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Winners rejects poppies

A new Aurora business has not endeared itself with members of the Aurora Legion.

Winners, a large department store that recently opened at the corner of Yonge and Murray Drive, is not a location where people can buy poppies after officials there refused to accept the familiar Legion box.

Legionnaire Don Dempsey is furious.

"They said head office had to make the decision, but head office wouldn't even return our phone calls," he said.

Dempsey talked to officials at the Legion's Ontario headquarters, conveniently located next to the Aurora Legion building on Industrial Parkway North, and they called the Mississauga head office of Winners.

No one, he said, returned the phone calls.

Dempsey distributes dozens of poppy boxes throughout Aurora every year at this time, in conjunction with Remembrance Day, and has never had a refusal that has not been ironed out.

"I told them I was going to talk to The Auran," he said. "But no one seemed to care."

Dempsey said he has had this problem in the past, usually a misunderstanding, but it has always been resolved.

Meanwhile, phone messages left by The Auran to the firm, following Dempsey's accusations last week, were not returned.



Aurora Mayor Tim Jones, left, and Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation Frank Klees, fit New Zealand hockey player Sarah Redmayne with an Ontario cap during a reception for the "down under" team at the Aurora Town Hall Sunday evening. More than a dozen hockey players arrived in Canada early Saturday morning and will remain in the Aurora area until next Tuesday.

Known as the Queenstown Women's Rangers, this is the first New Zealand sports team of any kind to venture farther away from home than Australia. They are guests of players of the Canadian Moose women's team, and the two clubs met for the first time on Canadian ice Saturday night, (inset) when the Canadians won the game 4-1. To players on either side, the score didn't matter. Following the Aurora reception, both teams headed for a 10 p.m. shinny game at a York University arena. To say they are hockey crazy would be an understatement. To a player, every visitor has mentioned the warm hospitality they have received since they arrived in the area. The reception was sponsored by the Pure Pizza Company of Aurora.

Auran photos by Ron Wallace

So many streets; so little money

One of the most difficult tasks for any municipal council is the determination of which roads are to be reconstructed under the 10-year capital reconstruction program.

With so many roads in need of fixing and so little money available, the task is almost impossible.

Council members, sitting in general committee, got the brunt of it, both barrels, last Tuesday night.

Municipalities prepare the program based on condition, volume

and type of motor vehicle use, and the development of a maintenance protocol depending on the amount of money available.

Council has learned, following completion of a study, that Aurora's roads are at the low end of the "very good" category.

However, in spite of the overall rating, there are many road sections that require upgrading.

And, to maintain the current condition level, the program cost will need to be increased from \$1.16

million to \$1.92 million a year.

Three roads popped into the limelight last week: Child Drive, scheduled to be rebuilt next year; Collins Crescent, scheduled in 2004; and Ridge Road, a long way down the list.

Concern was also expressed about the condition of Richardson Drive.

Orla Kipling, representing 52 residents of Collins Crescent, said the road had been built 30 years ago and was the only one left in

the subdivision that had not been reconstructed.

She said residents understood reconstruction would take place in 2003 and questioned why the date was now shown as 2004.

Later in the meeting, in response to questions from committee members, staff advised that when council delayed the reconstruction of Maple and Fleury Streets in 2001 and directed it be done in 2002, the program had to be revamped resulting in the one-

year delay. Meanwhile, Sandee Forfar told committee members about the unsafe conditions on Richardson and the need for sidewalks, especially on the north section from Lee Gate.

She said motorists use it as a shortcut from Henderson to Murray Drive, and have no regard for the speed limit.

She added that a number of children live on the street and said she had seen children scramble

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Town Notice Board will stay where it is

Last June council asked staff to issue a Request for Quotation for the production and distribution of the town's weekly Notice Board advertising page, as well as advertising rates for classified ads and other additional advertising.

The Notice Board provides information about council and committee agendas, policies and decisions, town services and programs, planning issues and community events.

In addition to the Notice Board, the town also advertises employment opportunities and tender notices and other periodic advertising. Currently the Notice Board appears in the Tuesday edition of the Era-Banner.

In a detailed report to the committee staff listed the results of the Request for Quotations from the two

newspapers. By using the Auroran to publish the Notice Board the town could save \$3,237 a year.

Staff noted that while the town could potentially benefit through cost savings by using the Auroran, concerned was expressed about a change in readership, as the Notice Board is one of the main communication tools used by the town.

Staff also pointed out that the Era Banner is delivered to households via carrier every Tuesday, whereas the Auroran is delivered to every household by Canada Post from Tuesday to Friday.

The report said the schedule could pose problems for time sensitive information that may not reach the public until after the event had taken place.

Staff recommended council continue to publish the

Notice Board and other ads in the Era-Banner, and periodically publish ads in the Auroran as required.

Councillor David Griffith said that while it was a good report, circulation was one thing but readership was something else. He said people talk about the Auroran, while the Era-Banner has few stories about Aurora.

He recommended the Notice Board be published in the Auroran and the miscellaneous ads be given to the Era-Banner, but was unable to obtain a seconder.

Councillor Nigel Kean added that residents should receive the paper at a standard time.

Councillor John West said neither paper was worth reading.

Councillor Damir Vrancic expressed concern about the perception of a sitting member of council being the editor of a paper.

He said he respected the newspaper and, unlike West, he enjoyed reading it.

The staff report was adopted on a 4-3 vote.

Both Mayor Tim Jones, who writes a weekly column about town affairs, and Councillor Ron Wallace, editor of the Auroran, declared a conflict of interest and left the council chambers for the debate.

The vote is expected to be ratified by council this week.

YR Police still seek suspect

At The Auroran's press time this week, the York Regional Police were still seeking the whereabouts of an Aurora man after his roommate was stabbed to death in a Yonge Street apartment last Monday night.

The stabbing marked the ninth homicide in York Region so far this year, but only the second in Aurora since 1996.

Anirut Marktong, 27, has not been seen since the murder of Torsak Suebphongphan, 29, in a second-floor apartment of a new building located adjacent to the town's historical clock tower.

Police said the victim had been stabbed several times but would await official results before determining cause of death.

They advise anyone who may spot the suspect to keep their distance "as he is considered to be armed and dangerous".

He is described as 5'5", 155 pounds, black hair and brown eyes. He was born in Thailand.

Police cordoned off the five-storey building shortly after being called to the scene, and the area was still out of bounds for most of Tuesday as the investigation continued.



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NOVEMBER 16

The 7th annual Christmas Fair and Artisans Craft Sale will be presented by Our Lady of Grace Parish Catholic Women's League from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parish hall, 15347 Yonge Street, north of Wellington. Gifts, a fish pond, raffles, a visit from Santa Claus and a silent auction will highlight the day's activities.

Plaid Tidings bazaar at Trinity Anglican Church, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Craft & bake tables. Lunch - \$7.50 adults; \$4 children.

Opti-Mrs. Club of Aurora bus trip to Rama. 4 p.m. Tickets \$10 includes bus trip and dinner. Club is also seeking new members. Call Lesley at 905-841-5594 for further information.

NOVEMBER 17

Dart Tournament at the Aurora Legion. Blind Draw Doubles. Register at 11:30 a.m. Play at 12:30 p.m. Cost \$5 per player, all monies returned.

NOVEMBER 23

Hadley Grange Social Club Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 16105 Yonge St., (first driveway north of St. John's Sideroad). Crafts, white elephant tables, bake table and snack bar available.

Santa Claus comes to Town as the annual Santa Claus Parade takes place. The parade begins at 6 p.m. at the corner of Orchard Heights Boulevard and Yonge Street. It will proceed south on Yonge Street to the Aurora Shopping Centre.

DECEMBER 13

Join the Aurora Seniors to catch the Christmas spirit as they travel to Buffalo and the Chapel to enjoy the Living Singing Christmas Tree. Accompanied by 40 instruments, a cast of 400 will present the Christmas Story, including a display of 130,000 lights. Depart at 2 p.m. from the Community Centre returning around midnight. Cost for members \$68 and \$73 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

Anyone with information should call police at 905-830-0303, extension 7865 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Meanwhile, reports of a second murder in the south end of Aurora the following day proved unfounded.



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Two York Region groups benefitted from Toronto Dominion Canada Trust Bank money last week. Here, Jeanne Tucker, left and Thanh Ho, of the Literary Council York-Simcoe, and Shane Vieira, right, of the York Region Children's Aid Society, accept \$2,500 cheques from Aurora's Yonge and Wellington branch manager Lisa Knappett. Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

No garbage fees yet

At a recent council meeting staff was requested to report further on details of implementing a pay-per-bag policy whereby the first three bags of garbage would be free and a \$1 per bag fee charged for the rest.

Currently the town's waste management bylaw restricts the number of waste containers put out for collection from any residential household to no more than three containers for each collection day, but there is no legal enforcement included in the bylaw.

A survey carried out some time ago indicated that 85 per cent of households complied with the three-bag limit. It was hoped that a public awareness program would convince the remaining 15 per cent to voluntarily to make the effort to comply.

A new bylaw would require determining the maximum size of waste containers and education of residents, as there are strong opinions on both sides of the potential user pay service.

A communications package will solicit the views of residents on the issue, so council will be in a position to formally deal with the issue next March with benefit of community input.

Staff recommended the proposed waste management user pay program be implemented in mid-2003 and the implementation bylaw be considered by council prior to the end of 2002.

