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Yonge Street Festival Chairman Regina Brown, right, and committee member Brenda Snape swap buttons prior to the opening of the 8th annual festival this Sunday. The colourful buttons, designed by Snape, will be used as admission to several events, and by the looks of these two, no event will be missed. In reality, you need only one button. They cost a buck each and will be on sale along Yonge Street during the festival.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Giant sneaker will literally pound Festival pavement

Beware, the Giant Sneaker. At more than 12 feet long, and about five feet wide, the Giant Sneaker will be on Yonge Street Sunday, June 1, along with an estimated 25,000 people (who, with any luck, will be wearing sneakers considerably smaller) as the 8th Annual Aurora Street Festival gets underway. Sponsored by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the giant sneaker - it has already achieved Guinness Book of Records fame - will make its way from one end of the festival to the other, and it will only cost a buck to see it move. York Region fundraising Coordinator Lynn Conforti said the group will sell paper sneakers for a dollar each, and every time a set of paper sneakers is sold, the Giant Sneaker will take one (giant) step down the street. "Our goal is to move the sneaker the entire length of the Festival and back," she said.

The sneaker is only one of dozens of attractions planned this year by the Aurora Chamber of

Commerce festival committee. Several events will require a festival button to gain admission. The bright yellow button, designed by committee member Brenda Snape, will be on sale everywhere along the street. The button will allow you access to two climbing walls, a mist tent, a bungee run, a children's bouncer and safety cars. "If it's hot, the mist tent will be popular," said committee chairman Regina Brown. "And we know it's going to be hot, because we have already put in an order for perfect weather." The event, started in 1996 to celebrate the 200th birthday of Yonge Street, has become an annual favourite in Aurora. Attracting as many as 30,000 people, the festival closes Yonge Street to vehicular traffic from Wellington Street in the north, to Murray Drive in the south. This year, a total of 618 booths have been reserved by hundreds of vendors and the festival officially "sold out" earlier than ever this year. Activities begin at 11 a.m.

Surprise proposal would see seniors in five-floor building

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

While it still has to be approved by council (and that could happen this week) general committee members last Tuesday on a 5-4 vote agreed to study the possibility of demolishing the old library and fire hall on Victoria Street. In its place would be a five-storey, 30-unit seniors' apartment complex, with the first two floors as a seniors' centre under some form of a public/private partnership.

A staff report, complete with architect's drawings, came as a surprise to some council members, but Councillor John West said he was amazed that some had never heard of it and their comments were an insult to the professionals on staff.

"We all knew that we were going out for a public/private partnership," he said.

Public seating at the meeting was filled by members of the seniors' group, several who knew of the plan and some who were hearing it for the first time.

If councillors had previously discussed the proposal it had to be in private as it had never been presented in public session.

Briefly

For the youngsters

The Aurora Opera Company is looking for children...about 100 of them, actually.

They need 50 children to participate in the musical Oliver and another 50 for roles in Gilbert and Sullivan's children's production of H.M.S Pinafore.

If you're interested, call 905-841-0414 for further information.

And not-so youngsters

Former Toronto Maple Leaf Captain Wendel Clark will be the special guest this Saturday as Holy Spirit Catholic School on Stone Road holds a family fun fair event. Wendel will receive a \$500 cheque for the Community Safety Village at 2 p.m.

The proposal flies in the face of a budgeted plan to relocate the seniors' centre into the old and now nearly vacant Victoria Street library building.

The debate got underway with a presentation by Director of Leisure Services, Allan Downey, author of the report.

He referred to the disbanding of the Library Square Redevelopment Committee and the direction to staff to bring back options for Church Street School, the old library, fire hall and Victoria Hall.

He noted that staff had clear instructions from council that the seniors' centre was to be moved from the old fire hall to the main and upper floor of the old library at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million.

After discussing the proposals it was found that the Seniors needed more space to introduce new programs and it was decided to look at other options. A consultant was engaged to carry out soil tests of the library site to determine carrying capacities for potential redevelopment.

A conceptual plan was developed which included the demolition of the two old buildings and the construction of the apartment/senior centre complex.

An architect was engaged to prepare proposed detailed designs, with four floors on the Victoria Street side and five floors on the west side of the building.

Neither the engagement of the consultant nor the architect was

approved by council in public session.

Downey said the seniors' steering committee supported the

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School blaze is contained to classroom

That favourite firework "burning schoolhouse" became a reality last week.

With the long Victoria Day holiday weekend coming to a close, someone torched an Aurora school.

Central York Fire Services personnel contained the blaze at Lester B. Pearson public school to a single classroom, and York Regional Police confirmed the fire had been deliberately set.

Damage was estimated between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Police are looking for a red sport utility vehicle spotted in the parking lot just prior to the blaze breaking out.

Witnesses said the vehicle is believed to be a Honda CRV.

Police and fire officials were called to the scene about 10.45 that night.

Anyone with further information should call 905-895-1221, extension 7141, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

The school is located on Odin Crescent.



Pie eating contest was one activity of the 2nd annual Aurora Grove Public School Spring Fling Saturday. Special guest was Johnny Bower. More photos see page 13.



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Registration now taking place for Kids On the Move summer camp to be held at Highview Public School during July and August. Grades 1 to 3 and 4 to 6. Further information 905-841-1638 or 905-841-7742

Gamblers Anonymous, every Tuesday night, Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, 7.30 p.m.

MAY 30-JUNE 1

Art Show and Sale, Aurora Library. Friday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday (Street Festival Day) 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Presented by SOYRA. Portion of proceeds to the library.

MAY 31

Family Fun Fair Event, Holy Spirit Catholic School, 315 Stone Rd., 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Special guest Wendel Clark. Highlights: Toronto Maple Leaf Developmental Zone, Merlin's Party Bouncers, catered by M & M Meats, silent auction, raffles, children's games.

Aurora Seniors Art Group annual Art Exhibition and Sale from noon to 4:30 p.m. Exhibition is culmination of a year's study with Aurora artist Dorothy Clark McClure. In addition to viewing the art, enjoy the harp music from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with Gwyneth Reid.

JUNE 1

Street Festival. Buttons required to enter several attractions. Event is officially sold out. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JUNE 5

Town of Aurora Community Recognition Awards at the Aurora Town Hall, including the naming of the Citizen of the Year.

JUNE 5 & JUNE 8

Aurora Lawn Bowling Club open house day. McMahon Park.

JUNE 6

Aurora Grand Prix in Machell Park. Walk the course at 6 p.m. prior to competitions and meet the riders afterwards.

JUNE 7

Family evening barbecue at Machell Park as part of the Aurora Fair and Horse Show. Evening entertainment begins at 5.30 p.m.

Aurora Optimists Recreational Hockey final registration for boys and girls born 1997 and 1998. Aurora Community Centre lobby #2. 9-11 am

JUNE 7-8

Aurora Fair and Horse Show in Machell Park. Tons of events and competitions.

Aurora Youth Soccer Club festival to introduce the start of the summer 2003 soccer season at Sheppard's Bush.

JUNE 9

Aurora Writers Group meets at 7:30 at Aurora Town Hall.

JUNE 12

Workshop to discuss demographics of Alzheimer Disease, Aurora Library Magna Room #1, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Register at the adult information desk or phone 905-727-9493. Seating limited.

JUNE 25

Women's Centre of York Region, in Aurora, charity golf tournament in support of its various programs, at the Mandarin Golf and Country Club. Book a foursome, donate prizes or sponsor this event, call Shelley Lundquist at 905-727-5837.

AUGUST 22

Cardinal Carter Pioneer Class of 1993 Reunion. Pioneer students and faculty invited. For ticket information, call Joanna Jannetta 905-773-6717.

