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Briefly

Cabinetmaker revisited

The September meeting of the Aurora Historical Society will feature guest speaker, Cameron Knight, describing the career of A.B. Ramer, a mid-nineteenth century cabinetmaker. Ramer lived in Mount Joy north of Markham and plied his trade in what is now York Region. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Wednesday, September 18, at 8:00. Everyone's welcome.

Boundary date set

Officials are still wondering why submissions need to be in a full month prior to a federal boundary public meeting, but they're going along with it. After reviewing the procedures on the federal boundaries web site, it was determined that all written submissions to the Federal Boundaries Commission must be submitted to their office by October 12. A meeting to argue the point won't be held until November 12 in Richmond Hill. At issue is a line drawn up Yonge Street, splitting the Town of Aurora into two federal and provincial ridings. Therefore a public information meeting with Council and Federal and Provincial representatives will now be held Monday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Meanwhile, signed petitions that appeared in last week's Auroran continue to flood into the newspaper office and other locations in town. If you missed it, the petition appears again this week on Page 7



Sold out house tour

A sold-out house tour brought more than 300 people onto the streets of Aurora Saturday night as residents and visitors toured nine homes selected by the Aurora Historical Society. Above, guide Jason Wake, explains the features of one house to Marjorie Maxwell and Alison Chaison, while the comfortable family room at the home of Kathleen and Jack Vanderploeg, inset, brought raves from the visitors.

Auroran photos by Naomi Tobin



\$338,000 to start

It will cost plenty to fix old library

Last January council endorsed a plan to evaluate the old library and existing Seniors Centre on Victoria Street. Last week, a building assessment report on both buildings was presented to council and a further report will follow. The report indicates a substantial amount of work is required to the old library regardless of future uses, but especially if it is to be renovated for a Seniors' Centre. Significant issues include re-roof-

ing, flooring replacement, wall repairs, new rooftop heating, ventilation and air conditioning units, replaced plumbing and parking lot improvements. The 10-year forecast for capital repair is estimated at \$421,250, with \$338,250 required in the first year. Not included in the estimated cost is consideration of the elevator. The existing unit was installed in 1979 with a small cab and a dated

interior. The hydraulic cylinder is recommended for replacement. With the requirements of the Ontarians With Disabilities Act the onus is on the municipality to meet current standards, which means the elevator has to be upgraded with costs ranging from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The existing Seniors' Centre - once the Aurora firehall - is described as being in generally good condition and reasonably well maintained.

The most significant issues are the parking lot and eventual re-roofing. The 10-year capital repair forecast is \$93,500 with \$17,000 required the first year. Staff advised that a more detailed report would be submitted in the fall of 2002 prior to the 2003 budget review process. Meanwhile, the jury is still out on who will occupy space made available when the library moved to its new quarters at Church and Yonge.

Terry Fox Part 2:

Run Sunday to keep the dream alive

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

(ED. NOTE: This Sunday, Sept. 15, the Aurora contingent of the Terry Fox Run will kick off from Sheppard's Bush at 9 a.m. If you have not already done so, you may reg-

ister for the event at 8 a.m. In this, the second of a two-part series on the history of the Terry Fox Run, writer Dick Illingworth examines the event back to its inauguration in 1980)

On September 20, 1980, more

than 450 students from Aurora High School participated in the First Terry Fox Run in Canada raising more than \$16,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. The event was also the continuation of Terry's Marathon of Hope.

When the national Terry Fox

Run was initiated one year later, students from the same school were quick to organize the run on short notice. The response from the town was disappointing as only 211 participated and \$3,000 raised. Frank Clarke, a 75-year-old resident was the oldest person tak-

ing part. He managed to walk the full 10-kilometre course. In 1982, the third annual Aurora High School Terry Fox Run was held on September 19th with more time to organize it. Chief organizer phys ed

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# Coming Events In Aurora

## CONTINUING

The works of three Aurora artists, Mary Cromarty, Dorothy Clark McClure and Vera Worling can be seen at the 50th Anniversary Members' Show of the Colour and Form Society at the J. D. Carrier Art Gallery, Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto. Exhibition continues until September 28th during gallery hours, Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 4 p.m.

## SEPTEMBER 12

Aurora artist Mary Cromarty joins with three other regional artists to feature "A Celebration of Colour" at the Katherine McKay Varley Gallery in Unionville. Opening reception 1-5 p.m. September 14th Exhibition continues noon until 5 p.m. until September 22nd. Gallery closed Monday and Tuesdays.

## SEPTEMBER 14

Magna "El Dorado Hoedown 2002". Info and tickets available from local retail outlets and Ticketmaster.

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The Third Annual AHPA Used Hockey Equipment Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the ACC1 Auditorium. Equipment drop off times: 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept 12, and Friday, Sept 13 in the lobby of ACC1.

## SEPTEMBER 14-15

Aurora Legion Candlelight Tribute at Aurora Cemetery. Candles and flags will be placed on the graves Sept. 14 and a full Drum Head service will be conducted at the cemetery Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. Service is open to everyone.

## SEPTEMBER 15

The 22nd annual Terry Fox Run in Aurora will start at 9 a.m. from Sheppard's Bush, Industrial Parkway South, with registration starting at 8 a.m. Pledge forms available at the Leisure Complex and the Town Hall. If you have any questions call Ferguson Mobbs at 905-727-8987.

## SEPTEMBER 16

LaSpiga/Tuscany Southlake Regional Health Centre golf tournament at St. Andrew's Golf Club in Aurora, with dinner to follow at Tuscany Banquet Hall. Proceeds to the heart and cancer wards. For tickets or sponsorship, call Nigel Kean, 905-841-6776.

## SEPTEMBER 17

Autumn Fashion Fair, presented by the Catholic Women's League of Our Lady Of Grace Parish, will be held at Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$5 plus a food bank donation. Fashions courtesy of Oakridge Outfitters. Call 905-727-7761 or 905-727-9390 for tickets.

## SEPTEMBER 18

Chamber of Commerce luncheon guest speaker is Patricia Lovett-Reid, Vice-President and Managing Director, TD Wealth Management. Luncheon, at Tuscany's, begins at noon.

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The Aurora Historical Society will hold its first general meeting of the season at the Town Hall at 8 p.m. Guest speaker is Cameron Knight and his subject will be the career of A. B. Ramer a mid-19th century cabinetmaker. Call 905-727-8991 for details.

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The Aurora Public Library is offering a half-hour free workshop at 10:30 a.m. as an introduction to the Fall 55 Alive, four-week drivers course, taught by a certified instructor. Registration is necessary. Call 905-727-9493 to register or obtain additional information.

## SEPTEMBER 20

Aurora Legion presents "From Army Boots to Hula Hoops", a nostalgic evening at the Branch, Industrial Parkway North. \$10 per ticket.

## SEPTEMBER 21

Aurora's Farmers' Market - 6.30 a.m. - Temperance Street Parking Lot, south of Wellington West. Vendor information, call Nigel Kean, 905-841-6776.

## SEPTEMBER 25

Aurora Seniors travel to the Orangeville Theatre and Dufferin Museum. For members of the Seniors Centre the cost is \$66, for non-members \$71. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

## SEPTEMBER 28

Wesley United Church (Woodbine Ave. and the Aurora Sideroad) holds its annual sale with baking, preserves, crafts, lunch counter, books and treasures from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Fran Mason, 905-895-3753.

# Help clean up Case Woodlot

One of the nicest areas in Aurora is the Case Woodlot, located off Henderson Drive, near Bathurst, in the town's south end.

And to keep the woodlot in pristine condition, the

Oak Ridges Trail Association is holding a cleanup project this Saturday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Association, in partnership with the Town of Aurora, will clean up the

magnificent natural forest area that is home to 23 species of trees and more than 100 different plants.

ORTA is looking for volunteers to help with the project. Gloves and garbage bags will be pro-

vided.

Participants should meet in the sports field behind Highview Public School on McClellan Way.

For further information, call Robert Johnston at 905-727-9377.

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A picture is worth 1,000 words, they say, and this shot pretty well explains everything that's going on. Dorothy and Gord Lytle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Park Place Manor Saturday, receiving guests all afternoon. Gord, prior to retirement, was a long-time employee of Aurora Hydro.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

# Insurance rates soar after 9/11

In light of the September 11, 2001, events, insurance rates everywhere took a major jump.

