

Tiger opener

The 2003-04 edition of the Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey team makes its home debut Friday, Sept. 12, at the Aurora Community Centre when it meets Stouffville. Officials believe this team will be every bit as good as last year's squad that went deep into the playoffs before finally being elimi-

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nated.

Game time is 8 p.m.

Anglican Church.

'Tain't so.

Sept. 13.

at 905-727-5642.

Wrong church

If you're involved in the upcoming Alpha Program (remember, a free meal at Howard Johnson Sept. 17) and you begin with the prayer meeting Sept. 9, don't go to Trinity

"We won't be there," a spokesman said Friday, announcing that the meeting is slated for Aurora's Cornerstone Church, located at 390 Industrial Parkway

Earlier reports suggested the

prayer meeting was at Trinity.

Pig roast

It'll be a fun time for everyone

except the pig at the Royal

Canadian Legion's annual pig and corn roast slated for Saturday,

Until Sept. 5, you can get a ticket for \$12. After that, they'll cost \$15.

Tickets are available at the

Industrial Parkway North branch.

For more information, call Cheryl

Streak broken

The man who wins more prizes at

Aurora Chamber of Commerce

events than anyone had his good

luck streak come to an end

The bad news is, Tom Beck of

Hartwell Thayer Insurance, was

hurt when his car rolled over after

he attempted to avoid an animal

on the road, near Halifax, Nova

The good news is, he's recover-

His daughter, in the car with him,

ing nicely from back injuries.

was not hurt.

Week of August 26, 2003 905-727-3300



Hoedown time

It's that time of year again...the hugely successful annual Magna Hoedown, this year following the theme of "Wild, Wild West". Getting ready for the action Saturday, Sept. 13, are Belinda Stronach and former Toronto Maple Leaf captain and Community Safety Village spokesman Wendel Clark. They're holding "Paycheck" steady, while the horse offers a ride to Jordan and Chelsea, two youngsters from Girls Incorporated, one of the organizations that will benefit from the proceeds. This year's event will be capped at 3,500 people, although the price has increased from \$50 to \$60 a person. In Aurora, tickets are available at Oakridge Outfitters, Ab Cox Pontiac Buick and Rec Cycle N' Sports. Photo by Rob Schuetze

Hydro has been shaky over the years

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

Aurora residents, along with millions of other Ontarians and Americans recently endured the worst blackouts since lights were

Whether the blame is attributed to the American side of the border or the Canadian, it can't be blamed on Aurora Hydro.

They have their own problems, but their hands are clean on this

It was 4:11 p.m. August 14, when the hydro electric power grid collapsed and darkness fell across much of Ontario and the American east.

The cascading failure of the electricity grid highlighted the fragility of a system that has become increasingly inter-linked due to the deregulation of electrical power in Ontario and the need to import power from wherever it was avail-

While Aurora Hydro can't be blamed for the big blackout, they have had their own blackouts over

In January 1989 about 99 per cent of Aurora residents were left without power for approximately two hours and Aurora Hydro had no idea what caused the malfunction to one of its switches.

A 44,000-volt switch, which keeps a section of hydro line isolated, broke down at the corner of Wellington Street East and Industrial Parkway.

Please see page 14

Rose Mount district part of tour

If you're planning to take part in the annual Candlelight Tour of Homes this year, you are about to find out where Aurora's "Rose Mount" subdivision

The long-forgotten subdivision, with Wells Street as its main north-south corridor, is the location for three of the seven private homes which will be opened to visitors during the evening of Sept. 6.

The other homes are also in the town's south-east quadrant and include a farmhouse from the 1860s, a large 1870s residence which was home to merchants and millers, a modest dwelling of the same era, and a house from another period of great growth in the town, the 1950s.

Refreshments will also be served at Hillary House, and this location will be open for tours.

Now owned and operated by the Aurora Historical Society as a museum, Hillary House is a plaqued National Historic Site. All proceeds from the Candlelight Tour support its restoration.

Tickets, which cost \$20, are available at Hillary House, 15372 Yonge Street, Wednesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Art of the Matter in the St. Andrew's Shopping Centre; and at R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street. The event gets underway at 6.30 p.m. and continues until 9.30.

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

Until August 31, the Skylight Gallery in the Aurora Town Hall features the work of Jim Watson and Judy Sherman. Viewing hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to

AUGUST 27

Aurora Legion Dart Tournament - Blind Doubles, \$5 per person. Registration 6:45 p.m. Play 7:30 p.m. Cash

SEPTEMBER 3

5th Aurora Scouting Group Registration evening for Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts (ages 5-14) from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Further information call 905-726-2192.

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 \$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 8

Public information meeting regarding the proposed concept plan for the new recreational complex on Wellington Street East in the Magna Room of the Aurora Public Library at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 9

Aurora Council meets in the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Council meetings will not be telecast by Aurora Cable Internet until after the Nov. 10 municipal election.

SEPTEMBER 10

Open house from 6 to 8 p.m. in the council chambers to discuss bringing Aurora's official plan and zoning bylaw with the Oak Ridges Moraine into conformity Conservation Plan.

SEPTEMBER 11

Parenting Adolescents Workshop, Women's Centre of York Region, Aurora. To register, call 905-727-5837.

SEPTEMBER 12

Theatre Aurora begins its 2003/2004 subscription series with James Prideaux comedy "The Housekeeper". It continues September 13, 17-20 and 24-27 at 8:15 p.m. Call 905-727-3669 for ticket information.

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.

Annual Magna Hoedown. 6 p.m. - midnight at Magna Headquarters, Wellington Street East. Eleven charities will benefit.

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 16

Seminar entitled "De-Mystifying the Municipal Approvals Process for Business", sponsored by the town and the

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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.

Presentation "Internet Etiquette" sponsored by Aurora Public Library and Aurora Cable Internet, first of a 10-part monthly series of free computer workshops. 7 to 8.30 p.m. To pre-register call 905-727-9493.

Free evening of dinner, entertainment, and an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through an Alpha Course at the Howard Johnson Hotel (Aurora). Sponsored by eight churches in Aurora and area. Guest speaker Herbie Coons, voice of the Toronto Raptors. Reservations required: 905-853-1858.

First regular meeting of the Aurora Historical Society for the fall and winter season, Douglas Andrew, a former Aurora resident, will speak about his 2002 trip to China, illustrated with slides. Meeting will be held at Hillary House at 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

Third annual Candlelight Vigil at Aurora Cemetery. Begins Saturday afternoon, continues Sunday with full **Drumhead Service**

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.

SEPTEMBER 24

Young Drivers of Canada seminar, 15213 Yonge Street, Unit 1, Aurora. 7 - 9.30 p.m. To reserve, call 905-726-4132.

SEPTEMBER 27

Wesley United Church, Woodbine and the Aurora Sideroad, annual Applefest. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Further information, call Jean Stroud, 905-841-1490.

SEPTEMBER 28

The second annual 3 km Pet and People Walk in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation starts at 2 p.m. at the Community Centre and walks through the residential area of northwest Aurora ending at Machell Park. To register call 905-713-2323.

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HOME OF THE WEEK



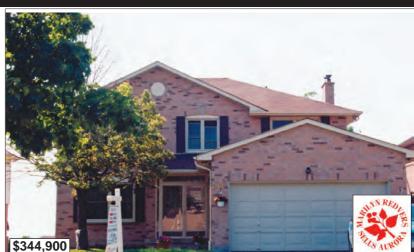
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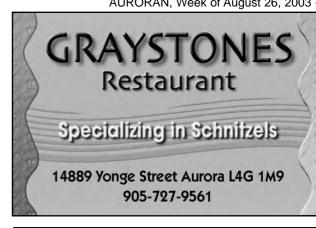
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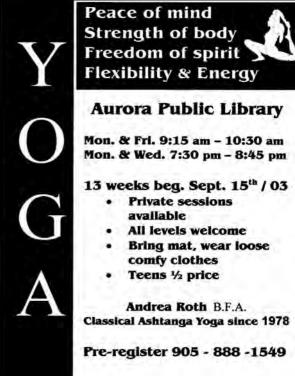
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Central York Fire Services - the combination of the Aurora and Newmarket fire departments - and the still existing Aurora Volunteer Fire Brigade have committed a total of \$20,000 to the Community Safety Village in York Region. Here, Acting Captain Rob Leathen, president of the Central York Professional Firefighters Association, left, and Captain Gord Davidson, present part of their commitment to Safety Village official Steve Hinder. Hinder says the project needs about \$600,000 to meet its \$2.6 million commitment. Firefighters throughout York Region will also contribute funds from a Sept. 6 boot drive. The village, meanwhile, on the property of Bruce's Mill Conservation Authority, is under construction, and some buildings are expected to rise in the near future. Firms wishing their names on a building would pay \$50,000 for the privilege. GO Transit will construct a miniature train station on the site, a replica of the historic station in Aurora.

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Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm (formerly located at 50 Bloomington Sideroad W., Aurora).

If you have already booked an appointment, please go to the new DriveTest Centre where your appointment time will remain the same.

DRIVETEST



Poor Richard

Few candidates on hustings yet

Where are all the candidates. The election is drawing nigh; They should be out campaigning. To help make voter interest high! -Poor Richard's Scrapbook

The period July 3rd to August 11th was referred to by the ancient Greeks and Romans as the "dog days of summer" when Sirius, the Dog Star, rose with the sun.

The conjunction of the rising of the Dog Star and the sun was held responsible for the sultry weather of midsummer. It's the time of the year when no one wants to get too

excited about anything and most of us are quite content to lie in the sun, if there is any, and let the rest of the world go

That may be fine for everyone except those seeking election or re-election in the November 10th municipal election. They should be out on the hustings seeking votes, and

they are conspicuous by their absence. Citizens have a right to know in advance who is running for office so they can start reviewing the qualifications and positions of the candidates on issues facing the town and

making their decision accordingly. For a candidate, especially new candidates, to leave their registration until the last minute places them behind the eight ball.

There is a need for name recognition and the only way to acquire that is by getting out and meeting people.

