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Briefly

Men only, please

Theatre Aurora needs a few good men. To prepare for the Cole Porter production of "Anything Goes", the theatre is scheduling two additional auditions, open to men of any age for singing and dancing roles. Director Gail Henderson has set aside August 19 and 20 at 7.30 p.m. for the auditions. Call her at 905-841-0764 for details.

Bleed for the mayor

There is some urgency to refuel the blood bank, according to Canadian Blood Services, Toronto, so an upcoming Mayor's Clinic in Aurora needs donors. The clinic is scheduled for Friday, August 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the front lobby of the Town Hall. If you wish to book an appointment, call 1-800-2 Donate.

Fair postponed

A planned Children's and Youth Fair scheduled for the Town Park this Saturday, August 16th, has been postponed until October. Info Aurora, the organizers of the activity, said the event would be rescheduled but details were not immediately available. For further information, call Info Aurora at 905-727-8214, or watch the Coming Events column in the Auroran.

Poof! He's here

Claude Haggerty makes animals disappear, but the Aurora Rotary Club hopes he does more than that.

They're betting the famous magician can help raise funds for the local service club, so they're bringing him to Aurora to find out.

The Dunnville, Ontario, native currently performs three times a day in Niagara Falls, but come the autumn, he's bringing his act to Aurora.



CLAUDE HAGGERTY
and friend

Details remain sketchy, but Rotary hopes to acquire a high school gymnasium for the highly entertaining and mystifying show.

Billed as Canada's best illusionist, Haggerty works with tigers and jaguars as he amazes audiences throughout the province.

He performs in more than 500 elementary schools in Ontario every year, and allows children to have their pictures taken inside an animal's cage with the animal in it.

No one needs to know a sheet of plexiglass separates the human from the animal.

Aurora Rotarians are still working out the details of location, tickets and dates, but hope to have everything finalized before the end of the month.



His helmet tucked under his arm, the late Tim Randell, left, poses for this undated photograph when he was an active member of the Toronto Fire Department. His son, Jason, right, holds the valued helmet Saturday after finding it in a box of firefighter equipment at the museum constructed by the former Aurora Fire Department at the Edward Street station. Helmet had been traded for four pairs of skates some 20 years ago then disappeared. Barely visible markings verify the helmet belonged to Jason's dad. "I burst into tears," Jason said.



Son finds father's firefighter helmet

By RON WALLACE

Jason Randell's world took a giant step forward Saturday morning.

The 28-year-old carpenter walked into the Aurora fire department's museum, and came out carrying his late father's firefighter helmet.

Stamped TR974-7, the helmet, manufactured decades ago, was Tim Randell's during his lengthy tenure at Station 7 (Parliament and Dundas) in downtown Toronto.

Tim, the father of four boys, traded the helmet to Aurora's Vic Parainfo, of Vic's Shoe Repair on Yonge Street, for four pairs of skates almost 20 years ago.

"He regretted doing it as soon as he did it," Jason said.

The helmet disappeared for some time, but Vic remembered donating it to the Aurora Fire Department's museum, which was being put together around the department's first motorized vehicle, a 1926 International.

The museum, located at Aurora's Edward Street station, is now part of the Central York Fire Services, which came into being when Aurora and Newmarket joined their firefighting services in 2002.

"I walked into the museum room, and saw the helmet sticking out of a box," Jason said. "I knew it was dad's as soon as I saw it. I burst into tears."

Jason said he had a hunch about the helmet after learning there was an old one at the hall.

"It was like finding a pot of gold," he said.

Firefighters there had no problem releasing the helmet to Jason since it did not have a direct link to the former Aurora Fire Department.

The helmet is another in a long list of items collected by the four boys to remember their father.

"I have his medals, citations, a letter from the attorney-general, and other stuff from his career as a firefighter," he said. "My brothers will be astounded when they learn I've found his helmet."

Tim Rendell joined the Toronto Fire Department in 1966, and had risen to District Chief when he died suddenly in 1994 at the age of 49.

Jason's three brothers are Dave, 34, Steve, 31, and Tom, 27. Steve lives in Bradford; Tom in Newmarket, and Dave works cruise ships around the world.

Jason was in Grade 9 when the family moved from Gormley to Aurora.

Tim never left Station 7, billed as the busiest in Canada, and while there, saved countless lives; including his own because of that helmet, Jason said.

"I'm still looking for some of his stuff," said Jason, who has set up a small museum for his late father at his Ransom Street home. "A belt knife, his locker, and a flashlight are still missing."

But he will be forever grateful to the firefighters at the Edward Street hall for protecting a very important link to a firefighter who shone in the line of duty.

"Those guys at the hall were great," he said. "It shows you the fire department family is very much alive."

Marathon hockey game aids cancer camp

Like hockey? Like it enough to watch a four-hour hockey game?

If so, your prayers are answered.

Beginning at 10 a.m. this Saturday, August 16, and continuing until 2 p.m., Aurora's Shawn

Burt and a group of Friday night King City shinny players will perform at the Aurora Community Centre (ACC2) to raise money for a children's cancer camp.

The first of what is hoped to become an annual event, the activity will be officially known as

the Barbara & James Burt Memorial Fundraiser.

Barbara and James were Shawn's parents, and both died of cancer.

"While our goal of raising \$10,000 this year is ambitious, it is also achievable," Shawn said.

"Each player is responsible for raising a minimum of \$300, and we are hoping for support from the community."

Part of his problem has been solved...he has all the hockey

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Summer public skating at the Leisure Complex every Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. until August 29. Cost is \$2.

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

AUGUST 16

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Abbotsford Animal Hospital on Yonge Street in Aurora will hold its 7th Annual Charity Dog Wash, rain or shine, with proceeds to the Southlake Regional Health Centre. Call 905-727-7379 for further information.

AUGUST 16-17

Aurora Community Tennis Club Men's Singles Championships. BBQ both days. To register or for further information, call Eric Harrison 905-713-4810 Ext: 102.

AUGUST 22

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

The Canadian Blood Services will hold the Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic at the Aurora Town Hall from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 23

First "Lifeguards on the Beach" volleyball tournament will be held at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex beach courts. Teams of four may register. Support the Lifesaving Society's "Drowning Prevention Campaign". Registration forms at the Leisure Complex. Further information call 905-727-3123 ext. 523.

SEPTEMBER 6

Aurora Historical Society annual tour of homes from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Seven private homes, from the 1860s to the 1950s, will be on view. Tickets at \$15 per person are available until August 17, when the price goes up to \$20. All proceeds support Hillary House, Aurora's National Historic Site. Tickets may be purchased at Hillary House, 15372 Yonge Street, Wednesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or at the Auroran, 75 Mary Street, Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (905) 727-8991.

SEPTEMBER 13

Aurora Minor Hockey Association annual used equipment sale, 9 a.m. - noon. ACC1 Lobby. Drop off dates September 11 and 12, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., ACC1 Lobby.

The York Regional Police Male Chorus, comprised of several Aurora residents, will hold a parking lot sale to aid fundraising for their upcoming "Goodwill" tour to England and Wales in 2004.

North parking lot of the York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain date Sept. 20, same time.

SEPTEMBER 14

Aurora Terry Fox Run, Sheppard's Bush (Industrial Parkway South). Registration 8:30 a.m. Run starts at 10 a.m. Course suitable for walkers, runners, inline skaters, bikers, wheelchairs, skateboarders, etc.

SEPTEMBER 17

Aurora Seniors visit Stratford Festival to see "The King and I", with lunch at the Walper Terrace Hotel. Cost is \$89 for members and \$94 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

SEPTEMBER 21

Aurora Rotary Club hosts annual Rotary Foundation Walk. 9 a.m. - noon. Walk covers 2.5 kilometres and is centred from the Town Park.

SEPTEMBER 23

Catholic Women's League fall Fashion Show, Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Avenue, 7.30 p.m. For tickets and further information, call Pat MacDonald 905-727-1509.

OCTOBER 26

Girls Incorporated will hold their 24th annual

Thrill on the Hill walk-a-thon fundraiser with a three kilometre hike and a five kilometre and 10 kilometre walk/run. Volunteers are needed to assist in organizing the event. Call 905-727-4897 for further information.

NOVEMBER 8

Eleventh annual "In Harmony With The Community" music concert, hosted by The York Regional Police Male Chorus, at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 17955 Leslie Street, Newmarket, at 7:30 p.m. Music by police choruses from York, Halton, Ontario Provincial Police, Hamilton Police Ladies Choir, and the Harmony Chorale from Newmarket. Tickets \$10. Contact any member of the YRPMC or call (905) 727-9676 to order in advance.

NOVEMBER 10

Municipal election day.

NOVEMBER 21

The Canadian Blood Services will hold the Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic in the Aurora Town Hall from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 22

Aurora Santa Claus Parade.

