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Strike settled

Just as more than 90 Bon L Canada Inc. employees were settling in to what looked like a long strike, it was over.

Members of Local 7193 of the United Steelworkers of America accepted its negotiating teams advice to settle Friday afternoon.

The strike, at the Aurora Dunning Avenue aluminum plant, was

barely a week old.

But a lot happened in the seven-day walkout.

Included was a warning from the American-based company that if the strike did not end soon, the plant would close for good.

In addition, the union filed a complaint with the Labour Relations Board, contending unfair labour practices.

Shortly before a provincially supervised vote was to take place, the company modified its position of some issues including vacation time and health benefits.

The union voted unanimously to accept the new offer which includes an annual 2 per cent wage hike for the next three years.

Bon L operates from the plant once owned by Alcan Aluminum, and it continues to manufacture and extrude aluminum products.

Briefly

Granny's building

The deal is closed and the results can be released. The huge former Granny's Tarts building on Industry Street will become an indoor storage facility.

The new owner is apparently a company called North Self-Storage, which has various self-storage facilities throughout Canada and the United States.

The company's plans for the property are to create a climate-controlled self-storage facility for the Aurora market and surrounding areas, and retrofitting of the existing building and site is expected to take approximately six to eight months.

Boo, yourself

It's billed as a Fabulous Freaky Friday Night full of ghostly games, surprises, a haunted house and spooktacular Halloween treats.

Costumes are a MUST and little goblins (under 13) must be accompanied by an adult. Pumpkins will be available for purchase allowing purchasers to pick and carve the pumpkin and leave the mess for the Town of Aurora staff to clean up.

It all happens Friday, Oct. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Aurora Leisure Complex. Admission is \$15 per family. To Register call (905) 841-7529.

When Walk was

We wondered last week when Aurora Rotary had hosted a "Foundation Walk" prior to a few weeks ago.

The answer walked in the door Wednesday.

Councillor David Griffith was president of the Aurora Rotary Club in the spring of 1991, when Aurora hosted what was then called the "President's Walk".

It was so successful, Griffith was presented with the Archie Doyle Award for Outstanding President's Walks

And, he still has the trophy to prove it.

Rotarian Don Moyer dies at 87

A familiar figure will be missing from future Aurora Rotary Club meetings.

Don Moyer, a long-time member of the club, died from pneumonia in hospital last Wednesday.

He was 87.

Services were held Saturday from the Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church, with burial in the Stouffville Cemetery.

A high school teacher in Collingwood before his retirement, Don also belonged to the Rotary Club there, and quickly joined the Aurora group when he retired to this area.

One of his most intensive projects was to design potential solutions for the Yonge-Wellington traffic crisis in downtown Aurora.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gertrude, and four children, Karen, Helen, Ian and Janet.

There are 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



DON MOYER



Loaded with food contributions, these young Sparks found their way into the basement location of the Aurora Food Pantry on Yonge Street last week. They are, from bottom to top, left to right, Kendra MacDonald (junior leader), Kathryn Toffolo, Cassandra Read, Daniella Alberico, Bridget Coffey, Rowan Molloy, Gillian Morrison, Amanda Gimera, Dayna Konings, Rachel Ilman, and Amy Dunbar, the single Brownie visitor, is at the top. They helped stock near empty shelves. Officials say food supplies are low.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Sparks help ease food shortage

Members of the 10th Aurora Sparks unit visited the Aurora Food Pantry last week, and helped fill rapidly emptying shelves.

Three adult leaders, one junior leader, and 12 five and six-year-old girls brought non-perishable food donations and learned about sharing within their community.

Each girl will receive a

Community Helper crest for helping to sort food donations but more importantly each helped overcome what officials say are dwindling food supplies.

According to Lorna Rummenie, director of the Aurora Food Pantry, food supplies are currently "low", and non-perishable food donations such as canned meats and fruit, cereal, and powdered milk

are urgently needed.

The food bank is currently conducting its annual Thanksgiving drive, and is collecting donations at grocery stores, fire halls, and churches.