At one time, when Aurora was much smaller, most candidates went knocking on doors to meet the electors on a one-to-one basis, but with the growth of the town, that's almost impossible now.

This is one of the reasons Aurora should finally consider implementing a ward system so that candidates can get to know the electors in the ward and vice versa. People need to know the candidates in order to make an informed deci-

Candidates used to also position themselves outside one of the major supermarkets or other stores of high traffic to meet the people, but this was not always too successful as in many cases the shoppers were in a hurry and didn't have the time or inclination to stop and talk.

The sitting council should not assume this apparent lack of interest on the part of new contenders is a vote of confidence and trust in how they have carried out the affairs of the town during the past three years.

Voters are not happy with growth which some feel is out of control, traffic gridlock, heavy traffic and speeding on residential streets, high taxes and other issues are of concern, some over which council has control and others for which they don't, but it's all their fault.

There should be no doubt that the natives are restless and

The local media and Aurora Cable will no doubt do their best to bring the candidates and their viewpoints to the electors after nominations close on September 26, but people like a personal contact.

Hopefully some town organization will sponsor an All Candidates' Night when electors, if they are interested, can ask all candidates questions as to their stand on issues facing the municipality.

One of the questions you might ask all candidates is their stand on development, and how they plan to provide all the services required for all the new residents, when existing facilities are stretched to the maximum.

Another question to ask is for a firm position on the financing of all the projects that the current council has committed to build.

There is the new leisure complex on property already purchased on Wellington Street East for a two-rink arena and swimming pool, plus other facilities.

There is also a new seniors' centre that council promised to be built on land south of the town hall within the next two years. Ask how it is to be financed?

Ask candidates what they plan to do to obtain more industrial and commercial assessment in order to regain a balanced assessment and tax base as a means of keeping residential taxes under control.

Another question you might ask is the position of all candidates on a ward system for the municipality in order to provide a much closer relationship between the elector and the elected, and if they would support a referendum for the next election.

This is no time for apathy. Ask questions, get answers before the election.

ED. NOTE: The views expressed above by Poor Richard do not necessarily reflect the views of the Auroran. For example, the Auroran very much opposes a ward system for Aurora. And, by the way, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce will hold an all candidates' Electionfest Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the Tuscany Banquet Hall beginning at 7 p.m.



Here's a look at who ran Aurora's T. Sisman Shoe Company in November, 1950. From left to right (seated first, then standing) are Charles Dodson, Betty Knowles, Betty Burling, George Chatborn, George Wilkinson, Eloa Hall, Betty McKenzie, Gladys Wythe, Marie Spence, Bev Watson, Jo Maaten, Les Steadman, Albert Ryman, Ernie Eveleigh, Bert Brooks, Bill McGirr, Jr., Ross Linton, Lina Holman, Jane Davidson, Herb McKenzie, Milt Graham, Bill Stoddart, John Sisman and Fred Rowe.

Letters to the Editor

Time too precious for meetings

To the editor,

Re: Poor Richard "If you don't vote, don't complain", Aug. 19 Auroran.

As a single parent working shifts and six days a week, I felt that raising two children was a priority.

Going to a council meeting would interfere with the job I already had to ensure that my children were clothed, fed and had a roof over their heads. I had to go to work.

With one day off I cleaned

house, did washing and, yes, ironed. Then there was quality

time to spend with my chil-

With that job over, there is taking care of my mother

and also the grandchildren. I have never had a coun-

cil member come to my door and ask, "Will you vote for me" or explain his or her stand on the issues at hand.

So the question.

If everyone had the time to spend at every council meeting our democratic society would be very dif-

- "dad's drugstore" - is

visible in the photo on

McIntyre's book "Aurora

- A History of Pictures".

The drug store is located

on the ground floor of the

Medical Hall, the three-

story building on the east

side of Yonge, just south

photo, taken C. 1940,

also shows Dan's Café,

on the east side, the site

Wellington.

John

front of

ferent, right?

As it is, I am sure the town councils are quite happy that society doesn't spend much time at their council meetings.

Dianne Garrett Aurora

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Auroran photographs bring back memories

To the editor.

The pictures you show on Page 4 (July 22) take me back to the 1930s.

I remember Martin Southwood deliverina baked goods for Scanlon Bakeries in a horse and wagon, like you show.

He would come around to the back door of the house at 37 Victoria Street with a basket of goods on his

If mom wanted something he didn't have in the basket he would get it from the wagon.

Mom would pay him and he would go to the next customer.

Don Glass, Sr., would take milk to dad's drugstore for his soda fountain.

Aurora

ED. NOTE: Willis Drugs

W.G. Willis

of today's Moon Garden.

Reader wonders "who is Cathy?"

To the editor,

A couple of random observations, if I may.

Observation # 1: Who is Cathy of Cathy's Corner? Doesn't matter. Whoever

she is, she is wonderful. The columns relate directly to my life and experiences and they hit the nail squarely on the

The Mayor's Report will have a tough time getting

that slot in the newspaper back.

Observation Congratulations to Aurora Cable Internet on the full page ad that has appeared twice in the Auroran.

It is very effective and I, for one, think it will work in ACI's favour.

Observation #3: It was a shame that Kailey Hayes' picture was left out of the Highview Public School yearbook, but I hardly

think it was done on pur-

This group of parent volunteers works very hard to produce that book every year, and I'm sure errors and omissions are just a few of the headaches they must encounter.

Oh, by the way, I love your paper. You may call that Observation #4.

Regina Brown Aurora

My brickbats

would be missiles

I know some people would doubt that 16 years in Aurora is enough to qualify, but over the past few years, I have become schizophrenic at an

My usual personality is kind, encouraging, and

I have experience presenting awards, making

My "other" personality comes out when I go

Not only can I do brickbats, I can probably han-

My dark side thinks all the grocery stores in Aurora should be renamed "Frustration Station". Nothing against the grocery stores - it's the cus-

All of the stores suffer from return-a-cart-a-pho-

bia because in Aurora, there is apparently a surplus of people afflicted with the overwhelming

urge to do inconsiderate things when they think

Dick already flung a few brickbats for that once. No Frills and Price Chopper have implemented

a user-pay system, charging a quarter for the

But what really irks me is that as Aurora has

And not just in the produce department. They

I call them "vegetables" because that's the term

I've heard used to describe people who are alive

Typically, you can tell the "vegetables" aren't

You can say "excuse me" as politely as you

know how, but by the 15th time, if you still

haven't snapped them out of their spaghetti

selection induced trance, you might feel the urge

to start rummaging through your purse for a

Or a brickbat, if you have a license - which I'm

I think I need it for protection. Because some-

A few weeks ago, I see a ghost standing with

her hands in the air as if holding the handle of a

But it isn't there, it's several feet away, wedged

She is staring off into space. Not a shelf of 60

cracker varieties to explain the look of total obliv-

Her head is cocked to one side so that her cart

must look perfectly straight to her. If she could

on a diagonal to keep the living from trespassing.

fresh today by how many carts are angle-parked

like barriers in the aisles. The more, the eerier.

grown, there are more and more "vegetables" in

speeches of praise and recognition, and once, I

I want Dick Illingworth's job.

even started a standing ovation.

tomers I need heavy artillery for.

privilege of cart abandonment.
The rest of them are suffering

accelerated rate.

I can do bouquets.

dle a missile launcher!

grocery shopping.

nobody is looking.

the supermarkets.

are everywhere.

but unaware of it.

sharp object.

working on.

shopping cart.

ion, just...space.

times, I see dead people.

appreciative.



Letters to the Editor

Minor hockey group needs more sponsors

To the editor,

I would like to interest the community in a promotional sponsorship opportunity with the Aurora Minor Hockey Association for the 2003-2004 season.

Our association is growing at a rapid rate with more than 1,600 boys and girls playing hockey thanks to our many generous sponsors.

We are currently in the

planning process for the 2003-2004 season and with continued growth, we are in need of new sponsors.

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- large scale Showcase House League Tournament. " A great connection to the
- community and youth development program.

 " Web Site coverage and
- recognition.

Your sponsorship contribution would be greatly could, please respond at your earliest convenience so we can have the sweaters ready to start the season.

appreciated and if you

Should you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact Marta Kelly by e-mail at aurorahockey@on.aibn.com.

Scott Waites Sponsorship Director

Not much substance

To the editor,

Re: Homer Farsad's letter of August 19

Top marks to Homer Farsad for responding so promptly to the municipal issues I raised earlier in this paper. Big fat D for substance, however.

On some of the issues, like water and development, he put forth the same high ideals with no idea of how to achieve them, that we have come to expect from all the other politicians.

Other issues such as taxes and pesticides, he presented misleading statements, and again gave no real vision of what he would like council to do.

On the issue of water, Mr. Farsad wants more water for reduced cost.

Well, don't we all?

However, we're not going to get it, at least not without bringing in yet more water from Toronto.

Remember that smelly stuff we were all complaining about last summer?

I would really like to know how Mr. Farsad will achieve

his lofty goal.

Raise the price of water; press for restriction on development; bring in more Toronto water; what?

On development he states that 'Developers know very well that in order to build they need to preserve or create greenland' and 'I am strongly pro environmental'.

Hmmm, well, developers have yet to demonstrate this knowledge, and Mr. Farsad does not give even one example of a pro-environment platform.

On taxes, Mr. Farsad tries to lay part of the blame for high taxes on provincial assessments.

You might be able to blame the assessments for unfair distribution of the tax burden within Aurora, but you cannot blame assessments for the total tax bill.

That blame goes to the town alone. In fairness, I suppose one could also blame the high proportion of high-service-need-low-tax-rate residential property to low-service-need-high-

tax-rate industrial property.

But this too is a failure of the

town to attract more busi-

nesses here. On pesticid

On pesticides, Mr. Farsad suggests that a bylaw banning them would make matters worse by causing less scrupulous citizens to simply not post the pesticide signs on their lawn. Rubbish. These bylaws are aimed at the pesticide companies not individual citi-

zens. It is not likely, with appropriate penalties, that a licenced pesticide company would thwart a town bylaw.

Is any candidate willing to present a real strategy for addressing some of the town's woes?