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Group inviting whole town to a free meal

Alpha Canada is inviting the Town of Aurora to dinner but they don't expect everyone will show up.

Eight churches, including six from Aurora, will host the dinner September 17 that is expected to draw about 350 people.

The free meal, planned

for the Aurora Howard Johnson Hotel, will provide an introduction into the Alpha Course, which, according to reports, is a low-key 10-week introduction to the Christian faith.

The course, like the dinner, is free.

Participating in the

Aurora event are the Aurora Cornerstone Church, the Community Bible Church, Trinity Anglican, Our Lady of Grace, Aurora United, and The Gathering Place.

Two churches from Oak Ridges, Brethren in Christ and St. John's Anglican, are also participating in the event.

The September 17 dinner will include live entertainment and a video.

A week later, each church will begin its Alpha course in its own establishment.

According to a press release, it is planned to hold a course on each night of the week somewhere in Aurora to make attending easier.

More than 2,000 churches across the country are participating in the event, which officially kicked-off two weeks ago.

On Tuesday, September 9, for one hour beginning at 7.30 p.m., a Canada-wide prayer time will be staged.

In Aurora, it will be held at Trinity Anglican Church on Victoria Street.

Hockey game \$\$ will assist cancer camp

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players he needs, and he has received support from the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"We will have a Leaf celebrity at the game," he said. "but I'm not at liberty to tell you who it will be."

Shawn plays hockey weekly in a King City pick-up league and he had no problem recruiting his fellow players for the project.

Several live in Aurora.

Funds raised will support Camp Oochigeas, a camp for children suffering from cancer.

The camp is located on Lake Rosseau, near Parry Sound.

"Why Camp Oochigeas you ask? Well, first of all, what could be more impor-

tant and exciting for young children than the experience of going to summer camp?" he said. "Just because a child is sick should not prevent him from the joys and friendships that go hand-in-hand with the wonderful experience of going to camp."

Shawn and his wife, Jennifer, have visited the camp.

"We were touched by the courage, bravery, strength and determination shown by the children at camp," he said. "We were also equally inspired by the many stories that talked about the profound impact Camp Oochigaes has had on the lives of so many special children."



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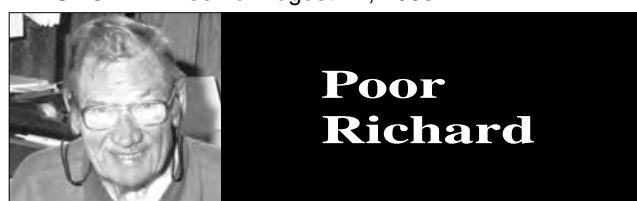
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Poor Richard

Simcoe, Civic? Who really cares as long as we get the time to relax

*The other Monday was a holiday,
Civic Holiday was its name.
If you didn't get it to enjoy,
Your council may be to blame.*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Civic Holiday, or Simcoe Day as it is also called, is a holiday that usually isn't marked on a calendar because it isn't considered a statutory holiday according the Interpretations Act, and not everybody enjoyed it.

Previously for the holiday to be legal it had to be proclaimed by the local council - in this case, Aurora - with an advertisement in the local paper.

Now with labour contracts and historical tradition, it's taken as a legal holiday, proclamation or not.

The Municipal Act states, or did, that the council of a local municipality may, by bylaw, require that shops shall be closed on any holiday defined in the Interpretations Act, and any day proclaimed by the head of council as a Civic Holiday.

There are many stories about how Civic Holiday came about.

One is that it originated in London, Ontario, in 1856, as a mid-summer break. Other municipalities were quick to copy the idea of a holiday.

Another story is that it originated in 1871 when Toronto Mayor Joseph Sheard introduced the idea of a special summer holiday on the first Monday of August to be known as Civic Holiday as a tribute to civic workers.

Although Civic Holiday was observed by most Ontario municipalities on the first Monday of August, some municipalities in tourist areas, considered August to be a poor time to take a holiday, as it was the height of the tourist season.

The Village of Sutton, just north of Aurora in the Town of Georgina, observed the holiday on the third Monday in September for many years until 1974 when Georgina council, after regional government, decided to move the holiday to the first Monday in August, as observed by other municipalities in the region.

Civic Holiday remained until 1968 when then Ontario Tourism Minister James Auld wrote to all Ontario municipalities at the request of the John Graves Simcoe Memorial Foundation suggesting the holiday be proclaimed as Simcoe Day to commemorate the first Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The City of Toronto was first to act and Simcoe Day carries on until the present time.

After all, Toronto is the city that Simcoe founded in 1793 when he arrived by ship from Niagara-on-the-Lake with 100 members of the Queen's Rangers, today's Queen's York Rangers, to clear land for a lakefront fortress called Fort York. The rest is history.

The minister's letter caused quite a debate at York County Council with a motion to change the name of the day to Lord Simcoe Day, although Simcoe was never a Lord.

Although the motion was adopted in August, 1969, the debate was wasted as it was the responsibility of the local municipalities to proclaim the holiday.

As normal, Aurora's representatives on county council killed each other's vote.

Reeve Evelyn Buck voted for the resolution, while Deputy Reeve Bill Trent opposed it.

The letter also caused a strong and heated debate at Aurora Council.

Some members, myself included, believed that as Simcoe was so involved with the area, such as building the road that was to become Yonge Street through the heart of the municipality that the town should name the holiday after him.

Councillor Norm Stewart, a former Ranger, argued strongly that if the province wanted the name changed, then it should proclaim it for the whole province.

He pointed out that many municipalities, especially in Northern Ontario, would have little knowledge of Simcoe. His arguments won the day.

In August, 1972, the York County Board of Education, who previously had refused to change their name to the York Region Board of Education, decided to flex their muscles once again.

Trustees questioned whether the regional board had to accept the proclamation of a local municipality in declaring the day to be a holiday. This created a rift between trustees and local politicians as to who had the right to proclaim a public holiday.

So whether you celebrated it as Civic Holiday, Simcoe Day or Colonel By Day if you were in Ottawa, it's hoped you had a good day.



Here is the Aurora Police Department as it was in 1963. This photograph was taken behind Harry Tutton's Bicycle Shop, which was located south of Church Street on the east side of Yonge Street. The police station was located upstairs in a red brick two-story building which was situated just south of the BA (later Petro Canada) gas station, which is now an empty lot. In the photo are, left to right, back row, Don Lewis, Don Coombs, Bob Andrews, Don Hillock (who later became the second chief of the York Regional Police) and Ted McClenny. Front row, left to right, are Sgt. Jim Krochter, Carilyn McClenny, secretary, and Chief of Police Bill Langman. Local police came to an end following the birth of the Region of York in 1970.

Letters to the Editor

She's sad that student omitted from yearbook

To the editor,

Re: Kailey Hayes - graduate with a disABILITY.

It saddened and angered me when I read about Kailey Hayes and her peers from her class being left out of her yearbook.

This is a huge example of silent discrimination and oppression, even if it was or wasn't intentional. (We'll never know.)

I find it hard to believe that no one in the school spoke up prior to the yearbook being published.

Where was the teacher, the educational assistants,

the resource staff, the principal? Did you all forget about these kids?

Is their class so physically segregated that you forgot that they are part of the school?

We as a society need inclusion of people with disabilities for our own existence and understanding.

Disability does not mean that the person is broken or something for someone to fix.

It's society that needs the fixing!

And society includes our neighbours, our friends, our community institutions such as our schools and our gov-

ernment.

As a proud aunt of a child with a severe disability, I want to send my personal kudos to the Auroran paper, in addition to Rhonda and John Lenchak for publicly honouring Kailey, as well as the Storms family for their letter and gift certificate to Kailey.

Congratulations, Kailey, and good luck to you in the future!

My niece is entering kindergarten in the fall and we have fought for her to be in an inclusive environment where she can build natural friendships and be exposed to a regular education with

kids her age.

I can only hope and pray that by the time my niece graduates that we as a society will get it right.

Ivy Henriksen
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Illingworth: more fiction than fact?

To the editor,

Please help me identify something! What role does Dick Illingworth play at your paper? Is he a reporter or is he a columnist?

If he is a columnist, then I guess he has the right to air his own personal thoughts on items that appear in your newspaper.

However, if he is a reporter, then I would respectfully suggest that he get his facts straight.

Mr. Illingworth seems to get a great deal of pleasure from bashing council, but he does so without the proper knowledge of what really is going on.

Without going into many past columns, let's look at the Auroran of July 29.

He suggests that the town is facing a financial crisis on property taxes because of the commitments to build a new recreational complex and a new seniors' facility.

I would suggest that before hitting the alarm button, he does his research and read the documents prepared by our Chief Financial Officer which will assure him that these projects will have very little impact on tax rates.