Aurora did not escape.

But at least one town councillor wants more answers after a report suggested a contracted insurance package be raised prior to its expiry.

In 2001 town staff conducted an extensive Request for Proposal review of the municipality's corporate insurance coverage and council approved the presentation of Aon Reed Stenhouse, representing St. Paul Insurance Company at a cost of \$124,568.

That presentation included a three-year guarantee on rates provided that the town's loss experience remained comparable with the previous year.

But when the town received its premium renewable notice recently there was a 21 per cent increase to \$157,359.

In addition, the revised policy increased the deductibles from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and policy limits

were reduced.

As a result of the changes in coverage and costs, staff obtained quotations from other firms that had submitted a proposal in 2001.

When Councillor Damir Vrancic asked about the company guarantee, staff advised that due to the Sept. 11 events, the reinsurance market had experienced significant losses, which had rippled through the insurance system impacting the renewable premium for the town.

Vrancic pointed out that Aurora had not been involved in the tragedy and it was unethical of the company to walk away from their guarantee.

He suggested the town solicitor explore the legality of the firm's actions and council agreed.

Council also approved the insurance and risk management proposal submitted by Cowan Public Entity at a cost of \$195,698 for three successive one-year periods starting last week.

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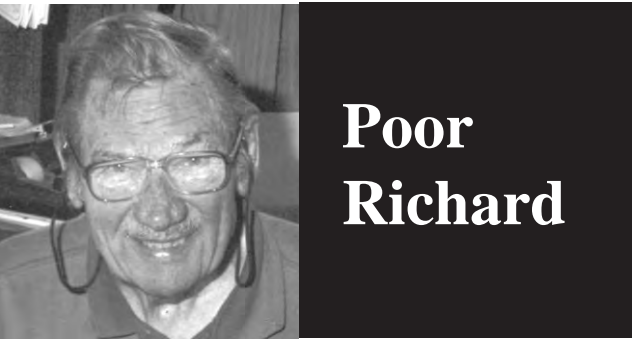
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# Your help needed to alter boundary

*Governor Simcoe loves Yonge Street,  
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Such as what's happening to his street,  
He's quite willing to take offenders to task!*  
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Over the years I've developed a close relationship with Governor John Graves Simcoe, the guy who blazed Yonge Street through to Holland Landing with the aid of his faithful York Rangers.

It all started when I was a rookie Aurora councillor back in the 1960s when there was talk of widening Yonge Street to four lanes.

He contacted me and pleaded with me to ensure that the integrity of his street be maintained.

I ran into the good Governor again in the early 1970s when I was executive assistant to the Treasurer of Ontario.

I was working in a spare office on the fourth floor of the Legislative building where I could hear the debate going on in the Legislature.

I heard a sneeze close by and opening a door, which I thought led to a closet, found Governor Simcoe sitting in a small office filled with books, records and what have you he had collected over the years.

He asked me not to reveal his secret hide-a-way, to which I promised and we soon became quite close friends.

With his vast knowledge of provincial affairs, I often went to him for advice, which he graciously gave.

In return, he asked that I protect his beloved Yonge Street, which I promised to do.

Just recently, he contacted me to inquire about the closing of Yonge Street on a few occasions.

"What's going on, boy? Why are the town fathers closing my street?" he asked. For some reason he always calls me "boy".

I explained that a section of Yonge Street had been closed for the annual July First and the Santa Claus Parades.

Then in 1996 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his street, council closed a section of the street for the Longest Street Sale on the Longest Street in the World.

He was thrilled to hear this information.

He was even more thrilled when he heard that the event was so successful that it became an annual event, with each year bigger and better than the year before.

"You'd never believe it, Governor, unless you saw it. There were thousands and thousands of people walking up and down your street enjoying the June air and buying various things from the more than 500 merchants who had set up shop on the street. It was like a festival," I said.

"I know you blazed Yonge Street through the forests as a military route, but today it's an artery of commerce. It's so busy most of the time, and I hate to say this, but today's motorists blame you, Robert Machell and Charles Doan for poor planning, especially at Yonge and Wellington, which is a nightmare."

I tried to explain the many suggestions that had been made to improve the situation without results. I also mentioned that York Region was planning to add a westbound right turn lane on Wellington Street East, which could have an impact on his beloved Yonge Street.

"Keep a close watch on it, boy! Don't let those regional traffic engineers push the town around and spoil Yonge Street." he said, pounding the table with his fist to make his point. I promised.

"Now I have a favour to ask you, Sire," I mumbled.

"Speak up, boy, what is it?"

"Sire, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission is revising riding boundaries following the last census and their proposals have a dreadful impact on the Town of Aurora. They are splitting the town in half along your Yonge Street," I explained.

Simcoe was shocked at the news and said everything possible must be done to stop it.

"This is the time to call out the troops and take action. I'll put my Queen's York Rangers on stand-by, ready to move at my command," he said, very much in control.

"Illingworth, it's up to you and your editor, Ron Wallace, to alert the public to this subversive plan. Between the Rangers and your citizen rebels, we'll march on the powers that be at that November 12th meeting in Richmond Hill. We'll stop them, boy!"

Now I need your help. Unless we make a good showing at the meeting to oppose the commission's proposal, the Governor won't speak to me again.



Sometime in the late 1800s, the top photo pretty much represented the look inside Aurora's Bank of Montreal at the corner of Yonge and Wellington. Below, there have been a few changes in the last 100 years or so, as seen in this photo taken last week. Bank of Montreal has the distinction of being Aurora's oldest continuing operating business.

(Lower photo by Naomi Tobin...and she assures us she did not take the top photo)

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

# Bus routes, insurance catch this reader's eye

To the editor,

Reading from a local paper recently, two distinctly different, but equally significant, articles caught my eye.

The first dealt with recently announced new bus routes and shows a photo of regional councilors laughing and smirking and patting each other's back like they were the co-discoverers of insulin.

I couldn't help but think this is a reflection of appointed officials.

Someone should tell them they are 10 years too late.

In places like Toronto or Scarborough builders don't even get a permit till there

are operating bus lines, etc.

Again, what does a councillor of East Gwillimbury or Georgina, or even Newmarket, know of Aurora's problems or even care?

I am thinking now of some of these same people I spoke with in 1998 to help me save the valuable McKenzie Marsh.

One of them admitted to following our mayor's lead (a lost cause). What a net loss of time and money.

The second article dealt with a tremendous bump-up in our insurance premiums.

An increase of some \$71,000 per year or \$60 per house on our property

tax bill.

That is, as the author property points out, if we don't have a tanker rollover and spill all its hydrochloric acid.

Even worse, a horrific accident in the marsh, considering their present feeble plan and the absence of a bridge.

Why a bridge?

It's safer, it's faster and eliminates a train mishap.

Mostly, it pays for itself, say, over 20 years.

B. Kestein  
Aurora

ED. NOTE: A grade separation on St. John's Sideroad? Not very likely.

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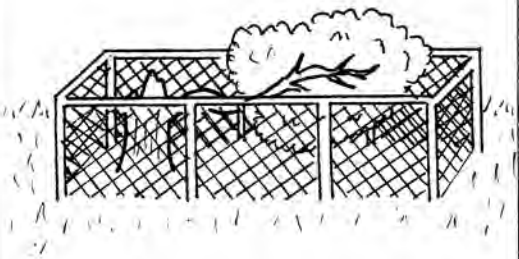
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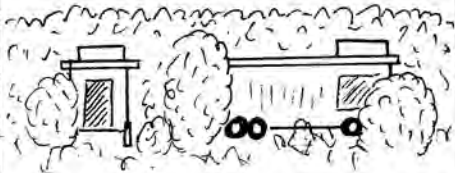
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

How the Queenstown Rangers came about

To the editor,

Ice Hockey is a majorly under promoted sport in New Zealand and most of the people on our team started playing out a sense of curiosity - which in this case has not killed the cat!!

The Queenstown Ice Hockey Club has been running for a number of years now. Our coach, Dean, has been playing for the Queenstown Rangers for 21 years.

About four years ago the town's third replacement rink was built.

It is a lot bigger than the first two and is covered which has made the sport in this town more accessible to those who won't challenge the elements!!!

