Hoedown raises \$430,000

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Briefly

Boots and Hoops

As part of Legion Week celebrations, Aurora's Branch 385 is hosting a production called "From Army Boots to Hula Hoops" this Friday, Sept. 20, at the Legion on Industrial Parkway North. The "canteen" opens at 6.30 p.m. with a production consisting of singing, dancing, and skits will get underway at 8.30 p.m.

Entertainment will cover the war years and into the fifties.

Tickets are \$10 each and available by calling 905-727-9932.

Aces

At the last minute, Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean learned that a business meeting, slated last Wednesday in Montreal, had been cancelled.

He played golf instead.

And, using a pitching wedge on the par three 120-yard 14th hole of the Graystone's course, located north of Milton, Kean drained one from the tee box.

"First hole in one in my life," said the fanatic golfer. "I still don't believe it."



More than 250 hearty souls turned out for the annual Terry Fox Run which started in Aurora at Sheppard's Bush. Organizer Ferguson Mobbs reports that latest figures showed a total of \$22,770 had been raised, but, he said, "final numbers aren't in and that figure could go higher". Mobbs paid tribute to the York Regional Police, REACT, and St. John Ambulance members who all assisted in ensuring the run was a success. Above, runners pour onto Industrial Parkway South as the event gets underway.

Auroran photo by Matt Haggerty

Market Saturday

The dream of a farmer's market in downtown Aurora will become a reality this Saturday morning.

Several vendors have booked space in the Temperance Street parking lot for the event that will get underway at 6.30 a.m.

Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean is pleased with the response from vendors but quickly adds there is still room for more.

The brainwave of Aurora's Yonge Street Commercial Area committee, the market will operate for the next three Saturdays.

It was one of several ideas kicked around by the committee to help attract people back into the downtown core.

If you are interested in booth space, call 905-841-6776.

Annual King event strolls into Aurora

Numerous people who have been strolling around King Township for the past eight years plan to stroll into Aurora this year and they want Aurorans to join them..

They will take part in a Hospice Aurora-King project known as an annual gourmet strollathon. A what?

Let Hospice Aurora-King fund-raising chairman Louise Walter explain it.

"It's not a runathon, not a walkathon, it's like a slow walk. You get some exercise but if you happen to stroll off any calories, there are many places to gain them back."

Thus, the gourmet part of the event.

So, the ninth annual Gourmet Strollathon will have food outlets set up on the driveways of eight homes in the rather exclusive area of Aurora's Hunter's Glen.

These International food stations, representing such countries as Mexico, Italy and Holland, will be positioned throughout the strollathon route.

The event will take place Sunday, October 6, with registration between 1 and 2 p.m. at the corner of Steeplechase and Bloomington

If you're carrying pledges, the walk is free. If not, it will cost \$15 per person or \$35 per family.

To date, the Hospice King-Aurora strollathons have raised in excess of \$20,000 annually.

Hospice King-Aurora provides nonmedical supportive care to individuals who suffer a life threatening or terminal illness, and to their families and caregivers.

For further information and pledge sheets, call 905-833-0356.



Aurora Legion Past President Jack DeGraaf, left, and current President Ken White, centre, confer with Sam Doggart of the York Region Veterans' Commemorations Committee during last weekend's second annual memorial candle service at Aurora Cemetery. More than 350 candles were lit and despite rain Saturday, 95 percent of them burned through the night.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace



Firefighters from Aurora's Edward Street station of the Central York Fire Services salute during a touching ceremony to honour fellow firefighters killed in the attack on the World Trade Centre in New York one year ago. Bells were rung to acknowledge the exact moment the two buildings collapsed, killing hundreds of New York firefighters who were inside attempting to rescue people. Rev. Philip Poole of Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church led the hour-long ceremony.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace



Coming Events In Aurora

CONTINUING

Theatre Aurora's first production of the season is Neil Simon's comedy "Rumors", which opened at the Factory Theatre last week. It continues September 19 -21 and 25-28. Call 905-727-3669 for ticket information.

SEPTEMBER 20

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

Dances are back at the Seniors Centre. Doors open at 8 p.m. for an evening of dancing, fun, food and friendship, all for \$2.50 for members and \$3 for non-members. Future dance dates are October 4 and 18 and November 1 and 15. Call 905-727-2816 for details.

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 23

Provincial legislation requires municipalities to carry out an official plan review every five years. Council has arranged a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Citizens are invited to come out and have their say about growth in Aurora.

SEPTEMBER 24

A public planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the council meeting to hear an application for an official plan amendment and a rezoning for a town-owned lot on Murray Drive to permit a Habitat for Humanity home.

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. Further information, call Fran Mason, 905-895-3753.

SEPTEMBER 29

"Walk for the Moraine" at the Seneca College King Campus on Dufferin Street. Registration from 9 a.m. to1 p.m. Enjoy a beautiful fall walk on the spectacular trails of the King Campus and help raise money for the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust. The Walk is being organized by members of the Oak Ridges Trail Association. Call 905-841-3678 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 30

Public information meeting at the Aurora Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. to receive input about the proposed electoral boundary change, which would split Aurora into two ridings for both MPPs and MPs. Your comments are needed to assist council in preparing a brief to be presented to the electoral commission.

OCTOBER 1

John McIntyre will present a slide presentation "Flights of Fancy: Hillary House in its Architectural Context" in the ballroom at 7:30 p.m. The evening is open to the public and will help mark Architectural Week. Light refreshment will follow. Call 905-727-8991 for details.

OCTOBER 6

Ninth annual Gourmet Strollathon to benefit Hospice King-Aurora through the rolling estates of Hunter's Glen in Aurora's south end. Registration 1 to 2 p.m. at Steeplechase and Bloomington. Phone 905-833-0356 for information and pledge sheets.

OCTOBER 25-26

Aurora United Church 18th annual Fall Event. Silent auction, crafts, baking, collectables, toys, clothes, etc. Admission - 50 cents.

NOVEMBER 2

The Aurora Minor Hockey Association is holding a dinner and dance at the Tuscany Banquet Centre from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner, dancing and wine. Group table reservations for groups of eight 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-

Harmony Showcase 2002 presents "Broadway" at the Newmarket Theatre with two shows at 3 and 7:30 p.m. The concert features the talents of TKO, Ontario District Champion Quartet, Voices of Joy, "Elvis Priestly" and the sponsors, the Upper Canada Chordsmen, plus Henry Shannon as MC. Call 905-953-5122 for ticket information. Proceeds to assist the Ontario Harmonize for Speech Fund.

NOVEMBER 12

Enjoy a visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake to see a performance of Noel Coward's comedy "Hay Fever" with the Aurora Seniors. Depart the community centre at 9 a.m. returning about 6:30 p.m. Members \$74, non-members \$79. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

Driest August on record basic reason for water ban

There was a long and controversial discussion about the town's water supply and water uses last week at Aurora's council meeting, and some are still scratching their heads over the answers.

Because of several questions from members of council and residents, Debbie Korolnek, Director of Water and Wastewater for York Region, was invited to attend to respond to the concerns.