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Buttons available in advance at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce office, Yonge and Industrial Parkway South; Balloonacy, 15483 Yonge Street; the Auroran, 75 Mary Street; and Flowers By Terry, 14799 Yonge Street.

Buttons will also be on sale during the Street Festival from various Chamber of Commerce members.

Advance sales give the purchaser the option of winning several prizes. Draw to be made June 1.



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Williams' students run Rick's Wheels in Motion

Aurora will stand out among 150 Canadian communities when the first ever Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion event is held Saturday, June 14th.

While most communities will have the activity organized by adults, Aurora's event will be handled by students.

Students at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School will co-ordinate the day's activities which will include participants being invited to wheel along a designated course on bicycles, wheelchairs, inline skates or scooters.

The concept is to raise money from people on wheels, which will help others get off wheels, such a wheelchairs.

Of course, if a participant wishes to walk or jog, that will be acceptable, too.

The Aurora event will start at the high school at 8.30

the morning of Saturday the 14th.

Pledge forms are available at the school and at most Scotiabanks in the area.

With the support of thousands of volunteers and sponsoring partner Scotiabank, Rick Hansen is focusing on accelerating improvements to the quality of life of people with spinal cord injury.

Fifty per cent of net proceeds will be used to support quality of life initiatives in the community. The other half will support research, including finding a cure.

"We invite all of Aurora to participate at the event," said Shawn Perry, the teacher overseeing the students. "Our students are very excited about supporting Canada's Man In Motion, Rick Hansen and helping people with spinal

cord injury. Rick has inspired so many people and we are proud that the students of the Dr G.W. Williams Secondary School have generously come forward to be a part of this national initiative. Most of the organizers are graduating this year and they are truly leaving a legacy."

Hansen has always dreamed big.

As the only person to have circled the world in a wheelchair, he wheeled 40,000 kilometres on his Man In Motion World Tour (1985-87) through 34 countries, raising \$24 million for spinal cord injury.

Now, as founder of the Rick Hansen Man In Motion Foundation and CEO of the Rick Hansen Institute, he hopes his new dream will touch all Canadians.

For local event information, call the school 905-727-3131



York Regional Police officers Andrew Quibell, left, and Phil Moreau, centre, are joined by Police Chief Armand La barge during Aurora Optimists annual "Respect For Law Dinner" held last week at the Howard Johnson Hotel. The two officers were honoured for their efforts in solving numerous house break-ins in Aurora late last year. The Optimist event has been running annually for 18 years. Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Optimists honour two police officers

The Aurora Optimists honoured the law last week.

One of the club's many projects is its annual "Respect for Law" dinner meeting, where they honour a York Regional Police officer.

This year, they found two of them.

At the dinner Wednesday at the Howard Johnson Hotel, Inspector Greg Saunders introduced Detective Constable Phil Moreau and Detective Constable Andrew Quibell, both selected for the honour.

Both officers worked out of #1 District Criminal Investigation Branch.

Late last year, Aurora experienced a large number of residential break-ins.

At first the entries appeared to be random but closer investigation revealed some consistent patterns.

After receiving information and a partial description of two fleeing suspects from day shift officers, Moreau and Quibell started their shift December 18.

Later that evening they were in the vicinity of Yonge Street and Murray Drive investigating an unrelated matter when they noticed a dark coloured van being driven by a person well known to police.

The van was stopped and the officers immediately recognized the driver and

passenger. It was also noted that both individuals fitted the description given by witnesses to earlier break-ins.

Both were arrested and a quantity of goods was found in the van, later identified as stolen property.

As a result, several Aurora break-ins between October and December that year were hung on the two culprits.

Currently, both are in custody and will answer to 41 criminal charges including 22 counts of break and enter, 12 counts of possession of stolen property, five counts of breach of probation and two counts of auto theft.

"These officers are just two examples of the hard-working and diligent officers employed by York Regional Police who, day in and day out, display the work ethic and enthusiasm which is paving the way for York Regional Police to

become the benchmark of excellence in policing," Saunders said.

He introduced the two officers to a standing ovation from the audience.

Prior to the introduction of the two officers, York Regional Police Chief Armand La barge, a police officer of more than 30 years, provided a history of the service since amalgamation of 14 police forces with 194 officers into a regional force in 1971, which now numbers about 1,000.

He said that for its size, York Region was one of the safest communities in Canada.

The Aurora Optimist Club prides itself on being a Friend of Youth. Some of its many programs and sponsorships include a chess tournament, Safety on Wheels, formerly the Bike Rodeo, minor ball, Aurora girls hockey, and Youth Soccerfest.

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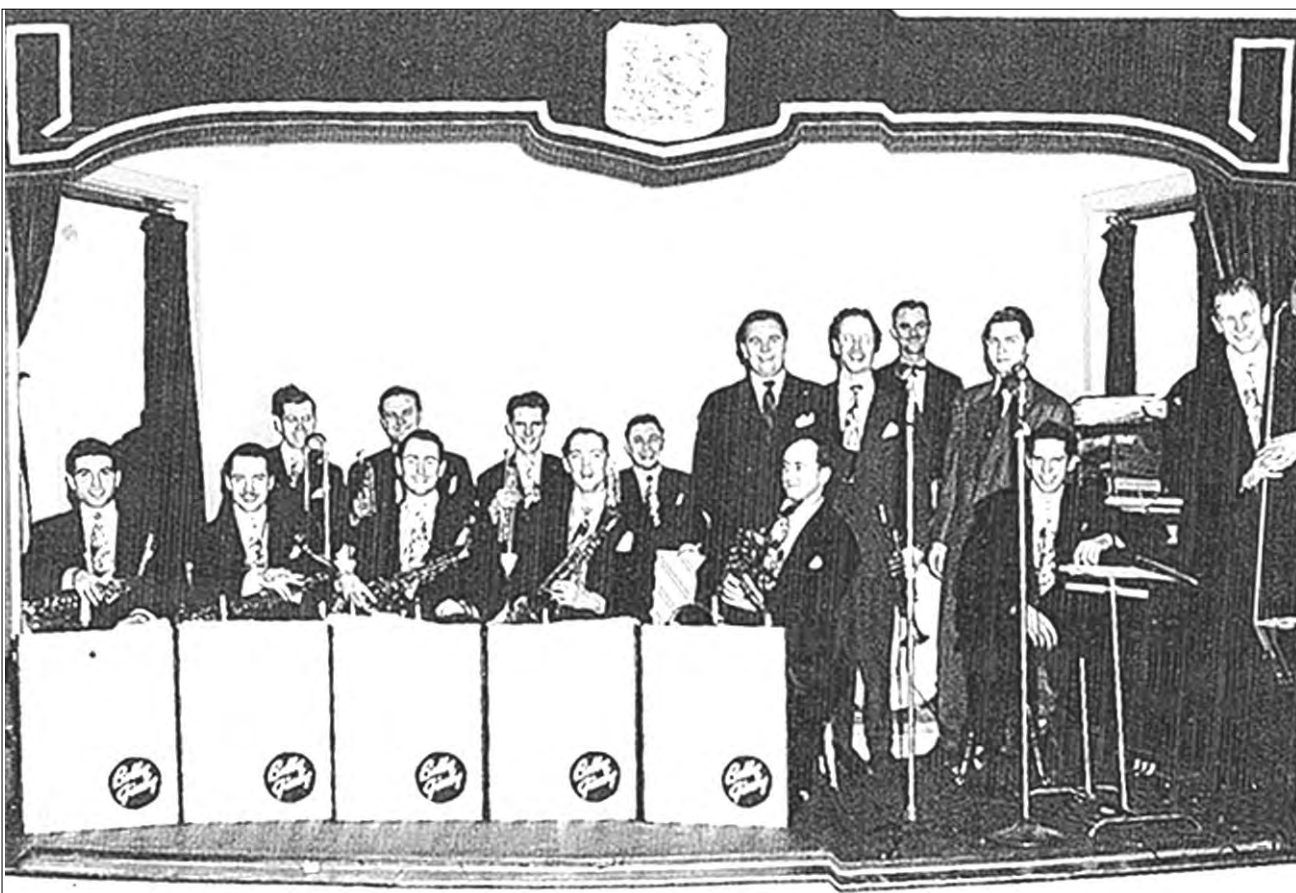
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Poor Richard

Letters to the Editor



High school graduation dance had celebrity-to-be performing

To the Editor:

As the end of the school year approaches, I am attaching two photos (above) of the grad dance which took place in 1948.

