, weeding and garbage cleanup, labeling and cleaning tools and helping seniors to turn over their soil.

Student volunteers are

needed to help get the gardens ready for the growing season.

Information may be obtained by calling 905-773-9866.

In addition to producing greatly needed food, the project also introduces participants to a whole new social support network to help people to sustain themselves.

Gardeners are asked to donate some of the produce from their garden to the Aurora Food Bank.

The York Region Food Network was established in 1986 to work with the local food banks in coordinating their two annual food drives.

Initially most of the network's activities involved the collection and distribution of food.

In 1993, the network started its first Community Garden project in Markham, with the goal of helping to reduce the need for food banks.

For further information about the Aurora Community Gardens call Nancy Wood at 905-751-1085.

Willow Farm pathway should be protected

The Willow Farmlands consist of 16.3 acres located on the west side of Yonge Street, south of the St. John's Sideroad.

An 1865 Georgian style residential dwelling exists on the property, which was designated under the Ontario Heritage Act in 1992.

The lands are designated private open space according to the official plan, which permits active and passive recreation, forestry and other uses, which preserve the natural landscape.

Recently, the property was used as the headquarters for Kwik Kopy, but currently the land is being used for residential purposes.

Staff noted the property could revert to commercial use.

The residents want to add a new kitchen, breakfast area, an enlarged rear entrance as well as an expansion to the second floor to accommodate a roof deck.

They have also requested that a proposed public pedestrian path at the rear of the property be abandoned as long as the property is used as a residence.

There is currently a 20-year agreement registered on title through a previous

site plan agreement signed in 1992 that the town has the right to construct a public pedestrian path on the property.

It was finally agreed last week that the staff report be amended to deny the request to abandon the option of building a public pedestrian pathway and for staff to explore ways and means to extend the agreement for the future.

When the committee report came to council,

Councillor Evelina MacEachern said it didn't make sense and suggested amendments in the report to more truly reflect what happened at the committee meeting, causing Councillor John West to explode that "there are too many lawyers!"

Councillor Damir Vrancic agreed with MacEachern's comments causing West to say he didn't care what they did as long as the pathway was protected.

Pepinoly, Personal Chef



Special Diets, Vegetarian, Kosher,
Weight Watchers, Diabetic, Ethnic

Certified food handler
Fully Insured
Personal Chef Alliance member

Marsha Pepin
(905) 478-1673



DAMIR VRANCIC LAW OFFICE

**BUSINESS LAW,
REAL ESTATE,
WILLS & ESTATES**

841-6411

Providing valued and trusted legal advice since 1983.

Larter scoops awards

Larter Advertising - the place with the big mural on the wall - is having a banner year in the advertising industry this year.

The Yonge & Wellington firm has scooped a dozen awards to date including two golds at Worldfest Houston and a pair of silvers in the Summit Creative Awards.

"These prestigious awards are juried by some of the toughest judges in the world," agency president Brian Larter said. "We're proud to bring them home to Aurora."

Among others, Larter is the Agency of Record for Harley-Davidson Canada, New Piper Aircrafts and SICO Paints.

Just One Click! NAOMI TOBIN
FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER



LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS
AVAILABLE FOR WEDDINGS

SUMMER & FALL
\$599 SPECIAL

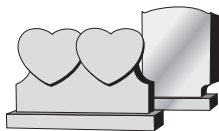
INCLUDES ENGAGEMENT PORTRAITS AND MORE
Some restrictions may apply

FOR DETAILS 905-713-4574

MONUMENTS BY THOMPSONS

A New Approach to Memorial Design.

- Granite markers and monuments
- Cemetery lettering and restoration
- Bronze markers and vases
- Serving all cemeteries and nationalities
- Portrait Etchings



*Quality and Satisfaction Guaranteed
Day, Evening and Weekend Appointments*

905-727-5421

29 Victoria Street, Aurora L4G 1R1

*Thompson Funeral Home is proud to be part of
Service Corporation International (Canada) Ltd.*



R & R Revisited

GRAND OPENING!

Aurora's only used bookstore

75 Mary Street Unit 3

(in the building with Backyard Pool & Spa,
Renaissance Office Supplies & Culligan)

Saturday, June 1

9 a.m.