She said she had received a list of 23 questions a few days earlier and time did not permit preparation of a written report, but she was prepared to discuss the issues.

Prior to her presentation and during the Open Forum portion of the meeting an Aurora citizen objected to the complete water ban.

He pointed out that many homeowners work hard on their lawns and flower gardens and should be allowed to water at least once a week.

He said large trucks are watering streets and the water is taken from town hydrants.

"If they can use water, why can't we?" he asked.

In her presentation, Korolnek discussed the characteristics of groundwater supplies vs. lakebased water, current and future water takings in Aurora/Newmarket, reasons for water use restrictions, and the long-term plans for water supply to Aurora and Newmarket.

But prior to her presentation, Councillor Nigel Kean requested the meeting be deferred as questions he had submitted were not included in the handout relating to the presentation.

He had previously expressed concerns regarding the water restrictions and proposed future development for Aurora. which was dictated by the region. Kololnek said she had not received his ques-

Councillor Evelina MacEachern pointed out that she had previously requested a written report from the region prior to the region's presentation.

Council decided to proceed with the presentation and, if necessary, to return to the issue following receipt of the written report.

Korolnek provided a description of the complex Yonge Street aguifer and what it was. She noted that 19 wells in Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury were served by the aquifer.

There were 30 monitoring wells to record levels and 76 test wells. She outlined the pumping levels for both low and high demand and the problem is the water is not replaced fast enough during periods of high summer demand.

She added that urban development needs an urban water supply and that it made sense to take water from Lake Ontario through agreements with Toronto and Peel Region.

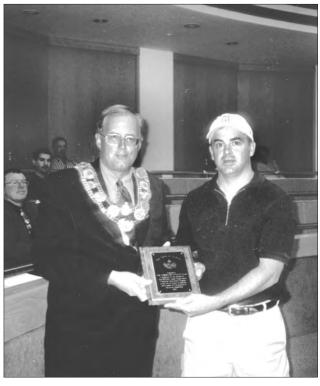
She said the biggest single reason for the water ban was the excessive demand caused by lack of rainfall. August was the driest on record since 1937. In addition, the water supplement from the Torontobased system delayed, however, lakebased water is now being supplied to Aurora.

Planned future development will be supplied with lake based supplements

from Peel and Toronto.

Expanded supplies will not guarantee an end to iting restrictions, she said.

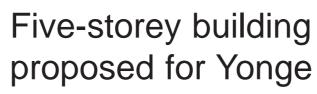
water restrictions and water use efficiency is key to lim-



Aurora Mayor Tim Jones, left, makes a plaque presentation to Jack Doak of the Timberlane Athletic Club in recognition of the club's participation in the raising of more than \$270,000 through annual Tennis Charity Classics. Money was used as startup funds and ongoing funding of the town's access bus, now a part of York Region Transit. The annual event has been running at the Vandorf Road facility for 12 years, and has hosted several veteran tennis players.

Auroran photo by Dick Illingworth





Located just north of the Petro Canada service station at the northwest corner of Aurora Heights Drive and Yonge Street is an 11.2 acre parcel of land currently used for a car leasing business and bus storage.

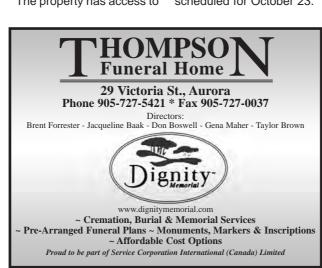
Oldtimers will remember it as the Ivan Daniels proper-

The property has access to

both Yonge Street and Aurora Heights Drive.

An application has been received to amend the zoning bylaw to permit a fivestorey building containing commercial uses on the ground floor and 64 residential units above.

A public planning meeting to hear the proposal is scheduled for October 23.









The Village Co-op, an apartment and townhouse complex accessed from Henderson Drive in Aurora's south end, celebrated its 20th birthday Saturday and it was the children of the complex who benefited most. Games and activities were set up on the property and scores of children took advantage. Trying their luck in the fish pond are, left to right, Andrew Hunter, 9, Rebecca Snow, 9, and Thomas Aucoin, 8. Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Lodge application creates discussion

Cobblestone Lodge, located on the northeast corner of Yonge and Kennedy, is currently used as a legal non-conforming retirement home and the owners will go to the Ontario Municipal Board seeking a use change.

The site is designated Urban Residential in the official plan and third density apartment in the zoning bylaw.

New owners want to set up a boarding house, to include a group home within the existing building, which has 16 rooms, some with private bathrooms..

Owners claim the house, which also has a dining room and lounge, can accommodate up to 25 residents.

The applicant presented a list of possible uses at a public planning meeting held in June.

After listening to the applicant, the public and staff, council directed staff to attempt to resolve the issues and concerns and reconvene a second public meeting.

The second meeting was scheduled for October 23 but on September 4, the applicant filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board on the basis the town had failed to make a decision within 90 days.

At last week's meeting, staff sought council direction as to holding the October public meeting, since the final decision was in the hands of the

There was a division on council as to whether the public planning meeting was necessary, as a result of the appeal to the OMB.

Councillor John West said because the application was going to the OMB, a second public meeting wasn't necessary as the OMB would make decision, not council.

Councillor George Timpson supported West by saying the public meeting was a waste of time as the OMB would make the final decision, whether council liked it or not.

Councillor Evelina MacEachren disagreed saying the second meet-

than just

PIZZA!

ing was necessary to obtain input from citizens in order for the town to prepare its case before the OMB.

Councillor David Griffith suggested a letter be sent to the residents in the area explaining the appeal to the OMB and asking them if they wanted another meeting

Councillor Damir Vrancic told council members that they shouldn't throw up their hands just because the application was going to the OMB. He stressed the need for the public meeting to obtain citizen input.

West agreed to withdraw his motion opposing the meeting and council finally agreed to hold an informal open forum to obtain citizen input rather than a public meeting.



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Elevator repairs still on the rise

In a previous report council staff reported that after reviewing the condition of the former library building it was estimated the 10year capital forecast would be \$421,250 to bring the building up to current building code standards of which \$338,250 would be required in the first year.

That amount did not include costs for the elevator, which required updating in accordance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The estimated cost was in \$150,000 \$200,000 range.

A condition survey report was presented to council last week that identifies anticipated work and operational future work with replacement of the hydraulic cylinder within five years at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to \$65,000.

Optional future work recommends the elevator be upgraded to provide barrier free access, controls modernized and cab interiors replaced an estimated cost of \$100,000 \$119,000, plus the cost of work required by other trades in conjunction with the elevator work.

Councillor John

West pointed out that ing the elevator only travelled two half floors or about 20 feet and sought information as to possible alternatives to the elevator.

Councillor Damir Vrancic suggested staff investigate the possibility of obtain-

improvements to the elevator, as it was only required by the physically disabled.

Staff was directed to include this additional information when a report is submitted on the future uses of the former library.

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Poor Richard

Meetings cancelled - did anyone notice?