Councillor David Griffith suggested that any action be postponed until more information was received from the region as to the proposed three-stream collection method and the cost of the proposed town's education program.

He said there was little use in spending money on a public education program on one collection system, if the region

changed it within a short period of time.

After considerable discussion, including the possibility of taking the collection and disposal of garbage off the tax bill and switching to a full user pay system, committee members agreed to postpone action until all the costs are known.



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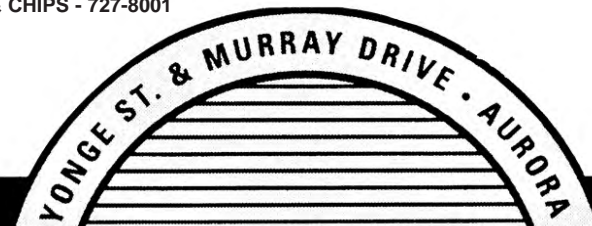
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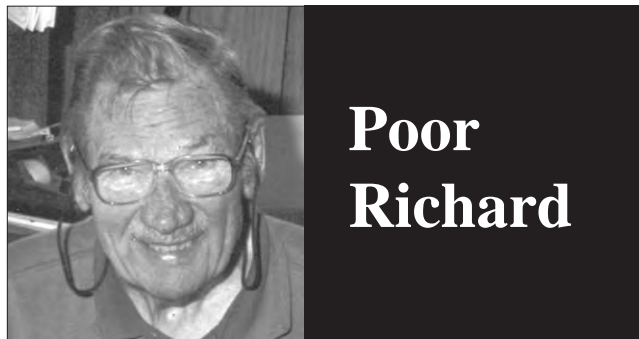
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Poor Richard

Habitat location causes quandry for town council

*Habitat is an excellent program.
On that all citizens seem to agree;
But finding the right location,
Is not as easy as it should be!*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

It has been a long time since Aurora citizens have been stirred up about an issue like the recent outbursts about council's original proposal to donate a parcel of town-owned property on Murray Drive for a Habitat for Humanity home.

There was general agreement from some citizens that their opposition to the site had nothing to do with the non-profit organization but had to do with preserving green space.

Other citizens supported the program and the location and accused the others of being selfish whiners and NIMBYs.

Part of the fault for the conflict rests with council and the manner in which the original request for a Habitat home was handled.

Normally when a housing proposal comes before council, councillors ask questions for clarification but do not commit themselves until they hear from the public.

This time instead of waiting for the public planning meeting, they approved the town-owned Murray Drive site as the most suitable and desirable location.

Although council didn't see their action as approving the site, the perception was that they had approved it and the public meeting was a farce, causing the ire of the local residents.

The site in question is listed as public open space and the proposed amendments to the official plan and zoning bylaw would change the site to urban residential.

While the site is empty now, it once accommodated an Aurora Hydro substation. As the substation was located in a residential area, the building to contain the hydro equipment was constructed to resemble a home.

It is doubtful if many of the new residents to the area realized what the building actually was, other than a home.

In fact, one councillor admitted to knocking on the door during an election campaign and wondered why he could never find anyone at home.

With changes in the hydro distribution system, the substation was no longer required and the building was demolished.

It is unfortunate that council of the day did not zone the site as parkland or declare it to be surplus to municipal needs and sold.

If that had been done the site would never have become a controversial issue. But it wasn't, and it is.

At the informal information meeting held in August, about 18 area homeowners pleaded with the town to preserve what little green space the Murray Drive site provided for the area.

They claimed the site was well used by neighbourhood children as a playground and the two park benches were well used by senior citizens walking to the shopping centre.

At the same time they complained the site was dangerous as it was located on a curve and pointed out that on occasion motor vehicles had jumped the curb and entered onto the property.

Obviously, the site was not a very good place for children to play.

Much the same arguments were presented at the public planning meeting held in September and there were no citizens in attendance to speak in support of the project.

As a result council rejected its own proposal for a Habitat home on the Murray Drive with only Councillor Ron Wallace in opposition.

He pointed out that no one had objected when the Hydro substation was built and that he had never seen children playing on the site, or seniors sitting on the benches.

Council is now in a quandary. They have agreed to participate in the Habitat for Humanity program but have been unable to come up with a suitable lot.

Granted they could rezone the Murray Drive property, but would it be fair to invite a needy family to live there with so much neighbourhood opposition?

They can encourage a developer on Bayview Avenue to donate a lot or stipulate that a lot on the town-owned property on the south side of Wellington Street, when serviced, will accommodate a Habitat home.



The year is 1939 and Aurora's Collis Leather Company softball team has just captured the championship, and if it wasn't for the trophy, it would be hard to tell by the looks on their faces. We assume the dog in the arms of the player, far right, is the mascot. If you recognize anyone in this photo, please let us know.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A few facts behind Murray Dr. property

To the editor,

I wasn't paying much attention to the subject until the critical letters started. Then I automatically switched to defense.

I made a few phone calls. Asked a few questions...then I calmed down again.

Then the mayor wrote his column about how council came to decide to get involved in the Habitat for Humanity program.

Now I have to share the facts as I found them.

As taxpayers, we pay for the region's housing program.

There is an inventory of 6,000 units.

They cost us \$27.5 million a year.

We also send \$41 million to Toronto to pay for their public housing program.

In York we have a list of 5,000 to 7,000 families and a wait of five to seven years.

York residents are not eligible to apply for

Toronto housing.

There are 900 co-op units in the region...financed by a preferred interest mortgage rate from the federal government.

There are eight units under the auspices of Yellow Brick house...one of only two shelters for abused women in York...also paid for with federal money.

There is plenty of evidence of a shortage of affordable housing here. The huge numbers of town house units constructed in the recent past ...with barely a footprint in the snow...do not suggest affluence.

In the past 25 years there has been a steady exodus of people from Aurora because of the high cost of shelter.

And for the same period, most of the people who grew up in this town have had to leave - to find affordable accommodation for their families.

Last June a presentation was made to the Greater

Toronto Home Builders' Association on the subject of, among other things, lot values and lot levies in York Region.

In Aurora, a lot with 53 feet of frontage costs in excess of \$150,000.

The lot levy is \$20,600. That would be the value of the Murray Drive lot that council was prepared to donate to Habitat.

The neighbours live in semis and town houses. Why should they be expected to be in favour of giving something away that they themselves do not enjoy.

The Mayor's idea that a would-be developer be coerced into donating a lot and perhaps even building the foundation and framing a house for a Habitat family is not sensible.

The same report to the GTHBA puts the profit margin for the industry at five per cent. A lot donated would become part of the developer's overhead.

It would either be the town or the neighboring homebuyers who would pay for the gift to Habitat.

Considering how ordinary families are living in Aurora and Newmarket, doubling up in basements and on main floors of bungalows, with rents and mortgages of between \$900 and \$1,500 a month, I think council should re-think their generous offer to Habitat for Humanity.

One more thought; the municipality is not a philanthropic organization. Just a year ago council directed staff to inform local volunteer organizations they were to pay commercial rents for

the facilities from which they provided service to the community.

Where is the balance?

Maybe the mayor and Councillor Betty and little George should not be allowed to attend any more conferences without a chaperone.

Evelyn Buck
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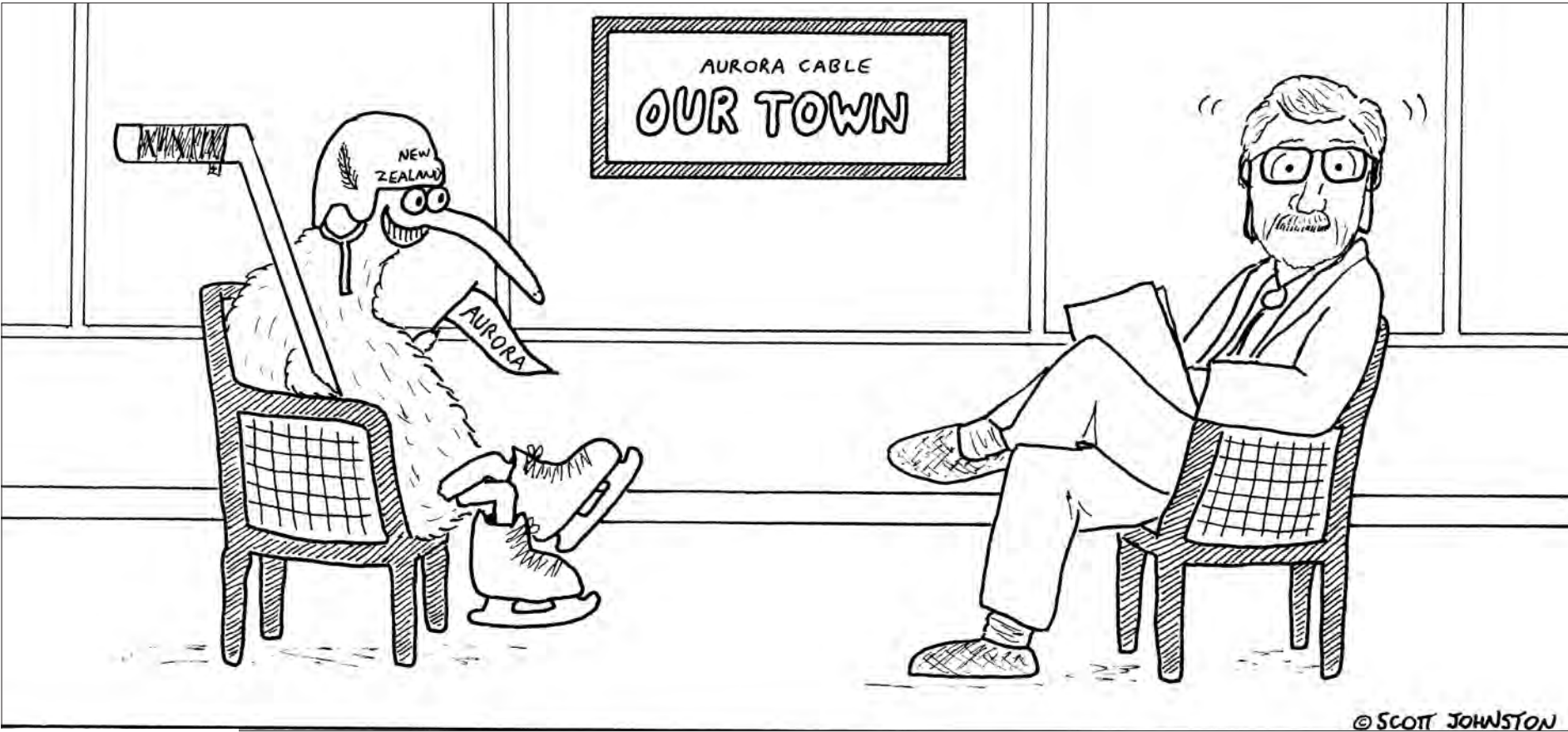
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Insensitive" reference to this man's suicide

