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# Aurora bingo lease deal collapses in final hour

The deal was set, as far as the tenant was concerned.

All it needed was a signature on the lease and Aurora's bingo hall would continue after Sept. 30.

It blew up last Wednesday when the owners of the building at the corner of Engelhard and Edward told Perry Kereakou, who would own the new bingo business, they

weren't interested in signing the lease.

It's expected the building will become a storage area, and judging by a full page advertisement in the latest edition of the telephone

book, that's exactly what it will be.

The sudden move puts Kereakou and 34 local charities, including 12 Aurora organizations, out in the street.

But Kereakou, who would have

opened Aurora's Bingo World Oct. 1, is not finished yet.

"I need to find a place in Aurora that can accommodate a bingo hall and has the parking to go

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## Groups finalize building leases

It was a long time coming, but two major Aurora organizations finalized leases with the Town at Tuesday's council meeting.

Theatre Aurora and the Aurora Historical Society learned the leases had been approved giving them several years' use of Factory Theatre and the Church Street School respectively.

The leases slipped through council almost without notice.

Listed number one and two on the agenda, the items were passed over by councillors as they selected issues they wished to discuss.

Members representing both organizations were in the audience to hear the outcome and were finally told by Mayor Tim

Jones that the two items, since they were not called for discussion, had been approved.

Theatre Aurora has major renovation plans for the old cement factory, and the AHS plans to set up a Heritage Centre, which will include the museum, at the Church Street School.

The school, which has been closed all summer for exterior renovations, will re-open in the fall, and a gala party to mark the occasion is currently being planned.

Aurora Museum, which had occupied the second floor of the school, has several items on display at Hillary House, a historical site owned by the AHS, while the school is being finished.

## Briefly

### Sold, but to whom?

The Granny's Tarts building on Industry Street, where some of the world's best butter tarts were made for years, has been sold.

But the deal doesn't close until Sept. 19, and that's when information on the buyer will be released.

"It's a major industrial user, who expects to start business soon after the 19th," said Economic Development Officer Dino Lombardi.

The huge building boasts about 43,000 square feet of space.

### Sing your heart out

So you think you can sing, huh? The Aurora Legion wants you to prove it.

On Friday, Oct. 17, the Legion will host a variety show titled "Legends Revisited".

There will be "special guest" tribute artists representing Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Elvis, et al, and officials are looking for people to participate with their own acts.

Those who might be interested should contact President Elizabeth Frisk at 905-952-0636. There will be a full sound system with karaoke tracks available.



Nothing like having a private castle to host your birthday party. Five-year-old twins, Daniel and Christine Taylor, left, the birthday kids, had some help from their parents, Jane and Tim, as they transformed their Valhalla Court home into a medieval castle Saturday. Arriving for the festivities are, left to right, Maxwell Gebeshuber, 6; Shavonte Leon, 6; and Taylor Compton, 4. Games and food were the order of the day as hosts and guests frolicked amid 984 feet of streamers and 300 balloons.

*Auroran photo by Ron Wallace*

## Councillor seeks lights at Church St.

Aurora's traffic was in the hot seat at Aurora Council Tuesday night.

A recommendation not to install traffic lights at the corner of Yonge and Church Streets, and another to create a four-way stop intersection on Murray Drive, incurred the wrath of Councillor Ron Wallace.

Last October, staff was asked to investigate the feasibility of placing traffic lights at the intersection of Yonge and Church and the results was a report saying traffic signals didn't meet warrants.

Councillor Wallace disagreed, saying the figures in the study were slanted, as few motorists attempt to make a left turn from Church Street into the Yonge Street traffic.

Instead, he said, they use Wellington, Kennedy or Dunning where there are signals.

"That builds up traffic in the residential areas," he said. "Traffic lights at Church might also take some pressure off Yonge and Wellington."

Councillor George Timpson

referred to a previous council decision to install pedestrian signal lights at Mosley and Yonge Streets and suggested council wait until those lights are working before making a decision.

Wallace responded by saying there weren't enough pedestrians crossing Yonge Street at Mosley to create enough gaps in the traffic.

Staff pointed out that funds were not in the 2003 budget for the purchase and installation of the lights,

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**The Honourable Frank Klees,**  
MPP, Oak Ridges,

his MPP counterparts Julia Munro, York North,  
The Honourable David Tsubouchi, Markham,  
The Honourable Tina Molinari, Thornhill, and  
Joe Tascona, Barrie-Simcoe-Bradford,

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**The Honourable Tony Clement,**  
Minister of Health & Long Term Care, and the  
**Government of Ontario.**

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**T**he insight of our local MPPs in supporting the creation of a Regional Cancer Centre within York Region is admirable and a reflection of our government's commitment to provide health care services *closer to home* for the citizens of Ontario. It will benefit approximately **ONE MILLION** people who reside in York Region and south Simcoe County with access to advanced cancer treatments that, until now, have been offered only in major city centres such as Toronto to the south and Sudbury to the north.

Once fully operational this new, Regional Centre will add such life-saving services as radiation therapy, complex chemotherapy treatments, and advanced diagnostic testing to Southlake's existing chemotherapy and thoracic surgery (specializing in cancer-related operations) programs.

**S**outhlake is proud of its proven track record to successfully establish advanced health care services in a community setting (e.g., Cardiac, Paediatric and Perinatal Care, and Child and Adolescent Mental Health). It will continue to work with its neighbouring hospitals and other health care providers to ensure that the cancer services it will deliver are valued by the patients and families it is entrusted to serve.



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The bigwigs gathered last week as Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket received a cheque for \$2 million from the provincial government that will go toward establishing a cancer centre in the hospital. At the ceremonies were, left to right, Joe Tascona, MPP Barrie, Simcoe, Bradford; Tina Molinari, MPP Thornhill; Aurora resident Frank Klees, MPP Oak Ridges; Julia Munro, MPP York North; Minister of Health Tony Clement; Southlake president and CEO Dan Carriere; and Chairman of the Hospital Board Robin Tidd, also an Aurora resident.

## \$2 million grant will start regional cancer centre

Aurora residents, as well as everyone else in York Region, are one step closer to a regional cancer centre following an announcement Friday by the provincial government.

A planning grant of up to \$2 million for Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket will allow the hospital to begin planning the area's new regional cancer centre under the leadership of Cancer Care Ontario.

"Health care is our government's number one priority and today's announcement adds to our record investments in health care we've made every year since 1995," said Minister Frank Klees, MPP for Oak Ridges and an Aurora resident. "We've increased annual funding by more than \$10 billion, despite the continuing lack of fair health care funding from the federal Liberals."

"On behalf of the people of

Newmarket, Aurora, and York Region who need cancer services on a daily basis, I commend the government for its overall commitment to funding cancer care and supporting hospitals and healthcare in Ontario," said Daniel Carriere, President and CEO of Southlake.

It is anticipated that six radiation machines will be required by 2010 to support the growing population north of Toronto.

## Copyright protection

Aurora Council agreed Tuesday night to enter into an agreement with Access Copyright, a non-profit corporation that issues licenses to municipalities to permit the reproduction of copyright protected work, such as copying music and newspaper and magazine articles.

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## Poor Richard

# The blackout was a crisis waiting to happen

*Lessons are often hard to learn,  
As looking for answers we seek;  
The blackout brought questions,  
The answers may be very bleak!*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

The people of Ontario deserve answers as to what happened to their electrical power system during the recent massive blackout.

The system that was once a source of pride and competitive advantage in North America is now in complete disarray.

It was a crisis waiting to happen, as in electrical terms the province was living on the edge.

The province has continued to grow with a greater demand for electrical power. Supply never kept up with demand and the province became more and more dependent on cross-border integration.

Back in 1906 when Ontario ventured into public hydro-electric power, the government of the day decided to retain public control of hydro in order to boost industrial growth throughout Southern Ontario.

While the Ontario power grid was linked to the United States, the government's policy was self-sufficiency.

In order to carry this out it was decided that as the province grew, the system would grow. For most of the 20th century, the policy worked reasonably well.