Summer has come to an end, Back to work, politicians go; Taxpayers enjoyed an easy time, As problems ceased to flow!

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

There is always a dearth of news items about the activities of local and regional councils during the summer months.

The same could be said about our provincial and federal governments, as politicians take the summer off.

Normally Aurora council meets every Tuesday night with the first and third Tuesday scheduled as general committee and the second and fourth Tuesday scheduled as council meetings.

During July and August all committee meetings are cancelled and only one council meeting is held during each month.

You would think the agenda for the one monthly meeting would be very lengthy, but in both cases it was shorter than most meetings.

York Regional council's last meeting was in June and the next one isn't scheduled until Thursday.

Both the federal House of Commons and the Ontario Legislature have enjoyed a long summer break.

Let's face it, federal and provincial politicians can go on holidays for six months or more and citizens wouldn't know the difference.

There is little debate on important issues of the day as all decisions are made within the confines of the Prime Minister's or the Premier's office.

It may not be too long until regional government can be added to that list.

As regional council takes July and August off, without any pay deduction, the business of the region must carry on during that period.

In the federal and provincial governments there are cabinet ministers who continue to carry some responsibility for their departments.

Regional government doesn't have a cabinet system, so who is responsible during the summer break?

Regional council is supposed to set policy for staff to carry out, but it is doubtful if there is a policy for every issue that arises that must be dealt with.

Who makes the decision, staff or the regional chairman?

There has been a tendency over the years for regional council to delegate more and more responsibility to staff, until one starts to wonder why the electors go to the trouble of electing members of regional council, when they are so willing to abdicate their responsibilities.

But let a street be flooded, water turned off, garbage pick-up an hour late, not enough baseball diamonds or soccer pitches, or speeding traffic on a residential street, there is an almost immediate demand for action at the local level.

As a result local councillors don't enjoy the summer freedom of their colleagues in other levels of government, but still they are still able to cut their meetings from four a month to a single meeting.

But what happens to a problem not covered by a council policy that occurs during the off period? Who makes the decision?

Under Ontario's weak mayor system, only council, as a corporate body, has the power to make a decision.

There's no doubt the workload of government decreases during the summer months with many citizens at the cottage or travelling, but still the business of government has to carry on.

With the growth of the town and the region, the work-load has to increase, but the number of council meetings has remained the same.

It must be traditional or historic, because it can't be related to modern times.

If local and regional councils can get by with only one meeting a month or none at all during the summer months, then why can't they do the same during the rest of the year?

Just think of the money taxpayers would save if councillors reduced their salaries in accordance with their reduced workload.

Hopefully they won't reduce the number of council and committee meetings any further, because as a working columnist I need to see and hear the debates and decisions of council to have something to write and comment



Back to another classroom photo, this one taken in 1943 at Church Street School, then known as the Aurora Public School. Here's who we know: front row, left to right, Tom Brodie, Donald Holman, Walter Tunney, ?, Murray Oliver, Keith Bull, Leslie Oliver, Duncan Thompson; second row, left to right, Peggy Gunton, Helen Simpson, Joyce Pattenden, Betty Knowles, Joylene Doolittle, Marion Dodd, Vera Barkey, May White, Elinor Quinn, Ruth Toole, Barbara Bowman; third row, left to right, Jane Badger, Lorraine Fierheller, Shirley Smith, Phyliss Hutchinson, Betty Hodgins, Betty Burling, Sheila Barnes, Barbara Seaton, ?, Mr. MacDonald, the teacher; top row, left to right, Charles Southwood, Bill Stedman, Bill Mundell, Jack Flicker, ?, David Summers, Harold Stone, ?, Bill Hill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Team Extreme among best in the province

To the editor,

Matching sunburns and preparing for their first emergency water situation finals with premier provincial lifeguarding teams of Ontario was quite an improvement for a team of Aurora lifeguards recently.

Three months ago they were left to humbly watch various physical and rescue event finals from the bleachers after being eliminated at the National Lifeguarding Championships.

Aurora's lifeguard team
- Team Extreme - participated in the Lifesaving
Society's annual
Provincial Waterfront
Championships held on
Kempenfelt Bay.

The three-day event demanded strenuous physical exertion and consisted of beach runs, swimming and paddle-board races, various relays, an Iron Guard event, and judged rescue scenarios.

"We thought we would be at a disadvantage because we work and practice at a pool instead of a waterfront," says team manager/competitor Nicole Young, "but we pulled together and were as good as all the other teams."

Upon realizing a team of four males was an insufficient number of competitors, the team added four new female members to increase the opportunity to score team points.

A battalion of eight hungry lifeguards was therefore established - with Amanda Allen, Katie Ney, Jenna Preston, and Nicole Young joining Matthew Orava, Michael Peirce, Matthew Trevisan and Jeremy Watts - and the team tackled the waterfront competition with rewarding results.

The men's team won a silver medal in their highest placing of the competition in the Men's 4 X 90m Beach Relay.

The women's highest placing was a fourth in the Run-Swim-Run, where each team member was required to run 400m, swim 400m, and run 200m.

Each person's finishing position was combined with the rest of the team's positions for a grand total.

Team members Katie Ney and Matthew Orava competed in the Iron guard event, placing eighth and eighteenth in their respective divisions.

The rigorous Iron Guard circuit consisted of a 600m swim, a 1.2km beach run, a 600m paddleboard, and a 200m beach sprint.

Qualifying for the Emergency Water Situation Final, however, was the team's greatest accomplishment of the competition.

Orava, along with Michael Peirce, Matthew Trevisan, and Jeremy Watts, was the squad of four who partook in a daunting final that saw Team Extreme treat a total of nine victims over a 16-minute scenario.

Victim conditions included a broken ankle, five drowning non-swimmers, a missing child discovered without any vital signs, a suspected spinal injury, and a choking victim who fell unconscious.

Yet, even as a team entering only its second major competition, Team Extreme was not surprised to be among the

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top six teams in the closing event of the competition.

The team continues its quest for lifeguarding excellence and thanks those who have contributed to their success.

Matthew Trevisan

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Former Auroran finds Auroran

Though I no longer live

To the editor,

I hope you remember me as an R & R Book Bar customer and fellow Aurora businessman (Wireless World, circa 1997). in town, my parents recently moved there.

During a visit I had occasion to read your newspaper - The Auroran.

I was very pleased to

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Steve McCartney



New Municipal Act changes some rules

While at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference a few weeks ago, I attended a session entitled "Exploring Accountability".

As described in the conference booklet, "Accountability is a key theme in the new Municipal Act. What's new, what's different and what's unchanged in terms of the Act's accountability requirements for councils? If the new Act deals with a council's accountability, then what about an individual councillor's responsibility?

AMO's education team on the new Municipal Act will explain some of the ins and outs of this Act and refresh you on the Conflict of Interest Act.

In the new Act, there is an emphasis on identifying municipal standards on the efficiencies and effectiveness of municipal services.

This is evidenced by standards that the Province is introducing for services like water and road maintenance to name two.