To the editor,

I am writing in regard to a phrase I read in your paper under the heading "Now THAT was a contest". I was dismayed to read the aside, written in brackets, that was intended to lure readers to the photo contest replies, "how about the guy who hung himself in the back room". I found the tone of this line

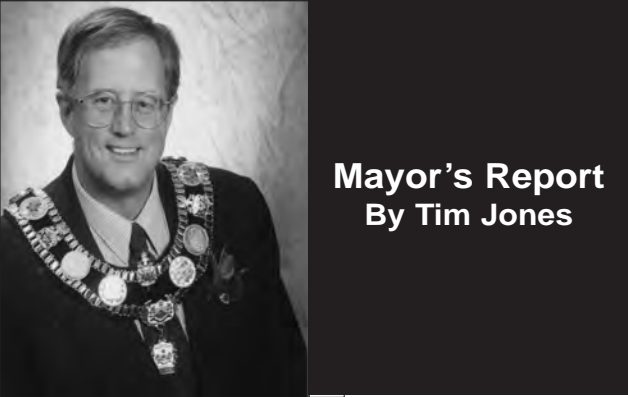
to be akin to "did you hear the one about..." I feel that your writer showed insensitivity to victims of suicide and their loved ones by referring to the incident in this manner. Suicide, unfortunately, occurs much more often than people realize and affects people from all walks of life. We don't always hear about it, though, as there remains

a societal stigma which prevents many from discussing suicide or depression. We were totally shocked when an undetected depression led to a suicide in our family, where we lost a very accomplished and much loved person. I hope that by writing this, your writers and readers will be reminded that a more compassionate tone should be considered when the

issue of suicide arises. You just never know what your co-worker or neighbour has been through. I can't help but wonder if the relatives of the man who died at the laundry are still in Aurora, and how they may have felt when they read about the incident, in the section "Briefly". I also hope that people who are feeling troubled, or not themselves, will be able to

ask for help and visit a doctor who may assist them, if they may be dealing with depression. Thank you for allowing me to share my views on this manner. L. Walsh. Aurora

EDITORS NOTE: Even though the referenced incident happened more than 70 years ago, there is no excuse for insensitivity of any kind. We intended none, and we apologize.



Arts and Culture grants in Aurora

Annually, thanks to the generosity and financial support of Shauna Tepperman of the Aurora Shopping Centre and Joe Lebovic of Lebovic Enterprises, the Arts and Cultural Fund in Aurora is able to recognize several local groups with a financial grant to enhance their specific activity. This year, grants were awarded to the following community groups: The Aurora Agricultural Society - to fund the Arts tent and associated displays at the Annual Agricultural Society Fair Theatre Aurora - final installment to Theatre Aurora for the seating installation. Ms Cheryl Farrell - to attend the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa. In Celebration of the Arts - To go toward bursaries for talented Youth from Aurora. Aurora Seniors' Book Club - for the purchase of books to supplement the collection for this book club - and a special thanks to Flo Murray, the club representative who received the grant after her entertaining activity description! The Aurora Nursery School - to enable enriched music programs for Toddlers, Nursery and Kindergarten classes. The Aurora Writer's Guild - to fund promotion and meeting expenses as well as speaker costs to get this group up and running. Pine Tree Potters - to go toward replacing tables, shelves and other equipment. RBC Seniors Jubilee - this grant funds the outfitting of the dancers (aged 63 to 79) who perform annually at Resthaven. The Aurora Opera Company - to offset costs for two productions, "Clowns" with children from classes 2-6 with a performance in Aurora at the Aurora Retirement Centre and "It's a Wonderful Life". The Aurora Chamber of Commerce - For Aurora based entertainers to participate in the Aurora Street Festival. The Aurora Senior Public School - to cover expenses for the Aurora Borealis Short Story Contest created and run by the

students of the school. Kataura Productions - To assist with securing rights for performances for children and teen drama programs as well as costume and prop stock. The Aurora Seniors Art Group - to cover costs associated with purchasing art books, a magazine subscription and archival storage. Marquee Productions - funds go toward rehearsal space rental. This fund began in 1973 with the objective to promote cultural and artistic activities in the Town of Aurora. Each year in May, an ad is placed in the Town Notice Board. Applications are in the form of a letter to the Arts and Cultural Fund, in which applicants outline the nature and general activities of the individual or group that is applying. Applications are reviewed by the fund benefactors and myself. Grants are awarded with the understanding that the Arts and Cultural Fund is publicly acknowledged at times of display or performance as well as in any literature where it is appropriate to do so. The reason for this is to increase awareness for this fund which may hopefully bring forward new fund sponsors! If you are interested please contact me directly! It is a pleasure to sit with our benefactors when determining the grant recipients each year and I must tell you how much I appreciate their interest in and deliberation of the projects that are submitted for funding. On behalf of all members of Aurora Council may I take this opportunity to publicly express to Shauna Tepperman and Joe Lebovic our appreciation for their longstanding support of Arts and Culture in Aurora. 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

November 11 - Lest we forget

To the editor,

As I sit here and write this rhyme
Many more people forget who died
Maybe it's not important to you
Perhaps I should explain it through?

November 11th, lest we forget
Is the day when we should have respect
For those who died, and so much more
During the awful years of war.

It wasn't the glory or the fame
That drew these soldiers to the flame
A reason, a right, a freedom to keep
For all the children playing on the street.

They left their families and friends behind
Nevermore to see them, over 1000 died
Yet as the battle with arms raged on
At home people still cut their lawn.

It was as if two separate worlds;
Pain and suffering continued to unfurl
Back at home the holidays beckoned
As families ate their turkey seconds.

Comrades met, and best friends made
During the horrible escapade
Just as suddenly as their friendship began
That soldier would be alone again.

Now stop for a moment, and think it through;
How would you feel if that were you?
To miss out on life, and joys that it would give
To listen to a friend cry out "Oh let me live".


So wear a poppy from Flanders Fields
To show the world how you really feel
And say a prayer for those who died
So that you and I could stay alive.


November 11th, lest we forget
It's for everyone who left us without regret
To keep the idea of freedom and peace alive
To never let the bright flame die.


Hayley Turtle
Aurora

Bouquets & Brickbats


By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 BOUQUETS to Vic Parainfo, the little shoemaker, his wife Sheila and the members of the York Regional Police Community Services Branch for giving out pounds of candy to the students from Wells Street School who parade to his shoe repair shop on Yonge Street every Halloween in their costumes.


 BOUQUETS to the members of Theatre Aurora for continuing their practice of inviting Aurora's senior citizens to attend the dress performance for all productions. It provides an audience for the cast and a free evening of entertainment for the seniors. All they have to do is sign up at the front desk.


 BRICKBATS to all commercial establishments including the Town of Aurora for failing to check the tape in their cash register or accounting machine resulting in the receipt being so faint, as to be unreadable. It's not fair to your customers - or taxpayers!


 BOUQUETS to Newmarket council for enacting a common sense Naming of Parks Policy in which names are solicited from the community, reviewed by an evaluation committee and listed on the park name list for future parks. It's very simple but effective.


 BOUQUETS to Mrs. M. Hare of Aurora for her letter to the Auroran about Aurora not being a small town anymore. Her letter and the people and things she mentioned would bring back a lot of pleasant memories of old Aurora to a lot of old timers. Her letter should be required reading for all planners and government representatives at both the provincial and municipal level.

 BRICKBATS to the Aurora retail merchants who refused to accept a Legion Poppy box for their counter. They may suffer in the long run as their names are being circulated and a loss of business may result. More BRICKBATS to the petty thieves for stealing at least four poppy boxes in Aurora, and more across the area.