These documents are available to any member of the public!

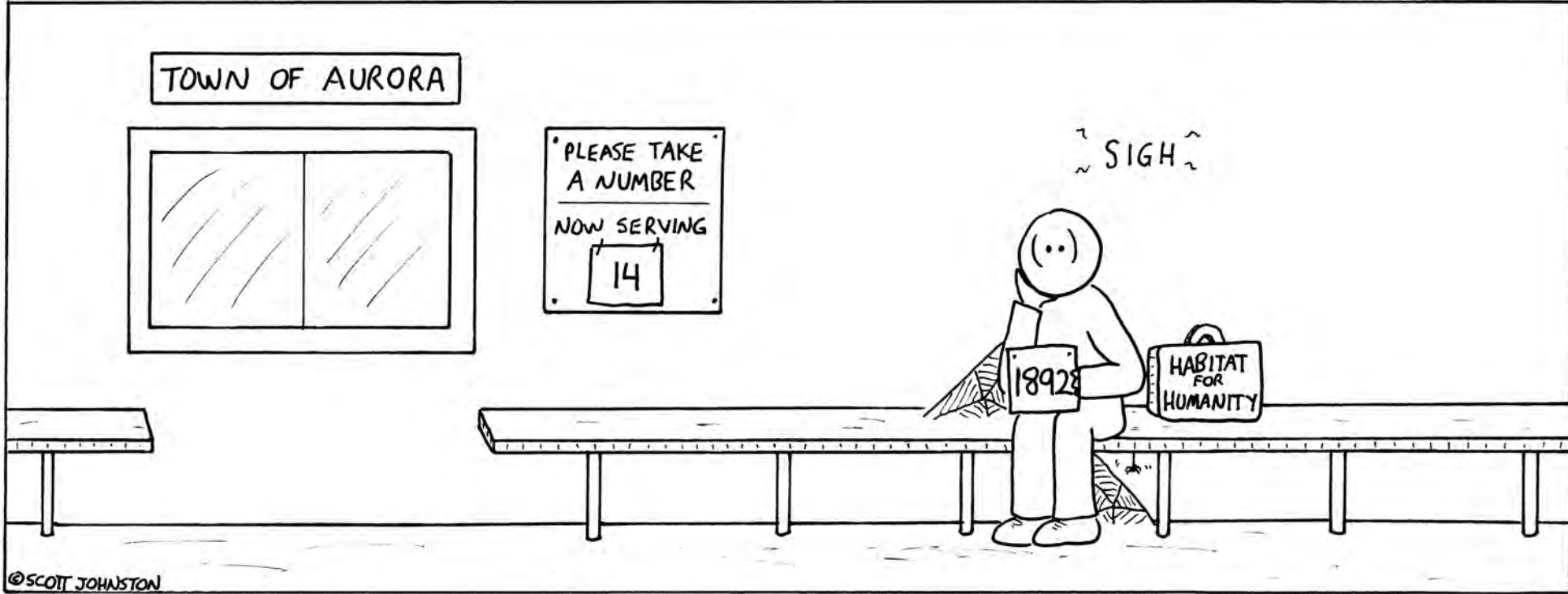
In the same article he names who he thinks are the only people who have committed to run for the election in November.

I don't know if he has missed anyone else, but I can assure him that I have been registered to run for the last three to four weeks.

You have a wonderful newspaper for this town, and I'm sure everyone enjoys reading it.

However, the citizens of Aurora deserve to read the true facts, not fiction.

Dave Griffith
Councillor
Town of Aurora



Letters to the Editor

Reader has questions for potential councillors

To the editor,

There are a number of contentious issues facing this town that our council, to date, has not addressed adequately.

Some issues are difficult or impossible to address at this time, but for others, candidates for the upcoming election must make their views clear.

Here are some of those issues:

Water: Once again we are into summer drought, lawns are brown, and residences are facing water restrictions, yet, new golf courses are being built which will draw water directly from the aquifer in horrible quantities; the town has built a new water park for kids, (about time, of course, and we need more) but it uses all fresh water, instead of recycled. This all illustrates a vile hypocrisy that council should be called on.

Seniors' Centre/Library Square: Council appears to be taking direction from the seniors on this one. Now it looks like the money which was going to go to fix up the old library will go to building the new seniors' centre at town hall. Another nail into the coffin of the old downtown core. What is going to happen to Library Square now? And what about all the other groups who want support from the town? They seem to be forgotten yet again.

Development: If developers have their way, (and our current town council is more than happy to give it to them) Aurora will be entirely paved over with subdivisions. Anybody who has travelled a little (especially in Europe) will have seen that there are many options which allow continued development and permit us to keep our green space. Council's previous forays into "smart growth" have been half hearted efforts which inevitably resulted in failure. We need a councillor or two who have some vision and outspokenness on this issue.

Taxes: Aurora has one of the highest tax rates in Ontario. How do councillors suggest we control taxes and give us the services we require?

Ward System: This issue has been brought up several times before. Aurora has some very different communities within it. All with different needs. It would be very good if there could be one person who understands the needs of their own particular community within Aurora, who could champion local issues in council. It would also be very helpful if residents knew there was one person they could call upon for assistance if they required it, instead of having to petition each and every member of council hoping someone will pick up their cause.

Pesticides: It would have been nice if council could have been at the forefront of this issue. Alas, that is not their style. Other municipalities have laid the groundwork on this issue, and now it is up to us to decide what, if any, restrictions we want to place here.

If you have any opinions on these issues, and most of us do, grill anybody running for council to see where they stand.

Conversely anyone running for council should not be waiting to be grilled, but should be writing their own letters in this space making their views clear.

**Darryl Moore
Aurora**

Need to remember our place in scheme of things, he says

To the editor,

SARS, according to the latest announcement of the World Health Organization, has been brought under control in the GTA.

This is the same World Health Organization that infuriated us when it placed Toronto on the list of SARS affected areas and issued a travel advisory.

It was bad news then, it is good news now.

All of us in the GTA breathe easier.

It is time to start repairing the damage SARS has done and let the healing process take its course.

Some people were not convinced SARS posed a major threat or even qualified as an epidemic.

Worldwide 800 people died and a few thousand developed SARS-like symptoms and were quarantined.

The epicentre was in Southeast Asia from where it spread to other parts of the world.

The big surprise for all of us was that Toronto became a major infection centre, in fact, the only major city in North America to be affected in a major way.

Toronto, with its clean streets, neat neighbourhoods, excellent sanitation systems, parks galore, and an involved, informed public, this city to become a centre of infection was beyond belief.

There were also the economic consequences.

Travel to Canada, tourism and the hospitality sector of the economy suffered major losses.

We were all hoping the crisis would come to an end, as, indeed, it did.

Epidemics are nothing new in the human experience.

Advances in medicine and hygiene have not succeeded in eradicating them.

Contagious diseases continue to remain a threat to humanity.

More lives are lost because of epidemics than of natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and other forces of nature.

Wars as lethal as they are cause fewer deaths than the sweeps of contagious diseases.

The Spanish Flu that swept through Europe at the end of World War I carried off more people than were lost in the war.

By all estimates, at least 20 million people died in the war. The flue carried off three times as many by some estimates.

According to one school of thought, epidemics are instruments of correction sent by Nature to restore a threatened balance.

Our sins and transgressions against nature are legion.

If epidemics and other forms of pestilence are instruments of correction or punishment then we are in for a lot of trouble.

I prefer the view, as most people do, that epidemics have a rational explanation which, in some cases, is known and in others unknown.

Our best course is to go along with the scientific research that seeks to find answers to specific cases while at the same time we don't ignore the larger question of how epidemics fit into the overall scheme of things.

We will meet the challenge of SARS as we have met other challenges in the past, hopefully with respect for nature and mindful of our place in the scheme of things.

**Chris Antoniou
Aurora**

Cathy's Corner



Several times a year, I travel south of the border. No, I don't mean Richmond Hill. And yes, I do get lost.

Somehow, this time, I managed to make it to Buffalo without mistaking Lake Ontario for the QEW.

I have a map that includes all Tim Horton's locations between Aurora and "Welcome to the USA", and the last one is built into the duty free shop, so I am very alert by the time I arrive at customs.

I notice things like firewood stockpiled in front of each customs cubicle.

I also notice that all of the officers are heavily armed and pacing nervously and that there are more of them than booths.

I remember the Salem witch hunt and I start to worry that the Americans have rediscovered the joy of hunting. In season are Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and judging by the border...Canadians.

So, when the officer asks: "Where are you from?" these fearful ponderings cause more caffeine than oxygen to be pumped into my brain. This is not a good thing. It can make a simple question both ambiguous and confusing.

Is it a trick question? What's all the firewood for? Does he mean originally? Is he interested in my spiritual concept of self? I am not a witch...no matter what my mother-in-law says!