If you can help, call 905-841-1577.

And if you're interested in the Sparks and Girl Guide programs, call 905-853-0259.



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

Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps camping, canoeing, first aid, orienteering in two to six week camps for males & females 12 to 18. Call 905-726-8600.

Co-Dependents Anonymous, every Tuesday, Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street, Aurora. 7.30 p.m.

"Helping Hands" gently used clothing for women and children at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St. every Mon. Wed. & Fri. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more info, call 905-727-6101.

Until mid-December members of the Aurora Senior Art Group are exhibiting more than 20 paintings in the lobby of the Newmarket Theatre.

Until the end of October the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall features the art of Elizabeth Gibson. Viewing hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

OCTOBER 17

Aurora Legion hosts "Legends Revisited". 8 p.m.

Aurora Seniors Oktoberfest Luncheon for \$5. Call 905-727-815 to reserve.

OCTOBER 18

Aurora Legion Spaghetti Dinner & Progressive Euchre Night. 6 p.m. Dinner: \$7 pp; Euchre: \$3 pp.

OCTOBER 17/18

Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre at the Howard Johnson Hotel presents "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" by Neil Simon. Continues every Friday and Saturday night until October 31. Call the hotel at 905-727-1312 to reserve.

OCTOBER 18/19

Theatre Aurora auditions at 2 p.m. at the Factory Theatre for the January Production of "Communicating Doors". Men between 30 and 50 and a woman between 25 and 50 needed. Call 905-898-0770.

OCTOBER 20

Aurora Writers' Group meeting, Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall. 7.30 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

Workshop for parents of school aged children "Discipline That Teaches", Aurora Public Library, 10 a.m. to noon. Register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493.

Breast Cancer Awareness Workshop, 7-9 p.m. Founders' Room, Aurora United Church. Call the Women's Centre of York Region to register 905-727-5837. Admission is free.

OCTOBER 23

Crime writing author Giles Blunt will read in the Aurora Public Library Magna Room from 7 to 8.30 p.m. as part of Ontario Public Library Week. Register at the Library's adult information desk or call 905-727-9493.

OCTOBER 24

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce sponsors the Business Achievement awards "Celebrating Success" at the Kingbridge Centre in King. Guest speaker former NHL player Dennis Hull. Call 905-727-7262 for tickets.

York Symphony Orchestra opens its 42nd season at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora, at 8 p.m. Call 416-410-0860 for tickets.

OCTOBER 24-25

Aurora United Church 19th annual Fall Event & Silent Auction at the church, 15186 Yonge Street. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.,

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OCTOBER 25

Wells Street School annual Fall Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Canadian musician Markus entertains children, three plus, at the Aurora Library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Admission free with ticket. Tickets available from the Children's Department of the Library. Call 905-727-9493.

OCTOBER 26

All-candidates meeting, 2 p.m. Aurora Town Hall.

Girls Incorporated 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.

Progressive Euchre Tournament, Aurora Legion. Register at 12:30 p.m. Play 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 28

Arts and Culture Awards presented during council meeting at 7 p.m. Recipients are Theatre Aurora, Aurora Agricultural Society Fair and Horse Show, In Celebration of the Arts, Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Aurora Nursery School, Aurora Seniors Book Club, Irish Dance Parents Association, Thornhill Scottish Country Dancers, Aurora Opera Company, Aurora Heights Public School, Aurora Historical Society, Aurora Creative Connections, York Symphony Orchestra and Pinetooth Pictures.

OCTOBER 30

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Electionfest. Tuscany Banquet Centre. 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 31

Hallowe'en Dance at the Aurora Legion, 8 p.m. until midnight. Free to those in costume or \$3 per person if not.

NOVEMBER 7

Splash Bash at the Leisure Complex Pool. First Friday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Admission \$6 for an individual, \$10 for a family.

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 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.