**750,000 books
in the warehouse**

(If you have book credits at
R & R Book Bar you have book
credits at R & R Revisited)



GM

Rumours & Rumblings

When direct dialing came to Aurora

With all the technological advances in telephone communications, it's hard to believe that back in the early days of 1967, Aurora telephone users still had to dial "0" and wait for the operator to get through to the desired number for long distance calls.

The northern part of York County was the last area in the province to obtain the direct dialing system.

By June, 1967, Bell telephone users in Aurora, Newmarket and area were able to make their own long distance calls, simply by dialing the long distance code number, 112, followed by the appropriate area code and the number required.

WHEN PAY PHONE CALLS WERE 10 CENTS

Bell Canada established the 10-cent pay call in 1952. Sometime later Bell increased the rate for a pay call to 20 cents.

In 1977 the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) ordered the conversion of about 32,000 pay phones in Ontario and Quebec to return to the 10-cent rate.

Company officials claimed Bell would lose \$8 to \$9 million in revenue.

At the same time, it granted the company a 70-cent increase in basic residential service from \$7.45 to \$8.15 per month. It was the sixth increase in nine years.

The 350 pay phones in York Region were converted by the target date of November 30, 1977.

THE SECRET BENCH

A creation of Kleinburg sculptor Lea Vivot, "The Secret Bench" depicts a boy and a girl coyly flirting on a park bench.

Originally, in the late 1980s, the work was to include the inner-most thoughts of some York Region students carved into the wax model, as the sculpture was supposed to grace the entrance to the York Region Board of Education on Wellington Street West in Aurora.

The board even committed \$10,000 towards its cost, but for some reason or other, the arrangement failed to materialize.

It was later learned that regardless of zoning regulations, in 1988, Vivot arranged to place "The Secret Bench" in front of the National Library in Ottawa."

It's not known if the \$10,000 was ever paid by the school board or if the secret words of the students were included in the casting of the wax model, or where the statute is currently located.

Just another of life's little mysteries to solve...

WHO DO YOU BELIEVE?

According to some research experts, 33 people die of smoking-related illnesses every day in Ontario.

Over a five-year period that amounts to about 60,000 people, or a town about the size of Newmarket.

The Canadian Cancer Society claims the cost to Canada because of tobacco-related cancers is immense and they promote National Non-Smoking Week and Weedless Wednesday every year in January.

About the same time in January, 2000, British scientist Dr. Ken Denson, who works at the Thames Thrombosis and Haemostosis in Oxford, enraged colleagues after claiming that with a healthy diet, people can smoke up to 10 cigarettes a day without causing harm to themselves.

He believed that rather than trying to scare smokers into

quitting, more effort should be made to educate them about how to minimize their cancer risks by doing such things as increasing their consumption of fruits and vegetables.

PROTECTING DRIVER EXAMINERS

It hasn't happened in Ontario but it might especially after the lengthy strike by Ontario government employees including driving examiners at the Aurora driving testing centre.

French driving students may soon have to wait 24 hours before finding out test results because too many candidates were attacking examiners who fail them after the test.

Some wannabe drivers who fail their driving test vented their frustration by threatening examiners with death or rape, often at gunpoint, a French transport ministry official said.

France fails more than two-thirds of the 3.5 million learners who take their test each year.

It must be the red wine that causes the anger and frustration!

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce

invites you to join us on

Wednesday, May 15th, 2002

Luncheon Meeting, Election & Inauguration of Officers & Directors

Lunch Served: 12 noon sharp

Speaker: Terry Evanshen,
The Man Who Lost Himself

Program Cost: \$32.00 Member,
\$35.00
Potential Member

Place: Tuscany Banquet Centre,
222 Edward Street, Aurora
For Reservations Call 905-727-7262

SPARLING'S
Eavestrough Services
Installation * Repairs * Gutter Guards
Chemical & Gutter Cleaning
(905) 727-0309 * 1-888-727-2222
A Division of Sparling's Cleaning Services Inc.