Adopting the KISS rule (because my husband is glaring at me and shaking his head), I answer "Aurora!", as if I'm saying Eureka!

Generally, customs is not a good place to be packing a sense of humour, but I try to smuggle mine in.

"Where?" asks the officer, as sour as if he just bit into a lemon.

"AU-RO-RA." I enunciate, thinking he forgot to use his Q-tips this morning.

"What was that?" he asks suspiciously, stepping out of

Honest, I'm from A-U-R-O-R-A

the booth. Oh-oh. There are no swear words that sound like Aurora, are there?

"A-U-R-O-R-A" I repeat, thinking that maybe his Q-tips aren't nearly long enough.

"Where's that?" he grunts, leaning into my van. He is close enough to evaporate the caffeine right out of my bloodstream.

"Aurora, Ontario?" I answer with caffeine-free timidity.

"Who's she?"

Part of me is aching to offer him my little travel pack of Q-tips, but I have a feeling he's got too many of them lodged in there already.

I want to say "Ron Wallace's daughter", but I have an aversion to American jails.

"It's a small town. North of TO-RO-TO" I say, trying not to sound like I'm talking to someone who doesn't speak English.

"Toronto!" he says, sounding like Eureka! He looks happy now. I have convinced him that Aurora is not in Afghanistan.

He peruses the passports. There are three of them.

"So how many of you are there?" he asks.

He can't even count and he has a gun. A good reason to vacation in Canada.

"So, where y'all goin'" he asks next. I soooo want to say: "A-LA-SKA".

But I decide to tell the truth: Virginia Beach.

He smiles and waves us through, knowing that we are going to be beneficial to the American economy.

As I roll up the window, my daughter and husband start howling "AU-RO-RAAAAA" in unison, like a couple of wolves baying at the full moon. Was I really that bad?

"Mom, next time just say Toronto, okay?"

"What? And miss out on a good story for her column?" asks my husband.

Eureka! I say.

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS Belated BOUQUETS and Happy Birthday to "Uncle" Bill Menton on his 90th birthday, which he celebrated recently at a Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church and a birthday party in Lynett Hall with dozens of nieces, nephews and friends in attendance.

BOUQUETS to the young couple from Northern Quebec who had a stopover at the little green space on Murray Drive in Aurora last weekend on their canoe voyage to New Orleans via the Ottawa River, Trent Canal, Lake Simcoe, Holland River (Tannery Creek) and on to the Mississippi. Spirit of voyageurs of old. (ED. NOTE: How do you get to the Mississippi from Tannery Creek?)

BRICKBATS to the little gremlins at the Auroran for making changes to Poor Richard's recent column about the Eaton catalogue. Referring to sex education for kids, Poor Richard wrote that little boys looked at the lingerie section and little girls looked at the long johns section, but the gremlins reversed the sexes. After all the Auroran is a family paper!

BOUQUETS to Lynn Sinclair of Aurora for her campaign to stop pet owners from leaving their pets in a closed car during the hot summer months. She says she's not brave enough for a confrontation with the pet's owner, but she leaves a very effective message on the car's windshield.

BOUQUETS to Cindy Haywood of Aurora for winning two VIA Rail tickets to Ottawa or Montreal on Foxy-FM Radio 88.5. Foxy is the radio station closely linked to the original CKAN radio station that served Aurora and Newmarket so many years ago. Have a nice trip!

BRICKBATS to the powers that be at Highview Public School who were responsible for preparing the yearbook and not including the pictures of all graduates, leaving a little girl and her family very disappointed when her picture was not included.

BOUQUETS to former Aurora resident and Town Councillor Peter Healy who moved to the Huntsville area on his retirement and has been appointed executive secretary of the Temagami Lakes Association. He still keeps in touch with Aurora through his subscription to the Auroran.

BRICKBATS to those in control of sign bylaw enforcement, especially on weekends when builders flood almost every corner with signs promoting house sales, causing visual pollution, especially for motorists. Action is needed!

BOUQUETS to Aurora High School student Roshie Ramchandani for her volunteer work at the Yellow Brick House, which was one of the contributing factors in the 18-year-old being awarded a \$4,000 Millennium Scholarship. The award recognizes academic excellence, community service, leadership qualities and an interest in innovation.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Marc Keistead, a history teacher at Newmarket's Sacred Heart High School for making Canadian history come alive for his students. He has been nominated on three occasions for a prestigious national teaching award for his innovative approach.

BRICKBATS to those who own and operate the very large transport trucks used to train drivers for their test for taking over Aurora roads as if the town was their training centre. With all sympathy to the student drivers, other drivers are held up at intersections and on the straight and narrow as it is almost impossible to get by the big vans.

Letters to the Editor

"Bucket Lady" gets help from local Canadian Tire

To the editor,

Aurora's Canadian Tire store has been receiving some negative publicity lately. I won't get into that here.

Corporations, like people, are complicated organisms, capable of both altruism and parsimony.

Like people, corporations are to be lauded for their altruism.

I write to publish thanks on behalf of the Aurora Community Garden.

One of the Canadian Tire Corporation employees saw my "coffee grounds" letter published in the Auroran last month, thanking the Tim Horton's employees for diverting used coffee grounds into my buckets.

Their efforts to enrich the community garden's soil inspired one of the CTC Aurora's employees, a Ms Elizabeth Coyle, to donate dozens of unsalable, but viable, seedlings on the July First weekend - seedlings which would have otherwise been thrown into the garbage.

Whatever tax breaks the cynics would harp on, CTC Aurora is to be commended for filling a need, instead of its trash bin.

Chordsmen donate to Southlake

To the editor,

I am writing to correct a factual error that I made in the letter I wrote in your July 29 edition regarding the fate of the old Newmarket fire hall.

The Upper Canada Chordsmen make a substantial contribution to the Southlake speech therapy program and NOT the University of Toronto as I mentioned in my initial letter.

I sincerely hope that my stupidity in not double-checking the facts will not adversely affect the image of this fine group of men who contribute so much to the community.

With deep apologies,

Frank Hawkins
Aurora



Elfie Taylor - Aurora's "Bucket Lady" - stands in Aurora Community Garden cornfield fed by coffee grounds from Tim Horton's employees. Today, corn is higher than she is, Elfie reports. A former Aurora Canadian Tire employee donated seedlings to Elfie's cause.

I have been made aware that Ms Coyle has since moved from Aurora, and CTC is unable to provide a forwarding address.

If anyone knows her, please forward a copy of this Auroran to her, so she knows our gratitude.

Despite the late planting date, those donated tomatoes, cabbages, peppers, cauliflowers and Brussels sprouts are currently thriving in several individual plots, most of their produce destined for the Aurora Food Pantry or Yellow Brick House.

We managed to fill the other half of our "food bank" plot with the seedlings, and planted all of Plot 41 with peppers, tomatoes and cabbages from Aurora Canadian Tire.

The planting was completed on July 14th, after a lot of back-breaking prep work.

I also publicly thank Linda and Zack for scavenging about two months' worth of unsold, blue-box-bound newspapers to smother the pernicious weeds, and for helping me pile four inches of compost on top of them.

Despite the chiropractic nightmare of hauling compost from the bottom of the garden to the top, digging and weeding that plot would have been even more painful, believe me.

Pulling the new weeds is nothing compared to pulling the weeds that have been growing in that soil forever.

While I don't expect the CTC-donated seedlings themselves to grow much in size, I am amazed that they have already started to set fruit - only two weeks after going into the

ground.

Some of the gardeners gave extra seeds to this plot, to help fill in the empty spaces until the seedlings get established.

Although I expect some competition from the rabbits and ducks, I believe we'll have a decent harvest for the Aurora Food Pantry.

Speaking only for myself, I thank the Auroran for publishing that "coffee

grounds" letter and offering me the immense pleasure of watching my "Bucket Lady" peculiarity grow into something bigger.

There is nothing more gratifying than hearing someone say "wow, that's amazing", and knowing I had a part in making it happen.