At times the long-term planning went badly and expensively wrong and the publicly-owned Ontario Hydro acted with supreme arrogance that a monopoly can bring.

But governments of the day can't wash their hands, as they were ultimately responsible.

The trouble started in 1990 during the Bob Rae NDP government with problems of recession and deficit which froze rates and cancelled Hydro's ambitious plans to expand supply.

The Mike Harris Tories, consumed with the theology of tax cutting and market forces, kept the rate freeze and in spite of a booming economy did nothing to improve supply.

Then they dismantled Ontario Hydro in the belief that the private sector would take over and develop new generating plants, which never happened and for months the province avoided blackouts by the narrowest of margins.

Although the blackout crisis appears to be over, the province is still living on the edge as demand exceeds supply.

The push for deregulation and privatization came with a heavy price and it could happen again.

Premier Ernie Eves has requested a review of why it took Ontario so long to get back to normal compared with the United States.

What is needed is a complete assessment of the state of Ontario's power system.

Such a review should investigate the whole question of privatization and deregulation, the reliability of supply and demand, the inter-linked grid system, experience in other jurisdictions and the future financial impact of the cap on hydro rates imposed by Eves.

For Ontarians to have any confidence in such a review, it must be carried out by an independent body who reports to the Ontario legislature and the public, not the government.

At the same time, Aurorans should call for an independent review of Aurora Hydro, or whatever it calls itself after it went from non-profit to for-profit in response to provincial legislation.

In November, 2002, council had the opportunity to revert back to a non-profit utility but refused to do so.

The review should look at this decision and if it was in the best interests of the municipality.

The review should also assess the financial relationship between the for-profit corporations and the taxpayers and why taxpayers as shareholders in the corporation don't have the opportunity to question the directors, as they can in private corporations, such as Magna.

While members of council are elected to represent the people on municipal issues, it is not known when they were granted the authority to represent the people as shareholders of the hydro corporation and then hold long secret meetings and only let the public know what they consider advisable.

Hydro is in a mess at both the provincial and local level and the people are entitled to truthful answers.

With an election coming, this is an opportunity for the people to demand some say in their future.



Top photo, taken in 1963, shows the members of the Glenville Dairy Intermediate B fastball team right after they captured a provincial championship. They are, top row, left to right, Charlie Leeming, Glen Bennett, Norm Roberts, Jon Bunn, Brian Knowles, Terry Stone and Manager Chuck Cowie, Sr. Bottom row, left to right, Norm Stunden, Russ Awde, Keith Scott, Larry Keffer and Keith Browning. Twenty-five years later, bottom photo, at a reunion at Larry Keffer's Aurora home, everyone is in the same position, except Jon Bunn who moved to the right end of the top row.

## Letters to the Editor

# You must register for the free meal

To the editor,

RE: Group inviting whole town to a free meal (Auroran week of August 12)

I just wanted to clarify that although admission (including the meal) is free for the Alpha event on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Howard Johnson

Hotel, anyone who is planning to attend must first register.

By registering, you receive an invitation ticket to present at the door ensuring you a place at the event.

How do you register? It's easy...

By email: cruick-j@aci.on.ca

By telephone: 905-727-1350

Please include your name and address in your message and we will be pleased to send an invitation ticket out to you.

**Julie Cruickshank**  
Alpha Leader,  
Trinity Anglican Church  
Aurora

# Sinclair name has changed

To the Editor,

I was intrigued to read "History behind Aurora's Sinclair Radio" on page 18 of your August 26 issue.

I have been an Aurora resident for 23 years and have worked at Sinclair for the past five years.

The day after I read the article, I took it around the office and plant to try to find out who submitted the article.

No one knew.

Whoever wrote it was right on with the facts except one.

The name of Sinclair Radio Lab has changed to Sinclair Technologies.

The other fact I would add is that the company is still privately owned by the three daughters of George Sinclair.

It's true, we do design and manufacture sophisticated base station anten-

na and rf filter products for wireless networks right here in Aurora, and we ship them all over the world.

**Dave Daniel**  
Director Marketing  
Sinclair Technologies  
Aurora

**ED. NOTE: The story was written by that fountain of knowledge, Dick Illingworth.**

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# Cathy's Corner



## Empty nest ... please!!

All my life, I have done all the right things at all the right times in pretty much all the right ways. Except I could never figure out how to get 2.4 kids, so I rounded up to three.

But now, I know. I've had 2.4 kids for a year now.

One finishes high school and presto, I have 2.4 kids.

When the next one goes off in pursuit of party central...ahem... I mean "higher education", I will have 1.8 kids.

Finally, I will have 1.2 kids in total, or, more accurately just over a third ownership in three separate (seasonal) ventures.

But I'm still confused. I've heard that empty nest syndrome can kill you, but then I've heard that there is no such thing as an empty nest.

They keep coming back...again...and again...and again...

Secretly, the empty nest thing makes me want to get a tall ladder, perch on top of my house and do the chicken dance while making sounds that I've only ever heard inside my own head. Those darned voices...

I can just see the bird watchers crowding my driveway, binoculars staring up at me in awe and wonder, muttering to each other, "never seen anything like it...thought the Macedonian dodo bird was extinct...reminds me of an ape..."

Because, knowing me, I would probably forget to shave my legs.

Of course, that will never happen because you can't have an empty nest containing 1.2 fledglings screaming in your face, demanding fast food.

It's not empty!

So, God help me if I'm up on the roof when I realize those voices were never inside my head to begin with. No wonder mother birds act out their fantasies.

I suspect that "empty nest" is a catch all phrase for empty wallet...empty bank account...multiple mortgages...12-page Visa bills...and Old Mother Hubbard thought she had a problem.

What a wuss. Last time I looked, my microwave was gone.

So then it is possible for empty nest syndrome to kill you (as in financial ruin) while at the same time, they keep coming back to make sure your credit limit is maxed out because you keep buying microwave ovens.

And researchers are still trying to figure out what causes Alzheimer's. Duh!

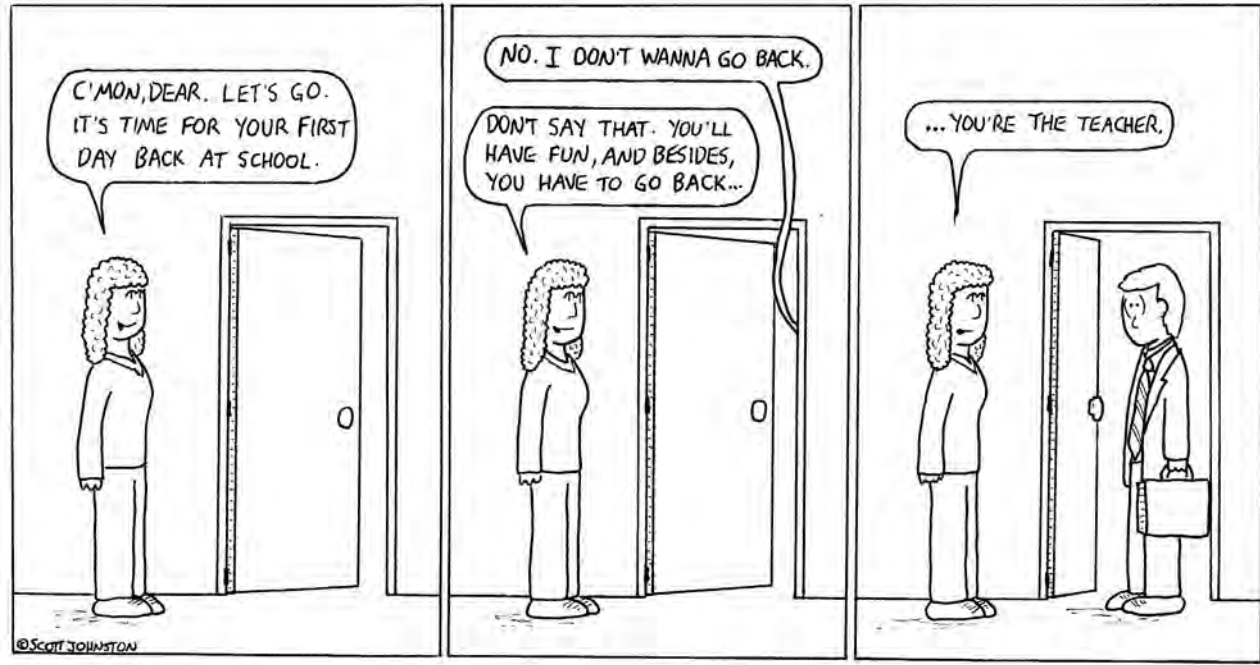
Very clever of me to figure that out ... so how come I don't feel so smart?