Focus on:
NEIGHOURHOOD WATCH

100 John West Way
Aurora, Ontario L4G 6J1

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS COMING TO AURORA

Executive Members:
Richard Boyne - Vice Chair
Betty Pedersen - Secretary
Marie Leone - Treasurer

Committee Members:
Jeff Agro
Chris Catania
Rick Collett
Vince Greco
Joanne Hagell
Steve Hinder
Jean Humphrey
Christopher Thomas

Police Liaisons:
Superintendent
George Kydd
Constable Steve Dero

We are pleased to announce that with the assistance of the York regional Police we will be introducing the Neighbourhood Watch program to the residents of the Town of Aurora this year.

Neighbourhood Watch is a program aimed at reducing crime in your community. It involves you getting to know your neighbours to work together to look out for one another's interests. The Neighbourhood Watch program can combat crime in your area the most effective way, that is before it starts.

Neighbourhood Watch provides a means of reducing the opportunity for crime to occur,

through the active participation in crime prevention. You will be shown

different ways to make your home less inviting as a target for thieves and how to participate in Operation Identification, making your personal property less desirable to burglars, and how to be alert to suspicious activity in your neighbourhood.

Very few people are in a position to protect their homes and property all of the time. Vacation, business and shopping trips, even an evening out will leave homes unattended and vulnerable to theft and vandalism. The Neighbourhood Watch program will provide you with a sense of security for your family

when you leave your home for any length of time. The program will also help co-ordinate the efforts of the police and community in tracking down criminals. Strong community involvement is encouraged because neighbourhood unity can deter crime. Neighbours joined together do help correct situations that threaten their peace and safety.

If you would like more information regarding this program or want to find out how to enroll your street in this program, please join us, along with the York Regional Police, at an information seminar being held at the Aurora Town Hall on May 13, 2002 starting at 7:30 p.m.

BE A LOCAL HERO
VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY


PARTNERS IN PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

This page is proudly sponsored by:
Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group
Providing professional and personalized services to York Region for over 50 years.


2 Orchard Heights Blvd., Unit 23,
Aurora, Ontario L4G 3W3
Aurora: 905-713-9870
Toll Free: 1-800-668-8976
Fax: 905-727-5749

THE AURORAN

COMMUNITY SPORTS



WARD & PATCH SPORTS
#1 Baseball, Softball, Fast Pitch Retailer for Over 50 Years
Specializing in League & Team Supplies
www.wardandpatchsports.com
13311 Yonge St., Oak Ridges (905) 773-9273

Recreation forced to grow with Aurora

Recreation programs have always been important in Aurora.

During 1964, when Aurora was a much smaller town, there were 28,424 swimmers in the former George Street outdoor pool; 16,782 hockey-player games, 6,500 child-days in playgrounds and 5,200 playing baseball.

The weight of organizing and supervising the recreation programs was the responsibility of the recreation committee headed by such dedicated Aurora citizens as Dick Buchanan, John Offord, Don Glass and Harvey Bell.

They helped to guide recreation of the small town as the population exploded on all sides with the able assistance of Recreation Director Ernie Batson.

In addition, there was ballet instruction, figure skating, children and adult art classes, craft classes, a chess club, and a town band.

There were other programs outside the recreation umbrella, such as the Aurora Drama Workshop, the Queen's York Rangers, the camera club, historical society, the horticultural society and many other groups.

One of the highlights of living in a small town in those days included family events, such as the Sunday sleigh ride around Fleury Park.

It was tried as an experiment and was so successful, the sleigh rides became a regular activity.

In February, 1966, Bill Dinsmore was re-elected chairman of the Aurora Recreation Committee at its regular meeting. Robert Hookings was returned as vice-president and Mrs. W. H. Bell as secretary-treasurer.

Other members were William Turvill, Don Glass, Dick Buchanan, Aubrey Leslie, Dan Morris, Harvey Bell, Margaret Griffith and Cathan Shoniker.

Councillors Jim Murray and Walt Davis were council representatives.

In 1967, three new members were appointed to the committee, Larry Keffer, Jack Macfarlane and Barbara Stoecklin.

In January, 1968, a town-wide recreation conference was held at the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School with more than 80 representatives of 35 organizations participating.

When Aurora was a small town of 4,500 people, it wasn't hard to keep track of the various clubs and associations. The suddenness of the town's growth, however, found the committee without the mechanism necessary to keep track of

the many new groups.