Elfie B. Taylor
AKA "Bucket Lady"
Aurora

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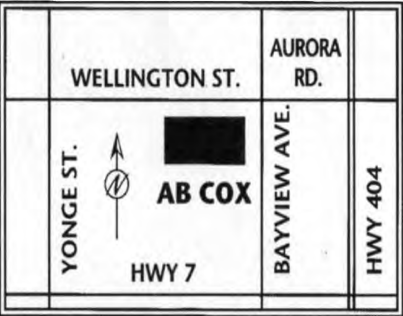
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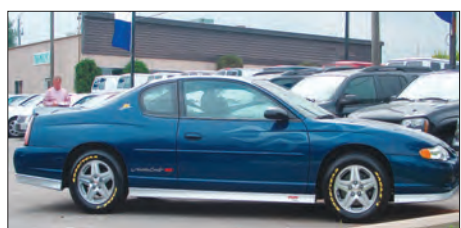
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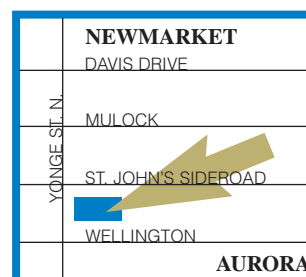
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Aurora Youth Soccer Club

Scores and Standings

HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

U8B M/W- JULY 28- Gold- F.R Custom Metal 1 (Eric Bender 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 2 (Kiefer McIntosh 2);
U8B T/TH- JULY 29- Navy 7 (Alex Tzogas, Erick Kimmerer, Richard Meneses, Erick Bullock, Taylor Coeart) vs **Sage-** Kellogg's 0;
U8G M/W- JUNE 11- Kelly- Kellogg's 0 vs **Gold-** Kellogg's 2 (Kara Waites 1, Laura Kizovski 1);
JUNE 18- Red- Kellogg's 5 (Brittney Gibb 1, Marlie Kissock 1, Lauren Mounce 2, Katrina Leivo 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 2 (Sabrina Bulfon 2);
JUNE 25- Champagne- Kellogg's 4 (Andic Doan 1, Alessandra Iaboni 1, Cassandra Slupeat 2) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 3 (Joclyn Martin 1, Sabrina Bulfon 2);
JULY 2- Kelly- Kellogg's 4 (Celeste Pagnielo 2, Rachel Hjelholt 1, Sabrina Bulfon 1) vs **White-** Kellogg's 0;
JULY 7- Royal- Kellogg's 2 (Morgan Shapiro 1, Sazmin Neudorf 1) vs Kelly-Kellogg's 1 (Breanne malczyk 1);
JULY 16- Kelly- Kellogg's 2 (Sarina Bulfon 2) vs **Gold-** Kellogg's 1 (Christina Debney 1);
JULY 23- Royal- Kellogg's 2 vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 1;
U8G T/TH- STINGER CUP RESULTS- JULY 22- Sky- State Farm insurance Legrow Agency 5 (Adrianna Kiroff 2, Samantha Jones 1, Holly O'Heara 1) vs **Lime-** Kellogg's 0; **Navy-** Italdoor 6 (Nicole Miklovich 2, Kendall Mannella 2, Sabrina Rannala 1, Idanna Sortino 1) vs **Orange-** Karabin Kickers 0; **Forest-** Omar's Shoes 4 (Mari Mueller 1, Elizabeth Nerbas 1, Laura Downey 1, Sydney Pacione 1) vs **Teal-** Mirconex Inc. 2 (Felicia Ruggiero 1, Julia Livia 1);
U9B M/W- JULY 14- Royal- Kellogg's 4 (Gianni Amawo 1, Ryan Hughes 2, Bryan Paskar 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 3 (Evan Ciccarelli 1, Liam Davies 1, Rob MacDonald 1); **Kelly-** Kellogg's 3 (Matthew Roy 2, John DiNicolantonio 1) vs **White-** Kellogg's 1 (Dennis Knnack 1);
JULY 21- Kelly- Kellogg's 3 (Matthew Roy 2, Kevin Cook 1) vs **Royal-** Kellogg's 3 (Chris West 1, Ryan Hughes 1, AJ Killens 1); **Champagne-** Kellogg's 4 (Andrew Papousek 2, Cooper Riswick 2) vs **Gold-** Kellogg's 4 (Mark Tenuta 1, Josh Klinowski 1, Adam Solttile 2); **Red-** Kellogg's 4 (Adam Balaban 1, Kyle Spicer 1, Daniel Delbello 1, Ethan Benson 1) vs **White-** Kellogg's 1 (Jeremy Warner 1);
JULY 28- Champagne- Kellogg's 9 (Chris Fafalios 3, Liam Davies 2, Tanner Thiessen 2, Cooper Riswick 1, Andrew Papousek 1) vs **Red-** Kellogg's 5 (Kyle Spicer 3, Daniel Delbello 1, Alex Cackirovski 1); **Gold-** Kellogg's 7 (Taylor Butler, Josh Klimowski, Alex Stock) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 1 (John DiNicolantonio 1); **Royal-** Kellogg's 2 (Christopher West 1, Gianni Amawo 1) vs **White-** Kellogg's 1 (Dennis Knaack 1);
U9B TU/THUR- JULY 24- Silver- Kellogg's 4 (Nick Heintzman 1, Liam Beeson 1, Jesse Bentollia 1, Christopher Bull 1) vs **Forest-** Honeywell 2; **Sage-** Kellogg's 5 (Jordan Caruso 1, Mackenzie Wooder 1, JP Hudon 1, Sean Rideout 1, Ryan Gioessi 1) vs **Ginger-** Kellogg's 4 (Matthew Hart 3, Anthony Carleton 1); **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 7 (Spencer Maxwell 1, Kevin Lubezic 4, Joey Romano 1, Richard Sparling 2) vs **Teal-** Dr. Weedon 0; **Purple-** Kellogg's 3 (Kyle Stewart 2, Ryan Lowden 1) vs **Lime-** Kellogg's 1 (Jonathan White 1);
JULY 31- Sky- Onyx Marketing 9 (Richard Sparling 1, Kevin Lubezic 3, Ryan Rival 1, Spencer Maxwell 1, Daniel Lashbrook 1, Lyle Nibloe 1) vs **Ginger-** Kellogg's 2 (Matthew Hart 1, Nicholas Theodoropolous 1); **Silver-** Kellogg's 7 (Jake Lanford, Liam Beeson, Matthew Hartog, Mackenzie Aird) vs **Lime-** Kellogg's 0; **Forest-** Honeywell 4 (Michael Rodrigues 1, Cody Melicherick 1, Myles Munding 2) vs **Teal-** Dr. Weedon 1 (Zachary Pearce 1); **Sage-** Kellogg's 5 (JP Hudon 3, Ryan Goessi 1, Trevor Best 1) vs **Purple-** Kellogg's 1 (AJ Killens 1);
U9G M/W- JULY 23- STINGER CUP RESULTS- Kelly- Kellogg's 2 (Brooke

Webster 2) vs **Orange-** H.S Financial Services Inc. 1 (Emily Gibillini 1); **Red-** Kellogg's 2 (Sierra Lerner 1, Katryna Tanaka 1) vs **Gold-** Auto Camping 1 (Gaynor McIlraith 1); **Royal-** Kellogg's 4 (Stephanie Byron 2, Maddy Appleby 1, Sabrina Biase 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 2 (Shannyn Seaward 1, Halle Manson 1);
JULY 30- Kelly- Kellogg's 2 (Samantha Kanen 2) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 2 (Alexandria Kastenis 1, Halle Manson 1); **Royal-** Kellogg's 3 (Amanda Dee 1, Sabrian Biase 1, Maddy Appleby 1) vs **Gold-** Auto Camping 1 (Katie Beveridge 1);
U9G TU/THUR -JULY 29- Navy- Kellogg's 5 (Sarah Auciello 3, Brianna Baird 2) vs **Teal-** Kellogg's 0; **Sky-** Kellogg's 2 (Molly Lowdes 1, Samantha Minchella 1) vs **Forest-** Kellogg's 0; **White-** K.P Bronze 5 (Taylor Wooder 2, Lyndsay Batten 1, Justine Costa 1, Jennifer Goodale 1) vs **Lime-** Kellogg's 0;
U10B - JULY 28- Navy 5 (Cameron Annear 2, Steadman Dinning 2, Christopher Waller 1) vs **Gold** 3 (Luca Scalise 2, Michael Takahashi 1); **Red-** Aurora Home Hardware 7 (Kamran Karamchi 5, Brandon Strachan 2) vs **Royal** 0; **Kelly-** C.P.C Healthcare 3 (Eric Abel 1, Daniel Montgomery 1, Andrew Durant 1) vs **White** 1 (Tanner Brewer 1); **Champagne-** B.E.C Technologies 3 vs **Orange** 0;

U10B STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Kelly	8	0	1	25	
Champagne	6	2	1	19	
White	5	2	2	17	
Navy	5	3	1	16	
Gold	3	4	2	11	
Red	3	6	0	9	
Royal	1	7	1	4	
Orange	1	8	0	3	