Darryl Moore Aurora

Bakery turns bad into good

To the editor,

Although I was out of town on business during last week's blackout, I have been hearing lots of great things that happened in spite of the situation.

One such case was the \$300 that Hurst Bakery, Pauline and Lee Hurst and employees, raised from donations in exchange for free baked goods and donated to the Southlake Hospital.

Once again Aurora residents show their kindness when it comes to the many

charities that are supported in Aurora.

Instead of throwing out product that could go bad, the Hursts used the situation knowing their customers willingness to help, to raise more money for a great

I am sure that this is only one of many such acts of generosity that happened last week.

Thanks to everyone who helped.

Nigel Kean Aurora

see at all, but she has no eyeballs. Because her two year old is in the meat fridge, stepping over steaks and pork chops, rolling in salmonella and e coli as if it is the twilight zone version of the room full of balls at the mall.

Now do you believe me?

I have considered doing my grocery shopping online, but I really want Dick's job.

Letter to the Editor

Conserving for developers?

To the editor,

This letter will be short, but to the point, I hope.

Aurora has always had a low supply of water, but new houses go up by the hundreds.

Now, we have a problem with electrical power, but

houses go up by the hundreds.

We have been asked to conserve both utilities.

Do we conserve so that developers can build more real estate?

Tom van den Elshout Aurora By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the unknown gentleman who created two park benches beside the soccer pitch in Hamilton Park on the St. John's Sideroad from a large tree blown over in a windstorm. When vandals ripped the legs from the benches and threw the seats

into the Holland River, he built two more. Certainly hope these will survive!

BRICKBATS to the Ontario government for wasting tax dollars on a series of so-called information reports, which are really election propaganda with a picture of the smiling

Premier. The last one was the Energy Report in which Premier Eves answers what he calls important questions about energy. The one he didn't answer was how to get out of the hydro mess he put us in, and what to do in the event of a blackout!

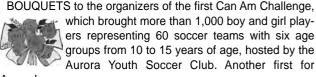
BOUQUETS to the dedicated parent volunteers who work diligently to prepare the annual year book for the students of Highview Public School, but some staff member should be responsible to ensure that the pictures of all students are included.

BRICKBATS to those at the Town Hall for failing to take action with the developer of the homes on Senator Court running north of Wellington Street, west of McDonald Drive, for the disgraceful, unfinished condition of the circle in the centre of the cul de sac. Somebody must be responsible!

BOUQUETS to the members of the Aurora Spectrum North Baton Club for sending 10 teams to the National Baton Twirling Championships at Humber College and bringing home three Gold Medals. two Silver Medals and a number of individual

BRICKBATS to those who schedule advertising on TV programs by scheduling the same stupid commercial several times on the same program, often back to back, but bouquets

to the person who invented the mute button on the remote control so you don't have to listen to the inane drivel.



BRICKBATS to the toilet paper manufacturers who try to hoodwink the buying public with a larger land less paper. One manufacturer had a cardboard roller of 1% inches and about

one inch of paper and another manufacturer has a roller of 11/2 inches and 11/4 inches of paper and they both look the same. Let the buyer beware!

BOUQUETS to the non-profit agency Job Skills on their 15th year of excellence in employment and business services. It started off in Keswick in 1988 with only 24 individuals receiving support that year. Now it covers the whole region with five offices

and is serving 10,000 people annually.

BRICKBATS to Ontario's Public Safety Minister Bob Runciman for his insulting and racist comments about the black community and the solving of crime. And to Premier Ernie

Eves for downplaying and making excuses for Runciman's comments, when he should have taken disciplinary action, but that takes courage and leadership!

BOUQUETS to Elizabeth Coyle, an employee of Aurora's Canadian Tire store, for donating a number of unsold seedlings to the Aurora Community Gardens, where the crop, when harvested, will go to the Aurora Food Pantry.

Like a good neighbour, State Farm is there.







Letters to the Editor

Seniors' vote isn't binding on council

To the editor,

Evelyn Buck has points to make regarding the proposed new Seniors' Centre, including some that do not stand up to scrutiny.

One point is Evelyn's comment regarding cheers and jeers. At the meeting in question, the seniors were in fact split in their support, some wanted to move into the old library, declaring a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and they were also comforted by the belief that we could have occupancy in about nine months.

Regardless of Evelyn's comments, I am not aware of anything faintly resembling a cheer by anybody, and most certainly no jeers; reaction yes, but that was mixed.

With regard to option 4, the proposal favoured by a majority of the seniors, I acknowledge that this proposal surfaced too late to take the formal route, which is subject to debate by council and receiving a plural vote before being presented to the seniors as an option.

Having recognized that, option 4 remains a option, favoured by a majority of seniors, and likely will be cost effective by catering to this generation of seniors and the next, and for a long time to come.

If we pursue this venture together, with intelligence and diligence, and are successful in creating an excellent seniors' centre, we may well find we are responsible for strengthening greatly, one of the pillars of Auroran public life.

My opinion is that councillors and all others concerned with this affair should display the mental fortitude and adility to deal with any deviation from due process, if it can be shown to be for the common

I acknowledge the importance of proposals being presented council, and the importance of their opinions, debated already, and the seniors vote, is in no way binding on council.

later stages of its mandate, as Evelyn pointed out; however, they were elected for a full term and council should continue to deal with those issues they have been dealing with, to the best of their collective abilities, right to the end of their term.

A pending election is no reason to be wasting time by talking and not acting.

Evelyn also noted concerns with the designbuild concept of construction, and I note those concerns also, but there are always problems of some description. The present council has been elected to consider, debate, reach a consensus, and then proceed in the manner they consider appropri-

So let them do that, and the rest of us can use our talents in a positive manner, to dream up and promote other projects that would optimize our community.

that projects such as the new Seniors' Centre, Library Square, and the old library are moving targets. They are great evolving projects. A decision reached today, a promise made, money allocated, should be viewed as promises improved, rather than as promises broken, when improved concepts emerge and are adopt-

The Aurora Seniors' Centre will commence computer instruction in September, in the same cramped quarters as before, resuming where we left off earlier this year.

support each other. It does not take long to get puters, so maybe you could check them out too.

Some points I would like to comment on concerning the positions taken by councillors Evelina MacEachern and Ron Wallace, include concern over funding, and that concern is common to all of council and to the electorate including the seniors.

The other concern was the projected time to completion, and two years is the time frame, I recall, with Ron and Evelina expressing skepticism that that time frame can be met, basing their skepticism on past non-performance.

They are certainly pro senior, and my understanding is that if option 4 can be made to fly, they will support it. Therefore, I understand and commend their positions, while I continue to support option 4 strongly.

The proposed new senior facility promises to be an exciting new addition to Aurora, a pillar of our society, and a credit to all. I note also that our society will have the baby boomers as seniors shortly.

What is needed now clearly is for all who pretend to be leaders in our community, to recognize

that a clear choice for the new senior facility has emerged, and that we can now join our talents in bringing this choice to a successful and exciting end.

Building the new centre will require money, which is no small consideration. It will require ideas, and ideas are where the great opportunities for success reside.

Of great importance, in my opinion, is how money is employed, and that requires good people with good minds, exploiting all the talents they have to offer, and coordinating with others of like mind.

The seniors are busy gathering and considering ideas old and new at this time, so that we may have responsible and meaningful input if and when required.

This new proposed seniors' centre has attracted a lot of attention for and against it. We need now to accept it, and make it the best we can.

We need to say we are Aurorans, and if this is to be. then let it be the best it can be. It should serve Aurora seniors for many years to come, not just today's seniors, but seniors 10 and 20 years down the road, if we get it right. And we will!

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Councillor responds to citizen's queries

To the editor,

In his Aug. 12 letter to the editor, Darryl Moore poses a number of questions for potential councillors. As a current councillor seeking re-election, I would like to respond, and I thank the Auroran for indulging me with the space required to adequately do so.

Mr. Moore, some of us chose to run for council because we aspired to make an active, positive contribution to our community. We are elected on the basis of our pre-election views, by the voters who share those views, to represent those views.

Citizens have a right to hold each candidate accountable for his or her election promises, as well as a duty to check to see if an incumbent has demonstrated the ability to express those views in such a way that they are consistent with not only their promises, but the community's best interests.

However, just as the voters have a right to expect the people they elected to be their voice, it is also fair for us to expect to hear the voice of our community not just before an election, but throughout the term of office.

You have noted there are

many contentious issues facing our town, and I agree this can be quite frustrating for concerned citizens such as yourself.

As a councillor, however, I find it equally frustrating to be challenged after the fact and before an election on these issues, if the community has been largely silent during the most opportune time, when speaking up might have made a critical difference.

Though I will address each of the issues you have raised to the best of my ability, I would encourage you and all residents to exercise not just your vote at election time, but your voice at all opportunities. Your vote selects the council that will serve you for three years, but your voice during that term insures that council delivers.

You have raised two issues which are widely perceived to be the jurisdiction of local government, but over which our authority is quite restricted. These are water and development.

Water: Both the quality and quantity of water in Aurora has been of tremendous concern to council as a whole. Unfortunately, like every other municipality in York Region, our water is controlled, not by council, but by the Region. They impose a region wide usage bylaw, allocating how much water we get, where it comes from, and when we can use it. We wish that we had the authority to be held accountable, but truth is we don't have much of a say.

In spite of our hands being tied, during the last three years, we have had numerous discussions, including two delegations from the Regional Director. We took the opportunity to do some "grilling" of our own, particularly on the topics of watering restrictions, allocation of water to new development, and the introduction of lake water.

Golf courses are not governed by the region, but by the Ministry of Environment. Not under our authority, I'm afraid, which again leaves local government open to blame, but closed to any say in the decision that attracts it.

To ask questions such as you have posed regarding the use of fresh versus recycled water in the water park is an excellent way of bringing attention to something that can and should be improved. However, to make accusations of "vile hypocrisy" diminishes your point.

I would caution citizens in

taking this approach because it fails to recognize the efforts of those of us who have welcomed being alerted to such concerns and who have been sincere in responding to them in a constructive and responsible manner.