It is to be noted that Bobby Gimby (Ca-Na-Da) and his 14-piece orchestra are set up on the platform of the Wells Street School Auditorium (at the time, Aurora and District High School).

At that point, the intelligent photographer (not me) got up on the stage and took a picture the other way.

I see Shirley Attridge, Charley Williams, one of the Rose girls, Bruce Underhill, Ralph Rank, and many others.

Myself and my brother, Frank, are almost faceless at the back.

Gordon Lee
LaSalle, Que.

ED. NOTE: For those who thought Bobby Gimby's first trip to Aurora was in 1969, after he became famous for his Ca-Na-Da song, when the town began its July first birthday festivities, the Lee letter proves it just wasn't so. Do you recognize anyone else in the bottom photo?

Relaxed water rules would help

To the editor,

Spring has finally arrived and many Aurorans are out tending to their lawns and gardens.

It is really nice to see how many people have chosen options other than pesticides and dangerous herbicides to control weed growth.

So what is with the people who still use pesticides?

Do they not realize that they are being criticized by most and becoming social pariahs--all in the effort to have the perfect lawn? It really isn't fair. Many of us have stopped

using dangerous sprays and have had to work harder to have nice grass in an effort to reduce everybody's cancer risk, but these people just keep on spraying with total disregard to their neighbours.

I recognize that it is almost impossible to do so with the Aurora water bans.

Maybe the Town of Aurora should only apply water bans to those who continue their cavalier use of pesticides and reward the homeowner who is trying to keep a nice lawn without using chemical sprays. Just to take this point further,

perhaps if all people in Aurora were allowed to water their lawns, pesticide use would decline simply because people would finally have the nice-looking grass they so desire and not need the sprays.

This idealistic opinion could actually work if the Town of Aurora would stop slapping up townhomes on every corner and start spending our tax money on infrastructure, such as water supply...but that is a whole other article, isn't it?

Anne Allen
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Habitat for Humanity - is history repeating itself?

*Aurora Council made the same mistake,
From a lesson they should have learned;
The Habitat for Humanity experience,
Caused their fingers to get burned!*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Government bodies are usually criticized for acting too slowly, but sometimes they can get into trouble for rushing into a project without going through the normal process.

Aurora Council should have learned something after getting their fingers burned over the Habitat for Humanity fiasco in July last year.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that helps local families obtain homes to meet their special needs at a mortgage they can afford.

After successfully building a home in Newmarket for a family with handicapped children, the organization looked to Aurora for a building site.

Aurora resident and Habitat for Humanity volunteer John Volpe approached the town for a suitable site. After reviewing two possible town-owned sites, council decided that the former hydro substation site on Murray Drive was the most suitable location.

Commitments had already been made to provide the site, when their plans fell apart. In order to rezone the property, it was necessary to hold a public planning meeting in accordance with the Planning Act.

Normally, when a developer submits an application for a rezoning, council holds a public planning meeting to obtain comments from the public in support or opposed to the proposed rezoning, before making a decision.

In the Habitat for Humanity case, council put the cart before the horse and it backfired. They approved the location, then held the public meeting. Not only that council had failed to go through the process of declaring the town-owned land to be surplus.

A large number of residents attended the planning meeting to oppose the proposed rezoning. While they agreed that the Habitat for Humanity program was worthwhile, they argued the Murray Drive site was not suitable.

They pointed out that the site was the only green space in the area and was used as a child's playground. Not only that but seniors used the two park benches located on the property to rest on their way home from shopping at the Aurora Shopping Centre.

As a result of widespread public opposition, council voted to reject its own application and agreed to seek another location for a Habitat home, which hasn't been found to date.

After getting their fingers burned, you would think they would have learned a lesson, but they could be running into the same type of a problem, with the potential rezoning of the former library and fire hall site on Victoria Street.

Since December it was council's direction that the Seniors would move from the old fire hall, where they are currently located, into the main and upper floor of the library following renovations, with the lower floor to be used by other community groups.

For the past few months town staff has been negotiating with a Seniors' steering committee and made a strong sales pitch about a proposal to demolish the two old buildings and construct a five-storey 30-unit seniors' apartment building, with the seniors' centre on the two bottom floors.

Staff even went so far as to engage a consultant to carry out soil tests and an architect to prepare detailed designs of the proposed project, without authority of council, at least in public session, so who authorized the payment?

There was a long and heated debate about the pros and cons of the proposal especially as it related to lack of parking, what happens in the meantime for the Seniors, and other groups for the two-year period or longer and the cost.

There were no answers to any of the expressed concerns and on a 5-4 vote council approved the proposal in principle, subject to a further report on a possible public/private partnership and funding.

No consideration was given to a rezoning to permit residential use in an institutional zone, nor the results of a public planning meeting.

It could be another Habitat for Humanity fiasco and council only has itself to blame.



Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

Heidi did her bit in arresting litter

First and foremost, let me acknowledge the encouragement of Heidi Schellhorn and express my thanks to her for her personal involvement in the "Let's Make Aurora Beautiful Day" held Saturday, May 3rd in various locations in Aurora.

Heidi is a runner who enjoys the trails and streets of Aurora in pursuing her running activity and when she saw remarks quoted by me in the media about how I thought litter wasn't a major problem in Aurora she was on the phone to me in a flash updating me on the accumulation of litter that she and her running mates noticed on many of our streets and trails.

In another life, Heidi is a Sergeant with the York Regional Police force in the Hate Crimes unit.

On Saturday, May 3rd, Heidi and a number of her colleagues from York Regional Police did a fantastic job picking up litter along St. John's Sideroad and Vondorf west of Bayview.

They were joined by a number of residents who responded to a notice about "Let's Keep Aurora Beautiful" that appeared in the media and a previous column that was published in the Auroran.

My thanks to the Houston family who tackled litter at Yonge and Industrial, to Jim Tree and sons who picked up their bags and gloves and went to work, to Ken Smith who worked the area of the Arboretum, to Sue DiGiorcchino and her daughter who headed off towards Temperance Street, Debra Wilson Smith and the Aurora U-11 Girls Stingers plus parents who took on the Sheppard's Bush parking lot and to the many other litter picker uppers I saw at Salamander Pond, the Henderson Woodlot and throughout Aurora.

Appreciation to Ken Lauppe of the Town's Works Department for his efforts in attending several anti-litter meetings to help us to arrange this initiative and to my Admin assistant Mary for the administration in organizing this event.

Since May 3rd, I held a meeting of interested businesses, primarily fast food and convenience stores to recruit them to become involved in a more conscious effort to control litter.

I am pleased to report that MacDonald's Restaurants, Mac's Convenience Stores and Tim Horton's have already committed to participating in a bigger campaign to help us to address litter.

Canadian Tire and Home Hardware are also very supportive in supplying bags for us to use.

Of course, I would appreciate the involvement of all the other fast food and convenience stores in Aurora and I would put out the challenge to them to become involved by simply contacting me by phone or e-mail as referenced at the end of this column.

Ideas discussed involved assigning each corporate partner a time period to promote and organize an anti-litter initiative in co-operation with the Town or associated events that could then be put in calendar form which could be advertised locally and through the media for residents and community groups to participate in.