Upper Canada Chordsmen present "Another Op'nin Another Show" at Newmarket Theatre. 7.30 p.m. Tickets at the Auroran, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3, or members of the Chordsmen.

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A Circle becomes a Place

At a recent meeting, while considering street names for the Elderberry Farm subdivision, Aurora Councillor Nigel Kean objected to the name Championship Circle as the street was not a circle and the name could cause confusion.

The issue was referred back to staff to work with the applicant to provide a more suitable name.

The re-submitted name was Championship Circle Place, which was approved.

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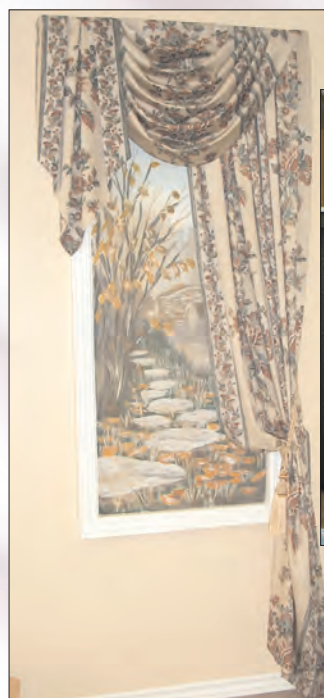
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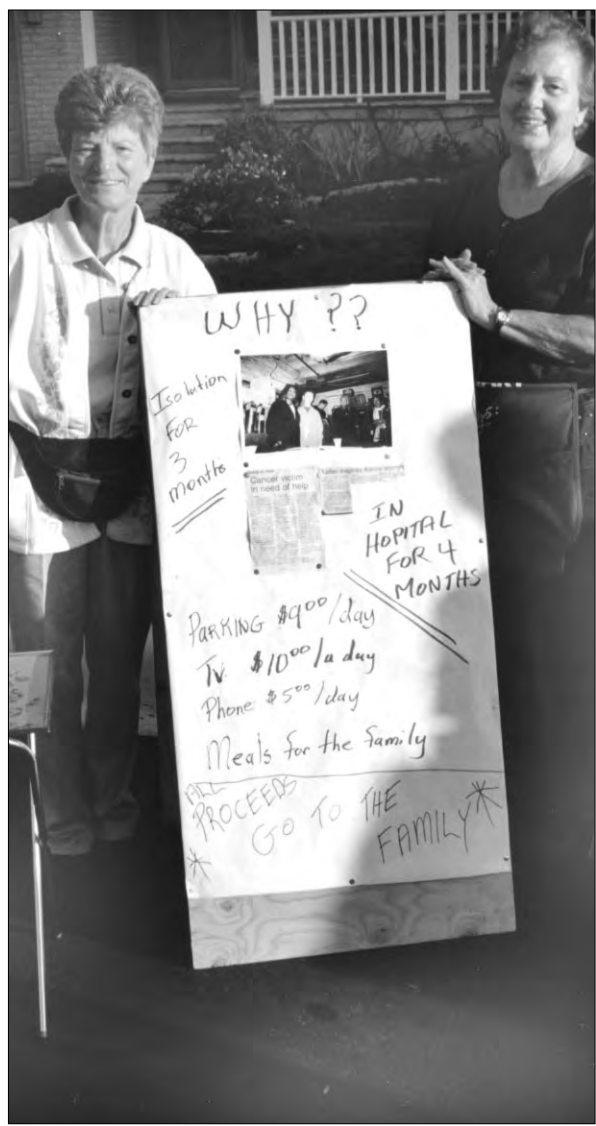


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To raise funds for Aurora cancer victim Christopher Gist, Gloria Finnie, left, and Evelyn James, photo at left, put together a street sale Saturday on Dunham Crescent. Above photo shows a portion of the goods donated to the successful sale. Evelyn James, who said the event raised more than \$800, got the sale going after reading a letter to the editor in the Auroran last week, appealing for help for the Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School student, who has been battling cancer for more than three years. She has also set up a trust fund for the student at Aurora's Bank of Montreal. Anyone wishing to contribute may do so to Acct. # 303-8251423.