The prime purpose of the recreation conference, "Recreate in '68" was to assess the recreation picture in Aurora, in hopes of improving communication and programs to meet the interests of all age groups.

Following the conference, several new programs were introduced such as ballroom dancing, the creation of the Aurora Athletic Association with a major focus on boxing, a model plane club and a course in golf instruction.

In April, 1968, the recreation committee recognized Dick Buchanan on his retirement after more than 20 years of service.

The committee also paid tribute to Recreation Director Ernie Batson, on his transfer to the position of full-time manager of the community centre after 11 years of service.

A year later Don Glass was honoured by the committee on his retirement after more than 20 years of service. In April, 1970, Bill Dinsmore was recognized for his efforts in the recreation hockey program.

In May, 1972, the parks and recreation committee held a conference on recreation, with communication, or lack of communication as the main theme.

It was also pointed out that another ice surface was required, plus the need for an indoor swimming pool, rather than covering the open George Street pool.

In May, 1979, Councillor John West was successful in gaining council support for an expenditure of \$20,000 for a town-wide survey of recreational facilities and needs so a recreation master plan could be prepared, using public input. Wintario lottery also agreed to pay half the cost.

By January, 1980, the master plan was nearing completion as several public focus groups were planned.

The plan was unveiled October 1, 1980, and it reported on everything from play areas for children to meeting space for senior citizens. It aimed at satisfying all age and interest groups.

To implement the plan required an expenditure of \$283,000 annually for five years.

It was noted that most of the funding would come from reserve funds and development charges. The plan also recommended the formation of a leisure services department and the hiring of a leisure services director to coordinate parks, recreation and community centres...

In October, 1980, council refused to endorse the report in spite of strong arguments from Councillor West, but agreed to accept it as a guideline. Council members expressed concern about a build-up of bureaucracy in leisure serv-

ices and the operating costs of the proposed facilities.

Over the years the cost and governance of leisure services has been an issue at council.

However citizens still continue to play an important role as members of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

Skating results

Several Aurora skaters were successful in the recent Central Ontario Interclub Championships.

Following is a list of their achievements.

Tavish Armstrong, Pre-Juvenile Men A - fourth.

Emma Hayzelden, Pre-Juvenile Ladies B - seventh.

Emma Hayzelden and Tavish Armstrong, Pre-Juvenile Mixed Dance - sixth.

Carolyn Armstrong, Senior Bronze Ladies Free - tenth.

Lauren Cooper, Junior Bronze Ladies Free - sixth.


Amber Bowman, Preliminary Ladies Free - tenth.

Chelsea Kerr, Pre-Preliminary Ladies Free - second.

Emma Slimkowich, Pre-Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance - sixth.



Susan E. Tucker
Lawyer & Notary Public
905 **727-7775**



ATTENTION

THERE ARE ONLY 5 WEEKS REMAINING UNTIL June 2

7TH ANNUAL
WORLD'S LONGEST STREET SALE ON THE WORLD'S LONGEST STREET

Yonge Street
from Wellington to Murray



Limited Booth Space Available - 727-7262
Noon to 5 pm

SPONSORS TO DATE FOR THE STREET FESTIVAL

ACI - Aurora Cable Internet
Diamond Trim Classics in Aurora
Enbridge Consumers Gas
GO Transit
Law Insurance Brokers Limited
Sobey's Inc.

The Aurora Chamber gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, which receives annually \$100 million in government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative.

Sponsored by
THE AURORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
&
THE TOWN OF AURORA


COURIER SERVICES

Published Rates
Guaranteed Delivery
On-line Tracking Available

14845-6 Yonge St.
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 6H8

Phone: (905) 713-1632
Fax: (905) 713-1633

Custom Packaging also available!

CANPAR

Round The Bend Farm

is happy to announce our plant season has begun!

Spring has sprung!!

We have a large selection of

- *annuals
- *perennials
- *prestarted container plants
- *hanging baskets

Fill your own planters with our colourful array of plants or bring them along and we will fill them for you!

Just in time for Mother's Day!