This year, twice as many teenagers have evacuated Aurora.

All the moms and dads who have done all the right things (paid all the bills), at all the right times (prepaid all the bills), in pretty much all the right ways (Visa, debit, cash) have been abandoned in favour of party central.

The nest feels unbearably empty, but trust me, it's only because the microwave is gone.

## Machell's Corners



## Letters to the Editor

# Weller continues hydro crusade

**ED. NOTE: Letter writer Norm Weller maintains he sent us the following letter in time for last week's edition, but, for whatever reason, it failed to arrive at the Auroran. In the interests of fairness, we present last week's letter, followed by the letter he provided this week.**

## Letter One

To the editor,

Get out your wallet, it looks like it's costing you more for electricity and it will cost you more in the future.

I drove past what was our hydro office and service centre. What happened to it?

It seems the building you paid for was given by Mike Harris to your council along with all of your hydro assets.

Okay, but now you are paying \$100,000 plus a year with a hefty escalator clause rent for the property you paid for. Up goes your hydro bill. What about the future?

I can remember one of the high priced consultants suggesting there would be

dividends paid in the future.

We don't know the share set up that council holds or what will happen in the future.

Your council could declare a dividend of say one per cent of the total value for their first take.

This could add hundreds of thousands over the years as they increase the percentage rate.

If you are looking for a reduction in your taxes start with your hydro bill. Look for councillors who will say no to deregulation.

Just in on the "HOT LINE", if my information is correct, Richmond Hill sold their hydro utility for 120 million dollars. How could they sell it?? If I recall correctly, Markham, Vaughan and Aurora entered into an agreement to purchase it for 140 million dollars.

Who sold it? Who owned it? Who owns it now? Did Aurora have to pick up its share of the 20 million dollar loss?

If Richmond Hill has to pay 7.25 per cent interest to the new owners, the rate that council charges you, they will wish they got involved and had the deal on the ballot to say NO.

If you have any information, give me a call. I will keep the secret until the next letter.

The next letter, if there is one, will be sorting out what happened to Richmond Hill.

This will be a top priority and I will pass along any new and juicy tidbits of money draining from your pocket.

I was just going to punch the key and email this letter to Rosemary's Auroran, when I realized there is a juicy tidbit, if my memory serves me right.

It seems one councillor tried to get \$100,000 removed from the budget for hydro members to attend out-of-town conventions.

Hell, with five members, that's \$20,000 each. That's more than we pay our councillors for a whole year's work.

**Norm Weller  
Aurora**

## Letter Two

To the editor,

Hydro in Ontario gave us a taste of the future with the big blackout, just like food gone bad on the store shelves without refrigeration.

Privatization of your hydro is an idea gone bad that will not work.

Aurora citizens should take the lead November 10 and take back control of their utility, take it back to as near pre-privatization as government regulations will allow.

Information I read leaves the impression the provincial government made your council go for a for-profit utility.

Fact is, this is not the case.

Your council had the option to establish a not-for-profit corporation that would have allowed for flow through costs of hydro and maximum benefit for you, the ratepayers.

As you are aware, this did not happen.

In the short time since deregulation your council is looking at options that

will add millions of dollars to your hydro bill.

If the trend is not reversed in the November 10 election, there is no way of knowing what price we will eventually pay for our power.

Again, there is a solution. Elect a council that will say yes for a not-for-profit utility.

Deregulation of your hydro started as an idea that was not properly thought out.

Then the consultants got into the act and you are paying.

As promised here are the names, if we can get them on the ballot.

They are the most knowledgeable on hydro matters in all of Aurora and they can help you take back control.

Gord Lytle was 40 years as Aurora Hydro superintendent; three years Aurora Hydro commissioner and served one term on the new Hydro Board.

Sharron Jaimeson was treasurer of Aurora Hydro for 13 years.

Again I strongly suggest, mark your calendar November 10 with a red circle and tell your council you want a say in the cost of your electricity.

There was a two million dollar working reserve at your Aurora Hydro office when Gord Lytle and I were removed as your Hydro Commissioners and your Aurora Council took control.

This money is set aside to cover emergency replacements of hydro stations and to clean up and execute repairs after severe freezing rain storms, etc.

I have heard via the rumour mill the two million dollars is not at the hydro office.

There must be someone out there who can tell me where your money is parked.

Give me a call if you know where your two million dollars is sitting.

I will report to you in my next letter.

**Norm Weller  
Aurora**

# Vrancic's remarks get response

To the editor,

The Public has the right to speak!

Last week's Auroran ran a letter to the editor from Damir Vrancic responding to a citizen's questions for potential councillors.

I am reacting only because he chooses to single me out as a citizen who didn't perform the way 'he' believes the taxpayers should.

Under the heading of taxes, he defends the current budget process and states that he spends 40 hours reviewing the details and his disappointment in the lack of public input.

I have attended many budget meetings over the years, and I have frequently provided input in the past.

In fact, I have listened to taxpayers at several meet-

ings come to speak only to result in either a debate with the speaker or a defensive reaction from council.

I have watched councillors rudely respond to members of the public who came forth with their views, frequently using intimidation or embarrassment to completely discount citizen comments.

The current budget process seems to have staff calculate their wish list that results in an outrageous tax increase to then be pared back by council through a series of meetings.

To call for public input a week or two before the actual approval of the budget is ludicrous.

They say timing is everything, and this process is simply the last step in what

could be otherwise stated as a 'done deal'.

The public cannot comb the details, line by line, nor should they be expected to; that is the councillor's job!

In fact, staff holds the key to the detailed information, and it is almost impossible for the public to know anything other than the macro picture.

The time for public input is at the beginning of the process, when the strategies, priorities and directions should be developed in specific detail long before the final version is ready for approval.

Once the tax rate is determined another public meeting could be held, but we don't want to turn this into an unofficial referendum.

Finally, Mr. Vrancic states that negativity after the fact is ineffective.

I suggest that my

# Bouquets & Brickbats

By Dick Illingworth

**BRICKBATS** to those in the Ontario government for setting a quota of five West Nile virus tests per week for each regional health unit. This resulted in York Region being required to use a private lab and receiving a false positive report, which caused a financial hardship to a Musselman's Lake campground.

**BOUQUETS** to Darryl Moore for his recent letter listing questions for potential councillors. His questions are valid and they require answers. Councillors who claim the construction of the sports complex and the seniors centre won't add anything to the tax bill are living in a dream world.

**BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Sharon Metcalfe for refusing to accept old age. She has been performing and teaching flamenco dancing for more than 20 years and when dancing to flamenco rhythms, she is transformed from Sharon into Charo Juana.

**BRICKBATS** to a justice system that brings a suspect all the way back from Vancouver to stand trial for the skinning of a cat observed in a 17-minute video. He pleaded guilty for animal cruelty and believe it or not, was sentenced to one day in jail plus time already served. This is justice?

**BOUQUETS** and welcome to Sharon Puri and her brother Robin on the opening of their Party Station store at Edward and Yonge Streets, next to the Dairy Queen store.

**BRICKBATS** to the Ontario government for failing to proclaim a much-hyped bill, that would have provided the police with the power to rescue underage hookers. The legislation was given third reading and adopted on June 26, 2002 but was never proclaimed into law. This is the same government that made a mockery of the Legislature and parliamentary procedure.