 BOUQUETS to A. Tomasini Heating and Air Conditioning, Aurora Electronic Clinic. Hair Scene, Martin Paivio and Associates and Sandra Purdy School of Dance for 25 years of service to the community and a special BOUQUET to Andrews Mailing Service celebrating 50 years. The town made these awards and the award to Giampierre's Beauty Centre listed in last week's column, not the Chamber.

 BOUQUETS to KOR Innovations on being awarded the New Venture Award, Where Angels Gather for the Small Business of the Year Award and to Torcan Chemical for Business of the Year Award. BOUQUET'S to Marilyn Redvers, popular Aurora real estate agent on being selected as the Business Person of the Year Award by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at their recent Business Awards dinner.

 BOUQUETS to Alan Dean on being re-elected president of the Aurora Lawn Bowling Club. The club was founded in 1900 and has provided local residents with opportunities to compete in club and inter-club competitions, as well as enjoying relaxation in the sun while enjoying the sport of lawn bowling.

 BOUQUETS to Aurora's Nathaniel Gery, who, on making the semi-finals at the provincial tennis championships last summer, was invited to play an exhibition match at the Masters Championships, then was invited by Tennis Canada to participate at the Under 14 National Championships and was selected for Team Canada.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter incenses Auroran reader

To the editor,

I am writing this while I am still breathing fire.
So, T. K. Miller (letter, Auroran, November 5) exactly which type of "christians" are you referring to?

We are all immigrants

To the editor,

Is T.K. Miller for real (letter, Auroran, November 5)???
I thought this letter must have been a joke.
T.K. writes, "Only Christians should be allowed into our country, or, if Canada does allow Islams or non-Christians, they should be forced to sign a contract stipulating that they will not interfere in our culture or traditions."
Wake up, T.K.!!
You are thankful that there are people willing to stand up for our heritage and culture?
Canada's very fabric is an

Please bear in mind that your relatives, unless you happen to be Native American or Inuit, were all immigrants who not only destroyed an exceptional belief system but brought over germ warfare to rid

intricate weave of many different cultures who should all feel free to practice their own traditions and values.
What we need to remember is to embrace the diversity that our great country has to offer, to respect and enjoy our freedom, and, above all, to respect all people regardless of their colour of skin, or religious beliefs.
Just keep in mind, T.K., that unless you are of Native Canadian background, we are all immigrants.

L. Hachey
Aurora

Embarrassed for Aurora

To the editor,

(Re: Letter to the editor - Government Has No Backbone; T.K. Miller, Nov 5/02)

Lucky for T.K. Miller that

we in Canada have laws allowing this ridiculous point of view.
I am embarrassed for Aurora.

Terry Kelly,
Oak Ridges

themselves of those pesky people who owned the land.
Are you referring to the "holy" ones who spend millions on their precious buildings but put a Loonie in the food bank (only non-white non-christians are hungry).

Or maybe the christians who believe in beating the devil out of their children.
Or how about the christian leaders and their missionaries who raped, sodomized and beat many of those in their care not only in Canada but around the world and are still doing it as we speak.
Or maybe the christians who are so narrow minded and bigoted that the only true christian is white - forgetting that Jesus was not only an extremely devout Jew but extremely unlikely to have been white.

Or how about the christians who pick words and sentences out of the bible to back up their perverted views.
Or, or, or----- the list is endless.

We raised our family on the ten commandments and perhaps even more important, the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do to you."
There are many decent, caring compassionate Christians who care about the people in the world around them because of WHO they are and not based upon colour, sex, religion or what they wear.

It's only unfortunate that it's usually only the bigots who get heard.
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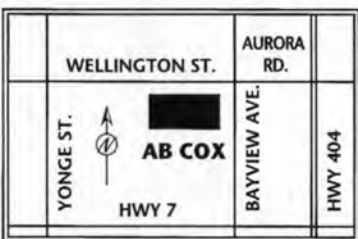
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's cold outside but minor ball still hot

To the editor,

What is new with baseball? Well, lots, even though the summer season has ended.

Our Annual General Meeting was held October 7 and Ado Strentse is our new President.

Mr. Strentse has been on the executive for the past seven years and brings depth of experience to the

association.

In late September and early October outdoor try-outs were held for the 2003 Rep teams. Our rep program is growing!

For 2001 we had six teams, 2002 we had seven teams and for 2003 it is looking like we have 10 teams!

A core group of players has been picked for each

team but the complete roster will be finalized in the spring.

If you are interested in playing Rep ball it is not too late.

For more information contact the Director of Rep Ball, Leo Spagnuolo, at teresas@aci.on.ca or visit our web site at www.auroraminorball.ca.

Starting last Friday and

running all winter until May 3rd, Leo has organized indoor baseball clinics at Aurora Heights Public School.

These baseball clinics are open to all House League and Rep ball players.

If you are interested in playing baseball for the first time in 2003 you are welcome to register for the upcoming summer and then

join in the clinics.

Each Friday night session has a \$5 fee payable at the session. This goes to covering the cost of the gym rental and any instructor fees.

Friday, Brian Bates of Duel Sports instructed the players on throwing and catching.

New for 2003 we will be offering Rookie Ball for eight and nine year olds played at the House League

level.

This is baseball played with a pitching machine instead of a coach or player pitcher. It is very cool and the kids love it!

For more information about all our softball and baseball programs visit the AMBA web site at www.auroraminorball.ca.

Nancy Nanos
AMBA
Aurora

November 11: remember it

To the editor,

November 11th comes about only once a year and it is on this day we as Canadians, citizens of a great country, pay our respects and thanks to those men and women who unselfishly went to far away

lands to uphold what we believe is worthy of defending.

November 11, 1918, is the day that the four-year war in Europe ended.

This was the First World War, at the time many thought would be the war to end all wars.

Sadly though we look back on history and this would not be so.

November 11th would be our Remembrance Day, a day we show our gratitude to those young men and women who volunteered for service, some never to return to our soil.

This is an important day that no matter how busy our lives have become we should take time to remember and reflect on all of the brave souls that helped to uphold what we take for granted today.

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Showcase attracts 200

To the editor,

(Re: Welcome Wagon Plus 50 Showcase - November 4)

Welcome Wagon would like to thank all those involved in the recent Plus 50 Showcase held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Aurora.

Kathy Reid-Naiman delighted an audience of nearly 200 with her music.

Everyone also enjoyed gifts, refreshments and door prizes supplied by the sponsors of the event.

The sponsors work very hard to set up attractive displays and provide an interesting and informative evening for those who attend.

Thanks also to Dick Illingworth from the

Auroran, our MC; Mayor of Aurora Tim Jones; and Ken White, president of the Legion for their welcome and participation.

Special thanks to Bob Hawkins of Bob Hawkins Professional Disc Jockey Service for his continual support of Welcome Wagon events.

We are very fortunate

to have so much community support including the Aurora Legion and its staff, local media, Aurora Seniors Centre, great sponsors and everyone who attended.

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To the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of my clients, and in particular the group whose letter appeared in the October 29th issue of the Auroran, for their kind words and recognition.

In 25 years of business, my partner Frank and I have had the opportunity to associate ourselves with dedicated, creative and innovative stylists and assistants.

Thank you again to all of our clients and mayor Tim Jones who helped us celebrate our 25th anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 2002. I look forward to the next 25 years.

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Pine Tree Potters find a new home in town's library

There's a Guild of Potters in Aurora where you can learn from scratch or improve existing skills at reasonable cost.

Freshly relocated into the new Aurora Library, the group has been active for 23 years.

The Pine Tree Potters' Guild was incorporated in 1979 as a non-profit organization and its membership has never looked back.

They are a very active group and for several years worked out of the basement of the Church Street School.

However, as a result of renovation works at the school all existing tenants

had to be relocated to other facilities during the construction period.

Last May it was suggested the Pine Tree Potters relocate in the basement of the new Aurora Library.

That move has worked out so well that the Potters want to stay there.

The space used in the Church Street School was 1,120 square feet, which no longer meets the needs of the group and the conditions of the room limited their abilities to expand and provide alternative program opportunities.

The new space in the library basement provides approximately 1,500 square

feet and allows adequate space to perform club functions as well as display their wares in the windows of the basement.

At a recent council meeting staff was authorized to negotiate a lease with the Pine Tree Potters and to present the lease to council for approval.

Since its inception in 1979 membership has increased from 25 to 75 and currently there is a waiting list.

Members are constantly throwing things and firing them, but it's all perfectly legal. They are the Pine Tree Potters who "throw" clay on the potter's wheel and then "fire" the finished

product in the kiln.

They started off as the York Potters' Guild in 1974. The group was assisted by the Town of Aurora in using the basement of the old waterworks building on Yonge Street, where Park Place Manor is now located. It was also the site of the Aurora Police Station.

In 1976, Guild members approached council to request more lenient rental terms for their accommodation at the old waterworks building, which was not well received.

Council members claimed that as they sold their finished pottery, they should be able to pay the \$25 per

week the town requested.

Later the group split and the south York members formed the Hill Potters in Richmond Hill.

The remaining members became the Pine Tree Potters in Aurora. They took their name from the big pine tree standing on the waterworks property.

In 1981, following completion of renovations of the Church Street School, the potters packed their kilns, glazes and wheels and moved to the basement of the old school.

At that time the guild had five wheels, two kilns, a slab roller and a spray booth.

Members were able to cre-

ate a pottery studio, which was second to none in York Region.

They took great pleasure in producing a fine, juried exhibition of their work twice a year, once in the spring and again before Christmas.