- *filled terracotta patio containers
- *large fiberpot 12" and 14" hanging baskets
- *"instant colour" terracotta pans

We have many adorable farm animal babies to check out in our nursery!

OPEN
Mon-Fri 10 - 6 p.m.
Sat. 9 - 5 p.m.
CLOSED SUNDAY

Brian & Sue Feddema
Round The Bend Farm
16225 Jane Street
905-727-0023

One of the largest Ford Lincoln showrooms in Canada!



www.McAlpineFord.com

905 841-0800 toll free 1-800-465-0411
15815 Yonge Street Aurora

McALPINE



Your vacation in Aurora still needs to be planned

By KIRSTEN EASTWOOD

This summer, you've decided to forego the travel, exotic food and hassles of packing in lieu of a vacation at home in Aurora.

This, you say, will provide us with "quality family time", lounging opportunities and reduce our costs by avoiding foreign exchange.

Sounds good on paper, but the reality is that a home-based vacation still needs to be planned.

Here are some tips to ensure your family has a restful, fun and stress-free escape from your regular routine while staying in town:

- As a family, sit down and plan out your vacation. Let everyone choose a specific activity (i.e., swimming) or place they want to visit. Make up an agenda and stick it on the fridge so everyone knows the plan for the day. This avoids the "what are we going to do today" question.
- Develop a budget for your vacation. Determine whether you are going to eat out, eat in, entertain, attend events like plays, visit attractions, use up much gas, buy souvenirs or stay in a hotel. Find out the cost of events beforehand. Local papers, the town's Leisure Services Guide, Aurora Public Library and the Internet can provide much of this for you, and whether there are any mid-week specials that can reduce your costs.
- Do a tour of Aurora parks. Make a map of your favourite ones to keep for another visit.
- If you are planning to stay around home, plan a theme day. For example, even if you can't travel to Italy, you can still rent an Italian movie, or eat at a local Italian restaurant. Just close your eyes and imagine the Mediterranean a few feet away.
- Plan a historical day by visiting Hillary House. (Unfortunately, the museum will be closed this summer.)

Students, mayor walk for cancer

Just like the Pied Piper, Aurora Mayor Tim Jones led the York Professional Children's Walk for Cancer last week.

The Walk started at 4 p.m. from Lester B. Pearson Public School on Odin Crescent and finished at York Professional's Yonge Street location..

Now in its 4th year the Walk continues to grow.

It started in the Aurora school and soon spread to other schools in the region.

In the past two years, the Children's Walk for Cancer has raised \$30,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

After beating cancer Aurora resident Kim Davis had a vision. She went through surgery, 35 radiation treatments and chemotherapy, before her cancer went into remission.

She wanted to give something back to the organization that helped

her so much.

The walkathon was conceived one night when Davis was considering ways and means of raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

As an early childhood educator at Lester B. Pearson, she had a vision of children walking for cancer.

She approached the local unit of the Canadian Cancer Society and her employer and was encouraged to turn her vision into a reality.

Carrying painted banners and slogans, the children walk along in twos, clasping hands, shouting "We're walking for cancer".

Davis, who continues to coordinate the Walk, says the children learn important educational and moral values, plus the value of volunteering and helping others.

Talk about what life in Aurora may have been like 100 years ago - what people wore and ate.

- If you have a pool at home (or access to one), plan a day poolside. Buy some new pool toys, pack a picnic lunch and enjoy some time keeping cool.
- Plan a scavenger hunt through Sheppard's Bush. Write a list of items to find (red leaf, pine cone, stone that looks like a bug etc.), take plastic bags to store "the scavenger", and small toys for prizes.
- Plan a games night when you test your competitiveness by playing cards, board games or your knowledge of trivia. Invite another family, have prizes, food and treats.
- If the weather is rainy and cold, go to the Aurora library, stock up on new books and spend a cozy day by the fire reading. Or, borrow a movie and have a family day with child-friendly movies and popcorn.

Even if you're staying home for your vacation, focus on fun, family time together and getting away from it all. Take the opportunity to discover all the activities in Aurora. Avoid chores and long grass - they will still be there the week after when you're "back"!

Kirsten Eastwood, local travel expert, is a mother of two who plans to be at the park, in the pool and checking out books this summer.