Development: Our council and staff have struggled with the onslaught of development applications. In my opinion, we have looked at each application carefully, and have attempted to apply sound principles. planning Regrettably, developers are free to refer any application to the Ontario Municipal Board, which has the power to overrule the decision of the municipality. This makes it difficult, if not impossible, to control growth.

The appeal process is very costly. During my term alone, we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on legal and consulting fees. If it seems absurd to you that we have to defend and justify our plans for our own community to authorities outside our community, then we are of like mind.

Seniors' Centre/Library Square: This issue has been before council for most of the summer. When the proposal to relocate the seniors from the downtown core came before us, I was successful in getting a deferral to provide the public with an opportunity to influence the decision. At that time, we had heard delegations two community from groups and, of course, the seniors themselves. Disappointingly, my deferral did not generate any further public input.

Given that the comprehensive staff report was supported by the Director of Leisure Services, the seniors executive and its members, the mayor and most councillors, and given the absence of any visible or vocal public opposition to the proposal, can those of us who repeatedly voiced concerns about the project continue to do so without appearing to be stubborn and arrogant?

After taking the initiative to provide an opportunity for any opposition to be heard, I find it personally frustrating for opposition to come forward now. If council "appears to be taking direction from the seniors on this one", perhaps it is because they took the opportunity to express their views while others did not.

This is not a failing on the

part of council, however. We must make decisions based on the information that is available to us at the time.

Taxes: The budgetary process is lengthy, thorough and open to the public. As a councillor, I have spent a minimum of 40 hours per year going over every line in great detail, trying to insure the responsible and effective allocation of funds, and sifting to find cost savings.

This year, a full Saturday meeting was open to the public and advertised to encourage concerned residents to provide input. Once again, I was disappointed that the opportunity to participate was poorly attended. Among the few residents present was Al

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Dick IS well-informed, according to this reader

To the editor,

Last week's Auroran included a letter entitled 'Illingworth: more fiction than fact?' written by Councillor Dave Griffith.

I don't care whether Dick is reporter or a columnist, frankly, I think he does an excellent job of both in keeping Aurora citizens informed.

If the councillor feels bashed, it certainly isn't because Dick is ill-informed. In fact, I might suggest he is most likely better informed on the issues than most.

Perhaps the councillor doesn't feel the need to hit the alarm button; perhaps his situation allows him to see it differently.

But with the rising tax bills that have occurred in this town over the last four years, I think he should have his finger very close to it!

Over those years, taxes have risen nearly 30 per cent, and that was just to keep pace.

Nevertheless, the projected increases (before the recently announced election promises of recreational and senior complexes) already forecast additional increases for the next two years.

That combined with the

information contained in those public documents to which the councillor makes reference, it very obvious that there is a significant impact to those on fixed incomes, young families, seniors and every taxpayer.

Aurorans deserve both a decent senior centre and additional recreational facilities, however; as sev-

eral of the current councillors frequently remind us, if history is any indication of the future, the new library took over six years to come to fruition, and we still can't afford to open it seven days a week!

The facts are certainly not fiction.

Al Wilson Aurora









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Loitering bylaw forced mayor's wife to move

Loitering is usually defined as to linger idly or aimlessly or to dawdle.

That doesn't sound too serious but loitering was a problem in Aurora back in 1966.

The bylaw that council adopted to solve the problem and the manner in which it was enforced made national headlines.

Council had received several complaints from citizens about the number of youths and young men hanging around in front of Ray's Cafe, now Moon Garden, on Yonge Street in the evenings.

They blocked the sidewalk, used foul language, insulted pedestrians and generally made a nuisance of themselves, causing peace-loving pedestrians to cross over to the west side of Yonge Street to avoid them.

In spite of several requests to the Aurora Police Force to clear up the situation, the problem continued.

Council heard about a bylaw that had been adopted in Georgetown to control similar problems which, from all reports, was working successfully.

Aurora Council obtained a copy of the bylaw and in spite of opposition from the police force enacted a similar one.

The bylaw stipulated that no person "shall lounge, loaf, loiter or stand as an idler on any public sidewalk or street or in any public place".

And that, as Aurora was soon to learn, included the mayor's wife.

The police claimed there was sufficient protection for the town and its citizens in the Criminal Code and the loitering bylaw was unnecessary, but police officers never seemed to be available when the loitering occurred, so the bylaw was passed.

Shortly after the bylaw was adopted there was a major fire on Yonge Street in the downtown area and a large crowd gathered to watch it, including Lorraine Davis, the wife of then Mayor Clarence Davis.

The police moved in to clear the sidewalk and the street in accordance with the bylaw, to disperse the crowd...including the mayor's wife.

The officer who asked the mayor's wife to "move along" still lives in Aurora.

Now retired from the police service, Lowell McClenny recalls the incident.

"This all originated



This is the cartoon that appeared in Toronto's Globe & Mail after a police officer in Aurora, acting on a loitering bylaw, told the mayor's wife to move. Incident made headlines across the country.

through Lorraine Davis, Clarence's wife, who immediately went home and contacted, I believe, the Toronto Star as she was one of those people who sent in stories to them occasionally.

"That was how it got started. And then, of course, she told Clarence who was mayor at the time and that is when Bill Longman, the police chief, got involved.

"I can recall getting a phone call from Bill the morning after the incident and was told to come right down to his office. I was only a rookie at the time, scared to hell but stood my ground.

"I really felt that all should be treated equally and that is why I went across Yonge Street to where the adults were standing in front of Julie Smith's Shoe Shop (gone now, of course, gobbled up by a parking lot for Price Chopper).

"Anyway, the Chief had no option but to back me because he knew what I did was correct and therefore stood his ground when he was ordered to appear before council.

"Great stuff in those days," Lowell said.

It didn't take long for the story to catch the country's imagination.

It made headlines everywhere, including an editorial cartoon in the Globe and Mail about "Aurora A-Go-Go".

In 1974, because of its frequent use and with provisions in the Criminal Code, which could be used, the infamous loitering bylaw was repealed.

The action may have been too soon, as in 1997 council had the difficult task of determining if the complaints from residents of the Ransom Avenue/Temperance Street area was a loitering, noise or a parking The complaints were as a result of the 24-hour operation of a donut shop at the corner of Ransom and Yonge Streets. Council considered adopting restrictive parking bylaws for Ransom Street, but citizens stressed it was a loitering problem rather than parking.

They claimed that the young people parked their cars in the Shell station parking lot across Ransom Street from the coffee shop, played loud music, left litter and generally disrupted the neighbourhood.

Staff pointed out that it was difficult to enforce loitering bylaws, as it was necessary to identify the individuals involved.

Loitering problems flared up from time to time, but in general they were fewer than in the early days due to a greater police presence and a quicker response time.

Other York municipalities have also experienced loitering problems but none attracted the media attention that put Aurora into the national headlines.



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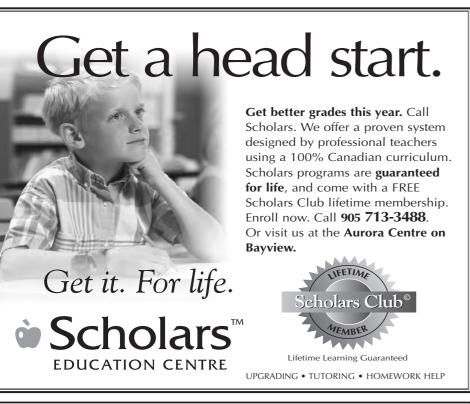




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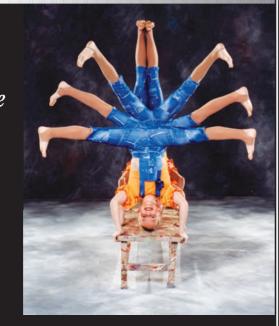
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Memories of the old Aurora Highlands

For many years the names Aurora Highlands Golf Course and golf professional Bruce Butterworth were synonymous. During the summer of 1967, he organized and conducted a golf clinic for 10 to16-year-olds and more than 60 young golfers participated.

Working with young people was nothing new to Butterworth. He has worked with young people in other recreational activities and in 1966 conducted a winter clinic for young curlers.

He was also a good golfer. In August, 1973, as general manager of the Aurora Highlands, he set a new course record with an eight under par 64. He shot a 32 on each nine. He was a co-holder of the former record, 65.

In December 1973 he decided to leave the Highlands after seven years to head up a 10-man group to purchase the nine-hole Devonshire Golf Course near Pefferlaw, with Butterworth as general manager and golf pro.

Bruce still lives in the area.

RIDING FOR KIM

It was back in July, 1983, when Aurora's Wayne Jenkins rode his bike to Montreal to raise funds for the Kim Barber Fund. The 19-year-old raised \$1,000 but was disappointed

The Kim Barber Fund was established to pay the expenses of Barber, a 28-year-old Richmond Hill native seriously injured in an auto accident in August, 1982. Following the accident he was in a coma for seven months in an Alberta Hospital. When brought home he just sat and stared into

Jenkins had planned to ride both ways but after completing the 325 miles he was forced to quit when leg cramps and saddle sores stopped his return ride.

He blamed rough road conditions for stopping his attempt to ride both ways.

WHEN AURORA HAD A TOWN BAND

In March, 1969, Aurora Council was hopeful that a Town Band may be revived with the formation of a new Salvation Army musical group under Captain J. W. Waywell of the Aurora Salvation Army Citadel.

Council supported a motion by Councillor Norm Stewart that the musical instruments of the defunct Aurora Town Band be made available to the young people of the Salvation Army band, some who did not have instruments.

The loan was made on condition that the musical group would be available to play for municipal occasions and the instruments would be returnable if the Town Band was

The Town Band was never revived, the Aurora Citadel closed and the band instruments are stored somewhere.

AURORA ONCE HAD A MOTORCYCLE CLUB

On February 2, 1974, Gary Ruddock of the Tri-County Riders Motorcycle Club of Aurora arranged for about 100 riders to compete on a Fairy Lake ice track in Newmarket to raise funds for the Whipper Watson Appeal for the York County Hospital therapeutic pool fund.