We also spoke about working with these companies' other franchises throughout the Region with the hope of educating their clients by way of messages on drinking cups or packaging as one way to educate everyone.

In the longer term, I will be arranging another meeting with these and any other companies who wish to participate in such an initiative this Fall to map out their commitment and course of action in time to budget for implementation next year.

In the shorter term, Heidi, my champion in arresting litter in Aurora, has offered to participate in another litter pick up day on Saturday, June 21st and with that in mind, my Administration Assistant is ready to take your calls to make a commitment to help control litter in our Town.

We will supply gloves and garbage bags to those who participate out of the Parks building on Scanlan Court from 8:30-9:30 a.m. that day and we will pick up your garbage bags full of litter when you are done.

We can suggest pick up areas or you can do areas of your own choosing.

If we all take an interest, and a street, we can seriously reduce the litter in our Town.

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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

Machell's Corners



Letters to the Editor

Senior Centre project surprises this member

To the editor,

Despite having travelled with 89 different members of the Centre to Magog and Ottawa within the last month, I had not heard one word about new ideas for the next Senior Centre location.

For months it was common knowledge that the old library was to be renovated for this purpose...or so many of the members thought.

I was dumbfounded when I received a phone call from a senior on the evening of the 19th saying I should attend a meeting at the Town Hall on the 20th where whole new ideas were to be discussed.

It was a very revealing meeting of the General Committee meeting of the Council where three alter-

natives for the next Senior Centre were discussed at length - at least the first two alternatives were thoroughly discussed whereas the third alternative - a site somewhere other than Victoria Street - was summarily dismissed.

I am certain that the second alternative - the NEW idea of tearing down the present centre and the old library and erecting a five-storey building including 30 apartments - will have been written up elsewhere in this paper so I don't have to elaborate.

The presenters of this idea did admit that parking could be a problem as there would have to be one parking spot for each apartment and parking for members is already a slight problem.

This, too, was dismissed

as not being insurmountable which brought to mind the saying, "Apart from that, Mrs. Lincoln, how did you enjoy the theatre?"

At the end of the discussion, the motion to consider the second option (tear down and rebuild) was passed by a 5-4 vote and this will find its way before Council in due course.

I would STRONGLY SUGGEST that this matter not be brought before Council until a far more thorough discussion has taken place at the Senior Centre when all the questions not answered at the 20th meeting have been answered with some nitty-gritty back-up and then a recorded vote by every individual member of the Senior Centre who wishes to participate is conducted and the results of that vote be

tendered to the Council at the same time as the motion that was passed on the 20th.

My vote would go to the first alternative that the Seniors move into the old library forthwith (which would give the Air Cadets and Big Brothers offices in the basement, not available in a new building) then in the not too distant future plans be started for a new Senior building in front of the Town Hall - where apparently land was deliberately left for the very purpose of future Town use for, say, a library or senior building, etc. - for say 10 years hence when the baby boomers will be swelling the numbers looking for a Senior Centre.

Eileen Dinning
Aurora

"Road Ahead" platform going in the wrong direction, he says

To the editor,

The "Road Ahead" election platform released by the Ontario Conservative Party last week, is a sharp turn for Ontario and it is in the wrong direction.

A key part of the "road ahead" program will ban strikes and any work-to-rule campaigns carried out by the school teachers in the province.

A ban on teachers' strikes, however, will not improve the quality of education.

This right wing policy will not get more textbooks in the classroom, it will not reduce the class sizes, it

will not get more special ed. teachers into the classroom, it will not get extra curriculums back into our public schools.

If anything, it will alienate and lower the job morale of the teachers even more and cause some of the best teachers to leave their profession.

Although the public does not like any type of strike action by labour in our society, it is still a democratic right for most workers in our society.

So, unless fair agreements can be made between the two groups, the school teachers will

lose their democratic rights.

The "Road Ahead" policy has been announced just after the Tory government has shown a series of TV ads that state the province has made great progress in education.

The government-funded ads tell us that "the bar" has been raised in education and that Ontario students are passing the standardized tests better than students from other countries. Well done, teachers!

The Tories, however, seem to be in a "love-hate" relationship with the teachers now. Teachers do not

appreciate nor like this type of syndrome.

Never before, have there been as many labour conflicts in education than during the past Tory rule (1995-2003). Have you ever really thought why this conflict exists?

The "Road Ahead" program only seems to lead to a "dead end" for education. It is time to put the brakes on the Conservatives and get the province back on track. Education is so important to the future of our society.

Jim Jackson
Aurora

BOUQUETS to nine-year-old Brooke Harrison for her crusade to raise funds for the Leukemia Research Fund of Canada. The Devins Drive student created a cookbook named "Cookin' in Brooke's Kitchen" featuring donated recipes with drawings and cover art by Brooke. The book is on sale at R & R Revisited on Mary Street.

BOUQUETS to Highland Chev Olds Cadillac for their donation of \$60,000 to pay for a new ice-resurfacing machine in return for advertising rights, but **BRICKBATS** to town staff for putting the cart before the horse and arranging the cheque presentation prior to council approving the purchase. Who runs the town, council or staff?

BRICKBATS to members of council for abdicating their responsibilities in negotiating agreements with town organizations like Theatre Aurora and the Aurora Seniors and allowing staff to do all the negotiating and then bringing the report and recommended policy to council. Negotiating is not just an administrative matter, but policy setting and council members should be involved as suggested by Councillor Nigel Kean. Who runs the town?

BOUQUETS to the students of Devins Drive Public School for raising more than \$10,000 at a school concert to purchase musical instruments for a band at the school.

BOUQUETS to Ted and Helen, Bill and Ann and Tely and Cathy and all the Spasopoulos family and staff at the Trio Restaurant for 33 years of friendly service and good food. The Trio closed Saturday and will be sadly missed.

BRICKBATS to the Eves Progressive Conservative government for spending untold millions of dollars of taxpayers' dollars to publish and distribute a colour pamphlet titled "Education Report" featuring his photograph and bragging how the government was helping the kids learn and achieve their full potential. Much better that the money be spent in the classroom.

BOUQUETS to the members of the Aurora Custom and Classic Car Club for capping a successful season of cruising in the Canadian Tire parking lot every Sunday with a successful food drive and a cash donation of \$500 to the Aurora Food Pantry. The new summer season started this week.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Melissa Gede-Crevelle, aged 10, on being the first runner-up in the Verve magazine Cover Competition. She was a winner in the Flare Group Open Call Audition of Modelling and Acting giving her the right to participate in the Verve competition.

BRICKBATS to those at York Region for the draconian smoking bylaw, which is having an adverse impact on the economy and the 34 charities using the Aurora Bingo Centre, which is closing over the restrictive bylaw. If tobacco is the health evil they claim it to be, the government should ban it. Until they do it's a legal product and people should have the freedom of choice.

BOUQUETS to Mark McNichol for organizing the Magic Golf Tournament and the participants for raising funds for the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Kim Hinder, Seniors' Coordinator, made a presentation to Mark at a recent council meeting.

BOUQUETS to J.A.S. (Archie) Milne for his letter to the Auroran about his experiences with the town trying to get a readable receipt for payment of his taxes. He brought it to the town's attention last October and was promised action, but by April the same equipment was still in use and he was told new equipment would not be available until January 2004. Why?

Letters to the Editor

Fund is established for mom hit on bike

To the editor,

Recently, Marlene Lewis, a crossing guard at Orchard Heights and Hill Drive in Aurora, was riding her bike to work and was hit by vehicle.

She was airlifted to Sunnybrook where they discovered she had sustained numerous fractures and injuries. She will recover from these injuries, however it will be an extremely long road.