Several social leagues

have popped up and the town's ice hockey player numbers have trebled in four years.

Dean has been running an Ice-skating class with an emphasis on Ice Hockey for the past five winter seasons, trying to encourage more female participation.

In 2001 female numbers had increased enough to develop an all female team -

a first for Queenstown!

We come from all levels of skating ability and numbers of years on the ice.

The women's team ranges in age 22 to 45 years and are; mothers, office workers, a horticulturist, practice nurses and tourism workers - being from one of New Zealand's tourist capitals.

The highlight of 2001 was playing the Moose women

who visit Queenstown each year.

We were exhausted after that game!

"Boy, do you Canadians move on ice!!"

After that game spirits were high, beer was drunk and, perhaps in a moment of frivolity, we decided to follow the Moose back to Canada in a Kiwi Migration (the Kiwi is New Zealand's national bird and many NZ'ers call themselves Kiwi's - not after the fruit!).

It has now been 14 months since we decided to come and we have received much local support in our fundraising and

have been extremely lucky to receive three local grants for gear.

As a team of 12 we have completed more than 700 hours of fundraising events such as Gardening, BBQ's, Waitressing, Stocktaking and we also produced a calendar, which was well supported.

We will also be the first women's team from New Zealand to travel farther afield than Australia and are very proud to be able to promote Ice Hockey Internationally.

**The Queenstown Rangers Queenstown, NZ**



Mayor’s Report  
By Tim Jones

If province says grow, we grow!

Recently, I attended a Town of Aurora Official Plan Review committee meeting.

The members of this committee charged with the responsibility to lead us in this review include Councillors Nigel Kean (Chairperson) along with Councillors Betty Pedersen, George Timpson, Dave Griffith and Evelina MacEachern.

They are joined by residents appointed by Council at large from the community including Julie Mallany, Jon Stark, Leonard Chen, Jane Murray and Betty Reid.

Our Town Planner, Sue Seibert, along with support staff and our project consulting team led by Ray Simpson of Hemson Consulting Ltd round out the team.

The Town of Aurora is required by law to undertake an update of their Official Plan every five years.

Our last review developed out of a Growth Management Study which led to Official Plan Amendment 17, passed six years ago.

With a planned approach to address the growth pressures imposed upon us by the Province, we are in much better shape to control our growth and manage how we grow in a manner that is defensible at the Ontario Municipal Board.

This type of periodic review also allows the municipality and the residents of the day the opportunity to investigate change and the effects that change will have on our Town.

What may have been the right way to grow five years ago may not be the way to grow today, and this allows us the right to change directions in a demonstrated and justified manner.

Items like the effect growth has on our water resources will surely be a topic this group will want to cover.

When our plan was updated just six years ago, development charges were much more meaningful in covering costs to the municipality that resulted out of growth.

Today, with the modifications to what municipalities can or cannot collect from development, it's potentially more expensive to existing residents to accept growth

than it was.

It should be clear that as municipalities are creatures of the province, if the Provincial government wants us to grow, we must grow.

We cannot stop growth on our own.

Thus, it is up to our Official Plan Review committee to do the legwork and make recommendations to Council to manage and control our growth. Council must ultimately make the final decisions.

Options that our committee will need to review include whether or not we want more business in Aurora.

Businesses don't require the soft services that residential does - they do not cost us as much as residential development.

But to have business, you need to consider residential development that can accommodate those who work at those businesses, and currently Aurora does not have enough housing to accommodate entry level employees.

If the Province continues to impose growth expectations on municipalities, our options include opening up the lands east of Bayview on the Leslie Street side and/or creating higher density infill in existing built up areas of Aurora, i.e. in the Downtown core.

We have empty lots that could be developed into higher density living. This could ease our land consumption, provide more affordable housing opportunities and assist in making services like transit more viable.

However, it will increase our density in a town that does not have many densely populated areas.

A preliminary public meeting date has been set for September 23rd to seek public input on the direction of this plan - I hope to see many residents there to assist us in this review.

If you see something in this column that you wish to respond to, I welcome your comments, either through the paper, to the Town Hall by mail - Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or e-mail at tjones@town.aurora.on.ca

Still no place for kids to play, reader argues

To the editor,

While the Town Park has been "renovated", albeit haphazardly, children still do not have a place to play in this part of town.

With the children back to school, at recess time/lunch hour, they are probably only allowed to get rid of their energy by kicking a ball around or playing baseball. Stay away from all the mulch.

I wonder if any councilor has children attending Wells Street School and, if so, are they content to let this fiasco go on?

Knowing how popular this park has been over the years, it boggles my mind that a new bandshell would take precedence over a playground.

Give us music first and let the children play elsewhere.

**Lois Rolling Aurora**

More letters  
see page 6



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

America (A Flag Bent but Not Broken)

Editor's Note: The following poem was written by Aurora's Marten A. Mol

The American flag has been touched, although bent but not broken.  
The world watched as the flag, the American people showed their strength  
Hurt within, yet strong and united, love, mercy and justice not just a token  
Resolve to lead, never to give up, hearts willing and spirits strong.

The American flag waiving in each hand, bent but not broken  
A tear glistening along one's cheek, remembering, no one to be forgotten  
Heroes that gave and heroes that died, people touched and people cried  
Oh how those horrific hours stung our souls, yet bent but not broken

We stand beside the flag in strong resolve, bent but not broken  
The American spirit shows its strength in unity, a gift from above  
Remembering those that gave so much today and in ages past  
God bless America, renewed in honor , justice and love


The fighting spirit awakened and moved by a terrorist hand  
We watch, pray and sing along -- God Bless America -- together we stand  
Oh how blessed we are as neighbors we watch and support  
For this could be your finest hour -- bent but not broken.


We unite our hearts with a city as New York, bent but not broken  
Take the time to mend your wounds for the world is there -- not just a token  
A great city loved by many, a show that must go on  
We love New York, slightly bent, but still strong


America, a flag bent but not broken, how proud we are  
For you to look not only at home, but much further and far  
God's speed my friend as you grasp and fight the sin  
We are with you, through thick and thin


Bouquets & Brickbats


By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 BOUQUETS and an Aurora Welcome to Tony Browning on joining Trinity Anglican Church as Director of Music, bringing with him experience from St. James Cathedral, St. Clements Eglinton and Bishop Strachan School. He joins organist John Clements, the former Head of Music at St. Andrew's College, who has an extensive background in church, pop and jazz music.


 BOUQUETS and all Best Wishes to the Aurora Hearts Soccer team in their defence of the Ontario Cup. In 100 years of competition for the Cup, the Aurora team was the first town team to win it.


 BRICKBATS to the powers that be for proposing and Aurora planners and council for accepting the high Berlin-type wall to the rear of the Canadian Tire and Winners stores and very close to the townhouses to the west of the stores. A buffer is necessary between commercial and residential uses, but the ugly wall is completely out of place. There should be an earthen mound with trees and shrubbery or something similar.

 BOUQUETS to 18-year-old Michelle Bentley of Aurora on being awarded a lucrative softball scholarship at Gulf Coast College in Florida. She has received a four-year scholarship including full tuition, housing and food. She started out playing with the Aurora Diggers at age seven.


 BOUQUETS to the Charley Fitzwhiskey's Aurora Ladies Ball Hockey team for going undefeated in 14 games to claim the overall League Championship. There are eight teams with more than 130 ladies participating in the league.


 BRICKBATS to the powers that be at York Region for wasting taxpayers' dollars on the printing and distribution of a regional newsletter called "York Works 2002". The newsletter is nothing but self-promotion. Just because the provincial and federal governments waste millions of dollars on advertisements patting themselves on their collective backs, there's no need for the region to do the same.


 BOUQUETS to Premier Ernie Eves for finally seeing the light and separating the Ministries of Energy and the Environment. Chris Stockwell continues as Environment Minister and John Baird takes over Energy, a curious choice. Eves may know something that the rest of us don't.


 BOUQUETS to former Aurora resident Joan Tovey (nee Hill) on having her artwork selected for the cover of the prestigious Buckhorn Art Festival. She was also an exhibitor at the festival. Her


father Frank Hill was an Aurora homebuilder and Joan attended Wells Street when it was the high school before going on to study art at the Central Technical Art School.