PLEASE SUPPORT
OUR ADVERTISERS

Graystones
Aurora

Saturday Night Fever
The Hottest Hits of the
70's 80's 90's

SATURDAY NIGHTS
Starting At
9 p.m.

York Region's
Only 30 + Dance Club
Every Saturday Night

14889 YONGE STREET, AURORA
905-727-9561

Go Transit
pdf

THOMPSON
Funeral Home

29 Victoria St., Aurora
Phone 905-727-5421 * Fax 905-727-0037

Directors:
Brent Forrester - Jacqueline Baak - Don Boswell - Gena Maher - Taylor Brown

Dignity
Memorial

www.dignitymemorial.com
~ Cremation, Burial & Memorial Services
~ Pre-Arranged Funeral Plans ~ Monuments, Markers & Inscriptions
~ Affordable Cost Options
Proud to be part of Service Corporation International (Canada) Limited



15520 Yonge St., Aurora L4G 1P2 Tel: 905-727-1312 Fax: 905-727-4270

The Food & Beverage employees at Howard Johnson Hotel Aurora have so many events planned that we are announcing the upcoming events here so you will have lots of time to organize your busy schedules to join us for some of them!

Should you require any further information, or assistance with organizing a function, please call our switchboard, 905-727-1312, we will be very pleased to speak with you.

"Mother's Day Buffet"

11 AM - 3 PM & 5 PM - 8 PM
"Sunday, May 12"

We will seat smaller parties in the Terrace Dining Room and larger parties in the Queen Elizabeth Ballroom for your comfort.

And as always, on Mother's Day each "Mom" receives a potted plant to take home for a lasting memory of your treat for her.

BUFFET MENU

Full salad bar including: Mediterranean Salad, Potato Salad, Fresh Vegetable Tray, Pasta Salad, Field Greens with dressings, plus many many more items

Carving & Hot Station Including: Roast Beef au jus, Chicken Maison, Salmon with Dill, plus many other hot entrees, Medley of Vegetables, & Potatoes

Fabulous Desert Table including: Fresh Fruits & International Cheeses, Variety of Pastries, Cakes, Tortes and Pies. Tea & Coffee

\$ 25.95 per adult

\$ 19.95 for seniors

\$15.95 children under 12

Children 4 years of age & under with our compliments
plus taxes & gratuities

Let us help you spoil your "Mom" - we enjoy doing so!



The Terrace Lounge

Located adjacent to the Terrace Restaurant on the second floor, the Terrace Lounge is the perfect meeting place. Our friendly staff offer a light menu and a great wine list.

Open every evening

from 5 PM until 1 AM
(10 PM on Sundays)

Play a game of pool, watch the game on TV or simply relax with friends in conversation

"Upcoming Lobsterfests"

Our very popular "Lobsterfest Dinner Dances" are continuing monthly. the next events are scheduled for the weekends of...

May 31 & June 1
and
June 21 & June 22

~ Buffet Dinner Menu ~

A very extravagant buffet including a full salad bar, smoked fish platter, peel'n eat shrimp, steamed mussels

Incredible Chowder
Steamed Lobster
Chicken & Shrimp
Seafood Newburg
Carved Roast of Beef
Many many more items...

Fabulous Dessert Table

~ ~ ~

6:30 - Complimentary Wine Tasting

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Buffet Dinner
9:00 PM - Dancing

"The Fabulous Tenemaster"

\$39.95 plus applicable taxes & gratuities

Queen Elizabeth **Dinner Theatre**

"ONLY 6 PERFORMANCES
REMAINING THIS SEASON"

May 10 - 11 - 17 - 18 - 24 - 31

"MURDER AT THE
HOWARD JOHNSON'S"

"A suspense comedy love triangle!"

~ STARRING ~

Mark Hayward ~ Michelle Leduc ~ Brian Neale

written by: Ron Clarke & Sam Bobrick
directed by Alan Blenkinsopp
produced by Mainstreet Theatre Company
and Howard Johnson Aurora

with special permission from SAMUEL FRENCH CANADA INC

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Buffet Dinner at 7:00 PM

Showtime is 8:30 PM

\$39.95 plus applicable taxes & gratuities

*"Incredible Buffet Dinner...
the selection & service were great"*

"Three very talented performers 'perfectly' cast for this very funny show!"