Word spread very quickly throughout the community. Parents and caregivers of children who use the crosswalk were horrified to hear of the news and went into action the following day.

Parents of children that use the crosswalk opened a trust fund for Marlene Lewis, at the TD Canada Trust Bank, Branch 506

Account number: 6232227, although you can deposit into this account from any branch. The local Girl Guides arranged for hot meals for the family.

After learning that goodwill efforts had hit certain "road blocks", Barb Blaser, a local ReMax York Group Realty agent and parent of three children who use the crosswalk, offered to set up a food basket drop off at her own home at 202 Orchard Heights for one week, starting Monday May 26.

Donations such as non-perishable food items, juice, pop; even personal or household supplies would be appreciated. Barb is also hoping that local businesses may be able to donate gift certificates for meals, taxi rides or other helpful things.

Barb was aware there are

still two children at the Lewis home and that the family vehicle was in for repairs. She is hoping the food drive and other helpful donations will take a little pressure off Ms. Lewis' husband and family.

Lloyd's Auto Shop in Aurora has offered to cover the cost of some of the repairs to the family vehicle, although there will still be some costs outstanding. All donations will be most

appreciated by the Lewis family.

Many community parents who are helping in the effort believe that acting quickly makes a difference too.

When a tragedy happens, the community needs to pull together to support one another. After all, it takes a village to raise a child, right?

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Reader asks NDP leader for solution

Open Letter to Hon.
Howard Hampton, leader
of the New Democratic
Party

The Conservative Government sold our 407 Highway, a cash cow at the time and the new owners made a golden stallion at the expense of the citizens of Ontario.

We now have the Aurora Council making a gold stallion out of our former Hydro utility. You are aware of the creative financing and outrageous interest rates charged to our citizens and Eves' cap costing us hundreds of thousands.

Add to the above, the appointed boards retainers and per diems that add up

to \$304 per hour while attending two meetings a month.

Council will certainly want dividends from our 30 million dollar utility after the cap is off and our only saving grace is the second tax bill can be paid in 12 installments on our hydro bill.

Mr. Hampton, our former hydro utility was owned by our citizens and operated by an elected commission and responsible to the citizens of Aurora.

Mr. Hampton, what would your New Democratic Party do to correct the deregulation mistake?

Norm Weller
Aurora

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Trio closes its doors after 33 years' service

A tradition ended Saturday night when the three Spasopoulos brothers closed the Trio Restaurant on Yonge Street for the last time after 33 years of friendly service and good food. Several friends gathered at the restaurant to officially close the business. Richmond Hill's loss was

Aurora's gain in 1970. The three brothers, Tely, Bill and Ted moved from their "Three Coins" Restaurant in Richmond Hill to their much larger and newly renovated Trio Steak House in Aurora. Previously, the building housed the Cousins Dairy Bar with a bowling alley on the second floor.

In January, 1973, after eight months of waiting, the Trio finally received its liquor license. The time had come to peel away the tape hiding the word "Tavern" on the Trio sign. But it wasn't that simple and will probably go down in history as the longest and most difficult official opening in Aurora. The

tape had frozen and refused to peel away. After a 42-minute attack with a knife, scraper, hot water and finally a blowtorch, the sign was bare for all to see, and the bar was officially open. The event was handled by then mayor Dick Illingworth, who, frozen-fingered, balanced himself

gingerly in a "cherry-picker" truck, while newspaper photographer Ron Wallace stayed on the ground to record the activities. Both Wallace and Illingworth were on hand Saturday night - 33 years later - to wish the brothers well in the future. From that official opening in 1973, the brothers never looked back. The banquet hall in the former bowling alley was converted into offices. In 1981 they acquired the building to the north of the restaurant, the former Bell Telephone office and more recently a dental office. It was rebuilt and converted into offices. They had previously acquired the Elwood Davis service station and license bureau to the south of the building and rebuilt it to match the two-storey restaurant. At a time when almost everyone believed Aurora's downtown was dead, the

Spasopoulos brothers had faith and put that faith into action. Not only did they operate the restaurant, they were active in the community and participated in many community events. The brothers have negotiated with another Greek trio, two brothers and a sister from Toronto, who will operate a restaurant. The facility will be closed for renovations and will re-open in approximately two months, under a new name. Ted, Bill and Tely will maintain office space on the property to look after their real estate affairs. The closing of the Trio ends a tradition in Aurora where the password was "Meet you at the Trio" and the Spasopoulos brothers and their wives Helen, Ann and Cathy and staff members Carol Pedersen, Tammy Cox, Darren Gardiner and Robert Field will be missed.



More than 30 years ago, Dick Illingworth, second from right, top photo, officially opened the tavern section of the Trio Restaurant. Saturday night, he was on hand with the three Spasopoulos brothers to officially close it. With him are Tely, left, Bill and Ted. In the bottom photo, hundreds of people made reservations to enjoy the last meal prepared at the long-standing popular restaurant.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace



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Winners in the second annual Forever Fitness body challenge recently included, left to right, Nellie Sucee, Karen Kellett, Nadina Caplice, Jennifer Robertson, Alex McCombs, Kevin Allen and Stephen Marshall.

Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Highlands clubhouse may move to the west

The traditional location of the Aurora Highlands clubhouse is about to change if its new owner, Club Link Corporation, has its way.

Louise Foster, Club Link planner, made a presentation to the general committee of council last week about future plans for the course, and it included a new clubhouse site.

The structure would be built just east of Bathurst Street near Highland Gate and Timberline Trail.

Holes would be renumbered to accommodate the new two-storey clubhouse.

In addition, she said the course would become private and corporate tournaments would be discontinued.

She told committee members that meetings had been held with adjacent residents to outline the proposal to them, as the clubhouse was designed to fit into the neighbourhood.

Mosquito 'A' Jays dump rivals 14-7

The 2003 edition of the Mosquito "A" Aurora Jays opened their season last week, splitting two games.

In Vaughan, they lost 11-6, but bounced back to double the score 14-7 over rival Newmarket in Aurora's home opener.

Aurora got solid pitching from Andrew Larter, Connor Murray, Eric Seguin, Mark and Matthew LaRiviere and Derek Tsang.

New pitchers Christopher Leslie and Andrew Seguin were also impressive in

Due to the narrow fairways, it is also planned to carry out extensive landscaping to protect the adjacent properties from errant golf balls.

Foster also advised committee members that corporate planners were working with town staff in preparing a site plan, which would be submitted to council in the coming months.

Councillor Nigel Kean said many citizens of Aurora will regret the decision to change the course from public to private, due to the expense of joining a private club.

Foster replied that Club Link's Rolling Hills course, in Whitchurch-Stouffville would remain public.

Club Link purchased the

their mound debuts. Larter, Tsang, Eric Seguin and Ryan Laird have led the way on offense collecting multiple hits and RBI's.

Speedsters Austin Bryan and Scott Tonello are always a threat to steal and have provided solid defense up the middle with the steady leadership of Hayden Sands at second base.

The team usually plays its home games Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Town Park (Metcalf and Wells Streets).

Highlands golf club property consisting of a clubhouse and two 18-hole courses at an auction sale for \$6.9 million in November 1997, as the club was in receivership.

A public meeting was held in April, 1998, by Club Link to display plans for the reconstruction of the former Aurora Highlands course.

After a long April council meeting members referred the proposal to a May meeting for further consultation.

The delay resulted in Club Link officials announcing the cancellation of reconstruction plans.

Following demolition of the clubhouse in September 1998, the corporation submitted a proposal for a seven-storey, 184-unit

retirement home with a clubhouse as part of the ground floor.

At a public planning meeting in October, 2001, concern was raised about the density of the proposal and the traffic problems that would be created in the Golf Links Drive/Yonge Street area.

Because of the opposition, the property was transferred to Sunrise Assisted Living in April, 2002.