**BOUQUETS** to the powers that be at regional headquarters for developing the "Stay 'n Play" card, as part of the SARS Recovery Program. If you have a card, you can ride free on regional transit buses on a weekend if there's a summer holiday attached. Or is it just a way to build up ridership figures. Cards are available at the town hall and the Chamber of Commerce.

**BRICKBATS** to the federal government for refusing to take strong action to save Canadian Bill Sampson from being tortured in a Saudi Arabian prison where he was kept for 31 months. It is now learned that the government was aware of the torture but tempered its official reaction, as they didn't want to upset the Saudis. We don't have a federal government, just a parody of one!

**BOUQUETS** to John Fleming and his family for operating Mac Fleming Paint and Wallpaper located on Yonge Street in downtown Aurora for more than 50 years in the business community. His father Macdonald Fleming opened the business in 1952. The business has now become a full-service decorating centre.

**BRICKBATS** to parents or guardians who don't know what activities their teenage children get involved in, while they are away from home. A 13-year-old boy in Rexdale supplied a gun to a shooter in a brazen weekend gang shootout. Charge the parents as well as the boy!

**BOUQUETS** to Shawn Burt for organizing a hockey marathon at the Community Centre to raise funds for a camp for children with cancer on Lake Rosseau near Parry Sound in memory of his parents. Although the game had to be changed from Saturday to Sunday due to the blackout, a total of \$17,800 was raised.

# Mr. Lacey's Shop - a sweet memory

By ELIZABETH HEARN MILNER

Today on the corner of Yonge and Church Streets in Aurora there stands the imposing new and much enlarged Aurora Public Library.

It's a wonderful building and no one can dispute the importance of a large, good library in a community.

When I was growing up, however, this corner housed a very significant emporium to all of us who made our way up Church Street to the one and only school in town - Aurora Public School.

This special place of business at 79 Yonge Street was F.D. Lacey's Grocery Store.

Mr. Lacey stocked his shop with a little bit of everything. Its main purpose was as a handy store for housewives in the south end of town.

It meant these homemakers didn't have to walk right into the town centre to pick up a forgotten item on the shopping list, something needed for a last minute recipe, or a can of this or that for a meal.

These were safe times - the late forties and early fifties. We walked to school in the morning, hopped and skipped home for lunch and back again and, after school, off we ran home again.

(It's hard to remember a fat kid in any class with all our walking to and from school, playing at recesses, and walking home again).

Those of us hiking up the hill to school passed Mr. Lacey's four times each day and kids who didn't pass the shop often raced down the hill to the store before the school bell was rung.

We weren't in Lacey's for groceries, not unless we had to pick up something for our mothers.

We visited Lacey's because of the tall display counter in the back right hand side of the store. This sweet region beckoned us daily.

The candy display is tall and broad in my memory and the variety of sweets there endless. There were huge, black balls so big they hardly fit into your small mouth (as you sucked them smaller their color magically changed); jelly babies of all colours; black licorice beans; black licorice whips and twists; licorice all

sorts; red licorice whips and twists; lemon drops; cherry drops; strawberry drops; sizzlers that fizzed and melted on your tongue; bubble gum of all kinds; maple candies; butter-scotch candies; wrapped toffee; wrapped caramel squares; wrapped chocolates of different kinds; peppermints; candied peanuts and almonds; lifesavers; lollipops of different kinds and more and more.

It was a heady experience to approach that corner of the shop with three or four pennies to spend. I can still remember the sensation.

Buying candy from Mr. Lacey was a serious business and both salesman and purchaser treated it as such.

After all, the choice was great and errors could be made. The task was worse if you had picked up a friend on the way to school who discovered you had some money and the friend came into the store with you.

Making selections was hard enough, but it was doubly difficult with a friend urging you on, pointing brazenly while saying, "Buy those! Buy those!"

Upon entering the store, after going up the five or six cement steps from the sidewalk, you had to tell Mr. Lacey, who was usually behind his long counter, that you had three pennies for candy.

This took courage, of course, and if an adult customer was in the shop you had to patiently wait until he was served first.

While waiting, you fretted that you might not have candies for recess and that you might be late for school if you waited too long to be served. The shopping and chatting sometimes seemed to go on forever.

Then, at last, it was your turn. Taking your money from your small, moist and sometimes soiled hand, Mr. Lacey would walk with you to the candy display. Opening a small, brown, paper bag; he would station himself beside the ever rising, candy containers, which had access at each back.

Perspiring a little, you viewed the sweets - such choice, such choice. Quality or quantity - that was the dilemma in the selection process. Quality could not be denied. It was

important. It meant making the one penny for one candy choices - a wrapped chocolate, a dark or light caramel, or a large creamy toffee.

These were the best sweets to be sure and you knew it, but quantity had to be factored in also. You knew that it felt good to have a full bag and you knew sharing was possible then.

Candies wisely shared meant popularity, a new friend, or that a candy would be returned to you another day when your pocket was empty. Insurance never hurt.

What a conundrum for a seven or eight year old!

When Mr. Lacey was ready, the choosing would begin.

"I'll have three of those," you would say pointing. "No, no, those," you might suddenly decide, while pointing to another container as you changed your mind. "And two of those. The red ones, please. Three jelly babies, please. And one chocolate."

There you had done it. There was no turning back. Ah, but look at the caramels, the licorice, the lifesavers. Perhaps you should have taken those instead of the chocolate, you think. Next time, next time, you tell yourself, I will choose better.

The bag was closed and passed and, after saying thank-you, out of the door you went to the tinkle of its tiny bell. Then, up the hill you skipped, stopping once to peek into the bag and take an inventory of your purchase.

Sometimes you might discover an extra candy. Oh, Mr. Lacey, how nice, how nice, four jelly babies, not three.

What a small pleasure it was to buy that candy at Mr. Lacey's and oh what power came at recess when you pulled out that little bag with nine candies in it and, with grace and largess, gave away five or even six to chosen friends (keeping the chocolate for the walk home).

All that delight for three or four pennies spent at Mr. Lacey's shop.

The new Aurora Public Library is splendid. May it give as much pleasure to children as Mr. Lacey's Grocery Store and his wonderful penny candies.

**ED. NOTE:** Elizabeth grew up in Aurora and is currently gathering material for a book on the history of our town. Contact the editor of the Auran if you have anything you wish to contribute.



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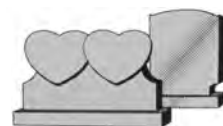
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Farmers' Market, Temperance Street parking lot, every Saturday through Thanksgiving weekend 8 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. Contact Nigel Kean at 905-841-6776.  
\* \* \* \*

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

## 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

Adult Swim Programs in fitness, stroke improvement, pre-competitive and competitive training. Registration Night 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aurora Family Leisure Complex. For info: 905-726-DUCK (3825)  
\* \* \* \*

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 into conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine 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.  
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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 Aurora Chamber of Commerce in the Magna Room of the Aurora Library from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Call 905-727-3123 extension 250 by September 8th to register.

## 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, formerly of Aurora, 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.

## OCTOBER 17

Aurora Legion hosts "Legends Revisited". People interested in performing should contact Elizabeth Frisk at 905-952-0636. Full sound system with karaoke tracks available.

## OCTOBER 24

The Town and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce sponsor the Business Achievement Awards "Celebrating Success" at the Kingbridge Centre in King. Guest speaker is former NHL player Dennis Hull. Call the Chamber at 905-727-7262 for ticket and further information.

## 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.

## OCTOBER 28

All-candidates' Electionfest presented by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, 7 p.m. at Tuscany Banquet Centre, 222 Edward Street.

## 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

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Aurora's Cora Clearwater, a seasoned psychotherapist in York Region, is presenting a limited seating workshop on self-image and weight all day Saturday, Sept. 13.

The workshop will be held at the Carter Centre on the St. John's Sideroad, east of Bayview Avenue.