"Superb dinner & great show... probably the best one yet!"



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Every Sunday (except special occasions), we present

"Sunday Brunch"

in the Terrace Restaurant from

10 AM until 2 PM

Please join us

- reservations are recommended!

\$15.95 for adults, children under 12 - \$8.95
children under 4 with our compliments.

CATERING FACILITIES

Howard Johnson Aurora's Catering Department can accommodate any size function up to 300 persons. Call our professional and talented staff in our Sales & Catering Department for assistance organizing meetings, seminars, banquets, weddings or social events. We offer a wide range of menus accommodating exciting themes and any budget.

Call 905-727-1312 anytime.

The Month of May... *in "The Terrace"*

Howard Johnson Aurora's Terrace Restaurant & Lounge is offering a new menu. After having spoken with our guests and listening to you tell us of "your favorites", we've created a new menu that we think will please you on any evening of the week. The Terrace is open to you every evening from 5 to 10 (Sundays til 9). Every month, Vince Midolo and his staff feature a theme of the month "Table d'Hote" all inclusive menu.

~ "May Crabfest" ~

Freshly Baked Rolls & Butter
Chef's Homemade Soup & Full Salad Bar

~~

(Choice of)

One Pound Steamed Crab Legs
& Condiments

or

1/2 Pound Steamed Crab Legs
and Grilled Chicken Breast

or

1/2 Pound Steamed Crab Legs
and 6 oz. Top Sirloin Steak

~~

(All entrees include drawn butter, sauteed fresh N.B. fiddleheads, & baked potato.
Additional Steamed Crab Legs
available for \$14.95 per pound!)

Selection from our Dessert Tray
Coffee or Tea

All for only \$19.95 per person!
plus taxes

Enjoy the Month of May!

Staff, council get salary hike

Aurora's full-time non-union staff will receive the same 2.5 per cent increase as CUPE outside workers, council agreed last week.

And, in accordance with the recommendations of a citizen's advisory committee two years ago, it was also noted that salary paid to councillors would be adjusted to reflect the increase for non-union staff.

Councillor Nigel Kean opposed councillors approving a salary increase for themselves during their term of office.

He said he had no problem with the increase for staff but would not support the increase for councillors.

When Councillor John West suggested the report be accepted, Kean asked for a recorded vote.

The vote was 7-1 in favour of the report with Kean in opposition. Councillor

George Timpson was absent for the vote as he is out of the country on vacation.

The salary hike became effective April 1.



*Helping You Retire in Comfort
by Investing Now!*

**Auddis Wong, CIM
Financial Consultant
Aurora: 905-727-7396
Toronto: 416-510-1565**



1201-75 Donway West
North York, Ont. M3C 2E9
auddis.wong@cartierpartners.ca

-Mutual Funds, RSP
-Labour Sponsored Funds
-GICs, Registered Education Plans, RIFs