In addition classes were taught for various levels throughout the year. After completion of the course participants had the option of joining and using the studio facilities and equipment.

Although the pine tree after which the Guild was named has long gone, the Potters will continue to be an active group in the artistic life of Aurora.



Twice a year, the Pine Tree Potters' Guild of Aurora donates money raised through their sales to local charities. Here, (left to right) Cathy Harris, Sales Co-ordinator and Mary Marchment, Treasurer, both of Pine Tree and Kathy Brown of The York Region Alzheimer's Society accept a cheque from Karen Zorn, also Sales Coordinator. Potters' next sale is November 28 to 30th at St. Andrew's Golf Course, Aurora.

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Collis Leather in its heyday

People played major role in town heritage

The heritage of a town is not only buildings, but the businesspeople and the entrepreneurs who make things happen.

Aurora has been fortunate over the years to have had several such persons.

One was Lees Ofram, President of Collis Leather from 1951 to 1979 when he retired.

Collis Leather was part of the economic heart of Aurora and the building is still standing on the south side of Tyler Street between Temperance and George Streets.

A major tenant in the building today is TTS Distributing, a large company dealing in book wholesaling.

Collis Leather was opened for business in 1911 by the two Collis brothers.

Much of the early leather was shipped to the United States for shoes. In 1932, during the depression, the United States placed a trade barrier on leather from Canada, which virtually wiped out the tannery's export trade.

In 1936, Canada Packers purchased the plant and continued operations until it closed March 25, 1988.

Oufam started work at Collis Leather in 1937 as a 24-year-old just out of college.

That was when the company had turned its attention to the United Kingdom and the domestic market. He served in the Canadian Navy during the Second World War.

Following the war he travelled extensively in Europe seeking business opportunities for export, which had been supplied by European companies.

Fashion had become important, fine leather was being used for clothing, and there was a demand for all colours including white. At that

time Collis was the only tannery producing fine calfskin leather.

With a decline in the kill of calves and a steady increase in the import of shoes from other countries with cheap labour, the hand-writing was on the wall.

With the introduction of plastic, the bottom fell out of the leather trade resulting in the closing of the plant and the loss of 110 jobs.

Another businessman and a company contributing to the economic heart of Aurora were Doug Richardson and Hart Manufacturing, located on Cousins Drive at Edward Street.

The building is still standing and occupied by a number of businesses.

Richardson started with the firm when the plant opened in Aurora in 1947 as chief engineer.

He was promoted to assistant general manager in 1963 and vice-president and general manager in 1965. He left the firm in 1970 to join another firm in Toronto.

Hart Manufacturing, an American firm, had opened a plant in Toronto to manufacture electric switches and thermostats prior to the World War II.

Following the war with a growth in business, it was decided to move to larger quarters in Aurora. Jack Bowser, a local builder, constructed the plant for Hart Manufacturing.

Richardson commuted to the Toronto plant for a

few months until the Aurora plant opened. A native of Aurora, he was a graduate of the Radio College of Canada and a veteran of World War II.

He was active in the Aurora community and served as chairman of Aurora's Centennial Committee in 1967.

Due to the shortage of trained tool room workers, Richardson was successful in arranging an apprenticeship program at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School (then Aurora and District High School).

Most of the workers had been hired locally, but when the business became Oak-Hart Manufacturing, the plant changed.

In 1970 it went from a private business to a corporate business, and in 1973 it became Harper-Oak, a subsidiary of an American firm.

It all came to an end on March 31, 1978, when the Aurora operation was closed with the loss of 125 jobs.

Another firm that contributed to the economic heartbeat of Aurora was Sisman's Shoes.

Thomas Sisman took up the shoemaker's trade in 1851 at the age of 12.

He immigrated to Canada in 1876 and continued to work in the trade.

In 1889 he partnered with Fred Underhill, opened a shoe plant in Markham, and moved to Aurora three years later.

The town gave the new firm a \$10,000 grant to

entice them to Aurora plus free water and a 10-year tax exemption.

Markham took Aurora to court and won. Aurora sought leave to appeal and lost. Finally in 1903 a Private Member's Bill was adopted in the Ontario Legislature to make the move legitimate.

In 1912, the Underhill-Sisman partnership dissolved with Underhill retaining the original plant on Berczy Street just north of Mosley, with Sisman around the corner in a new plant, which was later demolished to make room for an expansion for Attridge Lumber.

The original plant is still standing.

Sisman was helped in getting his new shoe business underway by 28 local businessmen who bought shares in the company, with Herb Lennox, MPP for the area, as the first president.

In 1916, Sisman purchased the shares and the company became private. After a series of Sisman's presidents,

Aurora resident and former Mayor Ross Linton took over and was able to turn the company around so that it could survive.

In 1966, the company was sold to Kinney Shoes, a subsidiary of the Woolworth Store chain, but in 1976 the plant closed with a loss of 130 jobs.

Ted Rowe, with the aid

of some old time employees, purchased the ailing business.

But their operation was short-lived and Sisman's breathed its last in late 1984 when the Bank of Nova Scotia placed the company in receivership.

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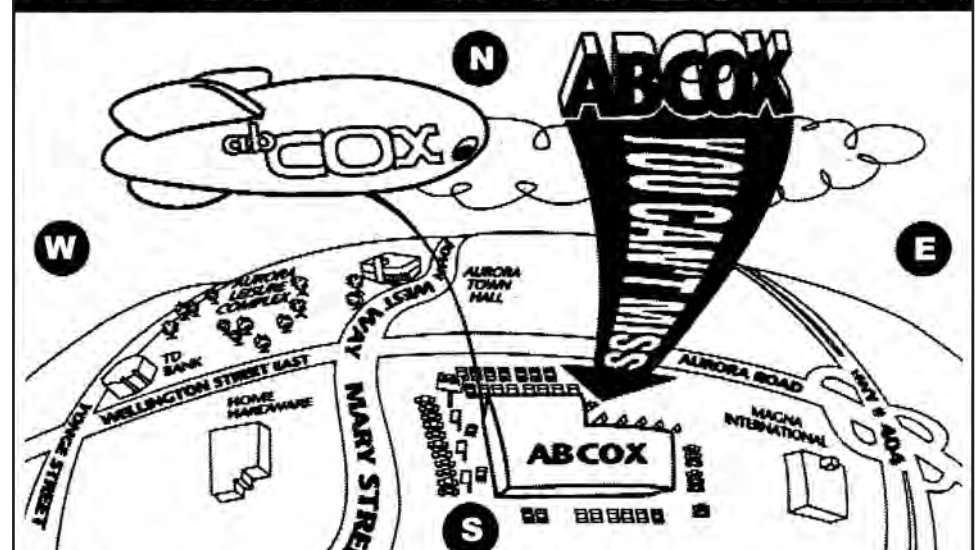
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"Guys and Dolls" one of TA's best

By **DICK ILLINGWORTH**

Theatre Aurora's musical production "Guys and Dolls" brings Damon Runyon's Broadway to the stage of the Factory Theatre with a fast-moving, colourful extravaganza and zany characters such as Harry the Horse, Nicely-Nicely Johnson, Benny Southstreet, Nathan Detroit and Sky Masterson.

They're all gamblers and the play revolves about them and their girls, and the trouble which follows when a guy finds it hard to choose between his doll and the dice.

There are two love stories. The first involves Nathan Detroit, played by Martin Buote, a small but hot-shot gambler and Miss Adelaide, played by Rochelle Coleman, a night club cutie, who have been engaged for 14 years and whose nuptials have been continually postponed because of a series of floating crap games.

The other romance involves Sky Masterson, played by Alan Blenkinsopp, a big-time, free-living, free-loving plunger and Sarah Brown, played by Jennifer Corless, a Salvation Army lass and head of the Save-A-Soul Mission.

The plot is based on a Runyon story entitled "The Idyll of Sarah Brown" and brought to life by the wonderful and witty lyrics and music of Frank Loesser and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows.

Theatre Aurora has captured all the magic and colour of Broadway with the local production. More than 100 performers auditioned for parts and Artistic

Director Julie Wood and Musical Director Michael Leach selected the cream of the crop for the play.

There is a cast of more than 40 and all are well suited to their roles, which are portrayed with enthusiasm, energy, excellent stage presence and talent.

In more than 40 years of local theatre, "Guys and Dolls" has to be one of Theatre Aurora's best productions.

The opening night capacity audience was just as enthusiastic in their response with applause filling the theatre long after the last curtain call.

Alan Blenkinsopp plays the role with strength and professionalism. He is well matched by Jennifer Corless as Sarah Brown, who is attracted to him, but

has to fight her upbringing as a mission worker.

Sky and Sarah sing "I'll Know", and "I've Never Been in Love Before." Another delightful scene occurs when they join the Havada Dancers: Sarah Parkin, Kyle Moore, Steve Wolfer, Katie Bryce, Quin Dagleish, J. C. Paquet, Sheryl Amirault, Qasim Khan, Mark Hayward and Nicky Wood.

Martin Buote captures the antics of hustler Nathan Detroit, who is always trying to find a location for a crap game, leaving Rochelle Coleman waiting for her man.

Adelaide is the featured attraction at the Hot Box nightclub. She is joined by the Hot Box Girls, in well performed song and dance routines. The girls are

Sheryl Amirault, Katie Brice, Quin Dagleish, Sarah Hankins, Jenn Harding and Sarah Parrkin. The Hot Box M.C. is played by J. C. Paquet and the waiter Jason Evans.