The ice race had the approval of Newmarket Council. York Regional Police and the South Lake Conservation Authority. But then Councillor Ray Twinney and Police Chief Bruce Crawford were nervous about the type of element attracted

However, they relented after receiving assurances from then Globe and Mail sports editor Jim Vipond and others that the races didn't attract the black jackets.

THE LAUNCH OF THE AURORA

In August, 1993, General Motors announced that they were launching a new Oldsmobile model to be called

As soon as Mayor John West heard the news, he decided to invite General Motors to launch its new car in Aurora, Ontario.

Production started in 1994 with the 1995 models appearing in the salesrooms in the spring.

Unfortunately there are about two dozen municipalities in the United States named Aurora, and they all believed the new car should be launched in their town.

Like a flattered schoolgirl, Oldsmobile officials took all the attention and free advertising in stride. The Aurora was launched, but not in Aurora, Ontario.

WHEN THE HURRICANES PLAYED AT THE ATRIUM

One of the things Ken Klettke missed when he moved to York Region from New Brunswick in 1988 was playing trombone in a big band.

When he discovered there were no big bands in the area, he placed a few newspaper ads and eventually founded the

There were five saxophones, four trombones, four trumpets, guitar, bass, drums and piano with vocals by Patricia Duffy. They played swing era standards and music for ballroom dancing, including Latin music.

The Hurricanes played at the Atrium Ballroom in Aurora on a regular basis, as well as other engagements and private functions. The 18-member band covered a wide range of experience and ages with the youngest player 21 and the oldest 74.

After a few years, the Hurricanes disappeared from the local music scene.

NO PLANS EAST OF BAYVIEW

Back in June, 1993, Aurora Council had no plans to discuss development east of Bayview Avenue, which had been established as Aurora's eastern urban boundary for

At the same time council selected Bayview-Wellington's plan for a 750,000 square foot, community shopping centre, to be surrounded with smaller stores, office buildings and more than 1,900 homes.

The consortium also promised community facilities such as a library, a sports complex, a performing arts centre, parkland and sports fields. What happened?

RENOWNED ARTIST VISITS AURORA

On July 9, 1985, master painter Fred Stone visited Isobel Edward's Collector's Collectibles in the St. Andrew's Village. Since the mid-1970s, Stone became a fixture of the international horse racing set.

Edward became interested in Stone's equine portraits when she first opened her store and a customer asked why she didn't carry any of his works. The customer offered to lend Edward one of his paintings and she was flooded with inquiries. This resulted in Collector's Collectibles becoming the headquarters for Fred Stone pieces in Canada. The July visit to Aurora was his first and only visit to Canada.

Police begin crackdown in York neighbourhoods

other traffic related laws will

be strictly enforced, police

Chief Armand La Barge

stated that, "residents must

take responsibility for the

safety of their community

and drive with care. Safe

Streets - Nice

Neighbourhoods is not a

program, it is a new philoso-

phy that I am confident will

have an impact on our

streets and in our neigh-

bourhoods. It is quite evi-

dent that too many drivers

are choosing to disobey

traffic laws in our subdivi-

spokesmen said.

Next week, York Regional Police will launch a new traffic safety and enforcement initiative entitled, "Safe Streets, Nice Neighbourhoods", Aurora is part of the pro-

The new strategy was unveiled at the July Police Services Board meeting and it received overwhelming support.

Officers will target residential traffic complaint areas and school and community safety zones with a zero tolerance attitude.

The program begins Tuesday, Sept. 2, the day school resumes.

Spokesmen said the police will take enforcement units into subdivisions to target aggressive drivers who choose to jeopardize the safety of children and other citizens living in neighbourhoods across York Region.

Several Aurora residents have complained to council about speeding motorists in various Aurora subdivisions.

In previous residential enforcement campaigns, some 80 percent of the drivers who were charged with speeding, were found to be residents of the neighbourhoods in which they were stopped.

With approximately 365 residential complaint areas in York Region police are urging drivers and pedestrians to be careful and obey the rules of the road.

Speeding, stop sign and school bus violations and A \$2,000 HEADACHE

In August, 1985, Aurora Council decided to begin land expropriation proceedings for a new gravity sewer line between St. John's Sideroad and Wellington Street, but not before a heated debate on

The sewer line was to replace a pumping station at Centre Street, which engineering reports indicated was working beyond its capacity and could break down within the coming year. An easement was required across a resident's land. The resident refused to negotiate an easement unless the town

agreed to pay a \$2,081.25 bill, which the resident claimed he was owed for legal work he performed in preparation for the York Durham pipeline which crosses his property. Council refused to pay the bill because there was no prior autho-

rization for the resident to do the work and council was advised it had no legal right to pay the bill. Councillor Earl Stewart argued that the bill be paid to avoid the

delay and expense of an expropriation hearing. He pointed out that if the pumping station broke down, it could shut down several industries and resultant lawsuits against the town, all because of a paltry \$2,000.

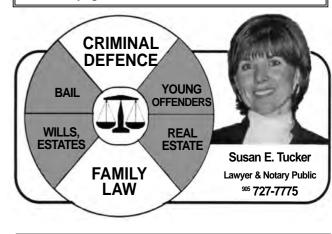
It was pointed out that each and every member of council could be held liable for the \$2,000 if they agreed to pay an illegal bill. Finally council decided to proceed with the expropriation.



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Council attendance records didn't fly in 1994

Every once in a while the question of an attendance roll call for members of council is introduced, sometimes by members themselves.

Early in 1994, Councillor Peter Healy asked for support in requesting the clerk's for council members.

He added that council's attendance be kept for all regular and special council meetings and standing committee meetings from January

Hydro woes over the years

From page 1

The wires arched and fell, leaving a 44,000-volt line hanging from the pole.

The wire wasn't touching anything but hydro workers asked the feeder station in Newmarket to shut the power down to prevent an accident, throwing most of the town into darkness.

The power outage created a number of problems for Aurora firefighters. They and York Regional Police had to reroute traffic from the intersection to Centre

A tractor-trailer hit overhead wires in front of one of the residences and pulled them down, resulting in traffic having to be rerouted again.

The outage set off a number of remote alarms around town, resulting in additional responses by the already overloaded emergency crews.

In 1992, due to a number of complaints from citizens. Aurora Council requested a report from the Aurora Hydro Electric Commission on power outages for the Aurora area for the years 1990, 1991 and the first six months of 1992.

Hydro officials reported that there was a dramatic increase in outages on customer premises from 1991 to 1992, which affected an individual customer.

There was also a marked increase in outages caused by storms from 1991 to 1992, which are more widespread affecting many more customers.

There was a decrease in the number of outages during the same period caused by equipment failure and underground cable faults, due to a planned maintenance program

There was a total of 164 outages in 1990 with 40 attributed to equipment failure, 29 to customer premises, 30 underground cable faults, eight caused by trees, 20 by wildlife, 21 by storm damage and 16 to other causes.

This compared with 43 equipment failures in 1991, 30 customer premises, 20 underground cable faults, nine trees, 23 wildlife, eight by storm damage and 25 other for a total of 158 outages.

There were 90 outages for the first six months of 1992 including 21 equipment failures, 31 customer premises, four underground cable faults, two trees, nine

department to maintain an attendance record

caused by wildlife, nine by storm damage and 14 oth-

Power outages are caused by many factors and without a power generator there seems to be little that can be done to protect the consumer.

Councillor Norm Weller said he would support the request if staff could find a suitable method of doing it.

He noted that it had been tried before, but it presented a problem for staff and required considerable staff time.

He also pointed out that there were several other meetings that councillors are required to attend such as ad hoc committees, and representing the town on other government bodies such as the conservation authority.

Other members of council asked about vacation time, illness and attending special committees such as the Santa Claus Parade and the July First

Councillor David Griffith requested that the report include the cost factor of staff time in maintaining attendance records. Finally, the issue was referred to council in committee on a 4-3 vote.

At the council committee meeting on March 6, 1994, Healy withdrew his motion to maintain attendance records. due to the many difficulties previously outlined.

The committee report was ratified at the March 9, 1995 council meeting.

Although Healy withdrew his motion, he pointed out the attendance of members of council was readily available from the min-

utes of council and citizen advisory meetcommittee meetings and there would be little cost or staff time in compiling the attendance record report card.

While other members said they had no objection to having attendance recorded, it would have to be done for all meetings including ad hoc committees, ings and other civic functions, which would present an almost impossible task for town staff and serve no useful purpose.

Councillor Weller said that in his 27 years with the town, nobody had to keep track and the town had never been shortchanged. The issue was finally put to rest.



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AURORAN SPORTS



Week of August 26, 2003

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They may have played on opposing teams, but these two hockey players had the same goal in mind. Shawn Burt, left, and Paul Giddings participated in a four-hour marathon hockey game last week to raise money for a children's cancer camp. The highly successful event, organized by Burt, brought in more than \$17,500, and will likely become an annual activity. About two dozen Aurora and area hockey players took part, and played for an hour at a time, when action was halted for rink flooding. The event was postponed one day when that massive power outage shut down the arenas in Aurora.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Strikers joining **US** tournament on Labour Day

The Aurora Strikers U-13 soccer team is about to embark on the trip of a lifetime.

They have been accepted in the Great Lehigh Valley Soccer Tournament Labour Day weekend and will join thousands of others in the annual event Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.

Organizers expect 200 teams, 3,000 players and 5,000 fans.

The Strikers, part of the Aurora Youth Soccer Club, are coached and managed by Jennifer Meron.

When they're not playing, the team will have the opportunity to visit Dorney Park-Wildwater Kingdom Allentown Fair

Novice Diggers host playoffs

league playoffs for the Novice Division played in Aurora at Fleury and Town Parks, but Aurora couldn't find its way into the winner's

The Aurora Novice Diggers ended up the season in seventh place out of 12 teams, but only four points separated them from the second place finisher.

The girls faced off against Whitby M in their first game and came up on the wrong end of an 8-3 score.

Aurora took the lead early scoring in the first. Amanda Piron with a double brought in Kathryn Cribbett who got on with an error to the pitcher.

It was a pitching duel until the third when Whitby tied the game, then added two in the fifth.