DINOTOPIA is here



THE EXCURSION by James Gurney
Prints & Books in stock

BIGGS' GALLERY & FRAMING SHOP Ltd.
15165 Yonge St., Aurora 727-6308

1 1/2 blocks south of Wellington
www.biggsgallery.com sales@biggsgallery.com

The AURORAN, Week of May 7, 2002 - 19

TWIN DRAGON KICK BOXING

*** 5 TITLE FIGHTS ***

**Aurora
Community Centre**

**MAY
19**

TICKETS
(416) 229-1280

or
**Heartbeats
Twin Dragon**
(905) 727-3114
twin-dragon.com

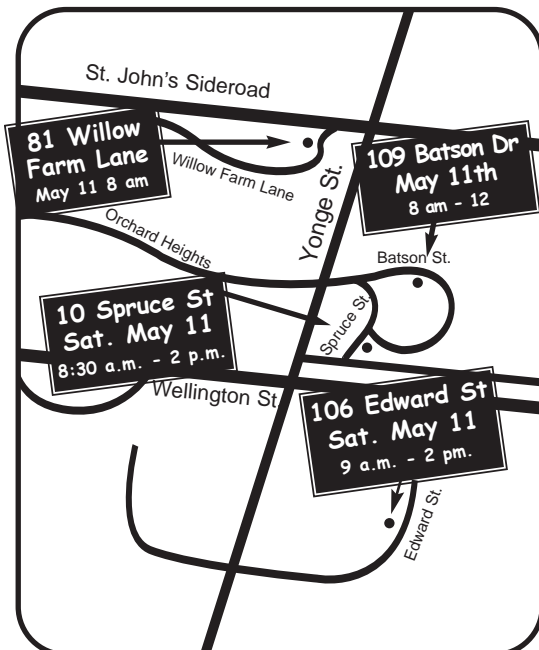
FIGHTERS COMING FROM:

**New York, Scotland, Russia,
Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver,
Indiana, All Over Ontario**

**Aurora's own Chantal Nadon
going for her 4th World Title**

CLASSIFIED CLASSIFIED CLASSIFIED CLASSIFIED CLASSIFIED

FREE LAWN SALE MAP!



If your lawn sale location is in the town of Aurora we will print your address & date on a map of our town and flag it for you **no charge**

Call or fax to reserve your FREE space today!

Tel: 905-726-3701
Fax: 905-726-8589

CUSTOM DECKS

FREE ESTIMATES
Custom Decks, deck restoration & repairs, References, fully insured. Call Wayne 905-895-4372
www.doctordecker.com

HAIRDRESSER

MOVIE STAR DO'S, nicely beaded braids etc., for young and young at heart! Yonge & Wellington by appointment: 905-727-0350 or 905-717-6823

FOR SALE

GOLF CLUBS: Ping Eye 2 irons \$300; Out a Site oversize irons \$150. 905-841-3925

CARPET - I have several thousand yards of new stainmaster and 100% nylon carpet. I will carpet your living room & hall for \$349. Price includes carpet, pad and installation (30 square yards) Steve 905-898-0127

VAN FOR SALE

2000 FORD WINDSTAR sel, loaded, 23,000 km take over balance of lease \$467 per month until March 31st, 2003, or, buy for \$27,000 all taxes included. Call 905-727-5661

ART STUDIO ORIGINAL ART FOR SALE

IMPRESSIONISTIC OIL PAINTING by internationally known artist S.K. Gordon Wang 905-853-0628 Visit our website: www.members.aol.com/skgordonwang

HELP WANTED

**Looking for work?
We can help!**

Neighbourhood Employment Resource Centre

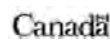
Aurora - 905 726 3702

No Cost, Year Round Services

Operated by:



A funding partnership with:
Human Resources
Development Canada.



LOSE WEIGHT

SLIM DOWN FOR SUMMER! Lose weight now and forever! Visit our web site www.u-r-worth-it.com.

DOMESTIC HELP

CLEANING LADY available weekly or bi-weekly; attention to detail call Jean 905-953-1860

PLACES OF WORSHIP



First Baptist Church
33 Wellington St. E.
905-727-4531

**Bible School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Club 33 - Friday 6:30 p.m.**

A place for all to worship and feel welcome.

Living Water Church

1260 Journey's End Circle
Newmarket Tel: 905-895-9991

**Sunday 10:30 & 18:30
Wednesday 19:30**

We are a Pentecostal Church
affiliated with AFCM, Canada

www.livingwater.on.ca

CUSTOM JOBS



**Need
something
fixed or
custom built?**

**Call
Michael**

905-713-6569

Custom Cabinets
*
Trim Work
*
Repairs
Fully Guaranteed

POTTERY SALE



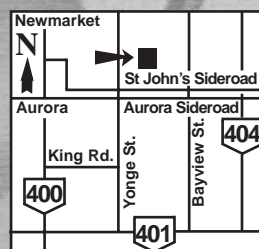
Spring Pottery Sale

Visit our beautiful location
St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club
368 St. John's Side Road
Aurora, Ontario

Interac - Visa

Over 2000 pots - Numerous Artists - Free Admission - Door Prize - Portion of Proceeds to Charity

Thurs. May 9 - 10am - 9pm
Fri. May 10 - 10am - 9pm
Sat. May 11 - 10am - 5pm



Tilemaster pdf