Phil Cook is outstanding in the role of Nicely-Nicely Johnson and his rendition of "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" with the Mission Band, gamblers and chorus, is a highlight.

Mission workers are Lise Boily, Gail Henderson, Betty Kelly, Cadina Meadus, Jean Mitchell, Karen Park, Joanne Spitzer as Martha, Nicky Wood as Agatha, Paul Thomas as Calvin and Linda Henshaw as General Cartwright.

Other gamblers are Benny Southstreet (Joe Mercuriano), Rusty Charlie and Joey Biltmore (Mark

Hayward), Harry the Horse (Frank Srebot), The Greek (Kyle Moore), Liver Lips Louie (J. C. Paquet), Angie the Ox (Dave Town), Brandy Bottle Bates (Qasim Khan), Scranton Slim (Jason Evans), Society Max (Richard Lee) Big Julie (Steve Wolfer) and Randy Kirsh as Lt. Brannigan.

Providing strong musical accompaniment was

Michael Leach on piano, Steve Wood on bass and Anton Cook on percussion. Choreography by Baiba Senecal was outstanding.

All in all, a very strong performance and well worth seeing.

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Panthers capture second tourney

The Aurora Intermediate AA Panthers girls' hockey team captured the gold medal recently at the North York Aeros Hockey Tournament.

The squad competed against a field of 19 other teams in the division.

Aurora found its way to the playdowns, defeating Chatham 5-2; tying Bluewater 2-2 and clobbering Pittsburgh 19-0.

In the quarter-finals, Aurora easily handled Windsor 7-2, then moved to the finals with a 4-3 win over Stoney Creek.

Against the Mississauga Chiefs in the game for all the marbles, Aurora won 3-1, and Christine Bailkowski was named player of the game.

This is the second tournament victory for the Panthers so far this

RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Smoking bylaw was considered back in 1984

Controversial restrictions on smoking in public places is very much in the news today, but it was much the same in January, 1984.

Aurora council was considering a bylaw prohibiting smoking in food stores.

A report from the public safety committee noted that several municipalities had bylaws prohibiting smoking in food stores, especially in areas of uncovered foods and at the checkout counters.

Councillor Norm Stewart agreed with the intent of the proposed bylaw but argued that it should be a provincial law instead of leaving it up to individual municipalities to adopt their own bylaws.

INTERSECTION A DEATH DRAP

The intersection of Orchard Heights Blvd. and Yonge Street was accident prone in 1985. As a result of two fatal accidents at the intersection, York Region agreed to carry out a review.

Aurora's Public Safety Chairman Councillor Tim Jones pointed out there had been 19 accidents at the intersection since January, 1984, including seven within six months in 1985.

Aurora council repeated their recommendation for a lower speed limit, which they had submitted in 1983 to the province and was rejected.

SISMAN SHOES SOLD AFTER PLANT CLOSED

It was not that well known but Sisman's Shoes had a factory outlet still operating in April, 1985, long after the plant had closed in the fall of 1984.

Jim Shore, a long-time company employee, operated the store located on Industrial Parkway.

With the closing of the plant, customers didn't realize the Factory Outlet was still open and Shore said he felt as lonely as the TV Maytag repairman.

CROSSWALK IN THE NEWS

The Yonge and Mosley Street intersection crosswalk is currently in the news just as it was in August, 1985.

At that time council agreed to install warning flashers above the pedestrian crosswalk.

The flashers could be activated by anyone wanting to cross the street and council hoped the lights would improve the safety at the intersection by catching the drivers' attention.

The automatic flashers alternated between lighting the orange Pedestrian Crosswalk sign and casting a bright light down at the crossing itself. They shut off automatically once the pedestrian had crossed.

A GAMBLING PROBLEM IN AURORA

The media often carry stories about gambling problems involving young people, especially now that there is gambling at casinos and slot machines at every racetrack.

Back in 1969, according to Councillor Pete Miller, Aurora had a gambling problem.

He claimed a town bylaw was required to control carnival gambling in the Town Park.

He said he was appalled by the unscrupulous tactics of some carnival game operators he had observed during the annual carnival hosted by the Aurora Lions Club.

Miller said the game operators had no right to go after kids of six and seven years of age.

The threat of carny gambling has disappeared, as has the

annual carnival.

AURORA NEARLY HAD A BLINKIN OWL

Back in March, 1982, some Aurorans looked forward to "pulling up a pint" at the Blinkin Owl English Pub on Ross Street, across from the railway station, with its dart boards and cozy corners.

It missed its tentatively scheduled opening date during the Christmas period but the operators said it would open as soon as possible, when renovations were complete.

The century-old home was to accommodate the pub area on the main floor and a restaurant on the upper level.

After all the planning and renovations, Aurorans never had the opportunity to enjoy its pub atmosphere, as it never opened.

ANNEXATION PROBLEMS WITH KING

Back in 1967, Aurora initiated negotiations with King Township about annexing land west of the town boundary along Kennedy Street West.

The Aurora Public School Board prodded council into the move.

Under a 1957 agreement with King, council agreed to provide certain municipal services, including schooling, to King residents living on Kennedy Street West, in exchange for the annexation of King land to accommodate Sterling Drug and Regency Acres.

The school board announced in 1967 that they were going to start charging the King students as living out of town.

The creation of regional government in 1971 solved the problem by extending the town's boundaries to Bathurst Street.

Neighbourhood residents want their streets fixed

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into the ditch to avoid fast moving vehicles.

In addition she said that Richardson has many double family rental homes resulting in a large number of parked cars, which add to the problem. She noted that Child Drive was scheduled for sidewalks in 2003 and asked for the same consideration for Richardson.

Jim Beesley, a resident of Ridge Road, made a visual presentation to council with a series of pictures depicting the roadway's current condition.

He said the road had received tar and stones in 1990 but no work has been done for 12 years.

He added that after heavy rains the ruts on the road were bad and cars could end up in the ditch, leaving the municipality open to a lawsuit.

Cynthia Jordon presented a petition signed by more than 100 residents of Child Drive about the condition of the roadway.

She pointed out that Child is a main traffic road with five streets branching off it, three bus pick up stops for

Cardinal Carter High School and is used as a walking route for students attending Regency Acres Public School and St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Councillor Ron Wallace noted that Henderson Drive was included in the priority list and he questioned why. He said it was in good condition compared with Ridge Road and suggested funds set aside for Henderson in 2003 be used to complete Collins, Child and Phase I of Ridge Road.

Director of Public Works Wayne Jackson replied that Henderson was a collector road and carried a lot of traffic. It was also necessary to carry out waterworks to connect the east and west pressure zones.

Councillor George Timpson noted that the former study had indicated Collins would be done in 2003 and Child in 2004 but the postponement of Maple and Fleury Streets had changed the schedule.

He suggested that as the design work had not been completed for Maple and Fleury, funds be used for both Collins and Child in 2003, as design work had

been completed, and Maple and Fleury be scheduled for 2004.

He added that with provincial downloading and the loss a 50 per cent provincial grant for road infrastructure, the town didn't have the funds for Ridge Road.

Timpson recommended Maple and Fleury be deferred until 2004 and both Collins and Child proceed in 2003. In response to a question from Wallace about Ridge Road, Timpson added to his motion that staff report on Ridge Road.

Mayor Tim Jones expressed concern about the "ripple effect" by changing priorities and noted no consideration had been given to the Richardson sidewalk.

He suggested staff rework the program for 2003 with the \$1.2 million available. Timpson agreed to include the suggestion in his motion.

Finally, after more than 90 minutes of presentations and debate, committee members agreed to his motion, which will be presented to council members this week.

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Tigers still winning

Three games - six points. It's becoming routine for the Aurora Junior A hockey Tigers, who have been undefeated since who can remember when.

During the last week, with two away games and a single home encounter, the Tigers simply went out and did the job, coming up with three victories.

It all started last Thursday night with a 7-2 win over Stouffville; continued at home Friday with a 4-2 victory over Couchiching and ended Sunday with a big 5-4 win over first-place Wexford.

Thursday, in Stouffville, Aurora was looking to continue the solid offensive efforts they have experienced over the past number of games.

Chris Whitley got his third consecutive start between the pipes for Aurora and was looking to extend his two-game shutout streak and he kept it alive for some time.

Matt Christie opened the scoring for the Tigers and Jordan Brenner made it 2-0 for Aurora in the first period.

Aurora increased its lead in the second and Matt Christie added a power play goal to give the Tigers a 4-0 lead before Stouffville finally broke Whitley shutout streak late in the second.

Although the shots on goal were even during the third period, Aurora out scored Stouffville 3-1 giving them the convincing victory.

Friday, at home, Lance King got the start against the Couchiching Terriers and was shaky early as the Terriers first shot on net got past him.

That goal came two and a half minutes into the game, but Aurora was back fewer than 30 seconds later as Steve Mignardi potted the rebound off Sam Skwarchuk's shot on goal.

The Tigers led the period in shots and pressure but the Terriers had the best

scoring opportunities. Two consecutive Aurora penalties led to more Couchiching chances.

At one point, a loose puck sat on the Tigers goal line but was saved by a Tiger defender as King scrambled to find it. Minutes later, a Terrier shot got past King and hit the crossbar.