 BRICKBATS to Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake council members for rejecting a move to declare the community of Queenston, site of the pivotal battle of 1812, as a heritage district, under the Ontario Heritage Act. If Queenston isn't historic, nothing is!

 BOUQUETS to Aurora's 17-year-old Claudine Foong on finishing third in a field of 16 golfers at the Golf Evolutions National Canadian Junior Championships held recently at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club in Aurora. She has been a member of Team Canada for junior events in Bermuda and San Diego.

 BOUQUETS to the Aurora Diggers Midget Girls softball team on winning the Gold Medal at the Provincial Women's Softball Association Grand Championships in Sarnia recently in competition with nine teams from across the province.

 BRICKBATS to the powers that be at the Halton District School Board for spending \$48,000 for a retreat at a posh golf resort for principals, just because it was in the budget. Even though some of the cost may have been covered by sponsors, with expenditures like this, it's no wonder the province is taking such a strong stand.

 BOUQUETS to the Towns of Aurora and Newmarket on receiving the Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award at the recent annual conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the innovative merger of their fire departments into the Central York Fire Services.

 BOUQUETS to Aurora's 14-year-old Kate Armstrong, as her dream is becoming a reality. The former Regency Acres Public School student has left Aurora for Winnipeg to follow her dream of becoming a professional ballerina. She was selected as one of 90 students to attend the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School.

A guest BRICKBAT from Diane McCarthy of Aurora: "This morning I discovered that someone had stolen six little plant pots that I had on display at my front door, along with a small wind chime and a candle lantern. I have removed all other items which can easily be "lifted". Last year, my neighbour down the street had a lawn ornament taken from her lawn also.  
It's a tragedy that there are pathetic people that have no consideration for someone else's property. Is nothing safe anymore?

The legacy of September 11

To the editor,

In the coming days, images of a massive and brutal act against civilians will be replayed countless times across the globe.

Families of the victims and people the world over will remember those working in the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, the flight passengers and crew, and others who were killed by the terrorists' attacks of September 11.

Tributes to firefighters and police who lost their lives in the rescue effort will hold a particular poignancy for many.

It would be easy to let the horror and hate invoked by these attacks prevail.

But when you recall the tragic loss of life, remember, too, the acts of heroism, courage and compassion that followed.

Emergency service workers responded in the aftermath and spent months leading the recovery efforts, many reliving the hellish hours that killed their colleagues.

More than 57,000 Red Cross disaster service volunteers tended to the injuries of recovery crews, served millions of meals and listened to the countless stories of loss and sorrow.

Taxi drivers worked all day and volunteered during the night to transport people home from their shifts at Ground Zero.

Citizens set up hate crimes hot lines to counsel their fellow North Americans who were suffering twice from the terrorists' acts - once from the attacks and second from racist acts of violence in a misdirected attempt at revenge.

From around the globe, people sent messages of

support and money to help families of victims begin the process of recovery.

Canadians rose to the occasion when 33,000 airline passengers were suddenly stranded within our borders, many in more remote parts of the land.

Communities rallied to feed, house and entertain our unexpected guests, turning a frightening ordeal into something different for passengers.

Many reported an experience of immense caring and compassion, affirming the capacity of humans to respond to those in need.

The flow of compassion and generosity from Canadians, who crossed the border to assist in the aftermath or donated \$25 million to the Canadian Red Cross to help victims and their families, was inspiring.

That assistance continues to provide counselling and financial support to those directly affected by the attacks.

The power of humanity - let that be the legacy of September 11.

Joan Conn  
President  
Canadian Red Cross  
Ontario Zone Council

Did you know?

In 1869, with a population of 1,200, Aurora was home to several hotels. They included the Aurora Hotel, McLeod's, the Wellington, the Machell House and the Railroad Hotel.  
A banister from the Aurora Hotel is resident of the Aurora Museum, and it surfaced from a storage area last week as the museum's home, the Church Street School, prepares for renovations.



# First director dies in hospital

Lifelong champion of education and the first director of the York Region District School Board, Sam Chapman, died recently in a Toronto hospital.

He was 86. After spending 30 years in the classroom as a math teacher and later as an administrator, Chapman was selected as the first director of education for the newly amalgamated York County board effective January 1, 1969.

He took his place at the board table located on the second floor of the Church Street School in Aurora.

He was faced with the task of merging the various public school boards in the county into one viable and efficient unit. Some of the local boards were small, others quite large, and all with different issues and problems.

Aurora council offered the facilities of the Church Street School as an education centre for a

dollar a year with the board assuming all maintenance and operating expenses, which he talked the trustees into accepting until a more permanent facility could be found.

At that time the board assumed control of about 43,000 students.

He also created programs to help train new teachers and he encouraged more open, student friendly schools. His vision of the future was modelled after

the small Canadian town of Mariposa, made famous by author Stephen Leacock.

Chapman retired from the York Board in 1981 after laying a strong foundation on which future trustees and directors of education could build.

To date only three people have held the Education Director's post. Chapman was replaced by Bob Cressman, who was replaced by Bill Hogarth, the current director.

## “Rosedale” of Aurora

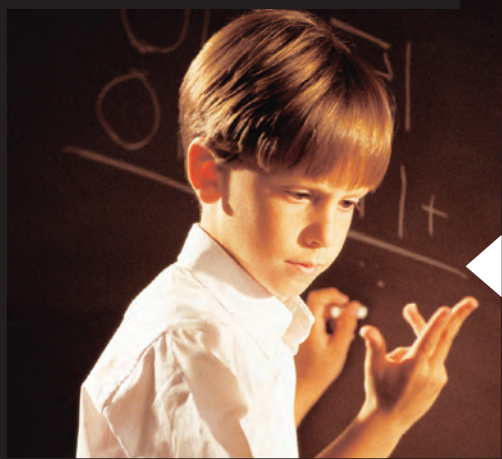


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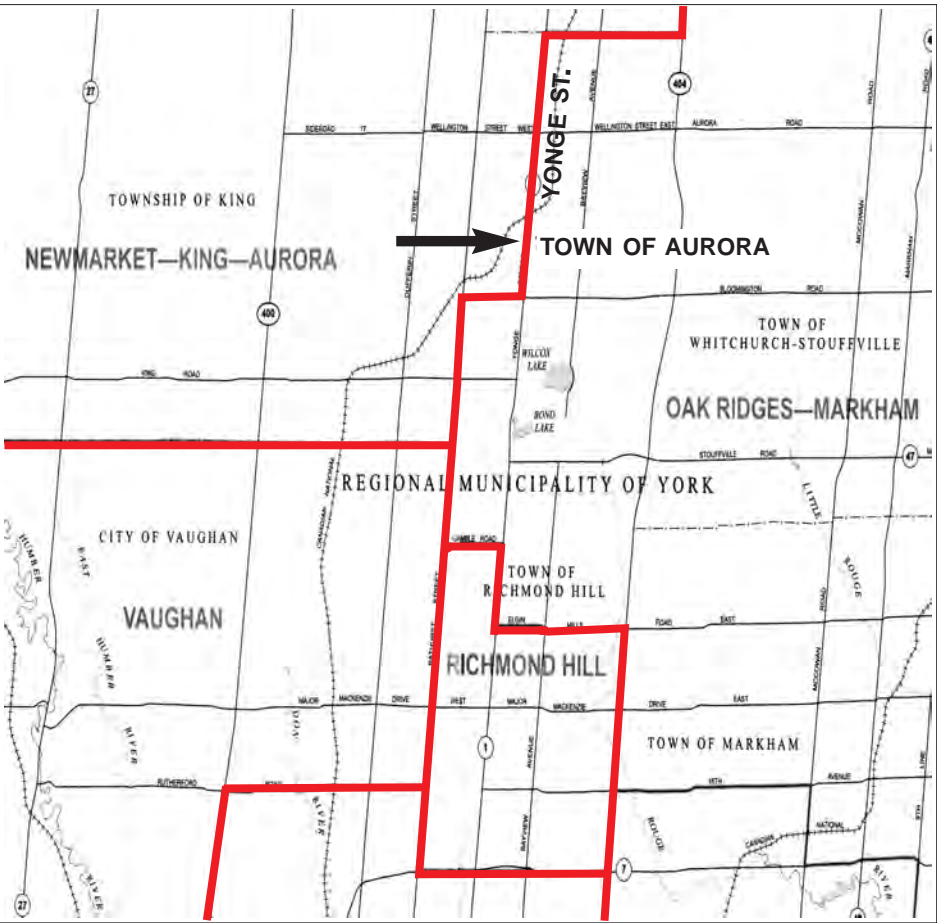
# P E T I T I O N

## SPECIAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

### FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission recently distributed the revised electoral boundaries publication as an insert with various newspapers. The proposed new electoral riding boundaries will divide the Town of Aurora into two electoral districts for any future Federal and Provincial elections.