As well, chief administrative officers have been working over the past few years on municipal best practices to support the identification of real standards that municipalities should adhere to.

The role of councillors and staff is also redefined in this Act.

As was described in Dick Illingworth's column a few weeks ago, I came under some criticism by a member of council for not asking for Council's permission before asking the Ministry of Defense of their interest in working with Aurora to trade their armories which we could use as a youth centre, mini theatre etc. for property on the land we acquired off Leslie street for a new armories.

(Incidentally this possibility had been discussed informally prior to that time and members of council were copied with the correspondence for their information at the time of the letter being sent - but this fact failed to come up at the time.)

The new Municipal Act, as it was explained to us, encourages this type of action by the mayor as head of council.

The mayor cannot make agreements, this should always be a council function, but a mayor showing leadership, can and in my opinion, should take initiatives of this kind if there are potential benefits to our town.

The new Act describes the role of councillors as being:

1. to represent the public as to consider the well being and interests of the municipality

2. to develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality

3. to determine which services the municipality provides

4. to ensure administrative policies and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council (this should not be confused with micro-managing)

5. to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality

The role of the head of council includes:

1. to act as the CEO of the municipality

2. to preside over council meetings

3. to provide leadership to council

4. to represent the municipality at official functions

5. to carry out the duties of the head of council under this or any other Act.

Another interesting change is under the "lame duck' provisions, which in the new Act commence nomination day, not election day.

If less than three-quarters of the council is returned, the outgoing council cannot hire or release any staff, or make unbudgeted decisions with a value of more than \$50,000.

This must wait for the new council which is normally installed the first week of December.

Although the Act was proclaimed January 1, 2002, many of the changes do not come into effect until January 1, 2003.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Small-town Aurora, where did you go?

To the editor,

During the past four to six months we have noticed a disturbing increase in the number of emergency vehicles of all kinds tearing up and down Yonge Street, with sirens, horns and klaxons blaring.

Not too long ago (a year?)

it was rare to hear one alarm per day.

On an average count we now hear about six per day.

Has there been a huge increase in the number of fires, road accidents or domestic tiffs, or is this the result of further economies by the province, region or municipality (i.e., the com-

bining of emergency services)?
This noise pollution goes

on night and day and seems

to be happening on Bathurst and Bayview in the same measure. I'm aware that emergen-

I'm aware that emergencies occur and need the response but does the relatively minor saving in cost

for emergency services justify this violent and nervewracking noise every couple of hours, every day?

Downtown Manhattan can't be much worse.

Oh "small-town" Aurora, where did you go?

Peter N. Kelly Aurora

The little church that grew

To the editor,

Community Bible Church is a growing church located in the southwest corner of Aurora. The church reaches out to many people over a wide range in York Region.

No doubt you have driven past the construction site, where over the past year, the newly expanded facility has grown to three times its original capacity, to accommodate its growing congregation.

At the entrance, it reads in bold letters "God's House is expanding to make room for you".

Increasing numbers of people are looking for a place where they feel that they "belong".

People are also searching for a clear understanding of

what the Bible says in relation to their lives and needs.

These are two of the reasons for the church's growth. We try to provide for both needs in addition to many others.

CBC is an active church to attend.

Some of the men just returned from a weekend wilderness canoe trip. The women always have something planned.

For some, CBC is a night out at Body and Soul Aerobics.

Its people participate weekly in worship that is meaningful and contemporary.

"Kid's Rock" is an exciting children's program on Sunday mornings, while on Sunday evenings the AWANA Family Night provides something for the whole family.

Through the week, many participate in small growth groups designed for Bible Study, prayer, building friendships, and care.

The small groups are coordinated by another CBC Pastor, Stephen Mason.

Alpha is a group for people who do not normally attend church but have questions about the existence of God, the purpose of man, or the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

CBC has exciting weekly youth activities for teens. Youth Pastor Steve Cowan is always looking for ways of providing a program for youth that is fun, healthy, helps kids belong, and motivates them to ask what

place God should have in their lives.

The new facility houses an expanded sanctuary for worship, a gym with multifunctional purposes, youth room, children's classrooms, an expanded and well-furnished nursery, and offices.

We are in the community for the community.

The opening service is to be held September 22 at 10.30 a.m.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and "check us out".

One of the first things people will notice about CBC is that we are a musical church. We love good music.

Pastor David Payne Community Bible Church



What was once a little church hidden in the bush has now become this massive structure that will officially open Sunday. The Community Bible Church is located on the west side of Bathurst Street, only a few feet south of Henderson Drive in Aurora's southwest corner. Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Staff Sqt. Dave Franklin, a 34year veteran of the RCMP working out of the Newmarket detachment, on receiving a personally signed picture, a rosary and a medallion from Pope John Paul II during his recent

visit for World Youth Day. Franklin was security site commander at Strawberry Island in Lake Simcoe during the papal visit.

BOUQUETS to all the good citizens of Aurora who offered help to a stranded female motorist when her car stalled on Industrial Parkway South recently. Several men pushed her car from the middle of the roadway and another motorist drove

her to a phone to call for help. Once again the citizens of Aurora have shown they have a big heart.

BRICKBATS to the insurance brokers, previously responsible for the town's insurance coverage. Town staff, after an extensive request for proposal process, negotiated a three-

year guarantee with the successful bidder on rates provided the loss experience remained compatible with the previous year. The town lived up to its bargain but the broker imposed a 21 per cent increase, blaming it on the 9/11 tragedy.

BOUQUETS to Omar Khamissa of Omar's Shoes in the Aurora Shopping Centre for his donation of \$10,000 to the Southlake Regional Health Centre to help kick off the hospital's Nuture the Future campaign. Over the years Omar has been a strong supporter of his adopted town and is a former Aurora Citizen of the Year.

BOUQUETS to Aurora staff and council members and The Auroran for organizing a petition in opposition to the proposals of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario. They are encouraging citizens to voice their objections to the proposal to split Aurora in two along Yonge Street with the riding of Newmarket/King/Aurora to the west and Oak

Ridges/Markham to the east. More BOUQUETS to residents who sign the petition.

BRICKBATS to those in the provincial government for lack



of control over privately operated nursing homes in the province. Granted they assumed control over a nursing home in Oakville because of patient care and

safety concerns. But the same firm operates 11 nursing homes and owes at least \$1.8 million in pension plan and other moneys. Isn't anybody at Queen's Park in control?



BOUQUETS to Aurora resident Jim Jackson for his many informative and interesting letters to the editor of The Auroran over the years. He writes about issues of the day and usually states an opinion that's hard to disagree with.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's 21-year-old Krissy Chrisztopulosz on being selected to play on the first women's softball team to represent Greece, the home of her ancestors, in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. She has gained internal softball expe-

rience having represented Canada at junior world championships.



BRICKBATS to those at Queen's Park who appointed supervisors and their advisors to the Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa school boards without divulging what they are

being paid. All that is known is their payments come from the school budgets they were appointed to cut. A conflict of

Like a good neighbour, State Farm is there.