Aurora in the top of the sixth responded with two runs of their own with Kaylee McDonald getting on and Amanda Piron driving her in with a triple.

Amanda stole home for Aurora's their last run.

In the bottom of the sixth, the wheels came off as Whitby scored five runs

Losing pitcher was Kaylee McDonald who faced 32 batters, allowed six walks and gave up five hits.

Aurora lost its second game to Pickering 5-3 in one of the most exciting games of the season.

Pickering led 3-0 in the first and it became an uphill fight for the Aurora squad.

The Diggers responded with two runs in the fifth inning and another in the sixth to make it close but Pickering added another to secure the win.

Lumley pitched the loss facing 31 batters, giving up four walks, allowing nine hits and striking out 11 bat-

Offensively Alyson Murphy, Amanda Piron and Larisa Weissberger each contributed two hits while Jenn Kates, Chelsae Lumley, Jessica Suddes and Mandy Ince added singles.

Whitby D won the gold medal, Pickering the silver, and Whitby M scooped the bronze.

Aurora's coaching staff includes Bob Cribbett, Barry Lumley and Dale Doige.

Score keeping was handled by Vince Piron, Tom Weissberger and Murphy.

Murphy and Allan McDonald assisted at prac-

Fundraiser will aid soccer bovs

A group of Under 11 soccer players is planning a trip to England, and they're rapidly learning it's not cheap.

The Aurora Stingers U11 Boys will spend two weeks overseas and will include competition in the internationally acclaimed Yorkshire Cup.

In addition, the team will visit Essex Huddersfield University.

To help with the fundraising, an event at the Legion this Friday, Aug. 29, is worth considering.

The top bar band, 3MDM will play and the event will also include a silent auc-

Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the door or by calling Chris Speller at 905-841-0033.



Aurora Youth Soccer House League girls' team huddles during competition at Sheppard's Bush Sunday marking the end of another successful season in Aurora. All fields at Sheppard's were in use as well as others in town as players met for the last time Saturday and Sunday.

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U8B M/W- JULY 21- Kelly- Kellogg's 4 (Kiefer McIntosh 3, Massimo Longhin 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 4 (Graeme Allison 1, Andrew McDonald 1, Jason Todd 2);

AUGUST 18- STINGER CUP #2 RESULTS- Kelly- Kellogg's 4 (Kiefer McIntosh, Michael Perryman 1, Jamie Wilcock 1, Bailey Miller 1) vs Red- Dr. Steiner's Drillers 3 (Liam Killops);

U8G M/W- AUGUST 13- Red-Kellogg's 1 (Kaitlin Kiraly 1) vs Gold-Kellogg's 1 (Heather Tillsly);

U9B T/TH- STINGER CUP #2
RESULTS- AUGUST 14- ForestHoneywell 5 (Cody Melicherick 4,
Michael Rodrigues 1) vs LimeKellogg's 1 (Rory MacNeil 1); SkyOnyx Marketing 8 (Joey Romano 3,
Kevin Lubezic 3, Spencer Maxwell 2) vs
Purple- Kellogg's 3 (Alex Woodward 2,
Vincent Duggan 1); Silver- Kellogg's 4
(Jake Langford 2, Jessie Bentolila 2) vs
Sage- Kellogg's 1 (J.P Hudon 1);

U9G M/W- AUGUST 13- Red-Kellogg's 3 (Madison Chefero 2, Ellie MacDonald 1) vs Champagne-Kellogg's 2 (Halle Manson 1, Alexandria Kastenis 1); Gold- Auto Camping 4 (Rachel Knetsch 1, Christie MacLeod 1, Melissa Fournier 2) vs Orange- H.S Financial Services Inc. 3 (Maggie Brims 1, Sarah Devlin 1, Emily Gibillini 1); Kelly- Kellogg's 4 (Evelyn R. 1, Courtney R. 1, Brooke 2) vs Royal-Kellogg's 3 (Sabrina Biase 1, Maddy Appleby 2); U10B - AUGUST 18- Champagne-

B.E.C Technologies Inc. 4 (Colin East 2, Denis Casey 1, Jarret Lennie 1) vs Gold 2 (Michael Takahashi 1, Luca Scalise 1); Kelly- C.P.C Healthcare 3 (Eric Abels 2, Liam Martin 1) vs Royal 0; Navy 4 (Cameron Annear 2, Dylan Jolivet 1, David Scott 1) vs Red- Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 3 (Michael Vance 2, Karim Karamchi 1); White 7 (Tivon Cook 1, Graeme Goodfellow 1, Dylan Kovacs 2, Tanner Brewer 3) vs Orange 3 (Michael Nonnewitz 2, Tristan Miller 1);

U10B STANDINGS					
TEAM	\mathbf{W}	L	T	Pts	
Kelly	9	0	1	28	
Champagne	7	2	1	22	
White	6	2	2	20	
Navy	6	3	1	19	
Gold	3	5	2	11	
Red	3	6	0	9	
Royal	1	8	1	4	
Orange	1	8	0	3	

U10G- STINGER CUP #2 RESULTS-AUGUST 12- Gold- Jane Murray P. Eng. 6 (Jocelyn Arnew 2, Sarah Chapman 2, Kristy Maruno 1, Stephanie Romano 1) vs Red- Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 0; Royal-The Oackaging Group 1 (Anatasia Edwards 1) vs Champagne 0;

AUGUST 19- Royal- The Packaging Group 4 (Denise Gottschald 2, Brittany Cackirovski 1, Clarice Nasato/Anastasia Edwards 1) vs Kelly- Magna International Inc. 1 (Morgan Hulbert 1); White 2 (Maryanne Spasopoulos 2) vs Orange 3 (Nadia Martineau 2, Kelsey Rogers 1); Gold- Jane Murray P. Eng. 0 vs Champagne 1 (Madison Shields 1); Navy- B.M.P.S 8 (Jocephine DiCosmo 1, Ali Gaudio 2, Michelle Blom 2, Claire Layton 3) vs Red- Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 0;

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Royal	/	0	3	24
Kelly	7	0	2	23
Orange	7	2	0	21
Navy	3	3	3	12
White	2	5	2	8
Gold	1	5	4	7
Red	1	7	2	5
Champagne	1	7	2	5

U11B- STINGER CUP #2- AUGUST

Aurora Youth Soccer Club Scores and Standings

12- Gold- Dial Tone Communications 7 (Cameron Flynn, Scott Perry, Jordan Seto) vs Red- Marilyn Redvers Royal LePage 1 (Julian Biasoni 1); Champagne 7 (Michael D'Andrea 2, Bowman Webster 2, Nico Fattore 2, Jonathan Eggett 1) vs Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers 1 (Mitchell Smith 1); Navy- Barb Blaser Remax York 7 (Austin Muongchanh, Kyle Blaser) vs White- Wall Savers Ltd. 0;

AUGUST 19- Gold- Dial Tone Communications 6 (Igor Gasic 2, Marcel Lamanna 1, Andrew McKay 1, Scott Parry 1, Matthew Zawada 1) vs Royal- Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2 (Mitchell Smith 2); Navy- Barb Blazer Remax York 6 (Nicholas Watts 1, Ryan Williams 1, Austin Munongchanh 1, Zachary Langford 1, Kyle Blaser 1, Peter Durst 1) vs Red- Marilyn Redvers Royal LePage 4 (Dani Tzalis 1, Kevin Shapiro 2, Thomas Cole 1); Kelly-Priestly Demolition Inc. 0 vs Champagne 7 (Michael D'Andrea, Adam Colacitti, Bowman Webster, Sebastein Frazer, Niam Jutha, Evan Jones shut out);

U11B STAND	INGS	3		
TEAM	\mathbf{W}	L	T	Pts
Gold	9	1	0	27
Champagne	6	3	0	18
White	6	4	0	18
Navy	5	5	0	15
Royal	5	5	0	15
Kelly	3	6	0	9
Red	0	10	0	0

U11G- STINGER CUP #2 RESULTS-AUGUST 13- Kelly- Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc. 4 (Katelyn Hagarty 1, Alyssa Malinas 1, Sarah DeAlmedia 1, Aleshia Ing 1) vs Orange-Sundance Signs 0; Red- Aegis Engineering 1 (Stephanie Dilena 1) vs Gold- Dr. Weaver's Drillers 1 (Sandra Lagrotta 1); Royal- Smiths. Sykes & Leeper Chartered Accountants 0 vs Champagne- Summers & Smith Cooling & Heating 0; Sky 3 (Victoria Harding 1, Chandler White 2) vs Navy-Dial Tone Communications 1 (Alyssa Lagrotta 1);

AUGUST 20- Red- Aegis Engineering 2 (Stephanie Dilena 2) vs Navy- Dial Tone Communications 0; Kelly- Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc. 3 (Katelyn Hagerty 1, Karly Dreger 1, Jessica Ing 1) vs Royal- Smith, Sykes & Leeper Chartered Accountants 2 (Melissa Nicolo 1, Siobhan Barrett 1); Champagne- Summers & Smith Cooling & Heating 1 (Victoria Blakeman 1) vs Gold- Dr. Weaver's Drillers 1; Orange- Sundance Signs 0 vs Sky 2 (Kristina Pirri 1, Kristyna Amos 1);

U11G STAND	ING	S		
TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	5	1	5	20
Sky	5	2	4	19
Champagne	4	2	5	17
Red	4	2	5	17
Kelly	4	2	5	17
Royal	4	5	2	14
Navy	3	6	2	11
Orange	0	9	2	2

U12B- JULY 28- Royal 7 (Ryan Logue 3, Simon Esposito 1, Matthew Joynt 1, John MacDonald 1, Cody Benson 1) vs Red 5 (Ryan Cathers 1, David Iwai 4); White- Aurora Shopping Centre 9 (Michael Freedman, Alex Principle, Carmen Dalli, Damian Prezio, Ramon Moodley) vs Kelly 2 (Colin Moffat 1, Taylor Boxton 1); Orange 4 (Josh Bentolila 1, Nick Pontelis 1, Mike Salna 1, A.J Ciccarelli 1) vs Champagne-Magna International Inc. 4 (Tyler Watt 1, Omar Abdel Qader 1, Adrian DiRosa 1, C.J Melichereik 1);