The Council of the Town of Aurora has expressed concerns regarding this change and has convened a meeting for Monday, September 30, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall in order to receive input and concerns from any residents regarding this proposal. In addition to Members of council, Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua M.P., Mr. Greg Sorbara M.P.P. and Mr. Frank Klees M.P.P. have also been invited to attend.



TO: The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario

We the undersigned concerned citizens of the Town of Aurora hereby voice our objection to the proposed amendments to the electoral districts that would divide this municipality into two ridings for future federal and provincial elections.

We believe the Town of Aurora would be best served by a single elected representative and that there is sufficient latitude in the Federal Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act to alter the proposed boundary such that the historical unity of the municipality and the interest of the community as a whole is respected.

We therefore respectfully request reconsideration of the revisions proposed for our electoral district in order that the entire Town is unified into one electoral district.

Name

Address

Signature

Please note there are several options available to ensure that your name is added to the petition list. You may sign this document and mail it to the Town of Aurora, 100 John West Way, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or you may drop it off at any of the following locations: the Aurora Public Library, the Town Hall, or the Leisure Complex. All signatures will be assembled and presented to Council at a special public meeting Monday, September 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Copies of the petition will also be available for signing at the Aurora Public Library, the Town Hall or the Leisure Complex.



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## Open House

The sun-gods were smiling on Aurora's Senior Citizens recently as they held an open house at their Victoria Street location. Perfect weather allowed visitors to enjoy an outdoor barbecue in front of the centre.

Auroran photo by Dick Illingworth

## Television killed it

# Remember the Royal?

Once upon a time, as all fairy tales start, Aurora had a movie theatre.

The old Royal Theatre, located on Centre Street, was once the livery stable for the old Queen's Hotel.

The Royal closed in the mid-1950s when the town's population was just 4,000 people and the impact of television was most severe.

The last movie shown was Walt Disney's "Perri."

There was spasmodic interest in re-opening the theatre but it never materialized, and finally the old building was demolished and the land added to what was then the IGA parking lot.

Oldtimers will recall that the Royal was not a luxury facility such as today's movie palaces but the smell of popcorn filled the theatre lobby.

Saturday afternoon at the movies was a great event for the young fry, and the Saturday night date at the movies was something to keep the teenagers off the streets.

Even the old people went to the movies, but they went to see the film.

When the Royal closed, there was a real void in the town, especially for the young people.

To help fill that void, the Home and School organization arranged for movies to be shown at Wells Street and Regency Acres Public Schools, with as many as 300 young fry attending.

In January, 1975, the first in

a series of top-rated movies was shown on Saturday nights at the Factory Theatre.

The first film was "Sounder" starring Cicely Tyson, Paul Winfield, Kevin Hooks and Carmen Mathews.

Other films in the series included "Butterflies Are Free", "American In Paris",

# Habitat home meeting scheduled for Sept. 24

In the middle of the summer, after reviewing two possible town-owned sites for a Habitat for Humanity home, council determined that a former Hydro site on Murray Drive was most appropriate and recommended the site be rezoned to accommodate a residential unit.

A staff report noted that a public planning meeting to consider the proposed rezoning was scheduled for September 24, prior to the council meeting.

Councillor Nigel Kean pointed out that the facility renaming policy had been sent back to staff for public comment and suggested that this donation of town-owned lands be treated in the same manner.

When other council mem-

bers noted that a public planning meeting was scheduled, Kean replied that that meeting would deal with planning issues, not the donation of town-owned land.

Councillor Evelina MacEachren said she had concerns similar to those expressed by Kean.

CAO Larry Allison advised members of council that before the town could dispose of any land, it had to be advertised in the local media so that citizens could object, if they so desired.

Council received the report and referred it to the September 24th public planning meeting.



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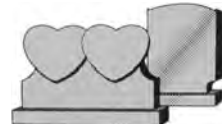
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## ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH



The Aurora Rotary Club's first "Rotarian of the Month" is Eric Smith.

Eric, born and raised in Aurora, and his late wife, Marge, chose his home town to raise their six children. He has 15 grandchildren.

Eric is a past president of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce serving in that capacity in 1979-80 and again in 1980-81.

Eric has been a Rotarian for 35 years and was President of the Aurora Rotary Club in 1987-88.

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Rumours & Rumblings

Councillor started a chain reaction

In February, 1977, Aurora Councillor Pete Miller, after 12 years of trying, finally gained council support to ban smoking in the council chambers.

It is doubtful if he was aware of it at the time, but he started a chain reaction.

London, Pembroke, Ottawa and other municipalities picked up the Aurora example and banned smoking in the council chambers, but with some changes.

In Pembroke there was a 10-minute smoke break every two hours, and in Ottawa, one of the alderman called the police when a fellow council member failed to butt out.

Could it be that Peter was responsible for the hassle created by the regional bylaw that prohibits smoking in all sorts of places like restaurants, pubs and bingo halls?

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT WRITES FROM BRAZIL

It was in 1983 when Leeyan Falk, a teenager from Aurora, was selected by the Aurora Rotary Club to be an exchange student with a Rotary Club in Brazil, as part of Rotary International Student Exchange Program.

She wrote to the club in February, 1984, to say that after five months living with a family in a rural part of Brazil, she was impressed by her adopted family and the happy easy going nature of the Brazilian people.

She noted that religion played an important factor in their lives with the cathedral the centre of the city.

Enjoyment and play as well as hard work is the way of life. Leeyan said the word Brazil will forever conjure up wonderful, happy memories, thanks to the Aurora Rotary Club.

ON THE SUBJECT OF WOMEN

Did you know that the United Nations had declared 1975 to be "International Women's Year?" It didn't

seem to have much impact, as many males said every year was women's year.

Others said that men had made such a mess of the world, it was time for the women to take over and put up or shut up.

While on the subject of women, what happened to the Norma Jackson Singers? In 1967 they sang at Expo '67 in Montreal and the next year at the Women's Institute Convention in Toronto plus many other functions.

After a few years, the Norma Jackson Singers disappeared and were replaced by Maggie Dupuis and her "Sounds of Canada" chorus, but where are they today?

STUDENT DRESS

At the inaugural meeting of the York County Board of Education in January, 1970, the president of a high school student's council was invited to address the gathering.

The Grade 13 student was immaculately groomed in a suit, conservative shirt and tie and a neat and tidy hair-style.

If the same invitation was extended today, the student would likely appear in a sloppy shirt, baggy trousers with the crotch hanging down to his knees, long, straggly hair and a baseball cap facing backwards.

How do parents allow their sons to attend school dressed that way, or have they lost control?

GOING BACK IN AURORA'S HISTORY

Aurora was incorporated as a village in 1863 and a town in 1888. The 1893 council consisted of Mayor H. W. Fleury, Reeve A. Yule, Deputy Reeve John Ross, and Councillors Baldwin, Danbrook, Johnson, Knowles, Rogers and Stevenson.

In January, 1918, at the Mechanics' Hall in Aurora (now the Lions Hall), D. W. Griffith's famous movie "The Birth of a Nation" was shown for one day only.

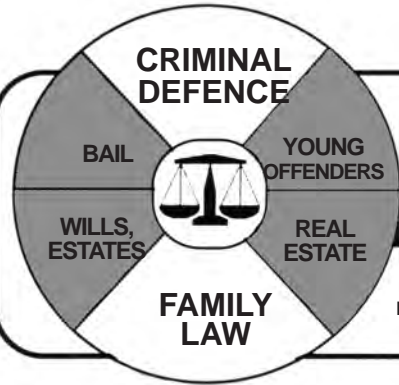
It was advertised as having 18,000 people and 3,000

horses and produced at a cost of \$500,000.