A revised application was made for a four-storey, 78-unit retirement home with the clubhouse as a separate building.

However, that plan went by the wayside, prompting the relocation of the clubhouse to the west side of the course.

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Squirt Diggers split games to win bronze

The Aurora Squirt Diggers just completed their first tournament of the year in Halton Hills.

Playing in Tier 2 division the girls came away with a bronze medal with two wins and two losses.

The first game saw Aurora lose 23-3 to the eventual gold medal winners Stratford.

Scoring for Aurora in that game were Sam Galati, Marisa Raso and Lauren Renaud.

Aurora bounced back in game two with a convincing 10-0 win over Mississauga.

Lauren Renaud pitched the shutout with strong defensive plays being made throughout the game. A rally ending double play by Alex Baker and Kathryn Barrett in the fifth inning kept the Mississauga team off the scoreboard as Aurora led 3-0.

Kathryn Barrett led the way with three singles, Gabriela

Chan and Lauren Renaud had two each and Holly Robson added one.

The third game wasn't as pleasant as the locals fell to Oakville 15-5.

Alex Baker had two hits with singles going to Megan Clemenston, Kathryn Barrett and Gabriela Chan.

Meagan Eveleigh pitched a strong game for the Aurora side.

In the final game Aurora defeated Leaside 8-6. Aurora led 4-3 until the bottom on the fourth inning when the Diggers added four runs.

Lauren Renaud faced 103 batters striking out 25 in three games while Meagan Eveleigh faced 29 batters striking out four in one game.

Tournament game MVP awards went to Lauren Renau, Lauren Bellefeuille, Alex Baker and Holly Robson.

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Committee endorses new leash-free park

Last month, Rob Schuetze of the "Bark Park" volunteer committee made a presentation to the town's general committee proposing a dog leash-free park on town-owned lands on the east side of the Industrial Parkway, south of the St. John's Sideroad.

Town staff reported on his proposal last week and the committee endorsed the park proposal.

The location is within a 30-acre open space that contains a branch of the Holland River that is part of the town's trail system. The

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has no objection to the proposed use.

Parking is a major issue as it is restricted on Industrial Parkway.

However, money from the development charge reserve may be used for the construction of a 40-space parking lot and soccer field near the park site.

It is proposed the parking lot project be moved ahead to accommodate the leash-free park and the soccer field when it is constructed in 2004.

It was pointed out that the volunteer committee had been successful in obtaining significant funding for the park from the Aurora Animal Clinic, who will cover the capital start-up costs including fencing as well as the maintenance costs for the first year.

Committee members endorsed the creation of the park and directed staff to enter into an agreement with the volunteers on condition the committee provides the appropriate insurance.

It was also agreed that

upon execution of the agreement council approve the transfer of \$50,000 to permit the construction of the parking lot in 2003.



Brian North receives the gavel from Jane Murray last week as the presidency of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce changed hands. North, who was chairman of the annual street festival last year, assumes the presidential reins of the huge Chamber for a 12-month period. Murray will serve on the executive as immediate past president. Several new directors were also sworn in at the luncheon meeting held last week at Tuscany Banquet Hall on Edward Street.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Brian North named Chamber president

Traditionally the May meeting of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is the annual election and inauguration of officers and directors by the mayor of Aurora and for the mayor to deliver his annual "State of the Town" address. This year was no exception.

Chamber members met at the Tuscany Banquet Centre Wednesday, and heard a nominating committee recommend a slate of officers.

Without opposition from the floor, the slate was declared elected.

Brian North is the incoming president with Patty Davidson as first vice-president and Stephen Forsey as second vice-president. Jane Murray is past-president. Greg Short is treasurer and Jane Thompson, secretary.

Directors include Tim Boissinot, Kimberley Kerr, Sharon Culver, Vern Cunningham, Bruce Johnson, Dr. Janice McMinn, Marilyn Redvers and Kathy van Nostrand.

Following the inaugural conducted by Mayor Jones, he delivered the traditional address.

Jones provided a brief update on the year's highlights including the merger of the Aurora and Newmarket Fire Departments into the Central York Fire Services and being recognized by the Association of Municipalities with the presentation of the Peter Marshall Award for Innovation.

Another highlight was being recognized by the Ontario Chapter of the American Public Works Association for the trench-

less process used and the efficient program administration for a \$4.1 million sanitary sewer lateral rehabilitation and replacement program.

Other achievements included the completion of a Master Transportation Study, 10-year road reconstruction program, progress on the creation of an urban wildlife management plan and park area, and completion of a major section of the town's trail system.

He also listed projects carried out in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce including the construction of the new Chamber building, the Business Achievement Awards, Aurora Business Ambassadors and the Annual Street Festival.

He pointed out that during the next 12 months the town will see a Home Depot and Loblaws on Bayview Avenue and see the start of the State Farm development on Highway 404, as well as the development of the town-owned property on Leslie Street.

Skating Results

The following Aurora Skating Club members competed at Springskate in Vaughan recently.

Following is a list of their results.

Emma Hayzelden and Tavish Armstrong - Juvenile Compulsory Dance, 2nd.

Tavish Armstrong - Juvenile Mens Freeskate, 5th.

Lauren Cooper - Pre-Novice Ladies Long, 6th.

Cassandra VanBakel - Pre-Novice Ladies Short, 8th; Pre-Novice Ladies Long, 3rd.

Taylor Jenkins - Novice Ladies Short, 8th; Novice Ladies Free, 7th.

Committee rejects Henderson bike lane

Some time ago Aurora Council adopted a policy that when town roads were being reconstructed a bicycle path should be included to attract bikers and get people out of their cars for short trips.

When the reconstruction of Henderson Drive was proposed, the Traffic Safety Advisory Board recommended the inclusion of a bicycle path on the road-

way, as a means of narrowing the roadway in an attempt to reduce speeding.

At last week's general committee meeting staff presented a report including several options for bicycle paths ranging in cost up to \$317,000.

In spite of arguments by Councillor David Griffith that the policy be upheld, other committee members expressed concerns about

the cost and lack of information about how many people might use the path.

The committee selected the do-nothing option.

Fair combines 2 schools

The latest fad in the neighbourhood these days is the Spring Fair at local schools.

Some have been held but one planned this weekend is a two-school combination.

George Street Public School and Aurora Senior Public School will team up with a fair at the George Street location this Saturday, May 31,

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will go toward improving the playground at Aurora Senior Public School.

Included in the event will be raffle baskets, games, races, bake sale, used books and face painting.

The Aurora Lions Club will handle the sale of refreshments.

Minor ball

The Aurora Minor Ball Association has its 2003 summer schedule in action, as teams slowly returned to the diamonds last week.

In rookie baseball, the Aurora Jays won their home opener doubling the Newmarket Technocics 14-7.

In Mosquito baseball, Dr. Orschel's Drillers also started their season off with a victory over Newmarket 1, 12-4 but then lost 20-5 to the Newmarket 3 team a day later.

Thursday, Newmarket 4 dumped Aurora Cable Internet 13-3.

Also on Thursday, in Bantam baseball Aurora Home Hardware started with a close game but came out on the short end against Bradford 17-15.

In Aurora Men's Slowpitch League, the locals lost to Bradford 4-1.

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AURORA LANDS GOVERNMENT OFFICE

There was considerable concern back in 1952 when an OPP office was moved from Aurora to Newmarket and later to Vandorf, but Aurora got its own back in January, 1979, when the Ministry of Community and Social Services moved its field office from Newmarket to Aurora.

The new Aurora office employed 15 full-time staff and six part-time.

The number of employees was expected to increase in the near future with the integration of the children's services in the field offices.

Prior to the move the only government office in Aurora was the Ministry of Transportation, which had a driver examination centre on Yonge Street opposite the old arena site.