AUGUST 13- STINGER CUP #2-Champagne- Magna International Inc. 6 (Omar Abdel-Qader 1, Brendan Stenzel 1, Adrian Dirosa 2, Connor

Spring 1, C.J Melicherick 1) vs Royal 3 (Simon Esposito 1, John MacDonald 1, Ryan Logue 1); Gold-B.M.P.S 5 (Nizaam Rehman 1, Doneto DiPietro 2, Jordan Fantin 2) vs Red 3 (Michael Grande 2, Scott Denotter 1); Orange 9 (Sean McEvoy, Mark Buchanan , Josh Bentolila, Ryan Hart, Braun Hause, A.J. Ciccerelli) vs Kelly 2 (Steven Simone 1, Taylor Boxton 1);

AUGUST 18- Gold- B.M.P.S 7 (Doneto DiPietro 2, Steven Seerless 1, Nazaam Rehmen 3, Adrian Clark 1) vs Royal 1 (John MacDonald 1); White- Aurora Shopping Centre 4 (Eric Beveridge 1, Carmen Dalli 1, Andrew MacDonald 1, Damian Prezio 1) vs Champagne-Magna International Inc. 3 (Connor Spring 1, C.J Melicherick 2);

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Red	4	3	2	14	
Royal	3	3	3	12	
White	4	5	0	12	
Champagne	2	4	3	9	
Kelly	1	6	2	5	

U12G- JULY 23- Red- Kerrson Mechanical Ltd. 3 (Ashlyn Kerr 1, Taylor Garbett 1, Jamie Joslin 1) vs Orange 0; Gold- Parmalat 6 (Alexis Silaidis 1, Lisa Koivula 1, Devon Emery 1, Allie Tonkin 3) vs Sky- HRD Kitchen Services 0; Navy- Alcorn Enterprises 4 (Lianne Pitts 2, Cassandra Romano 2) vs Royal- Arrow Hedge Partners Inc. 2 (Emma Hayzelden 2);

JULY 30- Red- Kerrson Mechanical Ltd. 4 (Samantha Chefero 2, Olivia Avolio 1, Caylin Butler 1) vs Royal-Arrow Hedge Partners Inc. 3 (Alison Johnson 1); Navy- Alcorn Enterprises 4 (Danielle Crowley 3, Tamara Leivo 1) vs Gold- Parmalat 1 (Allie Tonkin 1); Orange 1 (Tamika Orser 1) vs Champagne 0; Kelly- P.C Law 6 (Danica Nasato 1, Cayleigh Haywood 2, Tonia Allison 1, Lauren Lostracco 2) vs Sky- HRD Kitchen Services 1 (Olivia Werden 1);

AUGUST 13- Royal-Arrow Hedge
Partners 4 vs Champagne 0; Orange 5
(Jessica Trevison 4, Lauren
Rabindranath 1) vs Kelly- P.C Law 0;
Gold- Parmalat 2 (Allie Tonkin 1,
Kimberly Vetz 1) vs Red- Kerrson
Mechanical Ltd. 1 (Jamie Joslin 1);
Sky- HRD Kitchen Services 1 (Carly
Hobson 1) vs Navy- Alcorn Enterprises
1 (Shelby Gamble 1);
AUGUST 20- Gold- Parmalat 7 (Allie

AUGUST 20- Gold- Parmalat 7 (Allie Tonkin 2, Valerie Frappier 1, Tanya Kizovski 2, Jennifer Alcock 2) vs Champagne 2 (Samantha Pozzebon 1, Taylor Yeoman 1); Red- Kerrson Mechanical Ltd. 1 (Jamie Joslin 1) vs Navy- Alcorn Enterprises 1 (Sabrina Zavarise 1); Kelly- P.C Law 3 (Cayleigh Haywood 2, Danica Nasato 1) vs Royal-Arrow Hedge Partners 0; Sky- HRD Kitchen Services 3 (Olivia Werden 2, Leah Thiffault 1) vs Orange 0;

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Navy	4	3	4	16
Sky	3	5	3	12
Royal	3	8	0	9
Champagne	1	9	1	4

U13B- AUGUST 12- STINGER CUP
RESULTS- Navy- Pizza Pizza 4
(Derek Bartlett 2, Patrick Braceland 2)
vs Orange- Pizza Pizza 3 (Chris Finlay
2, Brice Roffey 1); Red- Pizza Pizza 1
(Tim Nardi 1) vs Kelly- Pizza Pizza 0;
AUGUST 20- Navy- Pizza Pizza 3
(Chris Ramsey 2, Daniel Circi 1) vs
Gold- Pizza Pizza 3 (Chris Lockhart 2,
Jesse Domanico 1); White- Pizza Pizza
5 (Sam Herschorn 2, Matthew Wright 1,

Chris Wong 1, Lorcan Duffy 1) vs Orange- Pizza Pizza 3 (Spencer McCartney 1, Geoff Brissenden 2); Kelly- Pizza Pizza 3 (Ian Middleton 2, Mohommad Akbar 1) vs Pizza Pizza 3 (Christian DiVincenzo 1, Harrison Kane 1, Daniel Kuglar 1);

U13G STANDINGS				
TEAM	\mathbf{W}	\mathbf{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 28- Navy- Pizza Pizza 8 (Andrew Goss 4, Matt Kerr 1, Kevin Moffat 1, Derek Roldan 1, Kevin Mitchell 1) vs Champagne- Pizza Pizza 1 (Nathan Prescott 1); Gold- Pizza Pizza 4 (David Zavarise 2, Memo Nafarrate 1, Ian Solnick 1) vs Kelly- Pizza Pizza 4 (Michael Bellamy 1, Andrew Fong 1, Jamie Weber 1, Jon Aleksich 1); Orange- Pizza Pizza 8 (Michael Parravano 4, Sheldon Brown 3, Sean Mulry 1) vs White- Pizza Pizza 4 (Charles Hajicostis 1, Allan Roberto 1, Kareem Sampson 1, Dannie Won 1); AUGUST 13- Navy- Pizza Pizza 8 (Jason Lower 1, Kevin Moffat 2, Derek Roldan 2, Jimmy Szydlowski 3) vs Kelly- Pizza Pizza 6 (Robert Juffs 1, Matthew Tacchino 1, Jamie Weber 1, Jon Aleksich 1, Bobby Haskin 2); Gold-Pizza Pizza 6 (David Zavarise 2, Memo Nafarrate 2, Nikolas Mikhail 1, Alex Kane 1) vs Orange- Pizza Pizza 2 (Sheldon Brown 1, Dale McDonald 1); Champagne- Pizza Pizza 6 (Nathan Prescott 1, Alex Cancelli 3, Andrew Rizzi 1, Alec Follett 1) vs White- Pizza Pizza 4 (Bryan Manner 2, Jerry Roback

AUGUST 18- Navy- Pizza Pizza 10 (Andrew Goss, Kevin Moffat, Matt Kerr, Jimmy Szydlowski, Kyle Barton) vs Orange- Pizza Pizza 3 (Sheldon Brown 2, Justin Yeoman 1); Gold- Pizza Pizza 9 (David Zavarise 2, Memo Nafarrate 4, Cory Horner 1, Andrew Ramsay 2) vs White- Pizza Pizza 3 (Kyle Flemming 1, Josh Hanson 1, Jim Harrison 1); Champagne- Pizza Pizza 5 (James Berrington 2, Carl Kern 1, Andrew Rizzi 2) vs Kelly- Pizza Pizza 3 (Michael Bellamy 1, Jon Aleksich 2);

TEAM	\mathbf{W}	L	T	
Pts				
Navy	12	1	0	36
Kelly	8	4	1	25
Gold	6	6	1	19
Champagne	6	7	0	18
Orange	3	10	0	9
White	3	10	0	9

U14G- AUGUST 12- Champagne-Pizza Pizza 0 vs White 0; Kelly 4 (Meaghan Smith 2, Kristen Allen 1, Erin Wotherspoon 1) vs Royal- Alutron Modules Inc. 1 (Ashley palmateer 1); Red- Sean Herbinson Remax York 4 (Danielle DiGiacomi 1, Kelli Smith 2, Kathleen Herbinson 1) vs Navy 3 (Sarah Pennacchio 2, Reanne Crowley 1);

AUGUST 19- Champagne- Pizza Pizza 3 (Whitney Dale 1, Kellie Fillipponio 1, Krista Schilter 1) vs Navy 3 (Sarah Pennacchio 1, Kaitlin Sequin 2); Kelly 3 (Kristen Brown 2, Jonnica Johnson 1) vs White- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services 0:

U19G- STINGER CUP #2- AUGUST
13- Lime 4 (Elisa Gray 1, Amy Cubitt 1,
Sarah Campbell 1, Ali Lloyd 1) vs
Silver- Aurora Shopping Centre 2
(Sarah Bourgard 1, Natalie Mueggler 1);
Forest 3 (Monique Deault 1, Kristianna
Schuhmann 1, Erika Berganson 1) vs
Sky- Laurion & Assoc. 2 (Melissa
Camilleri 1, Alison Wayworth 1); Navy-



Quality Integrators Corp. 3 (Rebecca Corbett 1, Natalie Leava 2) vs **Royal**-Pizza Pizza 1 (Caroline Fauteaux 1); **Teal** 2 (Laura O'Meara 2) vs **Red**- Pizza Pizza 0

TEAM	\mathbf{W}	L	T	Pts
Teal	9	0	1	28
Lime	7	2	1	22
Forest	6	4	0	18
Sky	5	4	1	16
Red	2	5	3	9
Royal	2	5	3	9
Navy	2	8	0	6
Silver	0	6	3	3

U12 Girls REP- Division #1- AUGUST 5- Aurora Stingers 2 vs Oshawa 0. Aurora goals scored by Caleigh DiNicolantonio and Natalee Lewis. Aurora shut out by Chelsea Maidment. AUGUST 12- Aurora Stingers 1 vs Glen Shields 0. Battle of the Division Leaders. Aurora was triumphant in its rematch with the Division leader, Glen Shields. An exciting game and well earned win by the U12 girls keeps them within striking distance of first place with 4 games left in the regular season. A beautifully potted goal by our speedy striker Alanna Amith and an aggressive display of goal keeping by Lauren Ebenhardt, combined with a strong effort by the rest of the team resulted in 1 nothing shut out win over the Glen Shields team. Congrats girls on a well deserved win.