In February, 1918, Aurora experienced one of its worst fires in years when the four-storey brick building occupied by Office Bureau Limited was demolished.

The factory, makers of shell boxes and office furniture, had been closed since before Christmas, as the hydro had been turned off for non-payment. In a court case, Sir Henry Pellatt, of Casa Loma fame, was successful in recovering a \$12,500 loan.

The town was attempting to recover a larger amount in back taxes, but apparently was not successful.



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# Getting Yonge traffic lights like pulling teeth

Traffic signals on arterial roads are commonplace today, but it wasn't always that way.

To obtain authority to install traffic lights from the Department of Transport was like pulling a tooth and just as painful.

In February, 1966, Aurora council took a long look at its swollen Yonge Street to see what might be done to handle rush hour traffic, including the installation of traffic lights.

Department officials advised that Yonge St. lights were not necessary at the intersections of Aurora Heights Drive, Cousins Drive or Kennedy Street.

Councillors were upset with the ruling claiming they should make the decisions, not the bureaucrats at Queen's Park.

"We should consider the people of Aurora, not moving traffic along Yonge," Councillor Walt Davis said at the time.

New and more modern traffic signals at Yonge and Wellington Streets were installed during the summer of 1966 at a cost of \$2,267, with the cost shared between the town and the Toronto and York Roads Commission.

In November, 1967, the town applied renewed pressure on the department for approval for lights at Aurora Heights Drive, due to the

opening of the community centre and additional commercial development.

The department rejected the town's request for lights at Aurora Heights Drive in April, 1968.

However, it was agreed that a split-phase traffic light with an advance green was justified at the Yonge/Wellington intersection.

The town was lectured because it had not obtained the department's approval for modifications to the lights made the year before.

Even with the increased traffic caused by the opening of an A & P store in the Aurora Heights Plaza, the department once again rejected the town's request for traffic lights, causing councillors to ask how many accidents there had to be before lights would be approved.

In March, 1970, the Toronto and York Roads Commission rejected the town's request for traffic signals at Wellington Street West and Haida Drive.

Council pointed out that more than 400 children crossed at the intersection to attend the Aurora Senior Public School, but the request was still rejected.

The York County Board of Education joined with Aurora council in February, 1971, to request traffic sig-

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nals at the intersection of Yonge Street and Dunning Avenue due to the many students attending Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School.

Aurora council finally received some good news in September, 1971, when the government approved traffic signals at Aurora Heights Drive.

But that didn't solve the Yonge/Dunning problem.

In November, 1971, council asked York Regional Police to assign an officer to direct traffic at Yonge and Dunning, due to the number of drivers speeding through the intersection when students were attempting to cross.

In addition, another bid was made for traffic signals.

Council members suggested the town should install its own lights but it was pointed out that such unauthorized lights were not legal, and drivers who violated such signals could not be prosecuted.

In March, 1972, York Region approved the proposed lights at the intersection of Yonge and Aurora Heights Drive and that the lights would be

synchronized with those at Yonge and Wellington to provide a smooth flow of traffic.

By May, 1972, council was still waiting for the traffic lights to be installed, as accidents were still happening at the intersection.

The contract for the installation of the lights was finally awarded in September that year and the lights were in operation by late November.

Meanwhile, traffic problems at the intersection of Yonge and Dunning and Yonge and Brookland continued to grow.

In March, 1972, York Region engineers agreed to lights at Dunning and Yonge, with additional controls at Brookland. Final approval was required from the province.

In July, 1972, council received a petition from approximately 190 Golf Glen residents demanding immediate traffic light installation at Brookland Drive and Yonge Street. Copies of the petition were forwarded to the region and the province.

Although approval for the Dunning Avenue intersection had been received, Aurora council argued for additional traffic lights at Brookland Drive. The long-awaited traffic signal was approved in June, 1973.

The tender for the installation of the lights at Dunning was awarded for \$7,672 and the lights were operational three months later.

In September, 1975, Aurora council made an application for traffic signals at the intersection of Wellington Street West and McDonald (now Murray) Drive due to the number of students using the intersection.

York Region rejected the application, although a commitment was made to monitor the intersection.

Council submitted a further application for traffic lights at the intersections of Wellington Street West with Haida Drive and McDonald Drive.

As a result of a strong argument by Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck about the danger for school children crossing Wellington, regional council referred the applications back to staff for further study.

Finally in March, 1977, regional council approved the installation of signals at both intersections. The lights were installed about four months later.

The next battle between the town and the region was over traffic lights at Brookland Avenue and Yonge Street. Money was raised from the developers of the plaza at the corner and the Golf Glen subdivision to pay for the lights, but as the intersection was

too close to Dunning Avenue, the region refused to grant approval.

By October, 1982, approval was finally obtained for the installation of traffic signals at Yonge and Brookland at a cost of \$38,000 and Orchard Heights Boulevard at a cost of \$37,000.

In May, 1980, a car accident at Yonge Street and Allaura Boulevard started a chain reaction for traffic signals at the intersection.

The developer of the shopping plaza on the southwest corner of the Henderson Drive/Allaura Boulevard intersection with Yonge Street offered to contribute to the cost of the lights. By June, 1981, the lights were operational.

There were other battles at other intersections but eventually the pressure of motorists and pedestrians won the day.

# Drug problem in Aurora was severe 33 years ago

The use of drugs in secondary schools isn't making many headlines in the press today, but back in December, 1969, it was a major issue in Aurora and Newmarket.

According to police and some students the drug trade was flourishing.

School administrators declined comment on the subject, except to say they recognized drug abuse as a serious problem among teenagers.

At Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School in Aurora, students estimated there were at least 10 student "pushers" in operation.

It was a frustrating and ever-increasing problem for police. Students who were approached and refused to purchase drugs were afraid to report the pushers.

Parents who were aware their children were using drugs wouldn't report the problem for fear the kids would be arrested.

According to the Aurora Police Department's (yes, there once was an Aurora Police Department) annual report to council, prepared by Chief William Langman, countless

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investigations of drug abuse had been investigated during the year.

He pointed out that drug abuse was on the increase, particularly among young people, but it was becoming more and more difficult to obtain sufficient evidence on which to prosecute.

Langman said 1970 would bring an intensified campaign against drug abuse, along with a police-sponsored program of public education on the problem.

Many Aurora citizens, after reading or watching the Toronto media, said, "it can't happen here", but it was happening in Aurora.

It wasn't just a problem for the police force or school administrators, it was a problem for all citizens.

Unfortunately many parents failed to recognize the problem, or if they did, they ignored it.

At one time it was suggested drug abuse should be treated as an illness rather than a crime, so parents would

be more apt to report unusual circumstances observed in their children, knowing they would receive treatment rather than be charged.

That would let police concentrate on the pushers, those who sold drugs for monetary gain.

But the police couldn't act against the pusher without evidence that would stand up in court. It was a no-win situation.

In an effort to educate students, their parents and the public at large on the dangers of drug abuse, a public forum was held at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School in January, 1970.

It was the first open meeting on drug abuse held in the area.

The York County Medical Wives Association and the York County medical staff sponsored the meeting. Presentations were made by a former teenage drug-user, and others experienced in the field of drug abuse.

That was the start of an extensive public education program on the dangers of drug abuse, which hopefully has been successful, rather than driving it underground.

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Members of the Aurora Senior Squirts Diggers ball team have just finished a successful summer season, winning five medals from six tournaments and excelling in league play.

# Squirts wrap up season winning a silver medal

Aurora's Senior Squirt Diggers played hard in their final baseball league wrap up on the weekend coming home with a silver medal and placing second overall in an 11-team division.

Friday night saw the girls play Newmarket and it was Aurora pitching that led to Aurora's 5-0 victory.

Paula Mackin hurled the first four innings striking out 12 batters and allowing only one walk.

Chelsae Lumley came in and pitched the final three innings with nine up nine out and they were all strikeouts.

Offensively, Jenn Kates led the Aurora bats going two for three and scoring two of the five Aurora runs.

In the second game, Aurora wiped out Whitby (O) 14-1.

Amanada Piron and Jessica Suddes came out with the bats swinging, each going three for four scoring five of the 14 Aurora runs.

They were followed by Alyson Murphy, Kaylee McDonald and Kathryn Cribett.