Couchiching continued to get good scoring breaks and added another goal with four minutes left in the period. The Terriers ended the period controlling the game and the lead.

Tiger forward Steve Downie talked about what happened in the dressing room during the first intermission.

"It was pretty quiet in the room," he said, "then our leaders Justin Olden, (Jordan) Brenner and (Rob) Godfrey got us up and motivated."

Aurora started the second with new life. The Tigers turned up their intensity and overwhelmed Couchiching with an impressive attack.

Team Captain Justin Olden tied the score at 2-2 after backhanding a pass from Matt Christie.

With the game tied, Aurora forced Couchiching to play at their speed as they threw everything at the Terrier goaltender.

With six minutes left in the period, Olden had a goal called back because a Tiger was in the crease.

At the end of the period, the game was still tied 2-2.

Couchiching began the final frame with two costly penalties. Aurora ended up taking advantage of the mistakes as Scott Goheen scored a power play goal to give the Tigers their first lead of the night.

Mike Fiume added the insurance as he scored with four and a half minutes left, ending any chance of a Couchiching comeback.

After the 4-2 victory,

Downie spoke about having the team's unbeaten streak threatened.

"We have such a good team, we know no one's gonna stop us," he said.

Sunday, the Tigers visited Scarborough Arena Gardens to battle the first place Wexford Raiders.

Chris Whitley was between the pipes for the Tigers and played a solid game, facing a total of 38 shots.

Newcomer Travis Clock opened the scoring for Aurora on a beautiful tipped in shot set up by Mark Poole and Matt Bahen.

The Raiders seemed to control most of the play early in the second period and two quick goals gave them a 2-1 lead by the five minute mark.

The Tigers quickly got back into the game and fired three unanswered goals past the Raider netminder.

Scott Goheen, with a pair, and Matt Bahen were the marksmen.

Although Aurora managed to outshoot Wexford 14-11, the Raiders were not going to lay down and go away.

A quick goal just over a minute into the period closed the gap to 4-3 before Steve Downie, being left all alone in front of the Raider netminder managed to fire in the fifth goal for the Tigers.

Wexford applied some great pressure late and even managed to close the gap once more but that was as close as they could get and the Tigers came away with a hard fought victory.

The Tigers head into another three-game weekend, starting Thursday night in Newmarket before returning home to play host to Stouffville on Friday at 8 p.m., then host Huntsville Sunday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

With files from Mike McClymont and Kevin Collins.



Cardinal Carter's Celtics Varsity hockey team

Cardinal Carter captures a silver

The Cardinal Carter Celtics Varsity hockey team recently participated in the Gilmour Academy Challenge Tournament in Gate Mills, Ohio, and after a gruelling schedule, brought home a silver medal.

In the first game Cardinal Carter defeated the Valley Forge Minutemen from Pennsylvania 9-2.

The Celtics dominated the game with Captain Chris Williams firing a hat trick and adding an assist while Matt Bowie and Marco DiGiambattista each added a goal and two assists.

Sal Simone, Marty Doyle, Paul Statchuk and Dan Naccarato added singles.

The Celtics suffered their first loss, 3-2 in overtime, to the Buffalo Stars Jr. A team.

Aurora, the only Canadian team in the tournament, played a strong game and with goals by Sal Simone and Paul Statchuk.

The final game of round robin saw the Celtics defeat the Dayton, Ohio, Gems 3-1.

After a scoreless first period, Chris Williams found the net in the second and Carter would not give up the lead.

Williams and Simone added markers in the final period to ensure the victory.

Goaltender Tony Ingolia made numerous key saves to send Carter to semi-final action.

There they met the Ventura Mariners from California, and emerged with a 1-0 victory.

The Celtics kept crashing the net and finally it would pay off as Sal Simone popped in a rebound shot from Mike Bernardi and Marty Doyle.

Netminder Shawn Gwilliam earned the shutout as Carter advanced to the championship.

But that where it ended as the home team Gilmour Academy Lancers was waiting for the winner to emerge from a tough semi final.

The talented Lancers notched five power play goals and outscored the Celtics 7-1 to capture the title.

Marty Doyle scored the lone Carter goal from Mike Bernardi as the Celtics earned the silver.

Captain Chris Williams was selected as Centre for the Gilmour Academy "All Tournament" team.

Making up the Cardinal Carter Celtics Varsity team are Shawn Gwilliam, Kirk Steffan, Jesse Micak, Steven Petrongelo, Sandro

DiGiambattista, Nick Shalagan, Matt Bowie, Marty Doyle, Marcus D'Annunzio, Sal Simone, Chris Williams, James Robinson, Marco DiGiambattista, Paul Statchuk, Mike Bernardi, Dan Naccarato, Ryan Gallante, Ryan Barry and Tony Ingolia.

The Head Coach is Peter Dajia and assistant coaches are Adam Young and Dave Dewolfe

Optimist program launches Lance into Aurora Tigers

By MIKE McCLYMONT

At the age of 19, goaltender Lance King is the first former Aurora Optimist hockey player to make it to the Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team.

The Optimist Club sponsors the program used to help children learn the game of hockey and to help develop their skills.

program when he was four years old.

"My dad was an Optimist, I played there for three years then joined Aurora Minor (hockey league)," he said.

The practices were held at the same arena he calls home today as an Aurora Tiger, the Aurora Community Centre.

Hockey to a child, though, was more amusement than work, and playing in the

Optimist program taught Lance to "have fun; it was fun meeting new people".

Now that he is a goaltender for the Aurora Tigers, Lance leaves the same message that he learned to those who want to follow in his footsteps.

"Try your best, work hard, but the main thing is to have fun," he said. "If you don't have fun, you won't go very far."

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Bantam AE	Gallaugher Contracting Viking Fire
Midget A	B&M Produce Dome Interiors
Midget AA	RBC Summer's & Smith

Exhibition Games

Minor Peewee A (2) vs Whitby (5)

Matthew Joynt 1G Carter Hassard 1G Ben

Mulholland 1A Brett Dutchyshen 1A Quenton Hunt 1A Darrell Evans 1A

League Games

Novice A (2) vs East Gwillimbury (2)

Dylan Woyslaw 1G Graeme Allison 1G Brian Puskar 1A

Novice A (0) vs Richmond Hill (4)

Novice AA (2) vs Georgina (8)

Mitchell Harris 2G Brett Wilson 1A Taylor Chick 1A

Novice AA (0) vs Vaughan (2)

Novice AA (4) vs Barrie (7)

Kyle Spicer 1G Mitchell Harris 2G Ryan St.Germain 1G Brett Wilson 1A Taylor Chick 2A Daniel Whitley 1A

Minor Atom A (4) vs Nobleking (0)

Jamie Hawkins 1G,1A Spencer George 1G,1A Stephen DeMarco 1G Matthew Mears 1G Blair Cuthbert 1A Chris Piron 1A Steadman Dinning 1A Jamie Casey SO

Minor Atom A (5) vs Newmarket (1)

Eleeza Cox 1G,1A Tristan Miller 1G Brandon Pedersen 1G Josh Beaton 1G Spencer George 1G Stephen DeMarco 1A Matthew Mears 1A

Minor Atom AA (9) vs Barrie (0)

Kyle McCreedy 1G,1A Dylan Kovacs 2G,3A Gavin Forrest 1G,1A Barclay Goodrow 2G James Harkin 1G,1A Taran McGowan 1G,1A Craig Johnson 1G,2A Ben Hanlon 1A Scott Bromley 1A Graeme Goodfellow SO

Minor Atom AA (4) vs Vaughan (1)

James Harkin 1G,1A Gavin Forrest 1G Kyle McCreedy 1G Taran McGowan 1G,1A Dylan Kovacs 1A Ryan Bailey 1A

Atom AE (0) vs Bradford (1)

Atom AE (2) vs Innisfil (0)

Michael McGolrick 1G,1A Oliver Boettcher 1G Darcy Eveleigh 1A

Atom AE (5) vs TNT (2)

Matthew Pellegrini 2G,2A Michael McGolrick 2G,2A Tyler Tisdale 1G Andrew McKay 2A Oliver Boettcher 1A

Atom A (2) vs Bradford (2)

Jeffery Sanderson 1G Geoff Gianopoulos 1G Louis Lamanna 1A Justin Brown 1A

Atom AA (1) vs Markham (7)

Luke MacLeod 1G Max Lerner 1A

Minor Peewee A (2) vs East Gwillimbury (6)

Matthew Joynt 1G Andrew McDonald 1G Brett Dutchyshen 1A Michael Morson 1A Anthony Ranieri 1A

Minor Peewee A (2) vs TNT (10)

Darrell Evans 1G Anthony Ranieri 1G Ben Mulholland 2A Brett Dutchyshen 1A Andrew McDonald 1A

Minor Peewee A (6) vs Innisfil (3)

David Bar 1G Andrew McDonald 2G Quenton Hunt 1G Ben Mulholland 1G Lucas Boyd 1G,1A Michael Morson 2A Carter Hassard 1A Trevor McCartney 1A Matthew Joynt 1A Brett Dutchyshen 2A Darrell Evans 1A

Peewee A (0) vs Newmarket (2)

Peewee A (5) vs Stouffville (2)

Steven Keane 2G,1A Ethan Davenport 1G,2A Josh Meron 3A Jeremy Cohen 2G Colton Horner 1A Ryan Campbell 1A David Cigana 1A Jake Hurlbut 1A