She has had her own battle with weight and weight loss attempts have varied from diet centres to every diet in vogue at the time. She has lost and gained and then lost and gained again.

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## Magna golf event has 50-50 chance

The on-again, off-again golf event featuring the likes of Tiger Woods and Mike Weir may be on again.

According to a Magna spokesman, negotiations for the activity at the swank Magna golf course in Aurora, are continuing.

"Right now, it's 50-50," the spokesman said.

A short time ago it look certain the exclusive, private Magna Golf Course would be home to one of the hottest sports events of the year.

It was a golf match featuring Tiger Woods, Mike Weir, Annika Sorenstam and Lorie Kane.

While details had not been finalized, negotiations were underway for the event billed as a prime-time TV match last week as a fundraising event for Toronto's SARS related tourism recovery program.

It was proposed that Woods would be paired with Sweden's Sorenstam, outstanding woman golfer, to compete against Weir, this year's Masters Champion and Kane, the Canadian Ladies Professional Golfers tour star.

It was reported that the event's budget would be between \$4 and \$6 million, depending on television rights, with financing to be shared by the three levels of government and private sponsors.

By late July, the golf match was in trouble as no corporate sponsors had been located to pick up the balance of the cost, and that Woods was asking \$2.5 million to play, which created further financing problems.

Event officials met and while they were still hopeful, were unable to come up

with a financial package.

Priszm Brandz, which owns and operates Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and other quick serve restaurants across Canada pledged about \$2 million.

The final decision rested with the provincial government.

Both the federal government and the City of Toronto agreed to contribute \$1.2 million each in hopes the province would match their contribution. It was thought the provincial share would

come from the province's \$128 million tourism recovery budget.

A deal had been reached to televise the four-hour event in primetime in the U.S. on ESPN with CTV and TSN showing it in Canada.

The payoff for the public sector's \$3.6 million expenditure was said to be 40 minutes of advertising throughout the United States and internationally on the telecast.

It was reported that the Ontario government was

hesitant to help fund the event, especially after the bad publicity the government received for delivering the March budget in a Magna facility.

It is also reported that Premier Ernie Eves dismissed a report the province had scuttled the golf event by not contributing.

He claimed it was a lack of corporate funding for the proposed event, noting that Priszm Brandz had pulled its offer to be a sponsor.

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## Aurora Tennis Club plans tournament

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# Aurora Minor Ball Results

## SOFTBALL

### 5-Pitch (Mon/Wed)

Aug. 19 - Dr. Steiner's Drillers18 Aurora Canadian Tire 16

### Mite

Aug. 5 - Bero's Tire & Auto (OR2) 11 Toronto Star (OR1) 7  
 Aug. 6 - XNO3 Design (RH5) 15 Toronto Star (OR1) 7  
 Aug. 12 - Colt Creek Diving (A1) 7 XNO3 Design (RH5) 0 (forfeit)  
 - Little Caesars (RH4) 15 Bero's Tire & Auto (OR2) 13  
 - Novex Pharma (RH2) 17 Aurora Canadian Tire (A2) 10  
 Aug. 19 - Aurora Canadian Tire (A2) 15 York Pediatric (RH3) 15  
 - Remington Medical (RH1)19 Toronto Star (OR1) 6  
 - Bero's Tire & Auto (OR2) 12 Novex Pharma (RH2) 4  
 - Little Caesar's (RH4) 19 Greenham's (A3) 9  
 - XNO3 Design (RH5) 12 Colt Creek Diving (A1) 4  
 Aug. 20 - Little Caesar's (RH4) 12 Toronto Star (OR1) 10  
 - Bero's Tire & Auto (OR2) 13 XNO3 Design (RH5) 10  
 Aug 21 - Colt Creek Diving (A1) 11 Aurora Canadian Tire (A2) 8

### Squirt

Aug. 7 - Richvale Lioness (RH2) 19 Aurora Home Hardware 5  
 - Al's Home Renovations (RH3) 19 Nolan's Transmission (OR) 7  
 Aug. 18 - Powell Plumbing (RH5) 18 Aurora Home Hardware 8  
 Aug. 20 - WWW.RHMB.A.CA (RH6) 12 Nolan's Transmission (OR)10

## BASEBALL

### Peewee

July 30 - Nature's Emporium (A2) 4 Robin's IDA (N1) 4  
 Aug. 5 - Strong Renovations (K1) 12 Nature's Emporium (A2) 9  
 Aug. 6 - Slessor Motors (N2) 17 Nature's Emporium (A2) 7  
 Aug. 7 - Aurora Jays (A1) 12 Smith, William & Bateman (N3) 8  
 Aug. 13 - Aurora Jays (A1) 15 Shoppers Drug Mart (N5) 9  
 - Strong Renovations (K1) 10 Nature's Emporium (A2) 6  
 Aug. 18 - Smith, William & Bateman (N3) 14 Aurora Jays (A1) 1  
 - Robin's IDA (N1) 15 Nature's Emporium (A2) 2  
 Aug. 19 - Dr. Chan (B1) 19 Nature's Emporium (A2) 4  
 Aug. 21 - Nature's Emporium (A2) 8 Aurora Jays (A1) 7  
 Aug. 25 - Robin's IDA (N1) 9 Nature's Emporium (A2) 4  
 - Aurora Jays (A1) 4 Young Drivers of Canada (N6) 4  
 Aug. 26 - Nature's Emporium (A2) 18 Aurora Jays (A1) 12  
 Aug. 28 - Aurora Jays (A1) 12 Mr. Transmission (N4) 8  
 - Fair Play (O1) 11 Nature's Emporium (A2) 9

### Bantam

Aug. 17 - Braywood Services (N3) 12 Aurora Home Hardware 4  
 Aug. 19 - Ventra Group (B1) 23 Aurora Home Hardware 9

### Midget/Juvenile

The Aurora team, sponsored by Aurora Men's Slo-Pitch League, placed 1st in the standings and finished the play-offs as Champions for the third year in a row.

## REP BASEBALL

Aug. 11- Minor Mosquito AA Jays 9 Vaughan Vikings 7  
 Aug. 12 - Minor/Major Mosquito A Jays 13 Minor Mosquito AA Jays 10  
 - Minor Mosquito AA Jays 10 Newmarket 13

# Provincial money for transit

Aurora's Frank Klees threw a few bucks around in Newmarket Friday.

Making good on a government commitment, Klees provided funding of up to \$50 million to improve and expand public transit in York Region.

The money will be used for a transit infrastructure project to be implemented throughout the region, the Transportation Minister said.

"Our government's vision for Smart Growth will create a better quality of life for residents in York Region," said Klees. "By beginning to flow this transit funding to the region, we are demonstrating our commitment to tackle gridlock by creating a balanced, integrated transportation system that includes public transit."

Klees was joined by York

Region Chairman Bill Fisch at York's headquarters to present the cheque for up to \$50 million, symbolizing the flow of provincial funds to York Region for its Quick Start transit initiative.

The Province is currently working with the region to develop a funding agreement.

"Today's announcement will kick-start our efforts to build a transportation system that will meet the future demands for York Region," said Fisch. "I'm very pleased that the government has enabled us to get on with these projects that will bolster our economy, strengthen our communities and protect our environment."

Quick Start is a three-year, early-initiative strategy to create rapid transit in four corridors: Yonge

St. through Aurora to Newmarket; Highway 7; Vaughan-Downsview; and Markham-Don Mills.

Quick Start is expected to shift more than 7,000 commuter trips per day from automobile transportation to public transit.

Klees also presented a cheque for up to \$616,333, representing

York Region's 2003 allocation under the Ontario Transit Renewal Program, which assists municipalities in renewing and refurbishing transit bus fleets.

Six conventional buses and three specialized transit vehicles are on order and expected to arrive next month.

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## Barbs advance to semi-finals

The Aurora Barbarians U-16 team recorded their seventh straight win by beating the Balmy Beach Rugby Club 31-13 at Fletcher's Field in Victoria Square recently.