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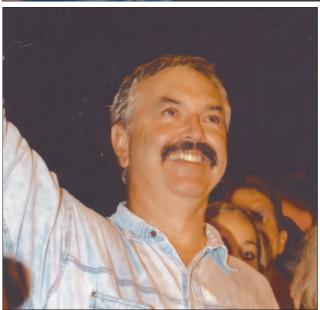
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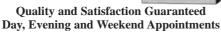


As usual, the Magna Hoedown was a hoot, as 4,000 people raised more than \$430,000 for charity Saturday night, Belinda Stronach, top photo left, hosted the event with dad, Frank, and welcomed party-goers. In the centre photo, Celeste and Ron Weese meet star Collin Raye, while the smile on the face of this man, Fred Stoneman is real. He just won a new Mercedes.

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Traffic problems are nothing new for the Town of Aurora

senior planner warned council that transportation could be Aurora's downfall in the future if the town did not implement a threepronged approach to the problem.

In his report pinpointing the issues council should consider in the official plan review, David Hardy noted that population growth and transportation pressures would only increase in the

He suggested council look into GO Transit, the state of the roads and the town's public transportation system. He noted the GO parking lot on Berczy Street was at capacity.

At that time, GO Transit officials were considering building a train station at 404 Highway and Bloomington Road to alleviate the pressure.

Hardy said the pressure on roads had increased significantly between 1983 and 1987. Traffic on Bayview Avenue north of Wellington increased 207 per cent, with 13,140 cars travelling the road daily in 1987 compared with 4,290

on Wellington Street East and 55 per cent on Bathurst Street north of Wellington Street West during the same period.

Hardy said only 5.3 per cent of residents were using the town's public transit system, although annual ridership increased to 133,000 in 1987 compared with 70,000 in 1983.

In July, 1991, council took several steps to improve traffic flow through the northeast quadrant, but abandoned its most controversial plan.

The rejected plan would have closed streets and limited left turns in a radical scheme to prevent commuters from cutting through residential areas to avoid the bottleneck at Yonge and Wellington Streets.

Instead, council agreed with a citizens' committee to review the situation after traffic signals at Yonge and Wellington were updated to provide a southbound advanced green.

If further controls were still needed, the committee recommended left turns be banned during rush hours Catherine, Maple and Mark Streets.

It was noted that all controls would only be temporary measures until 1992 when the St. John's Sideroad was scheduled to be paved to Bayview Avenue and the Industrial Parkway extended north to

These improvements were expected to greatly reduce traffic in the downtown core by providing a bypass for trucks and commuters.

To encourage motorists to use this route prior to the paving, council spent \$110,000 to upgrade the roadway.

Other traffic improvements included a provincial expenditure of \$1.1 million to the St. John's Sideroad at Yonge Street with widening and the installation of traffic signals.

During 1991 the most commonly discussed issue traffic. Citizens screamed for more controls, traffic engineers screamed for fewer controls and motorists just screamed.

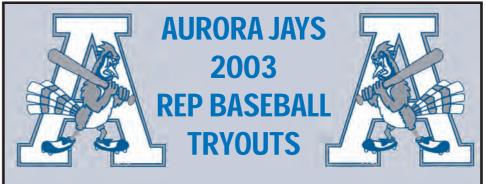
For some, traffic was

through residential areas where people feared for the safety of their children. For others the traffic was moving too slowly, turning a five-minute jaunt to the corner store to a half-hour of stress.

Hardly a council meeting went by without residents its, more stop signs, speed bumps and turning restrictions.

In spite of traffic studies and warnings from traffic engineers and environmentalists, council continued to approve unwarranted traffic controls, providing citizens, especially children, with a

Not much has changed over the years as council is still receiving delegations and petitions from citizens complaining about traffic issues and requesting lower speed limits, more stop signs and speed humps, while motorists are complaining about gridlock.



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Minor Mosquito	93	11 am - 1 pm	AL3
Major Mosquito	92	1 pm - 3 pm	AL3
Peewee	90-91	10 am - 12 noon	AL2
Minor Bantam	89	10 am - 12 noon	AL4
Major Bantam	88	12 noon - 2 pm	AL4
Minor Midget	87	2 pm - 4 pm	AL4

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California street names snubbed by town council

Street names reflecting a California community don't cut it with Aurora Council.

Larry Dekkema representing Ballymore Development, appeared before council recently to get permission to use California-style street names for the subdivision.

He said the proposed street names were very important to the marketing of the housing units, as buyers would consider the subdivision to be upscale.

He said the sales brochure for the new subdivision - located at the northeast corner of Bathurst and St. John's Sideroad and known as Brentwood - included the proposed street names.

Staff advised he had the opportunity of reviewing the approved bank of street names, but he wanted to establish a specific theme for the development with names such as Beverly Hills, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica and Marina del Rey.

Staff recommended the

developer select more appropriate names reflecting the heritage element within the Town of Aurora, specifically those of historical reference listed on the

While staff was willing to accept such street names as Woodland Hills, Joseph Tuck and Sherman Oaks, they drew the line at some of the other suggested names.

Councillor David Griffith Aurora wasn't Hollywood and he agreed with the staff recommendation that the developer street names for Aurora.

Councillor George Timpson agreed the proposed names were inappropriate and it wasn't necessary to go to Hollywood for atmosphere.

However Councillor Nigel Kean disagreed. He said the developer had a point in promoting the street names as a marketing strategy, as it promoted an image. He said he was opposed to the staff recommendation.

When the vote was called the staff recommendation that the developer select appropriate street names from the town's bank of select more acceptable street names be approved, Kean with only opposition.



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Rumours & Rumblings

Whatever happened to the other runner?

Terry Fox left his mark on everyone who saw the courageous young man on his Marathon of Hope and his visit to Aurora in July, 1980, on his cross-Canada run to his home in British Columbia.

Three years after cancer forced Terry to give up his run in September, 1980, and his death the following year, 19-year-old Steve Fonyo of Vernon, B.C. took up the challenge. He lost a leg to cancer in 1977.

The one-legged runner started his cross-Canada run to raise money for cancer research on the Atlantic coast on March 31, 1984. He ran through Aurora on September 8, 1984 on his Journey for Lives.

In May,1985, he reached the rocky shores of the Pacific Ocean, the first man to run across Canada on one leg raising a total of \$10.5 million to fight cancer.

Two men, two runs, one remains a hero, the other a forgotten man.

WHEN THE SENIORS FOUND THEIR CENTRE

It was in February, 1989, when council agreed to call tenders to convert the town's parks department and former fire hall on Victoria Street into a centre for seniors at an estimated cost of \$320,000, with assistance from Wintario.

At that time, the seniors' facility in the Church Street School was not adequate to meet the demand.

Many town seniors were not participating in the programs and activities due to over-crowding.

With the move to their new larger facility and based on demographic projections at that time, it was estimated that the new facility would be adequate for seven to eight years or until about 1997.

Time's up, and once again all seniors are unable to participate due to lack of adequate accommodation and overcrowding.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GETS A STREET ADDRESS

Although built in 1967, the Aurora Community Centre located on Aurora Heights Drive had never been assigned

a municipal address, as the residence to the west of the community centre property is listed as #1 Aurora Heights Drive.