Auroran photos
by David Falconer

Yonge would be three districts if plan accepted

If Aurora Councillor Ron Wallace has his way, Aurora's Yonge Street would be divided into three districts.

He appeared before an Economic Development committee meeting recently to explain that five digit addresses on Yonge Street mean nothing to people.

"From Lake Ontario in Toronto to the 18,000s in Holland Landing, how can anyone explain the exact location of such huge numbers?" he asked. "From one to the other is about 40 miles."

Wallace proposed Yonge Street be split into three districts, so that retailers would have an easier time explaining the location of their shops.

Because of the town's lengthy history, he proposed the districts be called Fleury, Museum, and Hillary.

"Fleury would be the area from the Chamber of Commerce building at Industrial Parkway South to Kennedy Street; Museum would take in the area to Wellington Street, and Hillary would end at the St. John's Sideroad," he said.

Wallace showed the committee three suggestions for signage that would mark each district.

Aurora's Economic Development Officer Dino Lombardi said better identification of the town's downtown core was part of the ED's strategic plan.

"I'm partial to the signs actually crossing Yonge Street, in the form of a ban-

ner; but what I'm proposing here would be located over the sidewalks," Wallace said. "They would need to be one to two storeys high to be obvious to motorists

and pedestrians; and if they're that big, they need to be tasteful."

The committee received the presentation and sent it to staff for a report.

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Residents don't want sidewalks

Aurora is proposing to construct sidewalks in the south end area of Nisbet, Stoddart and Glenview Drives, but the people who live there don't want them.

A large group from the area attended a committee meeting last week to oppose the construction.

Don Roberts, a longtime resident of Nisbet Drive, and a former councillor, spoke on behalf of the citizen, who he said belonged to the LUAP (Leave Us Alone Please) committee. He pointed out there was

no safety problem as there was no on-street parking. Driveways were long enough to accommodate two cars, but if a sidewalk was installed, driveways would be shortened creating the necessity for on-street parking.

He pointed out the same issue had occurred about 20 years previous and it was considered unnecessary at that time and it was still unnecessary.

The committee agreed to forward his presentation to the incoming council.

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Poor Richard

How serious are the newcomers?

Nominations are finally over,
The election battle has begun.
With a large number of candidates,
Some must be in it for the fun!
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Aurora voters go the polls Nov. 10 to elect nine people to run the affairs of the town for the next three years. They will be challenged to control rampant growth, build new infrastructure to keep up with that growth, and still keep the tax bill within the ability of taxpayers to pay.

There are two candidates running for the office of Mayor, incumbent Tim Jones and newcomer Homer Farsad. One has 25 years' experience on council, nine as mayor, while the other has no municipal experience.

In the past, when candidates have jumped into the fray for the battle to be head of council, electors of Aurora have rejected them by a significant margin, on the basis that candidates should earn their spurs by serving on council or a committee first to learn the ropes.

Not only that, the mayor is Aurora's only representative on regional council and with provincial downloading of many programs and services to the regional level, experience in municipal affairs is almost mandatory for the people to be well represented.

In the 1997 Aurora election, newcomer Michael O'Brien challenged first-term Mayor Tim Jones and was swamped 6,730 votes to 1,688.

There are 16 candidates running for eight seats on council in this election. It's not a record number as there were 19 for the 1997 election.

Six incumbent councillors are seeking re-election, including David Griffith, Nigel Kean, George Timpson, Damir Vrancic, Ron Wallace and John West. Betty Pedersen is not seeking re-election and Evelina MacEachern withdrew her nomination creating two vacancies.

There are three former councillors in the race, Evelyn Buck, Bill Hogg and Phyllis Morris. Newcomers are Wendy Gaertner, Vince Piron, Kam Qamar Sadiq, Paul Santoro, Keith Munro, Al Wilson and Stan Rycombeck.