U10G- JULY 22- Navy- B.M.P.S 1 (Jodi Bever 1) vs **Royal-** The Packaging Group 1 (Denise Gottschald 1); **Gold-** Jane Murray P. Eng 3 vs **White** 3; **Orange** 5 (Jacqueline Baker 2, Nadia Martineau 1, Jodi Ratner 2) vs **Red-** Aurora Home Hardware 2 (Kelsey Matheson 1, Brittany Smith 1); **Kelly-** Magna International Inc. 4 (Alynnna James 2, Danielle Doner 1, Morgan Hulbert 1) vs **Champagne** 0; **Orange** 3 (Nadia Martineau 2, Jacqueline Baker 1) vs **Navy-** B.M.P.S 1 (Amanda Cicchino 1);
JULY 29- Orange 1 (Jacqueline Baker 1) vs **Champagne** 0; **White** 1 (N. Craparotta 1) vs **Kelly-** Magna International Inc. 7 (Sophie Arkell 1, Kristen Salisbury 1, Rachel Kane 1, Morgan Hulbert 1, Alyanna James 3); **Royal-** The Packaging Group 5 (Brittany Cachirovski 2, Denise Gottschald 1, Jesse Kizovski 1, Leah Crowley 1) vs **Red-** Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 1 (Kelsey Matheson 1); **Gold-** Jane Murray P. Eng. 1 vs **Navy-** B.M.P.S 2 (Claire Layton 2);
JULY 31- Kelly- Magna International Inc. 6 (Nicole Walker 1, Jillian Christopher 1, Morgan Hulbert 2, Alyanna James 2) vs **Red-** Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 0;
U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	7	0	2	23
Orange	7	2	0	21
Royal	6	0	3	21
Navy	3	3	3	12
White	2	5	2	8
Red	1	6	2	5
Champagne	1	6	2	5
Gold	0	5	4	4

U11B- JULY 22- Navy- Barb Blaser Remax York 3 (Geoffrey McLennan 1, Mitchell Yeatman 1, Austin Muongchanh 1) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 0; **Champagne** 9 (Michael D.Andrea 3, Sebastian Fraser 3, Naim Jutha 2, Matthew Doyle 1) vs **Kelly-** Priestly Demolition Inc. 2 (Sebastian Alzamora 1, Jeffrey Campbell 1); **White-** Wall Saver's Ltd. 6 (Brodie Rivers 1, Michael McGoldrick 1, Giacomo Iaboni 2, Justin Killens 1, Christian Dantonio 1) vs **Gold-** Dial Tone

Communications 1 (Cameron Flynn 1);
JULY 29- Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers 10 (Connor McKinley, Cody Williams, Mitchell Smith, Kody Woods) vs **Red-** Marilyn Redvers Royal LePage 3 (Dylan Sutherland 1, Francesco Peluso 2); **Gold-** Dial Tone Communications 3 (Gregory Clubbe 1, Cameron Flynn 1, Marcel Lamanna 1) vs **Navy-** Barb Blazer Remax York 2 (Peter Durst 2); **White-** Wall Savers 9 (Brodie Rivers, Giacomo Iaboni, Michael McGoldrick, Justin Killens) vs **Kelly-** Priestly Demolition Inc. 2 (Spencer Arkell 2);

U11B STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Gold	7	1	0	21	
White	6	2	0	18	
Royal	5	3	0	15	
Champagne	4	3	0	12	
Navy	3	5	0	9	
Kelly	2	6	0	6	
Red	0	8	0	0	

U11G- JULY 30- Navy- Dial Tone Communications Inc. 2 (Megan Pilkey 1, Jacqueline Pachis 1) vs **Gold-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 0; **Champagne-** Summer's & Smith Cooling & Heating 7 (Victoria Blakeman, Nicole Clarke, Kathleen Mounce, Priscilla Sidea, Leah West, Paulina Saliba) vs **Orange-** Sundance Signs 0; **Royal-** Smith, Sykes & Leeper Chartered Accountants 4 (Christina Relke 3, Melissa Nicolo 1) vs **Red-** Aegis Engineering 1 (Stephanie Dilena 1); **Kelly-** Hunter Lavigne Communications 1 (Sarah DeAlmedia 1) vs **Sky** 1 (Krystyna Amos 1);

U11G STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Gold	5	1	3	18	
Champagne	4	2	3	15	
Red	3	2	4	13	
Sky	3	2	4	13	
Royal	4	4	1	13	
Kelly	2	2	5	11	
Navy	3	4	2	11	
Orange	0	7	2	2	

U13B- JULY 29- Orange- Pizza Pizza 4 (Mark McCann 1, Andrew Macaulay 1, David Sidea 1, Spencer McCartney 1) vs **Gold-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Chris Lockhart 2, Jeremy Kosciuszko 1); **Navy-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Patrick Braceland 2, Chris Ramsay 1) vs **White-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Stephen Donches 1);

U13B STANDINGS					
Team	W	L	T	Pts	
Royal	5	1		15	
Red	4	2	1	13	
Kelly	4	2	1	13	
Orange	4	3	1	13	
Navy	3	4	1	10	
White	2	4	2	8	
Gold		6	2	2	

U13G- JULY 24- Sky 2 (Jessica Fortune 1, Kristina Sukhraj 1) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 1 (Rachel Francone 1); **Champagne** 4 (Skylar McCann 3, Lindsay Nunn 1) vs **Red-** Oak Ridges Home Hardware 1 (Lyndsey MacDonald 1); **Orange** 4 (Katherine Rizzi 3, Hailey Boonstra 1) vs **Gold** 3 (Kelly Levac 2, Lauren Burrill 1); **Navy** 3 (Meghan Bertenshaw 2, Olivia Paitich 1) vs **Kelly** 0;
JULY 31- Sky 1 (Kristina Sukhraj 1) vs **Champagne** 0; **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2 (Jessica Chertow 2) vs **Gold** 0; **Kelly** 3 (Samantha Molson 2, Leigh Kern 1) vs **Red-** Oak Ridges Home Hardware 0; **Orange** 3 (Patricia Dontolla 1, Hailey Boonstra 1, Kiera Punnett 1) vs **Navy** 0;

U13G STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Champagne	6	2	2	20	
Gold	6	3	1	19	
Kelly	5	3	2	17	
Sky	5	4	1	16	
Orange	4	2	4	16	
Navy	4	4	2	14	
Royal	3	6	1	10	
Red	0	9	1	1	

U14/U15B- JULY 14-Navy- Pizza Pizza 8 (Andrew Goss 2, Kevin Moffat 2, Kevin Mitchell 2, Matt Kerr 2) vs **Gold-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Ryan Thiffault 1, Nicolis Mikhaili 2); **Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 6 (Michael Bellamy 2, Rocco Smeriglio 2, Bobby Haskin 1, Matthew Tacchino 1) vs **White-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Marc Quagliarini 3); **Orange-** Pizza Pizza 10 (Joseph Gallo 3, Michael Parravano 3, Nicholas Capobianco 4) vs **Champagne-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Nathan Prescott 1, Alex Cancelli 1, Alec Follett 1); **JULY 21- Gold-** Pizza Pizza 9 (Drew Jenkins 4, Ryan Thiffault 1, Memo Naffarrate 3, Brendon Irwin 1) vs **Champagne-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Nathan Prescott 1, Alex Cancelli 1, Andrew Rizzi 1); **White-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Ivan Tagarov 1, Bryan Manner 1) vs **Navy-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Jimmy Szydlowski 1); **Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 8 (Michael Bellamy 3, Michael Fong 1, Jamie Weber 2, Bobby Haskin 1, Cal Simmonds 1) vs **Orange-** Pizza Pizza 6 (Sheldon Brown 1, Sean Mulroy 1, Michael Parravano 2, Justin Yeoman 1, Joseph Gallo 1);
STINGER CUP RESULTS- JULY 24- Gold- Pizza Pizza 16 vs **Champagne-** Pizza Pizza 7; **Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 14 vs **Orange-** Pizza Pizza 8; **Navy-** Pizza Pizza 5 vs **White-** Pizza Pizza 5 (Navy won in 2 to 1 penalty kick shoot out);

U14/15B STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Navy	7	1	0	21	
Kelly	7	1	0	21	
Gold	4	4	0	12	
White	3	5	0	9	
Champagne	2	6	0	6	
Orange	1	7	0	0	

U14G- JULY 29- Champagne- Pizza Pizza 3 (Whitney Dale 1, Krista Schilter 2) vs **Red-** Sean Herbinson Remax York 2 (Kathleen Herbinson 1, Kelli Smith 1); **Kelly** 6 (Johnica Johnston 4, Krysten Brown 1, Kristen Allen 1) vs **Navy** 2 (Jessica Thanasse 2); **White-** Hartwell Thayer Financial Services 2 (Nicki Gomes 1, Courtney Lockhart 1) vs **Royal-** Alutron Modules Inc. 2 (Kathleen Keon 1, Ashley Palmateer 1);
U19G- JULY 23- Sky- Laurion & Assoc. 4 (Amy Durant 2, Shannon Bath 1, Mandy Orser 1) vs **Red-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Jacqueline Davis 1); **Forest** 4 (Monique Dfault 2, Kristiana Schuhmann 1, Amanda Horan 1) vs **Navy-** Quality Integrators Corp. 0; **Teal** 4 (Laura O'Meara 1, Heather Reilly 2, Jennifer Kryshka 1) vs **Lime** 0;
JULY 30- Lime 4 (Beth Williams 1, Amy Cubitt 1, Sarah Campbell 1, Ali Lloyd 1) vs **Red-** Pizza Pizza 4 (Carrie Underwood 2, Jacqueline Davis 1, Katie Montgomery 1); **Royal-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Julia Holt 1, Michelle Roy 1, Caroline Fauteaux 1) vs **Forest** 1 (Heather Walthers 1);