The win puts Aurora in first place in the East Division standings at season's close.

The Barbs now advance directly to the provincial semi-finals which will be held Sept. 13th.

Will Johnston scored two tries to lead the Barbs, while single tries went to Kyle Cresswell, Trevor Shortt, and Greg Sharpe.

Cresswell added three conversions to complete the scoring.

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# Aurora Youth Soccer Club

## Scores and Standings



### HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

**U8G T/TH- AUGUST 28- STINGER CUP FINALS-** Navy- Italdoor 1 (Kendell Manella 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 0;  
**U9B M/W- STINGER CUP QUARTER FINAL- Silver-** Kellogg's 2 vs **Teal-** Dr. Weeden 0; **Forest-** Honeywell 2 vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 0;  
**Gold-** Kellogg's 5 vs **Purple-** Kellogg's 0; **Red-** Kellogg's 5 vs **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 0;  
**U9B T/TH- AUGUST 21- Lime-** Kellogg's 3 (Stephen Cantarutti 1, Daniel Farrar 1, Jonathan White 1) vs **Teal-** Dr. Weeden 2 (Joseph Mac Donald 1, Damien Wayne 1); **Ginger-** Kellogg's 7 (Matthew Hart 1, Wade McFarlane 1, Nicholas Theodoropolous 2, Jack Angela 3) vs **Purple-** Kellogg's 4 (A.J Killens 1, Brett Wilson 1, Drew Marshall 1, Graham Loney 1) ; **Sage-** Kellogg's 3 (Jean Paul-Hudon 2, Trevor Best 1) vs **Forest-** Honeywell 2 (Brendan Kirasack 1, Myles Munding 1); **Silver-** Kellogg's 5 (Adam Phipps 1, Christopher Bull 1, Liam Beeson 1, Martin Wood 2) vs **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 1 (Kevin Lubezic 1);  
**AUGUST 23- END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT- Ginger-** Kellogg's 2 (Anthony Carlton 2) vs **Gold-** Kellogg's 6 (Joshua Klinowski 3, Adam Sottile 1, Mark Tenuta 2); **Kelly-** Kellogg's 8 (Matthew Roy 1, Jenner Dekkema 1, Shawn Hofman 1, Thomas Kerr 2, Daniel Dilena 1, John DiNicolantonio 2) vs **Purple-** Kellogg's 1 (Brett Wilson 1); **Red-** Kellogg's 3 (Adam Balaban 1, Ethan Benson 1, David Peddigrew 1) vs **Sage-** Kellogg's 1 (Francesco Vallecorsa 1); **Lime-** Kellogg's 3 (Justin Manweiler 1, Jonathan White 2) vs **Purple-** Kellogg's 1 (Vincent Duggan 1); **Forest-** Honeywell 2 (Brendan Kirasack 1, Myles Munding 1) vs **Gold-** Kellogg's 2 (Taylor Butler 1, Joshua Klinowski 1); **Teal-** Dr. Weeden 1 (Zachary Pease 1) vs **Silver-** Kellogg's 1 (Nick Heintzman 1); **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 5 (Kevin Lukezic 3, Spencer Maxwell 2) vs **White-** Kellogg's 3 (Zachary Seto 1, Zachary Pyle 1, Dennis K 1); **Forest-** Honeywell 7 (Brendan Kirasack 1, Myles Munding 4, Cody Melicherick 1, Eric Cristillo 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 1 (Cooper Riswick 1); **Silver-** Kellogg's 3 (Nick Heintzman 1, Jake Langford 1, Matthew Hartog 1) vs **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 2 (Kevin Lukezic 1, Spencer Maxwell 1); **Lime-** Kellogg's 2 (Stephen Cantarutti 2) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 2;  
**AUGUST 24- Red-** Kellogg's 3 (Adam Balaban 1, Daniel Delbello 1, John Imenco-Brand 1) vs **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 1 (Kevin Lukezic 1); **Sage-** Kellogg's 4 (Trevor Best 1,

Brandan Skippari 2, J.P Hudon 1) vs **Silver-** Kellogg's 2 (Jake Langford 2); **Forest-** Honeywell 3 vs **Sage-** Kellogg's 1;  
**AUGUST 25- STINGER CUP- Red-** Kellogg's 5 (Adam Balaban 1, Joseph Delilenignano 1, Alexander Cackirovski 2, Ethan Benson 1) vs **Sky-** Onyx Marketing 0; **Silver-** Kellogg's 2 (Matthew Hartog 1, Jake Langford 1) vs **Teal-** Dr. Weeden 0;  
**U9G M/W- AUGUST 20- Red-** Kellogg's 4 (Sierra Lerner 2, Natasha Holland 1, Samantha McCormick 1) vs **Kelly-** Kellogg's 1 (Brooke Webster 1); **Gold-** Auto Camping 3 (Rachel Knetsch 2, Melissa Fournier 1) vs **Champagne-** Kellogg's 1 (Shannyn Seaward 1); **Royal-** Kellogg's 4 ( Sabrina Biase 4) vs **Orange-** H.S. Financial Services Inc. 1 (Samantha Snedden 1);  
**U10G- AUGUST 21- STINGER CUP GAME- Navy-** B.M.P.S 3 (Althea Pitters-Fisher 1, Michelle Blom 1, Amanda Cicchino 1) vs **White** 0; **Orange** 5 (Sarah Storm 1, Nadia Martineau 4) vs **Kelly-** Magna International Inc. 2 (Rachel Kane 2);

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	8	0	3	27
Orange	9	2	0	27
Kelly	7	2	2	23
Navy	5	3	3	18
Champagne	2	7	2	8
White	2	7	2	8
Gold	1	6	4	7
Red	1	8	2	5

**U11B- AUGUST 23- END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT- Red-** Marilyn Redvers Royal LePage 4 (Kevin Shapiro 1, Thomas Cole 2, Francesco Peluso 1) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 5 (Connor McKinley 2, Kevin James 2, Mitchell Braunstein 1); **Champagne** 7 (Sebastien Fraser 1, Adam Colacitti 1, Bowman Webster 3, Michael D'Andrea 2) vs **Kelly-** Priestly Demolition Inc. 1 (Spencer Arkell 1); **Navy-** Barb Blaser Remax York 8 (Geoffery McLennan 1, Mitchell Yeatman 2, Austin Muongchanh 3, Kyle Blaser 1, Ben Crouse 1) vs **Gold-** Dial Tone Communications 3 (George Marshall 1, Marcel Lamanna 1, Andrew McKay 1); **Champagne** 7 (Sebastien Fraser 3, Adam Colacitti 1, Jonathan Egyett 2, Michael D'Andrea 1) vs **Navy-** Barb Blaser Remax York 1 (Nicholas Watts 1); **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 2 (Wesley O'Beirne 1, Kody Woods 1) vs **White-** Wall Saver's 1 (Giacomo Iaboni 1); **White-** Wall Saver's 5 (Giacomo Iaboni 3, B. Wilson 2) vs **Red-** Marilyn Redvers Royal LePage 3 (Thomas Cole 2, Kevin Shapiro 1); **Gold-** Dial Tone Communications 3 (Dylan Teacher 1, Cameron Flynn 1,