In March, 1995, with the coming of 9-1-1 and the need to identify all properties in the event of an emergency, Aurora council decided to create a new street address rather than renumbering all of Aurora Heights Drive.

The new street, which is the access to the community centre, was named "Community Centre Lane" with the community centre assigned #1, the only building on the street.

REMEMBERING FORGOTTEN RESTAURANTS

Aurora didn't have one, but many old-time Aurorans will remember visiting a Murray's tearoom in Toronto. There were five of them dating back to 1924 when a caterer named Murray Crawley opened a sandwich shop on Queen Street East.

One of the busiest was on Front Street, across from Union Station. Many newcomers to Toronto in the 1950s had their first meal there. Another was in the Ford Hotel opposite the bus terminal at Bay and Dundas Streets.

Others were located on Yonge Street north of St. Clair and on Eglinton Avenue, west of Mount Pleasant.

Now they've gone the way of Honey Dew, Child's, Fran's and Bowles Lunch on Bay Street across from the Old City Hall.

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Normally there is a close relationship between a municipality's LACAC and council, but in December, 1987, the Christmas spirit was missing, as council members told the committee to mind its own business.

Council voted to reject three recommendations from the citizen committee because some councillors said LACAC members were trespassing on council's turf in making suggestions about the town's planning policy.

Council of the day and councils through the years would have done well to consider one of LACAC's suggestions,

which was to require property owners to have approved plans for redevelopment prior to granting demolition permits in the downtown core.

If council had taken action on the suggestion back in 1987,

Aurora citizens and visitors would not have to look at the disgraceful condition of the property at Centre and Yonge Streets as it still is today.

The existing buildings were demolished and the redevel-

The existing buildings were demolished and the redevelopment plans never approved. Maybe council should look after its own business.

WHAT'S THE VALUE OF A STRATEGIC PLAN?

LACAC and council went to war once again in July, 1999,

over Aurora's Strategic Plan. This is a plan that sets out the goals of the municipality and the actions necessary to achieve these goals. All reports to council include a section as to how the recommendations of the report relate to the plan.

In July 1999, members of LACAC expressed concern.

In July, 1999, members of LACAC expressed concern about council's request to the region to consider a Wellington Street westbound right turn lane at the Yonge/Wellington intersection.

LACAC questioned the impact of the proposal on buildings in the area. Members pointed out that the strategic plan states; "There is special concern for the town's heritage structures, most of which are located in the core area within several blocks of the Yonge/Wellington intersection".



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Another step forward for retirement home

The Clublink proposal for a retirement home to be located on the site of the former Aurora Highlands Golf Clubhouse on Golf Links Drive received the green light from Aurora Council last week, subject to site plan approval.

The application was for a four-storey, 78-unit retirement home to be operated by Sunrise Assisted Living.

As a second Ontario Municipal Board pre-hearing was scheduled for July, the town was required to table any issues or concerns with respect to the official plan amendment and zoning bylaw.

Council had previously adopted a resolution to support the application in principle, subject to issues still to be resolved in the site plan agreement.

Four residents appeared at

the OMB pre-hearing. Two spoke to potential traffic concerns. The town advised the OMB hearing officer that traffic concerns would be addressed in the site plan agreement.

The other concern was

Clublink's request to sever the clubhouse lands from the golf course property. Residents told the Board they were considering an appeal to the Committee of Adjustment, but as no appeal was received, the severance was granted.

On the recommendation of staff, council agreed to support the Clublink application before the September 20 OMB hearing, providing the Board order be withheld until an agreeable site plan agreement has been signed.

acrosse debuts for Northstars

The newly formed Under 19 Northstars lacrosse team, part of the EG/Newmarket Lacrosse club, enjoyed a successful first weekend of play recently.

The team is comprised of 18 players from Aurora, seven from Richmond Hill, three from Newmarket, two from Schomberg and one from Sharon.

The program got underway last weekend with the newly formed EG/Newmarket Under 19 Northstars team hosting squades from Kitchener, Wallaceburg, London and two teams from Oshawa.

After starting the day with a valiant effort against a very physical team from Kitchener with a 16-2 loss, the Northstars battled back to take control of their next two games, chalking up an 8-5 win against Wallaceburg, and a 13-5 victory over London.

The first goal for this latest entry into the Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior Men's Field program was scored by Charlie Girdler, who added three more goals and three assists throughout the day.

Other contributors to the day's efforts included Tommy Hurley and Dustin

Kinzett with four goals each; Jeremy Ing, Geoff Kelly, Daniel Ransom and Michael Rollings with two goals each; while Michael Pearson and Michael Vertolli added singles.

Other members of the team include Scott Baker, Fergy Bellows, Derek Ceparun, Craig Dickie, James Greavette, Adam Jamieson, Danny Savage, Warren Savage, Eric Thiessen, Scott Towsley, Daniel Vertolli, Jamie Drooker, Devin McCarney, Sean McCarney, Ryan Metcalfe, Lucas Campbell and Nick Ferguson.



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STEPHANIE SMITH

Aurora girl, 12, making a mark in track events

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

What was your typical 12-year-old girl doing over the

Swimming at a cottage? Going to movies or giggling with friends at the mall?

Well, Stephanie Smith may have squeezed some of those activities in, but she had a few other things on her

This summer, the Aurora girl became the youngest track athlete ever to qualify (and medal) at the Canadian Junior Nationals, was seeded as the 17th fastest "woman" road racer in Canada (5000 metres), and qualified for and travelled to the prestigious Hershey, Pennsylvania, Track and Field Meet, one of only eight Ontario girls and boys to

The Hershey meet was especially fun for Stephanie.

"I found out when my mom and dad picked me up from camp in Muskoka," she said. "I was really excited about

The all-expenses weekend included tours of the famous chocolate factory, the Hershey Park Amusement complex, and a dance for the participants.

It also was a trip made without her family, which was very thrilling for this soft-spoken Highview Public School

Stephanie is a member of the York Region Olympic Club and trains in Stouffville, at King's Country Day School and, during the winter months, indoors at York University. But much of the training and coaching takes place right at home.

Dad Stuart Smith is out almost every night, running with Stephanie, her vounger brother and two older sisters.

Mom Sue keeps things running smoothly at home, and keeps the family mini-van in the ready position for the

Although Stephanie competed in the 400 metre event in Hershey, her specialties are longer runs, namely the 1500, 3000 and 5000 metre races.

Her five medals at the Canadian provincial and national meets this summer were all in longer events.

So how does this young, slightly built track star keep going and going?

Stephanie makes it sound easy: "At first you start hurting and feel like you want to stop. Then, you just ignore that and it goes away. Then you can just keep running." Stephanie Smith may just keep running to the Olympics, which she hopes will be in her future one day.

And then, maybe she'll write a book about it all.

"I love running, but mostly I'd like to be a novelist or a

For this young Auroran, it seems anything is possible.