U19G STANDINGS					
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts	
Teal	8	0	1	25	
Lime	6	2	1	19	
Sky	5	3	1	16	
Forest	5	4	0	15	
Red	2	4	3	9	
Royal	2	4	3	9	
Navy	1	8	3	3	
Silver	0	5	3	3	

COMPETITIVE STINGERS
U10 GIRLS - The Aurora Stingers U10 Girls Rep team defeat Barrie 1-0 in the finals to become champions of the Aurora Can-Am tournament. The Stingers defeated Markham 3-1 and lost to Barrie 3-0 on the first day of competition. The girls were determined to make it to the finals and came out with their best three games on the Sat defeating Etobicoke 2-0 and Vaughan 4-0 and defeated Barrie 1-0 in the finals with a goal by Kailee O'Connor and a shut out by Jacqueline Michie. Total team effort!
U11 Boys CSL Division 1- Aurora Stingers 6 vs **North York Hearts** 1 (Davis 3, Hanton 1, Lamanna 1). **Aurora Stingers** 5 vs **Darlington** 1(Lamanna 2, Davis 1, Lahti 1, Speller-Drews 1). **Aurora Stingers** 4 vs **Vaughan** 2 (Abels 1, Davis1, Hanton 1, Speller-Drews 1).

Aurora Stingers 6 vs **Whitby** 1 (Speller-Drews 1, Hanton 1, Huntley 1, Lahti 1, Lamanna 1). **Aurora Stingers** 3 vs **Markham** 1 (Davis 1, Speeler-Drews 1, Vanstone 1). **Aurora Stingers** 4 vs **Toronto Eagles** 3 (Speller-Drews 3, Davis 1). **Aurora Stingers** 17 vs **Peterborough** (Davis 3, Huntley 3, Speller-Drews 1, Abels 2, Hanton 2, Kolenda 1, Lamanna 1, Powell 1). **Aurora Stingers** 8 vs **Oshawa Kicks** (Huntley 3, Lahti 2, Speller-Drews 2, Abels 1). **Aurora Stingers** 1 vs **Richmond Hill** 2 (Huntley 1). **Aurora Stingers** 12 vs **North York Hearts** (Davis 3, Lamanna 3, Abels 1, Cormack 1, Hanton 1, Lahti 1, Lerner 1, Speller-Drews 1).
U12 BOYS- Team 2- We started our season off with the Oshawa Kicks tournament on May 3 and 4. It was a great way for the coaches to see the boys in action and for the parents to get to know each other. **May 28-** Our season started with a 8-0 loss to Oak Ridges. **June 4-** Our next game was a 4-1 win over Woodbridge Strikers on a very rainy night. Goals were scored by Keyah kavooosi, Alec Mackrell, Jason Nadeau and Jamie Russell. **June 7-8:** We played in the Orangeville Stormfront tournament. The team was definitely coming together. **June 11:** 1-0 win over York United Pythons (Newmarket). A great team performance by the entire team was displayed. The lone goal was scored Kayah Kavooosi. **J June 18:** 2-0 win over East Gwillimbury. Goals were scored by Alec Mackrell and Jamie Russell. **June 25:** 2-0 loss to Lake Simcoe United. **July 2:** 5-2 win over Orillia Lighning. Goals were scored by Mark Austin 2, Travis Bennett, Aaron MacDonald and Andreas Rizek. **July 9:** 3-1 loss to Unionville Milliken Strikers. This was a well played game by both teams. Aurora's goal was scored by Travis Bennett. **July 16:** After finally finding the field, it was a 6-0 loss. At the mid point of the season, we are 4 wins and 4 ties. The score does not accurately reflect the progress this team has made this season under the guidance of coaches Gerry Mackrell, Peter Bennett and Paul Cantarutti.
U12 Girls REP- JULY24- Aurora Stingers 4 vs **Wexford** 0. The winning streak is kept alive at 7 with a big win over Wexford from Scarborough. With the convincing win over Wexford, the Stingers have jumped into the division lead. As coach Rod Lewis put it, "a great positional game with aggressive anticipation for the play." Aurora's goals were scored by Sierra Maier-Niemi 2, Caleigh DiNicolantonio and Alana Smith. Shut out by the goal keeping tandem of Lauren Ebenhardt and Chelsea Maidment. Honorable mention to the defence for a solid game and the mid-field for their coverage and excellent lead passes.
U15 GIRLS PREMIERE - JULY 24- Aurora Stingers 2 vs **Woodbridge** 0. Reduced by vacations and injuries, the squad of 12, including the contributing talents of call-up Terrianne Colangelo, pulled off a solid win on the "road." Lisa D'Aguanno scored both goals for the Stingers.s Shut out earned by Taylor Joseph.
JULY 25- Can-Am Results- Aurora Stingers 4 vs **Newmarket Chargers** 0. Scorers Brittany Lostracco, Lisa D'Aguanno, Samantha Johnston and Megan Smith each scored singles for the Stingers. Taylor Joseph earned a shut-out. **Aurora Stingers** 1 vs **Sarnia Spirit** 0. Lisa D'Aguanno scored for the Stingers & Taylor Joseph earned a shut-out.
JULY 25- Aurora Stingers 1 vs **London United Xtreme** 2. Lisa D'Aguanno scored for the Stingers. Finals: Aurora Stingers 1 vs London United Xtreme 0. Monica Vucko scored off a great pass from Stephanie Console. Taylor Joseph earned the shut-out. Aurora won the tournament playing with no fewer than 8 and no more than 10 players due to injuries and vacations. Congratulations to all the players on your work and effort and your results.
JULY 31- Aurora Stingers 0 vs **Oshawa** 2. Special thanks to call ups Heather Kavelaar and Karen So.

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Sharon and Robin Puri, of Aurora, officially opened their fourth Party Station store recently, with the help of Mayor Tim Jones and his scissors. The store is located at the corner of Edward and Yonge Street in Aurora's south end. The brother-sister team already have two stores in Newmarket and another in Toronto.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Hawkers and peddlers once plagued Aurora

At one time in Aurora the appearance of hawkers and peddlers in the spring of the year created problems.

The Ontario Municipal Act gives municipal councils the authority to license and regulate certain businesses, with the evident purpose of allowing the local authority to keep an eye on such things as health, safety, control of noise, morality and the protection of residents.

A common problem for most municipalities is preparing a bylaw for hawkers and peddlers, which retains a balance between the independent businessman who wanders around the province to sell his wares and the protection of local, tax-paying merchants.

Many peddlers purchase merchandise from clear-out houses at much lower rates and are able to sell them at bargain prices. At the same time there is a reduction of service as most products lack warranties and if a problem develops the peddler is long gone.

Not only that but the local merchant makes a contribution to the community by paying taxes, sponsoring town baseball, hockey and soccer teams, as well as donating goods and services to local organizations.

The problem isn't as prevalent in Aurora today as it once was when many farmers or peddlers with produce would stake out a corner in the spring of the year, often creating traffic problems as motorists stopped to look and shop.

Street vendors and peddlers have been around for a long time, dating back to the days when horse-drawn wagons laden with pots and pans,

rags, milk, bread, vegetables, fresh fish, meat and just about everything else that people might buy.

There were also flower vendors for the harried businessman who might have forgotten an important anniversary.

In an effort to provide municipalities with more control over transient traders the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requested an increase in fees that municipalities might charge and the ability to charge a per sale fee rather than an annual fee.

The province responded that the licence fee may be imposed for the purpose of raising revenue or regulation, whereas the AMO request for a fee on a per sale basis was considered to be unnecessarily burdensome and restrictive.

In September, 1983, complaints were received that a vendor was selling household items from the trunk of his car in front of the Beer Store in the Aurora Shopping Centre on weekends.

Staff advised the town's zoning bylaw restricted retailing on a property having no connection with a building on the same lot, and the hawkers/peddlers licence issued by the town for door-to-door selling was not applicable in this type of operation.

The operator had failed

to obtain permission from the shopping centre owner and as his operation was illegal, he was given a warning and no longer appeared.

In June, 1986, Aurora Council endorsed a regional bylaw, which regulated retail sales on regional roads within Aurora.