The winning pitcher was McDonald who pitched five innings with 12 strikeouts, six walks and allowed only one hit.

Strong defensive play by catcher Jessica Murray helped shut down the Whitby runners. The win guaranteed Aurora at least a bronze.

Game three saw Aurora play Whitby (R), the first place team in the league and the girls lost the game 6-1.

Chelsae Lumley pitched the loss but had 12 strikeouts,

three walks and gave up eight hits to a strong hitting team.

Larisa Wiessberger, at second base, contributed to several outs and catcher Jessica Murray stopped several Whitby runners.

Defensively Aurora struggled with the bats with only Alyson Murphy and Amanda Piron getting on with hits. This first loss pitted Aurora against the Whitby (M) squad.

In that game, played Sunday, the girls defeated Whitby (M) 5-3 to move on to the gold/silver game.

Aurora came out strong with Jenn Kates, Kathryn Cribbett and Amanda Piron crossing the plate to give Aurora a 3-0 lead. Aurora added two more in the fourth.

Whitby got on the scoreboard in the fifth inning, and continued to fight back with two more in the sixth inning but Aurora held its ground.

Paula Mackin pitched the win with 17 strikeouts and three walks.

The gold/silver game pitted Aurora against the dreaded Whitby (R) squad who had already handed the locals their only loss of the week-end.

Whitby showed it was no fluke, romping to a 10-0 victory to capture the gold and give the silver to Aurora.

The two teams battled until the fifth inning when Whitby blew the match wide open.

In the top of the first Aurora had two runners on but couldn't score.

Whitby opened the scoring in the bottom of the second, added three in the fourth, then blew the doors off in the fifth. In the fourth, Aurora started a mini rally with Chelsae Lumley and Mandy Ince each hitting singles but the team was unable to capitalize.

The girls have had a successful season with bringing home five medals from six tournaments and much thanks must go to the coaching staff of Bob Cribbett, Dale Doige, Barry Lumley and Cheryl Thompson.

Members of the team include Alyson Murphy, Paula Mackin, Kathryn Cribbett, Hayley Davies, Amanda Piron. Jessica Suddes, Kaylee McDonald, Larisa Weissberger, Chelsae Lumley, Jenn Kates, Mandy Ince, Jamie Doige and Jessica Murray.

## Aurora Minor Hockey Association 2002/03 Select Tryouts

Arena	Day	Date	Start	End	Team	Birth
ALC	Saturday	21-Sep-02	3 p.m.	4.30 p.m.	Tyke	1995
ACC1	Sunday	22-Sep-02	2 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	Tyke	
ACC1	Wednesday	25-Sep-02	6.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.	Tyke	
ALC	Saturday	21-Sep-02	4.30 p.m.	6 p.m.	Novice	1994
ACC1	Sunday	22-Sep-02	3.30 p.m.	5 p.m.	Novice	
ACC2	Friday	27-Sep-02	6.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.	Novice	
ACC2	Sunday	15-Sep-02	11 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	Minor Atom	1993
ACC1	Monday	16-Sep-02	6 p.m.	7.30 p.m.	Minor Atom	
ACC1	Thursday	19-Sep-02	5.30 p.m.	7 p.m.	Minor Atom	
ACC2	Sunday	15-Sep-02	12.30 p.m.	2 p.m.	Minor Pee wee	1991
ACC2	Monday	16-Sep-02	6.30 p.m.	8 p.m.	Minor Pee wee	
ACC1	Thursday	19-Sep-02	7 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	Minor Pee wee	
ACC1	Sunday	15-Sep-02	11.30 a.m.	12.45 p.m.	Minor Bantam	1989
ACC1	Monday	16-Sep-02	7.30 p.m.	9 p.m.	Minor Bantam	
ACC1	Thursday	19-Sep-02	8.30 p.m.	10 p.m.	Minor Bantam	

Tryout fees will be \$8 for 1 hour tryout, \$10 for a 1.25 hour tryout and \$12 for a 1.5 hour tryout

### Used Hockey Equipment Sale

The Third Annual AHPA Used Hockey Equipment Sale will be held from 9AM to Noon on Saturday September 14th in the ACC1 Auditorium. Equipment drop off times: **7 to 9PM Thursday Sept 12th and Friday Sept 13th in the lobby of ACC1.**

### AMHA Dinner and Dance

The AMHA is holding a Dinner and Dance at the Tuscany Banquet Centre from 6PM to 1AM on Saturday November 2, 2002. Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner, dancing and wine. Group table reservations for groups of 8 and 10 are available upon request. **Tickets are now available from Janine Gabel (905-726-3580), Andrea Bentolilla (905-841-8610) or the AMHA Office (905-727-1480).**

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# Ten years later, Jaguar is still on the prowl

By SARAH LYSECKI

Two weeks before his gymnastics club was to officially open on July 2, 1992, Everett Woods suffered a head injury when a 1,200 pound 4 x 8 piece of wood landed square on his head. His accident cost him more than 200 members and \$80,000 in revenue. Despite its early hardships, Aurora's Jaguar Gymnastics Club bounced back and is still bouncing 10 years later. Jaguar Gymnastics Club, along with 150 past and present members, celebrated its birthday with a barbecue last month. Everett Woods has been

working with programs for special needs children for 17 years and coaching gymnastics for 19 years. He decided to start up Jaguar Gymnastics Club after his experience with working for other clubs. "There was a lot of politics. Either there was no money or not enough suitable time for the kids to get to their class. I started Jaguar because of that," said Woods, adding that Jaguar was the only gymnastics club in Ontario that offered services to special needs children when it opened its doors 10 years ago. Jaguar offers a fully integrated program for all kids of all abilities.

Despite its success, Woods remembers the difficulties he faced getting his business started. He was already doing preparations to start his business before the last day of his exams in May, 1992, at Seneca College, where he obtained an applied arts and technology diploma specializing in advanced teaching. He wasted no time as he got the keys to the unit, located at 6 Vata Court, on the day of his graduation, June 17, 1992, almost missing the ceremony. Like many other small business owners, Woods faced start-up problems from trying to get a bank

loan to purchasing equipment. These start-up problems were compounded by the economic recession of 1992, which made it difficult, if not impossible, to get a bank loan. Woods could not get a student loan because the banks were not backing them. Eventually, he managed to get a \$7,500 youth venture loan from Royal Bank to help out with \$25,000 worth of new equipment and \$40,000 for utilities, phone line, and renovation costs. Woods covered the remaining costs with registration money he collected from parents who signed their children up for Jaguar before its opening. Ironically, it was his bank manager who nominated him for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce most successful new business of the year award, which he won in 1993. The following year, Woods was nominated, but did not win, the Premiers Award for young distinguished people. To determine who would be interested in his club, Woods conducted house

to house interviews with parents and children, making upwards of 40 phone calls and travelling between 100 to 200 kilometres per day. He decided to go through with his business idea after he had found eight physically challenged children and their parents that were interested. Next on Woods list was obtaining the necessary equipment. He travelled back to his hometown of Midland and purchased approximately \$12,000 worth of gymnastics equipment for \$500 from various schools he attended, but only had \$250 in his pocket. He borrowed the other half from long-time friend, Conrad Maloney. All of the other equipment was purchased from Jarvis

Collegiate Secondary School in Toronto for \$13,000 and delivered on July 2, 1992-the day the club was officially opened. Woods had just finished the renovations to the unit moments before the last of the equipment was delivered. For two weeks and 240 hours, Woods cleared and cleaned 5,000 square feet of floor space and painted 9,000 square feet of wall. These memories are still fresh in Woods' mind, but the positive outcomes outweigh the negative. "There were a few good things that came out of this. First was the appreciation of life itself. Second, it gave me a chance to structure my programs efficiently. Lastly, to build the club name on its merits and not just me."