GETTING A HOLE-IN-ONE

After a long and illustrious golfing career, Keith Nisbet, a former Mayor of Aurora and owner of the Westview Golf Club after selling the Aurora Highlands, scored his first hole-in-one on the 150-yard 8th hole of the Homestead Nine in November, 1973.

Don Bassett and Ted Fry witnessed his five-iron shot.

The following year the late Jim Emmons of Aurora scored an ace on the 7th 215-yard hole using a four-iron.

It was the dream of a lifetime, but it didn't rattle the happy-go-lucky Emmons, as he went on to par the next two holes.

HYDRO PROBLEMS OF THE PAST

It was in November, 1969, when Ontario Hydro announced plans for a high voltage transmission line

through King Township to link Bruce, Nanticoke and Pickering generating stations with a proposed 200-acre transmission site south of Mulock Road, between Bayview and Leslie.

There was considerable opposition to the proposal from residents of the area.

In July, 1973, the meeting room of the Aurora Highlands Golf and Country Club was jammed to capacity as residents expressed their opposition to the line and proposed that it be built in the Parkway Belt.

Obviously the opposition and petition after petition worked as in July, 1984, then Energy Minister Darcy McKeough announced the line would be built in the Parkway Belt, which only goes to prove that citizen power can work.

DUCK CROSSING REJECTED

In June, 1990, Aurora Council received a request from residents of Brookland Avenue to erect "Caution - Duck Crossing" signs on Brookland to protect the ducks crossing the roadway from one pond to another.

Council rejected the request on the basis that it would set a precedent and council would receive similar requests from other areas of the town.

Mayor John West said the problem stemmed from the ducks being overweight due to people feeding them causing them to waddle slowly across the road.

AURORA CONCERNED ABOUT NATIONAL DEBT

In January, 1979, Aurora Council expressed concern to federal officials including Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau about the \$8.56 billion deficit the government had accumulated during 1978.

Council objected to the federal government's over-spending and deficit financing.

Council also opposed York Regional borrowing of almost \$3 million to help four municipalities pay for required infrastructure projects.

It noted that when the loan would be fully repaid in 1993, more than \$2.6 million would be paid in interest charges.

AURORA GROCER PLANNED ART FESTIVAL

Robert Marten, food retailer-cum real estate owner, decided to become a patron of the arts in January, 1970.

He came to the Aurora area from Montreal in 1950 and became manager of the vegetable department of the IGA store for several years.

Bob Marten, as he was known in Aurora, also operated his own fruit store near Yonge and Wellington Streets for a short period.

He worked a small investment in an Aurora house into a real estate empire in which he had almost 300 rental units in Aurora, Newmarket and other municipalities.

During 1969, he paid \$450,000 for the former Vincent Massey mansion, Batterwood, near Port Hope. Marten described the 300-acre property as the most beautiful estate in Canada. The 25-room home with 19 bedrooms had been used by the former Governor General for entertaining.

The grounds contained a 350-seat theatre built by Mr. Massey for summer theatre purposes.

Marten planned to develop the property for a series of annual "Festival of the Arts" including dance, drama and music, summer theatre, band concerts, folk festival, summer school and a community park

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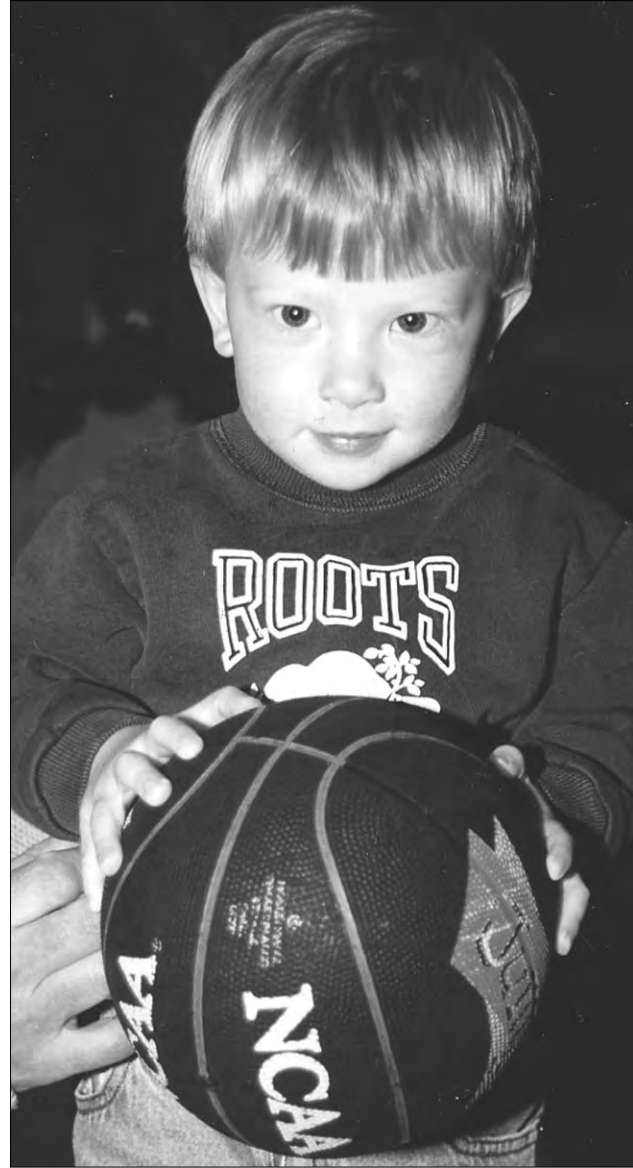
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At Aurora Grove Public School

Second Spring Fling a success



The Fling was great, but the Spring was missing. Overcast, chilly weather, however, failed to keep the second annual Aurora Grove Public School fair from being an overwhelming success and more than 1,200 people passed through the doors during last Saturday's event. The presence of former Toronto Maple Leaf goaltender Johnny Bower didn't hurt either, as the venerable icon drew numerous fans who brought sweaters, pucks and sticks to be autographed. While some events were moved indoors, all activities did take place and the event was declared a success. Starting at right, and moving counter-clockwise, photos include two-year-old Mason Brown lining up the ball in the hoop toss; volunteer Denise Williams handling the face painting booth; Stephen Wolf, enjoying the aftermath of a pie eating contest; mom Niki and young Paige Cadenhead at the arts and crafts booth; the school's gymnasium which housed many of the activities forced inside due to the weather; and finally, one of the best goaltenders in the National Hockey League, Johnny Bower signing a sweater for Daniel Howie of Aurora. Bower, who began his playing career prior to the invention of the goalie face mask, said he wore a mask in his later days, but didn't like it because "I couldn't see". Known officially as the Spring Fling for Literacy, the event's proceeds will go to the purchase of new books for the school's library. Total amount of money raised was not known at press time.



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Senior Centre proposal comes as surprise

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steering committee supported the concept, as it provided them with more room and kept them in the downtown area, even though parking was a problem, which he said would be an issue no matter what action was taken.

He presented three options in his report. One was to proceed with the original plan to restore and renovate the former library as approved in the 2003 capital budget; another to further investigate the option to replace the existing buildings with a new facility and a third to consider alternative locations for a new Seniors' Centre.

Councillor Ron Wallace asked what would happen to the seniors during the 24-month planning and construction period and was told that some space might be found in buildings on the Industrial Parkway.

Actual locations, however, were not revealed.

Questions were asked about the estimated cost and what plans were being made to overcome the parking problems. Downey replied that plans had not developed to that stage.

Charles Sequeira spoke on behalf of the Seniors' steering committee and noted the standing room only group of seniors at the meeting to hear the discussion.

He referred to the proposal as providing adequate space and future needs, the suitability of interim accommodation during the period of construction and fundraising activities, but

expressed concern about tenancy and parking.