The bylaw called for a \$250 fine for the first offence and a \$500 fine for subsequent offences. Council considered a similar bylaw for town roadways.

Council was caught in the middle as some residents complained about the restrictions being placed on the vendors, as they thought they were able to get bargains, while merchants complained about the unfair competition. It was a no-win situation for council.

In June, 1995, Aurora Council adopted an amendment to the Refreshment Vehicle Sales Bylaw to provide more control over location, hours of operation, etc.

Obviously all the rules and regulations worked, as it has been some years since Aurora Council has been required to weigh the rights of the vendors and their customers and the rights of town merchants.

The town's newly-created Farmers' Market may have helped.

Awesome phone number didn't pan out for owner

Back in 1985 an innovative businessman established a business that had the potential to become the airline reservation centre for North America.

The business, owned by a man who once worked for Travelogue in Newmarket, was located in a small industrial mall in Aurora.

Greg Griswold, originally from Madison, Wisconsin, was the president and genius behind the phone number 1-800-A-M-E-R-I-C-A-N.

He had stumbled on two peculiarities, apparently corporate oversights.

First, he discovered you didn't have to be an airline to be listed in the yellow pages of the phone book under airlines.

Then he learned the Aurora phone exchange (727) was the only exchange in North America that would accept the telephone digits 1-800-AMERICAN, as a legitimate number.

It was to become the most valuable phone number in the world.

By adding the letter "A" to the front of the number, his firm was listed at the top of the airlines listings in the yellow pages in all cities with more than 75,000 people in North America.

He received an assist from officials of American Airlines.

After refusing to buy his idea, they signed an agreement to provide Griswold access to their massive computer files and trained his staff on how to use the information.

Employees were flown to Dallas for a week of intensive training, for which they were charged a rumoured \$4,000, before they assumed

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their duties in Aurora.

Equipped with some of the most powerful computer technology available at that time, his company was able to book reservations with airlines, hotels and car rental firms up to a year in advance.

The office offered a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week, toll-free service that would give travellers anywhere in Canada or the United States access to more than 300 airlines.

He hoped that anybody in North America who wanted to fly anywhere would call his Aurora office to book their flight, for which he would receive a 10 per cent commission on the ticket price.

When a ticket was booked in Aurora, it was printed out seconds later in the headquarters of Emery Express in Ohio, where it was immediately put on one of Emery's flights to a destination in Canada or the United States.

But, about three weeks after he started business, American Airlines was granted a constraining order by a federal court

judge in Chicago that prevented his companies from accepting phone calls.

After spending about \$1 million to set up his 800 phone service, he went to court to fight the complaint of copyright infringement, claiming that American Airlines had full knowledge of his plans and he never professed to be an American Airlines ticket agency.

At that time he had 50 employees working at his Aurora industrial plaza office and planned to hire as many as 250 more.

A solicitor for the airline said his client objected to Griswold listing his company as an airline rather than a travel agency.

A-1-800-AMERICAN was listed as an airline in Wisconsin but didn't own any planes.

Griswold blamed an article that had appeared in a travel agency trade magazine for setting off a barrage of calls to American from other travel agents, which resulted in the airline's change of heart.

It was the beginning of the end for Griswold's dream of establishing a super airline reservation facility.

He left Aurora to return to Wisconsin to fight the court case, and never said goodbye.

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RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

When Tommy Hunter sang in Aurora

In past years when the Aurora Legion held a Snow-arama Party at its Industrial Parkway North location to raise funds for Whipper Billy Watson's Easter Seals campaign following the big snowmobile challenge on Cook's Bay, most of the participants came back to the Legion to celebrate their survival.

On February 5, 1978, one of the participants was Tommy Hunter, star of his own long-running country show on CBC-TV.

After delivering a brief speech about the need for funds to help crippled children, the audience clamoured for a song.

Someone handed him a guitar and Hunter obliged. Hunter and Gordie Tapp, as Cousin Clem, were regular visitors to Whipper's Snowarama and the Aurora Legion. They were fun days!

Don Harron, better known as Charlie Farquharson, was also a member of the Aurora Legion in those days, and might still be.

WHEN AURORA HAD THE HIGHEST INCOME IN THE GTA

Based on 1994 tax returns, Town of Aurora residents ranked as the highest income earners in the Greater Toronto Area, beating out Oakville for the top spot.

Aurora ranked 15th in the province and 44th in Canada.

Aurora's median income in 1994 was \$28,600 compared with \$27,200 in Oakville and \$25,300 in Newmarket.

The average for Ontario was \$20,400 and \$18,500 across Canada.

WILL THE REAL MAYOR PLEASE STAND

At one of the first meetings of Aurora council in committee following the November, 1985, municipal election, there was a little bit of confusion.

Councillor George Timpson, as chairman for the meeting, caused problems for Mayor John West and Councillor Betty Pedersen.

Both Pedersen and West served on council when Timpson served as mayor from 1976 to 1982.

The confusion started when Pedersen referred to Timpson as Mr. Mayor.

It became more noticeable when Timpson called the mayor Councillor West.

Then adding to the confusion, West referred to Timpson as Mr. Mayor.

Following the same election, Aurora bylaw 2816-85 to appoint an acting head of council in the absence of the mayor, received first and second reading with the name of the councillor blank.

Clerk-Administrator Bud Rodger explained the name was to be inserted prior to third reading.

Councillor Evelyn Buck quipped that it would be appropriate to leave it blank. Timpson's name was added and the bylaw passed.

To this day, Councillors West and Timpson, both still sitting members, are referred to as "Mr. Mayor".

ANOTHER SHOUTING MATCH AT COUNCIL

The traditional spirit of Peace and Goodwill was not evident at the December, 1966, meeting of Aurora Council.

Charges of padding members to the planning board had councillors shouting across the table at each other at the meeting, which lasted well beyond the 11 p.m. curfew.

Following the submission of the names of Tom Manning and George Morgan, Councillor Jim Murray called it rail-roading.

He said it was time that elected people held the reins of power rather than being told what to do by appointees. He was supported by Councillor Walt Davis.

When Councillor Jack Williamson mentioned that members of the planning board might get paid the following year, all hell broke loose.

Both Murray and Davis resented the insinuation that the only reason they were interested in the planning board was to receive payment.

Reeve Stu Patrick reminded council members that a planning board was a requirement and the tone of the discussion indicated a lack of faith in the board.

Councillor Dick Illingworth, chairman of the planning committee, described the whole discussion as a black day for Aurora.

Murray was quick to retort that whenever Illingworth didn't get his own way, it was a black day.

After some resemblance of order had been restored, council approved the appointment of Manning and Morgan as recommended.

That was long before Aurora Cable started to telecast council meetings, which was just as well.

IT WASN'T AN APRIL FOOL JOKE

Believe it or not but it was April 1, 1981, when Ron Wallace joined the Aurora Fire Department as a volunteer.

He traded chasing fire trucks as a newsman to riding them. The calling was quite natural, as his father had been a firefighter in North Bay.

After a brief training period, he was given a little red beeper and told to go about his business until a call came.

The first call came the next day while relaxing in the Aurora Highlands after taping the Ronnie and Dickie Show on Aurora Cable with Dick Illingworth.

The beeper sounded and a voice barked that there was a fire at McLean Motors, right across the road.

Rapid Ronnie raced across the parking lot and by the time he got there the firefighters were on the scene and a crew of volunteers, without Wallace, put out the fire.

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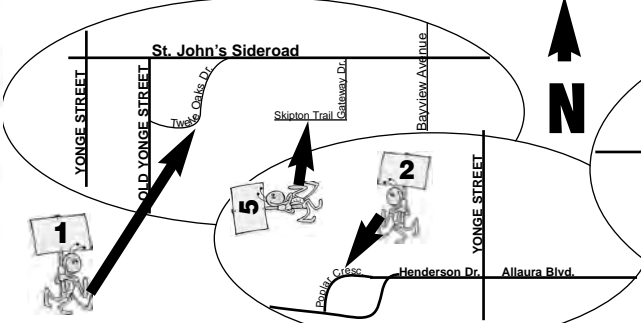
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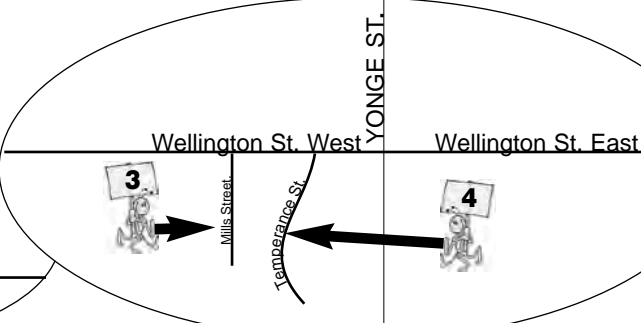


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