Matthew Zawada 1) vs **Kelly-** Priestly Demolition Inc. 1 (Andrew Osmond 1);  
**AUGUST 26- STINGER CUP RESULTS- Navy-** Barb Blaser Remax York 3 (James Chappell 1, Mitchell Yeatman 1, Kyle Blaser 1) vs **Kelly-** Priestly Demolition Onc. 2 (Jeremy Roberts 1, Spencer Arkell 1); **Gold-** Dial Tone Communications 3 (Marcel Lamanna 1, Andrew McKay 1, Scott Parry 1) vs **Champagne** 2 (Haider Akbar 1, Adam Colacitti 1);  
**AUGUST 24- TOURNAMENT FINALS- Champagne** 3 (Jonathan Eggett 1, Naim Jutha 1, Michael D.Andrea 1) vs **Navy-** Barb Blaser Remax York 2 (Ryan Williams 1, Austin Muongchanh 1);  
**U11G- 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 (Sylvia Tenuta 1); **Sky** 2 (Kristina Pirri 1, Kristyna Amos 1) vs **Orange-** Sundance Signs 0;  
**AUGUST 26- TOURNAMENT SEMI FINAL RESULTS- Kelly-** Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc. 1 (Megan Todd 1) vs **Red-** Aegis Engineering 0; **Royal-** Smith, Sykes & Leeper Chartered Accountants 4 (Lauren Thornhill 2, Melissa Nicolo 1, Heather Barker 1) vs **Gold-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 0;  
**FINAL GAME RESULTS- Kelly-** Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc. 2 (Sarah DeAlmeida 1, Kaitlin Thanasse 1) vs **Royal-** Smith, Sykes & Leeper Chartered Accountants 0;  
**STINGER CUP SEMI FINAL- Kelly-** Hunter LAvigne Communications Inc. 1 (Amalee Lavigne 1) vs **Gold-** Dr. Weaver's Drillers 0; **Champagne-** Summers & Smith Cooling & Heationg 1 (Nicole Clarke 1) vs **Sky** 0;

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	5	1	5	20
Sky	5	2	4	19
Champagne	4	5	1	7
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

**U12G- STINGER CUP SEMI FINAL GAME- Gold-** Parmalat 8 (Melenie Micallef 1, Jenna Williams 1, Meaghan McDowell 1, Tanya Kizovski 1, Karen

Burke 1, Rachel Ettinger 1, Jennifer Alcock 1, Alexis Silaidis 1) vs **Kelly-** P.C Law 7 (Toria Allison 1, Carly Dorazio 1, Christina Sottile 1, McKenzie Nisbet 1, Cayleigh Haywood 1, Lauren Lostracco 1, Rewa El-Dassouki 1); **GAME #2- Royal-** Arrow Hedge Partners Inc. 4 vs **Sky-** HRD Kitchen Services 2;  
**FINAL END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT GAME- Navy-** Alcorn Enterprises 2 (Tamara Leivo 1) vs **Sky-** HRD Kitchen Services 1 (Carly Hobson 1);  
**AUGUST 27- STINGER CUP FINAL GAME- Gold-** Parmalat 3 (Jennifer Alcock 2, Kimberly Uetz 1) vs **Royal-** Arrow Hedge Partners Inc. 0;  
**U13B- AUGUST 21 - Royal-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Taylor Jordan 2, Christian DiVincenzo 1) vs **Red-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Jessie Knapton 2);  
**TOURNAMENT FINAL- Gold-** Pizza Pizza 2 vs **Orange-** Pizza Pizza 1;  
**U13G- AUGUST 21- Kelly** 3 (Carly Carrigan 1, Sarah Machin 1, Natalie Luck 1) vs **Sky** 1 (Stephanie Stankov 1); **Gold** 5 (Jaclyn Dawson 5) vs **Navy** 3 (Meghan Bertenshaw 2, Jennifer Josselyn 1); **Champagne** 6 (Lindsay Nunn 2, Skler McCann 2, Alanna Kelly 1, Adrianna DeCastro 1) vs **Orange** 3 (Katherine Rizzi 2, Jennifer Montagano 1); **Red-** Oak Ridges Home Hardware 1 (Amanda Ghegin 1) vs **Royal-** Dr. Orschel's Drillers 1 (Shaela Nathan Turner 1);

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Champagne	7	2	2	23
Gold	7	3	1	22
Kelly	6	3	2	20
Sky	5	5	1	16
Orange	4	3	4	16
Navy	4	5	2	14
Royal	3	6	2	11
Red	0	9	2	2

**U14/U15B- AUGUST 23- END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT- Gold-** Pizza Pizza 5 (Memo Nafarrate 1, David Zavarise 2, Ian Solnick 2) vs **Champagne-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Alec Follet 2); **Navy-** Pizza Pizza 7 (Matt Kerr 2, Andrew Goss 3, Kevin Moffat 1, Jimmy Szydlowski 1) vs **Orange-** Pizza Pizza 0; **Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Michael Bellamy 1, Jon Aleksich 1) vs **Gold-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Nicolas Mikhaili 1); **White-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Marc Quagliarini 1, Dannie Won 1, Kayne Sampson 1) vs **Orange-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Joseph Gallo 1); **Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 3 (Bobby Haskin 2, Michael Bellamy 1) vs **Champagne-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Alec Follett 1); **Navy-** Pizza Pizza 7 (Matt Kerr 2, Kevin Moffat 3, Derek Roldan 1, Scott Chant 1) vs **White-** Pizza Pizza 0;  
**AUGUST 24- SEMI FINAL- Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Rocco Smeriglio 1, Bobby Haskin 1) vs

**White-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Bryan Manner 1); **Navy-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Andrew Goss 1, Jimmy Szydlowski 1) vs **Gold-** Pizza Pizza 1 (David Zavarise 1);  
**AUGUST 24- FINAL GAME- Navy-** Pizza Pizza 2 (Nathan Nisbet 1, Kevin Mitchell 1) vs **Kelly-** Pizza Pizza 0;  
**U14G- STINGER CUP- Royal-** Alutron Modules Inc. 3 (Jasmin Collitz 1, Kathleen Keon 1, Ashley Palmateer 1) vs **White-** Hartwell Thayer Financial Services 2 (Michelle Bedard 1, Arielle Lerner 1);

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	8	3	0	24
Kelly	5	5	1	16
Royal	4	4	3	15
Champagne	3	2	6	15
White	3	4	4	13
Navy	2	7	2	8

**U19G- AUGUST 20- Red-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Carrie Underwood 1) vs **Silver-** Aurora Shopping Centre 0; **Navy-** Quality Integrators Corp. 3 (Rebecca Corbett 1, Katie Chant 1, Natalie Leava 1) vs **Sky-** Laurion & Assoc. 3 (Shannon Bath 2, Melissa Camilleri 1); **Lime** 3 (Sarah Gram 1, Kelly Gray 1, Ali Lloyd 1) vs **Forest** 1 (Serena Roffey 1);  
**AUGUST 25- STINGER CUP SEMI FINAL- Teal** 5 (Laura O'Meara 2, Heather Reilly 2, JenniferKryshka 1) vs **Royal-** Pizza Pizza 1 (Michelle Roy 1); **Lime** 5 (Ali Lloyd 4, Kelly Gray 1) vs **Sky-** Laurion & Assoc. 3 (Shannon Bath 1, Melanie Cork 1, Natalie Moodley 1);  
**AUGUST 27- STINGER CUP- FINAL- Lime** 3 (Amy Cubitt 2, Angela Peck 1) vs **Teal** 1 (Stephanie D'Aguilar 1);

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Teal	9	0	1	28
Lime	8	2	1	25
Forest	6	5	0	18
Sky	5	4	2	17
Red	3	5	3	12
Royal	2	5	3	9
Navy	2	8	1	7
Silver	0	7	3	3

**COMPETITIVE STINGERS**  
**U12 Girls REP- AUGUST 26- Aurora Stingers** 0 vs **Barrie** 0.  
**Help Wanted- Striker Needed!** Another solid game by the U12 girls who dominated the play but were unable to capitalize on the many scoring opportunities. Honorable mention to Sierra Maier-Niemi and Kayley Farrell for their aggressive defensive play. Special mention to Lauren Ebenhardt for the "BIG" save to keep Barrie off the score board and to preserve her shut out.  
**U15 GIRLS PREMIERE - AUGUST 21- Aurora Stingers** 2 vs **Peterborough** 0. Danielle King and Ghislaine Landry scored for the Stingers. Shut out earned by Taylor Joseph.



RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Trips to York County forests were popular

Prior to the formation of regional government in 1971, there was an annual tour of the headquarters tract of the county forest for county councillors and members of local councils were also invited.

It was a wonderful day in the forest with a social hour and a buffet dinner following the inspection.