## Tigers win pair of exhibitions

Exhibition games don't really tell you much, but a pair of wins is better than a pair of losses anytime, and that's what the Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team fashioned together last week. Playing a back to back exhibition series against the Mississauga Chargers, last year's North Division champions posted a pair of convincing wins. Aurora easily handled Mississauga in the first match on enemy ice with an impressive 7-2 victory, but Friday night's 6-3 win at the Community Centre would prove to be quite a bit more challenging. Tigers seemed to struggle early in the game, getting the feel for their home rink. Mississauga jumped out to a 2-0 lead by the 15 minute mark of the first period, before the Tigers finally got on the score board late in the first on a goal by Derek Doucette, set up by Mike Fiume and Steve Mignardi. Mississauga came to play a chippy game, which carried through for both teams for the rest of the match. Aurora tied the game when the second period was only seven seconds old, on a goal by Scott Goheen, set up by Justin Olden, and

they never looked back from the scoring aspect of the game. The second period was filled with a number of play stoppages, with both teams trying to prove they were stronger than the other. Both teams faced a number of penalties, which dragged the period on for almost two hours. The Tigers scored a power play by Derek Doucette, set up Brent Franklin and Rob Godfrey which gave them a 3-2 lead after 40 minutes. The Chargers continued in their rough house ways in the third, keeping the penalty timekeepers busy throughout the period. Aurora added three additional goals, the first by Jordan Brenner, set up by

Corey Gault and Brent Franklin, the second by Jamie Minchella, unassisted, and the third by Mike Fiume, set up by Brent Franklin and Eric Boonstra. Mississauga managed one additional goal making the final score 6-3 for the Tigers. A night earlier, the Tigers travelled to Mississauga and fashioned a 7-2 victory in the first of the home and home series. The Tigers will practise this week before heading out on the road for three straight road games starting in Collingwood Friday, Pickering on Sunday and Markham next Monday. Aurora will play its first regular season home game Friday, September 20, against the Stouffville Spirit.

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# Aurora Terry Fox run this Sunday

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teacher Rod Leonard said the timing was not ideal as the students were just getting back to school.

Excellent weather helped the run attract 310 participants who raised \$6,700.

The Aurora run was one of 1,000 runs in Canada and around the world raising an estimated \$3 million for cancer research.

Poor weather was blamed for the smaller run, once again organized by the Aurora High School, held September 18, 1983. A

total of 167 people took part raising \$3,800. The school also organized the 1984 run.

With the transfer of organizer Rod Leonard to another school it appeared there wouldn't be a Terry Fox Run in 1985, but Aurora's Norm Stewart and Norm Perkin pulled off the impossible when they organized the run in less than a week with 47 runners raising \$2,300 to keep the dream alive.

For the next three years, Cal Townes and the Aurora Arrows Running Club

organized the annual run. In 1986 more than \$10,000 was raised and this was increased to \$18,000 in 1987.

By 1989 the town's Leisure Services Department had assumed the responsibility of organizing the run. Across Ontario and Canada the Terry Fox Run had grown steadily each year. In 1988 some 90,000 participants in Ontario raised more than \$2 million for cancer research.

The runs continued year after year as people of all

ages remembered the courageous young man and his Marathon of Hope. The 1993 run in Aurora set two records since being taken over by Leisure Services..

The 13th edition of the Aurora run had 220 participants, considered a record number, and raised a record \$11,500 for cancer research. The run was changed from an afternoon run starting at the Aurora High School to a morning run starting at the Leisure Complex. The 1994 run had 261 participants and

\$9,387 was raised.

The next year was very special for Aurora, as Betty Fox, Terry's mother, attended a special reception at the Town Hall on August 28, 1995.

Aurora was selected as one of the communities to be visited as Mrs. Fox travelled across Canada to trace the route her son took on his Marathon of Hope. This was a repeat visit as they had been in Aurora in 1990.

By this time there were nearly 4,000 runs around the world and a total of \$152 million raised. The Aurora runs had contributed a total of \$86,000 over the years.

Aurora continued to keep Terry's dream alive with runs every year, although the last few years a citizens committee organized the run. Rolf Fischer was a member of the organizing committee for four years and in 2001 was the chairman.

The 2002 committee chairman is Ferguson Mobbs for the run scheduled for this Sunday. He is looking for runners who participated in the 1980, 1981 and 1982 runs so that the "founding runners" can be recognized. Call him at 905-727-8987.

Terry Fox isn't just history, he's a legend and legends never die.

French-language rights in Ontario and its municipalities was a big issue in early 1990 with the passage of Bill 8 by the Peterson Liberal government.

The legislation stated French service must be available in all provincial offices and must also be available in municipalities with large French-speaking populations.

There was considerable opposition to the legislation by municipalities, putting York North MPP Charles Beer, as Minister of Francophone Affairs, in the hot seat, as many municipalities declared themselves English only.

In spite of the fact he stressed there was a common misconception that Bill 8 was going to cost taxpay-

ers more money, there was no obligation on local governments to provide French services.

In March, 1990, Aurora Councillor Norm Weller suggested Aurora should follow the example of 43 other Ontario municipalities, including Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay, and declare the municipality English only.

There was a fear it was just a matter of time before the province mandated French-language services for all municipalities.

The City of Sault Ste. Marie circulated a resolution requesting all Ontario municipalities to declare themselves to be English only.

When the letter was received at Aurora council,

the vote was 6-2 to receive the letter and take no action, with Weller and Councillor Herb McKenzie in opposition.

Later in March, 1990, Weller said he had received so many phone calls supporting his English-only stand, that he was prepared to introduce a resolution at council in April to declare the town English-only.

He added that most residents who called expressed concern about the cost of becoming bilingual.

An unofficial poll taken at the time indicated 109 people supported English-only and 43 were opposed.

What was billed as the great English-only debate at Aurora council fizzled out like a wet firecracker.

But not before there were some fireworks as members of Aurora Council climbed on the media bandwagon.

When Weller introduced his motion at the April 11, 1990, council meeting, it was a watered down version of his original intent.

Instead of council declaring the town English-only, the resolution was to advise the provincial government that the town opposed the introduction of arbitrary legislation, which was not adopted.

The great language debate in Aurora ended, but for a while bilingualism was a hot topic for Aurora council members, while the majority of Aurora citizens couldn't bother getting too excited or involved.

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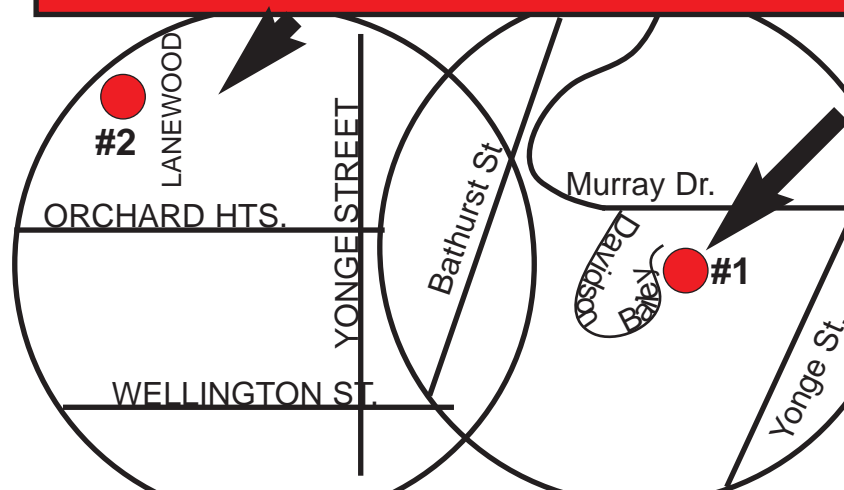
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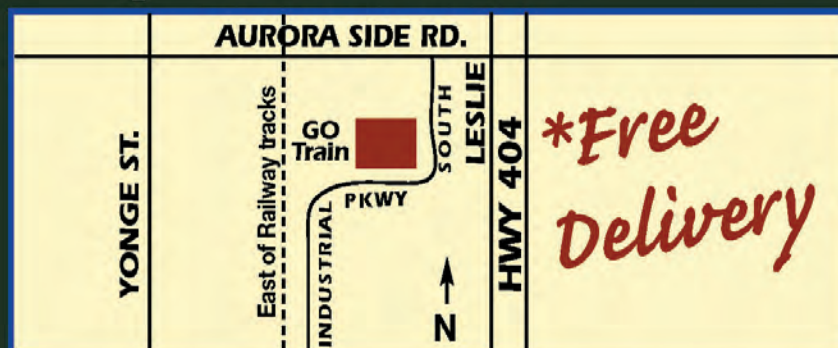
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