Minor Bantam AA (6) vs Ajax (4)

Matt Boyd 2G,1A Connor O'Grady 1G Michael Osuszek 1G,1A Jake MacDougall 1G,1A Tyle Pettes 1G Chris Blom 1A Mike Pantalone 1A Harrison Jones 1A

Minor Bantam AA (1) vs Barrie (3)

Kevin Shetler 1G Matt Boyd 1A

Minor Bantam AA (1) vs Markham (1)

Matt Boyd 1G Kevin Shetler 1A Colin McCullough 1A

Bantam AE (7) vs Innisfil (2)

Matt Kerr 1G,1A Brent Gallaugher 1G,1A Sean Fodey 2G Brandon Polsinello 1G,1A Kyle Fitkin 1G,1A Mike Bentley 1G,1A Mike Parkhill 3A Tyler Fyfe 1A Mark Short 1A Zach Andrews 1A Corey Berube 1A Mark Whiting 1A

Bantam AE (5) vs Orillia (2)

Mike Parkhill 2G,1A Kyle Fitkin 1G Timi Sotoadeh 1G Mike Bentley 1G Sean Fodey 3A Zach Andrews 2A

Bantam AE (6) vs Beeton (4)

Mike Parkhill 2G Corey Berube 1G,1A Brent Gallaugher 2G,1A Scott Daly 1G,3A Sean Fodey 2A Brandon Polsinello 1A Matt Kerr 1A Derek Lynham 1A Timi Sotoadeh 1A Tyler Fyfe 1A

Bantam A (4) vs East Gwillimbury (4)

Sandy Craig 2G,2A Carson Nimmo 1G,2A Derek Roldan 3A Nick Leggieri 1G

Bantam AA (11) vs Uxbridge (3)

Sean Mulroy 3G,3A Peter McNeil 1G,1A Patrick Bowie 3G Cal Simmonds 1G Adam Hankins 2G,1A Michael White 1G,3A Taylor Dinner 2A Brandon Steffan 3A Michael Parkhill 2A

Bantam AA (7) vs Pickering (3)

Cal Simmonds 4G Sean Mulroy 1G,1A Michael White 1G,1A Adam Hankins 1G Andrew Welch 1A Vincent Davenport 1A

Minor Midget A (3) vs TNT (1)

Chris Statchuk 2G Adam White 1G Corey Hopkins-Straker 1A

Minor Midget A (3) vs Nobleking (0)

Jordan Ekers SO Kari Paivio 1G Jamie Marton 1G Reed Neagle 1G Corey Hopkins-Straker 1A Jason Zemanovich 1A Chris Statchuk 1A Ryan Murphy 1A

Minor Midget A (4) vs Markham (6)

Jason Zemanovich 1G,2A Ryan Kines 2G Reed Neagle 1G Jeff Thom 1A Ryan Murphy 1A Chris Statchuk 1A Jamie Marton 1A Andrew Jamieson 1A

Minor Midget A (4) vs Innisfil (5)

Ryan Kines 2G,1A Reed Neagle 2G Jason Zemanovich 1A Corey Hopkins-Straker 1A

Minor Midget AA (5) vs Pickering (2)

Ryan Bryce 1G David DelZotto 1G Tommy Hurley 1G,1A Shawn Beer 1G,1A Mike Jack 1G,1A Kyle Johnson 1A Daryl Osborne 1A David Martyn 2A Tyson Dover 1A Nathan Rivard 1A Matt Cleverdon 1A

Minor Midget AA (3) vs Whitby (2)

Shawn Beer 2G Michael Osborne 1G,1A Tyson Dover 1A Mike Jack 1A

Minor Midget AA (6) vs Georgina (0)

Matt Cleverdon 2G Michael Osborne 1G,1A David DelZotto 1G,1A Mike Jack 1G Daryl Osborne 1G Tyson Dover 1A Tommy Hurley 1A Jordan Ofield 1A Bryan Hillar SO

Midget A (2) vs Bradford (6)

Sean McCartney 1G Gary Domanico 1A Tim Tutton 1A Ryan Angotti 1G

Midget A (5) vs Georgina (1)

Ryan Angotti 3G Sam Ballaglia 2G Chris Sturges 1A Gary Domanico 1A Mark Johnson 1A Julian Matamorors 1A Chris Amato 1A Sean McCartney 1A

Midget AA (1) vs Barrie (3)

Joey Leo 1G

Midget AA (0) vs Markham (3)

Tournaments

Atom AA (8) vs Hamilton (0)

James Mildon 2G,2A Taylor Nuttall 2G,1A Dillon Cappell 1G,3A Stephen Dinallo 1G,1A Spencer Arkell 1G Max Lerner 1G Shawn MacEachern 1A JJ Lam 1A Kevin Zacharuk 1A Luke MacLeod 1A Sean Ellison 1A

Atom AA (4) vs Streetsville (0)

Max Lerner 1G,2A Andrew Whitley 1G JJ Lam 1G Kevin Zacharuk 1G Spencer Arkell 2A Scott Smyth SO

Atom AA (6) vs Caledon (0)

James Mildon 1G,1A Spencer Arkell 1G Kevin Zacharuk 1G Taylor Nuttall 1G Stephen Dinallo 1G Shawn MacEachern 1G Andrew Whitley 1A Dillon Cappell 1A Max Lerner 1A Luke MacLeod 1A Peter Abels SO

Atom AA (6) vs Richmond Hill (1)

Jesse Cappell 3G,1A James Mildon 1G Stephen Dinallo 1G JJ Lam 1G Spencer Arkell 3A Andrew Whitley 2A Kevin Zacharuk 2A Luke MacLeod 1A Max Lerner 1A Sean Ellison 1A



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Coming Events

Tigerware Days	Sat Nov 16, 2002 Sat Dec 14, 2002
Team Photos	Nov 9 - 13, 2002
AHPA Bake Sale	Sat Dec 14, 2002
Showcase Tournament	Dec 27 - 31, 2002
Atom/Bantam Tournament	Jan 2-5, 2003
AMHA TV Auction	Sat Feb 22, 2003
House League Banquet	Mar 29/30, 2003
Rep Banquets	Apr 26, 2003

Atom AA (4) vs London (3)
Streetsville Championship Final
Andrew Whitley 1G, Spencer Arkell 1G Luke MacLeod 1G Kyle Murphy 1G (the overtime winner!) Max Lerner 2A Shawn MacEachern 1A

Minor Midget AA (5) vs Leaside (1)
Shawn Beer 3G,1A Kyle Robinson 1G Matt Cleverdon 1G Mike Jack 2A Jordan Ofield 1A David DelZotto 1A Michael Osborne 1A Tommy Hurley 1A David Kennedy 1A

Minor Midget AA (1) vs Sarnia (2)
Semi Finals
Jordan Ofield 1G Kyle Robinson 1A

Midget AA (3) vs Leaside (2)
Mike Keon 1G,1A Jared Pignataro 1G Justin French 1G Ian Gabel 1A

Bantam A (4) vs Hamilton Chedoke (9)
Sandy Craig 2G,1A Carson Nimmo 2G Derek Roldan 2A Keon Karamchi 2A Mike Dinallo 1A Tyler Roffey 1A

Minor Midget AA (4) vs Tecumseh (1)
David DelZotto 2G Shawn Beer 2G Mike Jack 2A Tyson Dover 1A Jordan Ofield 1A Ryan Bryce 1A

Midget AA (1) vs Rochester (1)
Marc Oppedisano 1G Stephen Heikkila 1A

Bantam A (3) vs Port Colborne (5)
Derek Roldan 1G,1A Sandy Craig 1G Keon Karamchi 1G Carson Nimmo 1A Tyler Roffey 1A Tim Gerrits 1A

Minor Midget AA (3) vs Streetsville (3)
Shawn Beer 2G Kyle Robinson 1G Mike Jack 2A RyanBryce 1A Jordan Ofield 1A

Midget AA (1) vs Mount Clemens (5)
Marc Oppedisano 1G

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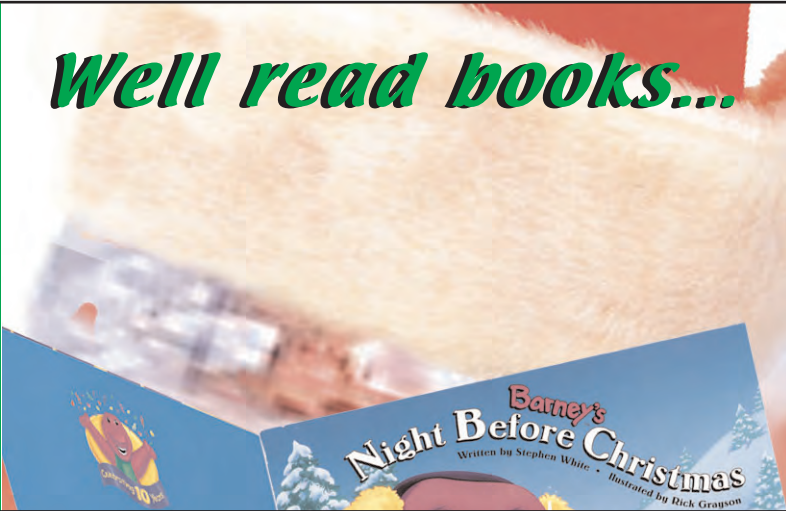
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