Tigers win season opener

Despite playing without six of their starters, the Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team got their season off on the right foot Friday night with a 3-2 overtime win over the Collingwood Blues.

The season opener, played in Collingwood, followed a week of exhibition games in which the Tigers won two of three, but lost the six regulars who had been suspended as a result of a rather aggressive game played in Aurora a week ago.

Aurora's Jr. C affiliate, the Georgina Ice, allowed the Tigers to use four players to help them get through the first game.

The first period of the sea-

Aurora rugby teams show their strength

The Aurora Barbarians rugby team (1st team Keenan Division) laid an old-fashioned whupping on their visitors, Stoney Creek, at Fletcheros Field in Victoria Square Saturday.

When the dust settled at the final whistle, the score was a lopsided 62-13.

The Barbso game found its rhythm early in the match, well-coordinated attacks from both the forwards and backs. .

Aurora◊s tries were scored by Dan Reznick, Simon Anton Hirtenstein, Alexeyenko, Mark Franklin, Peter Keir, Ollie, and two from each Marco DiGirolamo and Jody Riggs.

Fullback, Rob Futter, kicked six converts.

The Barbs enter this weekend in third place in the Keenan Division, only one point behind London and four behind Brampton.

This weekendos win could put the Barbs into second place depending on the outcome of the London game. Next weekend, the Barbs travel to Brampton to fight it

out for top spot. Meanwhile, the Barbs 2nd team brought out their "A" game against Stoney Creek 2, defeating them 33-16.

Aurora struck early and often putting across five tries, and giving up only

Two Barbs◊ tries were scored by flyhalf Bart Hennessey, two by centre Gary Kassob, and one by prop, Kent Bulmer.

Hennessey kicked two converts and two were kicked by Dino Logani.

While there were many outstanding plays made, Mike Huisman earned "man-of-the-match" accolades for his amazing efforts

son opener proved to be a very tight checking frame for both teams.

Aurora outshot Collingwood 9-8 and added the only goal of the period, scored by Jamie Minchella, set up by Mike Fiume and Matt Christie.

Chris Whitley got the start between the pipes and looked as solid as he was at the end of last season.

Aurora took over in the second period with a number of incredible opportunities outshooting the Blues 19-7, but only managed one goal which was scored by Jordan Brenner, set up by Matt Bahen and Tim Whitehouse.

Collingwood broke Whitley's shutout bid before the end of the second, giving Aurora a slim 2-1 lead after 40 minutes of play.

Both teams had plenty of chances in the third period, but couldn't seem to capitalize on their opportunities.

Aurora outshot

Collingwood 12-9, but couldn't hang on to their

slim lead. Collingwood managed to tie the game on a power

play goal with just over five minutes to play in the third. Both teams battled hard to break the tie, but the game eventually went into over-

time. With the new four-on-four format in place, the Tigers seemed to completely dominate the overtime period firing four shots at the Collingwood net before Adam Doucette (on his knees in front of the Blue's net), scored the winning

Aurora played Games 2 and 3 Sunday and Monday nights in Pickering and Markham, but results were not available at press time.

The Tigers will play their first home game of the new season Friday night, against the Stouffville Spirit. Game time is set for 8 p.m.



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AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Korea (T/T) 1, Italy (M/W) 2; England (T/T) 2, Italy (M/W) 1.

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Columbia (M/W), Portugal (M/W); France (M/W) 5 (Alex Moffat 2, Taylor Wooder 3), Portugal (T/T) 0.

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: SPAIN (M/W) 2 (Caitlyn Balkovec vs Portugal 1 (Hannah

U9B

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: ITALY (M/W) 4 (Gianluca Sampieri, Rhys Gander, Graeme Goodfellow 2) vs Columbia (T/T) 3 (Chris Piron 2, Danny McConnell).

U9B M/W

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Portugal 2 (Jordan Peters, Ryan Granger), Columbia 0

U9B T/T

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Finals - Germany 1, England 2

U9G

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Italy (T/T) 3 (Courtney Fantin, Lindsay McBride, Julie Bain), Italy (M/W) 0; Columbia (T/T) 1, Spain (T/T) 0; CHAMPIONS: COLUMBIA (T/T) 1 (Eleeza Cox) vs Italy (T/T) 0. STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: COLUMBIA (T/T) 1 vs Italy 0

U10G

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Columbia 1, Mexico 0; Portugal 1, England 0.

U10B

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - France 5 (Giacomo laboni 3, Michael D'Andrea 2), England 0; Columbia 5 (Ryan Pedigrew 3, Jonathon Siery, Conner McKinley), Spain 1 (Mark Smither), CHAMPI-ONS: FRANCE 3 vs Columbia 0

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: FRANCE 3 vs

U11G

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Italy 1 (Toria Allison), Spain 3 (Tanya Kizovski, Melanie Micallef, Christine Puskar - shoot-out); France 3, Columbia 0; Finals - Spain 0, France 1 (Jamie Joslin)

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: COLUMBIA 1 vs France 0

U11B AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Columbia 1, England 0; Korea 4 (Frank Emanuele, Ryan Cathers 2, Lorn Zwarych), Germany 0.

U12G

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: ITALY 1 (Leah Smith) vs Germany 0.

U12B

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Italy 2 (Matt Paull 1), Germany 3 (Mike Doherty 1); Portugal 0, France 2 (Keegan

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: FRANCE 4 (Spencer McCartney 2, David Sidea, Dylan Brennan) vs Portugal 3 (Patrick Murphy, Jordan Taylor, Kevin Kryshka)

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Korea 2 (Victoria Bain), Germany 0; Spain 2 (Meaghan Annear, Christina Polsinelle), France 1 (Kaitlyn Sequin); CHAMPI-ONS: KOREA 1 vs Spain 0.

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: SPAIN 1 vs Korea 0.

U13B

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Finals - France 2 (Eric Corvinelli, Andrew Boyle),

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: FRANCE 3 (Daryl Ustianonski, Eric Corvinelli, Alex Rizzo)

U14G

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals: Brazil 1 (Allison Hayworth), Spain 2 (Sarah Cohen).

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: BRAZIL 2 vs Italy 0.

U14/15B

AUGUST TOURNAMENT:

Semi Finals - Mexico, Germany; Italy 2, England

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: ENGLAND 3 Craig Murphy, Kayne Sampson, Matthew Neri) vs Spain 2 (Chris Moore, Jesse Eikland).

U19G

STINGER CUP: CHAMPIONS: GERMANY 1 (Michelle Roy) vs Mexico 0.

COMPETITIVE STINGERS

U10G

Sept. 9 - Aurora 3, Richmond Hill 0. Goals scored by Camille Pagneillo, Meghan Reynolds & Amy Tahmizian.

Sept. 11 - Aurora 3 vs Barrie 4

Tie game one all, defeated in shoot-out 2 to 3. Goals scored by Melissa Bromley, Meghan Reynolds 2.