He requested that the lines of communication be kept open with the seniors as plans progressed.

Deborah Wilson appeared on behalf of Big Brothers of York, who were located in the Church Street School and currently on the bottom floor of the old library.

She said Big Brothers was content to stay where it is.

Linda Kenny appeared before the committee to speak on behalf of 140 Aurora Air Cadet Squadron who were located in the basement of the Church Street School.

She stressed the need for a permanent location for the squadron and asked council to consider space in the old library or the vacated seniors' centre.

West recommended the committee approve the demolition and redevelopment option, which was seconded by Mayor Tim Jones.

West pointed out that the original proposal provided only 10,000 square feet for the seniors whereas the revised proposal provided 14,000 square feet, plus 30 apartments.

Councillors George Timpson and David Griffith noted a decision wasn't being made at the meeting, merely approval to direct staff to further investigate the revised option and report back.

Councillors Damir Vrancic, Nigel Kean, Ron Wallace and Evelyn MacEachern opposed the option to construct a new building.

Vrancic said he was skeptical about the revised option, especially the commitment that the seniors would be back in their centre within 24 months.

He pointed out it had taken five years to plan and build the new library and the commitment to move the seniors into the old library was made 22 months ago and was still being discussed.

Wallace pointed out that nowhere in the vision for the Library Square redevelopment was there a plan for demolition of two town-owned buildings to build an apartment.

Kean referred to a speech given by Mayor Jones during the 2000 election in

which he made a commitment to have the seniors moving into the library and almost three years later nothing had happened.

MacEachern also pointed out the time needed for the revised proposal with rezoning and going to tender, plus the need to provide space for the Air Cadets and Big Brothers. She suggested that consideration be given to twinning the old library with the seniors centre.

Finally, after almost two hours of presentations and discussion the committee approved the revised proposal on a 5-4 vote with Vrancic, Kean, Wallace and MacEachern in opposition.

"Smart growth" looks to future

In February last year the province appointed an Ontario Smart Growth Panel for the central part of Ontario, as one of five "Smart Growth" zones.

The panel consisted of leaders from municipal governments, business, education, environmental groups, transportation organizations and the development industry.

After several interim reports the panel for Central Ontario released its final

report, "Shape the Future" last month, which provides a vision to the year 2035.

The vision is based on managing growth in a way that balances the goals of economic prosperity, economic sustainability and social equality; leaving future generations clear water and air and productive land and providing the means for citizens to develop to the fullest extent of their capabilities.

In order to achieve the vision the report provides a total of 44 strategic directions in five key areas: reshaping where and how

people live; protecting environment; unlocking gridlock; rethinking how waste is managed and optimizing the infrastructure.

Aurora's planning staff prepared a summary with an evaluation and comments on the key areas and strategic directions of the report, which was approved at last week's general committee meeting.

Councillor Ron Wallace said the group could start by unlocking the Yonge/Wellington intersection, which he referred to as a disaster area.

The report identifies

Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan as "regional nodes", but did not identify smaller nodes nor urban corridors.

The nodal system promotes higher densities with more affordable housing being provided.

Other recommendations are for revenue sharing with municipalities, such as a share of the gasoline tax, and changes to the Development Charges Act to implement the smart growth policies, to ensure that new development bears the full cost of hard and soft infrastructure.

Man killed in head-on

A 32-year-old Aurora man was killed in a head-on collision on Bloomington Sideroad in Aurora's south end last week.

York Regional Police said the man's name was being withheld at the request of his family.

The victim was westbound driving a cube van when it crossed over to the east-bound lane and slammed into a transport truck.

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| | Birds of Prey presentation (big tent) |
| 10:45 a.m. | Jaguar Gymnastics demonstration (big tent) |
| 11:00 a.m. | The Ben Show with Ben Burland (stage area) |
| 11:30 a.m. | A Safari of Fun with Musician Paul Behnke (stage area) |
| | The Toronto Police Dogs demonstration (north ring) |
| | Children's Tractor Pull (on path) |
| Noon | Doc Century's Magical Travelling Medicine Show (stage area) |
| | Celebrity Racing Pigs and Hillbilly Show (near petting zoo) |
| 12:30 p.m. | Superdogs |
| 12:45 p.m. | Birds of Prey presentation (big tent) |
| | Scholastic Superkids Challenge (baseball diamond) |
| 1:15 p.m. | The Ben Show with Ben Burland (stage area) |
| 1:30 p.m. | The Toronto Police Dogs demonstration (north ring) |
| 1:45 p.m. | A Safari of Fun with Paul Behnke (stage area) |
| 2:00 p.m. | Children's Tractor Pull (on path) |
| | Celebrity Racing Pigs and Hillbilly Show (near petting zoo) |
| 2:15 p.m. | Doc Century's Magical Travelling Medicine Show (stage area) |
| 2:30 p.m. | Superdogs |
| 3:00 p.m. | Birds of Prey presentation (big tent) |
| | Mutt Show registration (stage area) |
| 3:15 p.m. | Jaguar Gymnastics Demonstration (in big tent) |
| 3:30 p.m. | Mutt Show (stage area) |
| | Toronto Police Dogs demonstration (north ring) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Celebrity Racing Pigs and Hillbilly Show (near petting zoo) |
| 4:30 p.m. | Superdogs |
| | The Ben Show with Ben Burland (stage area) |
| 5:00 p.m. | Family Barbecue and Entertainment (big tent and stage area) |
| 5:30 p.m. | Doc Century's Magical Travelling Medicine Show (stage area) |
| 6:00 p.m. | Ambassador Contest judging |
| 6:15 p.m. | Michael Mitchell with songs and stories of Canada (stage area) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Crowning of the Fair and Horse Show Ambassador |

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2003

Various pony and heavy horse shows start at 9:00 and run throughout the day.

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| 10:15 a.m. | Scholastic Superkids Challenge (baseball diamond) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Superdogs |
| | Birds of Prey presentation (big tent) |
| 10:45 a.m. | Jaguar Gymnastics demonstration (big tent) |
| 11:00 a.m. | The Ben Show with Ben Burland (stage area) |
| 11:30 a.m. | Doc Century's Magical Travelling Medicine Show (stage area) |
| | The Toronto Police Dogs demonstration (north ring) |
| | Children's Tractor Pull (on path) |
| Noon | Tap, jazz and acro dancing with A.M. Dance Force (stage area) |
| | Celebrity Racing Pigs and Hillbilly Show (near petting zoo) |
| 12:30 p.m. | Superdogs |
| 12:45 p.m. | Birds of Prey presentation (big tent) |
| | Scholastic Superkids Challenge (baseball diamond) |
| 1:30 p.m. | The Ben Show with Ben Burland (stage area) |
| | The Toronto Police Dogs demonstration (north ring) |
| 2:00p.m. | Doc Century's Magical Travelling Medicine Show (stage area) |
| | Children's Tractor Pull (on path) |
| | Celebrity Racing Pigs and Hillbilly Show (near petting zoo) |
| 2:30 p.m. | Superdogs |
| 3:00 p.m. | Birds of Prey presentation (big tent) |
| 3:15 p.m. | Jaguar Gymnastics Demonstration (in big tent) |
| 3:30 p.m. | The Ben Show with Ben Burland (stage area) |
| | Toronto Police Dogs demonstration (north ring) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Celebrity Racing Pigs and Hillbilly Show (near petting zoo) |
| 4:30 p.m. | Superdogs |

ONGOING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:

Petting zoo, midway rides and games, reptile and exotic creatures display, pigmobile, 4-H display, penny auction by Queen's York Rangers Cadet Corps, Festival of Arts tent, Junior Arts, Crafts, and Photography competition (in Fest. of Arts tent), Bandaloni, the one-man band, milking demonstrations, and lots, lots more.