AUGUST 19- Aurora Stingers 1 vs Glen Shields 1. Aurora goal scored by Lauren Ebenhardt. U15 GIRLS PREMIERE - AUGUST 7- Aurora Stingers 0 vs Barrie 0

7- Aurora Stingers 0 vs Barrie 0. Despite dominating the game and shots on net, the Stingers were unable to score. With thanks to call-ups Celeste Weese and Claire Weisser for their solid contribution to the team effort.

U15 BOYS ADP- Victory was sweet in

August of 2002 when the Aurora

Stingers U14 Boys ADP squad captured

the Newmarket Annual All Star Tournament championship following a disallowed goal in double overtime. A "Participant" trophy was simply not acceptable. The same group of players now U15, headed to Newmarket on July 12, 2003, confident, that we would repeat. The team received a boost in defeating a talented Newmarket team, 4-0 in the first game. We eyed our next opponent, Dixie, warily as they practiced on the sidelines. Although outmatched in size, Aurora rose to the challenge and dominated for most of the game with our quickness up front and tenacity on defense. Victory was denied us when Dixie scored the lone goal minutes from the whistle. Disappointment, yes, defeated, no. Aurora prevailed 2-1 over a spirited East York team in the third game, and we were headed for the final midway in to the half and controlled much of the play. Frustration showed in the second half on a penalty shot from the sure foot of Jimmy Szydlowski, who would be named team MVP. Dixie scored late in the game, but too late. Aurora 2, Dixie 1. Aurora repeats as tournament champs. All 17 players shared their team victory with their parents, siblings and friends. Goalies Cal Simmonds and Taylor

U16 BOYS REC-AUGUST 9- Aurora Stingers 9 vs East Gwillamberry 1. AUGUST 5- Aurora Stingers 7 vs Lake Simcoe United #2 4. Goals for Aurora scored by Drew Moultray 1, Craig Murphy 2, Matthew Neri 2, Daniel Pacitto 2.

Bailey and the defense had excellent

games allowing only two goals in four

games, while the offense potted eight

goals. Capturing successive champi-

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accomplishment. Threepeat in 2004, bet

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History behind Aurora's Sinclair Radio

Located on Mary Street in Aurora is a building that accommodates Sinclair Radio Lab Limited, manufacturers of radio multicouplers and antennae.

In May, 1988, the firm received an \$8.8 million contract from the federal government to build antenna multicouplers for defence projects.

York-Peel MP Sinclair Stevens announced the contract, which he said would create the equivalent of 12 full-time jobs for 36 months.

The multicoupler systems were fully automated and were used with radio equipment on Canadian naval vessels. They allow for the operation of multiple radios on one antenna.

The company also worked on the antenna system for the Avro Arrow.

George Sinclair, chairman of the board and principal owner, was a former professor of electrical engineering at the University of Toronto and he was a pioneer in antenna and filter systems for more than 50 years.

He was one of 17 Ontario innovators from among 66 Canadians being consid-



ered by the Manning Awards for the 1988 \$100,000 Principal Award and two \$25,000 Awards of Merit.

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, established in 1980 to promote the recognition and encouragement of Canadian innovators in all disciplines, is a national, privately funded, non-profit organization.

By 1988, Sinclair was aged 76. He was born in

Hamilton but later moved out west and attended the University of Alberta with special emphasis on the theory of antennas and how they worked.

He returned to university for his masters degree in the field of radio, while helping out with the university's radio station, one of the first to go on the air in North America in 1927.

After graduation, one of his first tasks was to design

and build a radio station in Grand Prairie, Alberta, the farthest north radio station in Canada.

In 1939, he decided to attend Ohio State University to take his doctorate in engineering. The Second World War broke out and he decided to return to Canada to join the Armed Forces.

His professor asked him to remain in the U.S. to assist the War Department in the development of a radio for a new series of high-speed fighter planes, with the results being made available to the RCAF.

On completion of the project he once again planned to return to Canada but the War Department asked him to remain and implement the program. He obtained the contract and, with the support of the university, formed a company, which by the end of the war had 125 employees.

In 1945, the Germans developed a radar-controlled anti-aircraft gun for shooting down American and British planes. He was given the task of developing an anti-radar countermeasure system that would be invisible to radar.

He was the founder of the radar reflectivity measurement industry, but it was more than 20 years before the information was made public.

The American stealth bomber, then under construction, used the radar countermeasures developed by Sinclair. When the war ended he returned to Canada and became an assistant professor of electrical engineering but continued his work as a consultant.

In 1951, he founded Sinclair Radio with his partner Peter Yachimec and moved to Aurora in 1980.

He carried on with his consulting work and developed antennae for mobile radios for police departments, taxi operators and other agencies, and Sinclair Radio became the world leader in the field.

By 1988, the company employed approximately 100 people, manufacturing a line of standard products, with many special contracts for specific equipment in the antenna and radio multicoupler field.

While President Bob Weir handled the day-to-day operations of the company, Dr. George Sinclair went to the office every day and was still involved in major policy decisions.

Sinclair Radio, known worldwide, but a secret in Aurora.

Employment growth climbs

York Region carried out an industry and employment survey in 2002 to provide an insight into emerging patterns of employment growth and economic development within its nine municipalities and the results are out.

The survey was based on information collected from businesses located in selected employment areas between May and August, 2002.

The last comprehensive study conducted in the region was in 1998.

Employment in the region at year end was estimated at 405,000 jobs, representing an annual growth of 5.7 per cent since 1998, compared with 2.2 per cent nationally and 2.6 per cent in Ontario.

Each municipality in the region experienced employment growth.

In Aurora, the areas surveyed included Industrial Parkway North and South, Aurora East and the Magna lands.

In 1998, these areas accounted for 6,420 jobs.

Last year, there were 7,627 jobs in the area, resulting in an average annual employment growth of 4.7 per cent since 1998.

The service producing sectors accounted for 59.8 per cent of total employment growth in the surveyed areas, up from 57.8 per cent in 1998.

Among goods' producing industries, manufacturing was the primary employer accounting for 37.5 per cent of the jobs.

Within the manufacturing sector, transportation equipment, computer and

electronic products and fabricated metal were the dominant subsectors.

While manufacturing employment increased 14.6 per cent between 1998 and 2002, employment in service producing industries increased at a faster rate.

Among all employment sectors the finance, insurance and real estate sectors experienced the largest employment increase, rising 43.6 per cent over the period.

There was a slight decline in full-time employment over the period from 82.3 per cent in 1998 to 77.4 per cent in 2002.

It was believed this decline was likely due in part to the increase in retail-based employment,

which typically employs a greater proportion of parttime workers than industrial or commercial.

Annual business mobility was relatively low in Aurora, with 4.1 per cent of businesses either moving or closing each year since 1998.

Of those that closed or moved, most were in personal services, retail, business services and manufacturing resulting in the loss of 627 jobs since 1998.

There was a net gain in both the number of businesses and employees during the period increasing by 4.7 per cent and 2.6 per cent annually since 1998.

Retail-based businesses accounted for 46.2 per cent of new businesses, while manufacturing comprised 15.4 per cent. In total 1,207 new jobs were added.

While small firms, with fewer than 20 employees, comprise the majority of Aurora's businesses at 84.9 per cent, the number of medium and large firms has grown since 1998.

Medium-sized firms have from 20 to 99 employees and are up from 10.8 to 11.9 per cent.

Large firms with 100 to 499 employees increased from 3.1 to 3.2 per cent.

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Councillor responds to citizen's queries

From page 7

Wilson, who ran unsuccessfully for council in the last election.

Neither Mr. Wilson, nor any of the other attendees, made any comments nor offered suggestions, however, his lack of speaking out when it was appropriate and worthwhile for him to do so did not stop Mr. Wilson from speaking out in a scathing letter to the editor after the budget was passed.

I would expect, at the very least, that residents who publicly air their dissatisfaction will have done their utmost to influence the decision. In the absence of any positive effort to do so, I suggest the negativity after the fact is hardly an effective means to improve the process by which decisions are made.

Ward System: Personally, I am not in favour of a ward system. My sense is that it tends to divide and fractionalize a community, and that it leads to parochialism, self-interest and naval gazing. I believe that while the interests of one part of our community may be different from those of another on some issues, overall, we must share a common goal to serve the best interests of our community as a

Pesticides: The issue has debated several times, with the consensus that we do not have a right to dictate to private property owners. The pesticides concerned are widely available over the counter and are not banned or regulated by the Province or Federal Government, making it extremely difficult for us to impose restrictions.

It is likely that the communities that have laid the groundwork on this issue have been pressured by their citizens to do so, and I welcome our concerned citizens to bring this issue forward as loudly and clearly as possible so that we may know the extent of support for it. It is impossible for us to be at the forefront of any issue if the background is one of silence.

I hope I have adequately addressed your questions and that I have satisfied you that far from waiting to be grilled, not only am I prepared to make my views clear to anyone who questions them, but I can't stress enough how important it is for residents to take every opportunity to present their views as well.

I have been known to be quite demanding and insistent during council debates, but I need to know that this effort serves and benefits my community. Each of us is elected to represent our constituents, not to debate our own personal beliefs with one another.

With an election only a few months away, I encourage all residents to exercise

their right and duty to vote, for this will be the first of many opportunities to have your voice heard in the new

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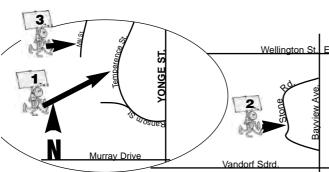


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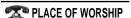
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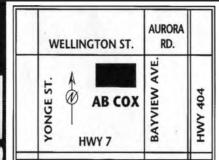


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