U11G

Sept. 3 - Aurora 5, Vaughan #2 0

A slow first half which saw Aurora take a 1 nothing lead. A strong second half with an aggressive offence and a stellar defense saw Aurora control the game and pocket 4 additional goals. Goals scored by Alana Smith, Keira MacDonald, Sierra Maier-Niemi, Madison Schuhmann and Claudine Rotilio. Aurora shut out by Lauren Ebenhardt.

Sept. 10 - Aurora 5 vs Barrie 0

An impressive game all around by the whole team. The offence played an aggressive, attacking game coupled with excellent positional play. The defense played a solid game trapping the Barrie play at mid-field throughout the night. Honourable mention to Kylie Smith who shone at the mid-field position with her challenging play. Aurora goals scored by Alana Smith, Danielle McGolrick 2, and Claudine Rotilio 2. Shut out by Lauren Ebenhardt.

U11G T2

Sept. 5 - Aurora 5 vs Peterborough #2 1

A well played game by the entire team. Good passing and ball movement resulted in control of the game and many scoring chances. Cara Wooder with 2 goals and Sabrina Zavarise with one goal gave Aurora a 3-nil lead at the half. Sam Pozzebon and Alanna Tessarolo rounded out Aurora's scoring in the second half. For Alanna it was her first ever rep goal. Congrats Alanna!

August 22 - Aurora 6 vs North York 0. Goals by Chris Reel 3, Josh Meron, Kyle Huntley, Stephen Carroll.

August 29 - Aurora 1 vs Ajax 3

Lone goal by Josh Meron

NEWMARKET LABOUR DAY TOURNAMENT:

Game 1: Aurora 3 vs Tecumseh 1 (Goals by Scott Laws, John Meikle, Chris Lockhart). Game 2: Aurora 1 vs Glenshields 2 (Lone goal by Kyle Huntley) Game 3: Aurora 4 vs Stouffville 0 (Goals by Nelson Violente, Chris Reel, Stephen Carroll, John Meikle) Semi Final: Aurora 0 vs Glenshields 4, Consolation Final: Aurora vs Glenshields (The game was tied at the end of regulation time 2-2. Goals by Josh Meron & Kyle Huntley. Two overtime sudden death periods were played without a goal, and the game was decided by penalty kicks. RESULT: STINGERS WIN CONSOLATION FINAL! Scoring on penalty kicks: Kyle Huntley & Matthew Watt. Shutout on penalty kicks earned by the stellar effort of keeper Chris Reel.

U14G - OYSL

Aug. 29 - Aurora 0 vs Kitchener 0

Sept. 4 - Aurora 1 vs Vaughan 1 Lone goal scored by Megan Smith

Sept. 8 - Aurora 3 vs Kanata 1

Determined to win, the Stingers played a tough game in extremely hot weather. Lisa D'Aguanno 2 and Tamara Van Bakel scored for the Stingers. Strong goalkeeping by Alexa Arsenault. Congrats girls on a solid team effort!



The Aurora Youth Soccer Club would like to thank all the dedicated **Volunteers:** Coaches, Team Parents, Convenors, & Tournament Helpers who made our 2002 season a great success!

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Simon farce well received as TA season begins

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

You're invited to an intimate 10th anniversary party at Myra and Charlie Brock's townhouse home. Charlie is the deputy mayor of New York City.

It's opening night at Theatre Aurora's Factory Theatre and Neil Simon has the honours with his hilarious play called "Rumors".

Back on the stage, Myra is nowhere to be found and Charlie is in their bedroom covered in blood from a flesh wound in his earlobe caused by a shot from a handgun.

The first couple to arrive is Charlie's lawyer, Ken Crawford and his wife Chris. They discover Charlie and puzzle about the whereabouts of Myra. Charlie can't tell them anything, as he has taken valium.

They wonder if Myra left him, or did he try to commit suicide. As his lawyer, Crawford decides to do everything possible to hide the truth, whatever it is, to protect Charlie's political future. While hiding the gun he accidentally fires it causing temporary deafness.

The other guests include Charlie's accountant Lenny Ganz and his wife Claire. They were involved in a traffic accident on the way to the party and Lenny is suffering from whiplash.

Cookie and Ernie Cusack are the next to arrive. Cookie has a TV cooking show and Ernie is a psychiatrist. She suffers from back spasms, which occur frequently during the play.

Last to arrive are Cassie and Glenn Cooper. He is a candidate for State Senator. There is obvious tension between the two of them as Cassie accuses Glenn of having an affair with one of his campaign workers.

As the guests arrive, Ken and Chris do everything possible to avoid any of them finding out what has happened. The antics of the lawyer and his wife are weird leading to much confusion and innuendo.

Simon has maintained the farce tradition of many plot twists and lots of comedy, as the hysteria and confusion continues to mount leaving the audience wondering what comes next.

Director Kay Valentine has assembled a very strong cast of mainly veteran performers, some quite well known to Theatre Aurora audiences.

Bob Winn and Karen Park play Ken and Chris Gorman. Gail Henderson and Alan Virgoe are Claire and Lenny Ganz. Flo McLellan and Tim Norton play Cookie and Ernie Cusak while Judith Stainton and Darren Plum are Cassie and Glenn Cooper.

Late in the second act, Police Officers Welch and Pudney arrive. David Russell is Officer Welch. while Stephanie Derry and Melissa Cox alternate as Officer Pudney. They also alternate as stage manager.

The officers are investigating the Ganz car accident when Glenn Cooper inadvertently mentions the shooting. Prior to the arrival of the police, Lenny Ganz was selected to play Charlie, if it became necessary.

They also stage a hilarious dance scene with loud music so that they can't hear the police pounding on the door causing the officers to break in.

After hearing about the shooting, Officer Welch wants to see Charlie. One of the highlights of the play was Alan Virgoe's portrayal of Charlie and the weird story he tells to explain

various circumthe stances. He was so convincing the officers believed him and depart-

There's also a surprise ending, but you'll have to see the play to learn what it is. "Rumors" is a well-written comedy with a very strong cast. It is well worth seeing.

The play continues at Factory Theatre on Henderson Drive this weekend and September 25-28 with curtain at 8:15 p.m. Call the theatre box office at 905-727-3669 for ticket information.



Tim Norton and Flo McClennan as Ernie and Cookie Cusak with Gail Henderson as Claire Ganz in the background perform the riotous dance

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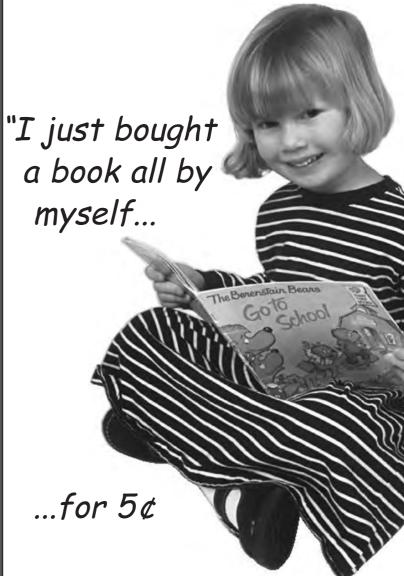
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