In June, 1969, Aurora Reeve Evelyn Buck planted a tree assisted by Warden Stewart Rumble of Markham.

It was also traditional for the county warden to be tossed into the lake during the annual tour.

The lake in question was at the north end of the Seventh Concession (McCowan Avenue), north of the Aurora Sideroad in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The setting is still as serene today.

The tour included a contest in which certain trees were designated with a number and participants were asked to identify the species of the tree.

For the 1969 tour, Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth was the only one who didn't name a single tree correctly.

VISITING NOT VOTING

Nothing is more frustrating to the chairman of a council meeting than to call for a vote and the members aren't paying attention to the vote.

The rubber stamp is usually working when about four hands are half-raised in the affirmative and none are raised in the negative.

Under council's procedural bylaw a negative vote must be counted when a councillor fails to cast a vote on the issue. In April, 1997, York Regional Chairman Garfield Wright made the classic remark; "Council, you're not voting, you're visiting!"

AURORA DOESN'T SUPPORT PURITY BID

In December, 1969, Markham Council expressed concern about the repugnance of the increasing tendency for certain productions of movies, live theatre, TV and magazines placing an abnormal emphasis on the sexual aspects of life

and requested other municipalities to support their efforts.

It took Aurora Council about 20 seconds to decide it didn't agree with Markham's purity initiative on what they believed was a move towards censorship to which they didn't agree.

THE SOMERVILLE CARNIVAL

In 1974, young Janet Somerville of Aurora organized a small gathering of friends in the Somerville backyard and raised \$10 for muscular dystrophy research.

Over the next 11 years the carnival grew to a major community event that attracted children of all ages and raised more and more money for MD.

The organization of the annual carnival was passed down from Janet to her brother David, and then to sister Denise.

In 1985, Denise decided it would be the last year as that she was taking a full-time job and wouldn't have time to organize it, and there were no more Somerville children to pick up the task.

Sunny skies and warm temperatures helped make the 11th and final Somerville carnival a success, raising \$671.14 for Muscular Dystrophy.

PRINCE ANDREW DIDN'T MAKE IT

In December, 2001, there were hopes that Prince Andrew would include a visit to the Aurora Armouries during his 2003 visit to Canada.

Over the years a close relationship grew between the Queen's York Rangers and the town.

In 1966, Aurora was one of the first municipalities to grant the regiment the Freedom of the Town, a privilege that still exists and is re-conformed at the inaugural meeting of Aurora Council.

As Prince Edward is the Honourary Colonel-in-Chief of the Rangers, he planned to visit his regiment during his stay in Canada and it was hoped to get him to Aurora.

The closest he came was a visit to Camp Borden in May, where the regiment was involved in military exercises.

MISTAKES DO HAPPEN

In May, 1966, a 30-year-old town right of access to a thin strip of land on Ransom Street was formally revoked by council.

It seems a new house was allowed to be built 1.33 feet over the 10-foot easement held by the town under a 1935 registration.

Some members of council vigorously protested giving up the strip claiming the mistake had been made by the builder's lawyer.

Other members did not view the error as too serious, but agreed that in future care should be taken to avoid such incidents by a check of the land registration before a building permit was

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Councillor seeks Church St. lights

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causing Wallace to seek referral to the 2004 budget deliberations, which council approved.

Meanwhile, a report by the Aurora Traffic Safety Advisory Board recommending all-way stop signs be installed on Murray Drive at the west entrances/exits to the Canadian Tire plaza and the Aurora Shopping Centre, brought Wallace into the fray again.

He opposed the TSAB recommendation claiming the major problem is at the east entrance to the plazas.

He suggested the right-in, right-out access point to the south plaza be eliminated and made into a straight intersection with a four-way stop.

Councillor George Timpson, chairman of the TSAB, argued a four-way stop at the east entrance

was too close to Yonge Street and traffic could be backed up from the stop sign to block Yonge Street.

He also said there had been 14 accidents at the

west intersection during the last three years.

Council agreed to refer the issue back to the TSAB to consider the suggestion made by Wallace.

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# Aurora bingo hall project dies when lease refused

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along with it," he said.  
Town of Aurora Economic Development Officer Dino Lombardi is trying to find just such a site.

Lombardi said Thursday there are two available sites on Industrial Parkway, one north and one south, that might work.

However, he doubts that even if Kereakou selected one of them, the bingo hall could be open by Oct. 1. Kereakou is skeptical.

"I don't think Aurora has such a place. When I find the right building, it doesn't have the parking," he said.

Utilizing the existing bingo hall meant having 23,500 square feet of space and about 150 parking spots, but on good nights, even that wasn't enough as patrons parked on the street, on the grass and anywhere else they could squeeze in a car.

The new business at the site - to be called Edward Street Self Storage - offers clients extended hours and seven-day access, according to the telephone book ad.

Kereakou was shown a copy of the phone book ad, which has been out for about three weeks, and was miffed that he was kept hanging all this time.

"Obviously, they had been planning this for a long time," he said. "As late as Tuesday, I was touring the building think-

ing the deal was still alive." Kereakou, a North York resident, said he has been negotiating the deal since May.

He was dealing with the building's owner, Willow Pond Services, and vice-president of the company Sean Klady, when he was told a lease would not happen.

Klady could not be contacted by the Auroran.

In May, Willow Pond Services appeared at a public meeting to seek a zoning change on the property.

At the time, spokesmen said the company hoped a new bingo licensee could be found, but just in case, wanted a zoning change to allow for a storage facility.

Kereakou, meanwhile, has all his ducks in order and was ready to begin renovations on the building.

"Everything is in place, the gaming license is secure, and I'm ready to

start," he said. "Then this happens."

The issue came to light earlier this year, when existing tenant Henry Klein said he would not renew his lease because he felt new smoking regulations would force him to spend too much money on renovations.

Klein originally planned to close the end of June then reconsidered and decided to keep the bingo hall open until the end of September, when his lease expires.

Kereakou said he wanted to breathe new life into the bingo hall, but would still be open for business Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, the members of the Aurora Bingo Sponsors Association, stand to lose upwards of \$1.3 million they share annually from bingo receipts.


At the time, Association President Bruce French told the Auroran, "you can't raise that kind of money from bake sales".



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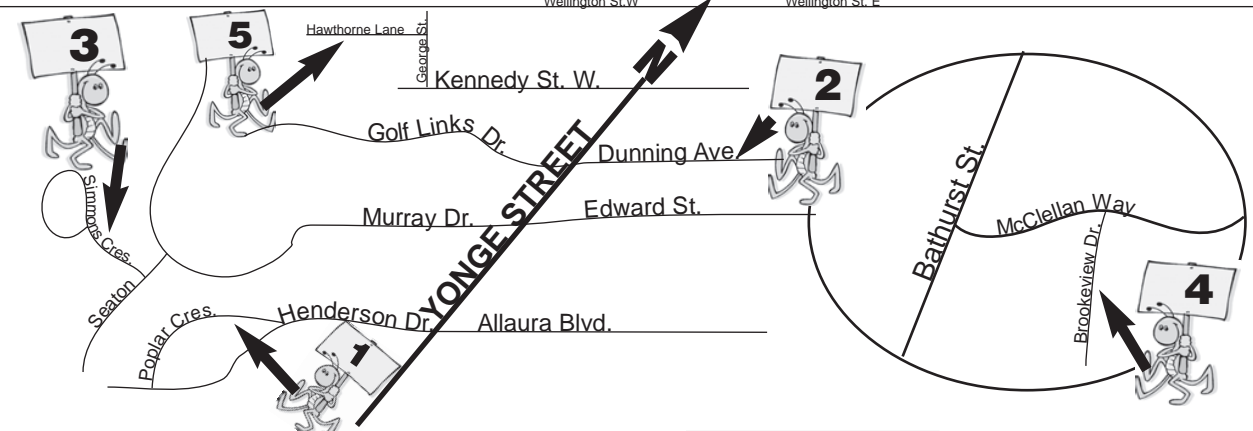
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