Gaertner has organized the Hot Spot night for youngsters for the past several years and has appeared before council on several occasions. Munro was an NDP candidate for a couple of provincial elections, and Wilson has attended several council meetings.

The other candidates have never attended a council or committee meeting to the best of knowledge.

Less than a week before nominations closed Sept. 26, it appeared Jones was on his way to his first acclamation, and there were 12 candidates for council.

One has to wonder what motivated citizens to offer themselves for election during the last week or on the final day, pay their registration fee of \$100 for councillor or \$200 for mayor.

Were they waiting on the sidelines hoping other candidates wouldn't register and they'd get a free ride into office, or was it that they made up their mind on the spur of the moment?

Normally a new candidate for office will register early, start campaigning and start attending council and/or committee meetings to obtain some idea of the issues before council, so that when they appear before electors or participate in an all-candidates meeting, they will have some of the answers.

This election is not a normal election as so many candidates waited to the last minute to register and never bothered to attend a meeting to gain some experience in municipal government.

Another interesting aspect of this election is that three former mayors are seeking election as coucillors, Evelyn Buck, George Timpson and John West. It was even suggested that Keith Nisbet and yours truly should join so that all living former mayors would be in the race.

Electors face a challenge in deciding how they should cast their ballot, keeping in mind they may vote for UP TO eight councillors, and while the newcomers have every right to run, and they are to be commended for doing so, how serious are they?

Nov. 10, vote as you like, but vote!



Our changing town

Shown in this 1950s photo, top, Doan Hall was one of Aurora's first brick houses. Charles Doan built the house in 1855 showing his faith in the community which he had renamed "Aurora". Ideas to save the house failed and it was demolished in 1969, replaced by Doane Hall Pharmacy, today a Shoppers Drug Mart, on Yonge Street, just north of Wellington.

Letters to the Editor

Resident believes wards necessary

To the editor,

Changing times demand changing systems.
Councillors at large were appropriate in the 60s when Aurora had a population of 5,000.
A mayor and full council served a small town well.
Today, Aurora's population now exceeds 43,000. Different neighbourhoods have evolved and their needs are not the same.
Advocates for the interests of a particular neighbourhood are hard to find on council and it is not difficult to see why.
As a councillor at large it is not to their advantage to champion any cause that would alienate a large sector of voters.
For example, I live in the

northeast quadrant and a councillor who supported our cause could potentially lose the votes of a majority of the town.
During an election there is another reason for incumbents to oppose a ward system.

High praise
To the editor,

Volume 3, No. 49, Week of October 7, 2003, is a perfect example of what a community newspaper should be!
Enter this one into the weekly newspaper awards! Cheers.

Mark LaVigne,
President,
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tem.
It is dangerous to their survival and re-election.
Firstly, they would be far more accountable for their work during their term.
Secondly, incumbents are easily contested by a new candidate.
A new candidate is able to run for less money and has to be known to a far smaller voter population.
A non-ward system entrenches the incumbents.
The mayor's job is to balance the needs of the whole community but the councillors' responsibility is to champion the causes of the individual citizens.
It is time for this to become an election issue!

John Housser
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WHERE THE CANDIDATES FOR AURORA COUNCIL STAND ON THE ISSUES *

	Griffith	Kean	Morris	Santoro	Timpson	Vrancic	Sadiq	Gaertner	Piron	Wallace	Rycombel	Buck	Munro	West	Hogg	Wilson
Controlling development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Freezing/reducing taxes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Encouraging job creation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Improving transit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supporting Council ethics/accountability	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ensuring water quality/availability	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Increasing green space/leisure services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Providing cleaner/safer streets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cheering for Aurora Tigers this season	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* #5 in our series: *Helping you make informed voting decisions November 10th*

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Letters to the Editor

Local film maker seeking financial help

To the editor,

By way of introduction, my name is Zachary Derhodge and I am currently enrolled in my fourth year of film production and theory at Ryerson Polytechnic University.

A graduate of both Our Lady of Grace Elementary and Cardinal Carter H.S., I have lived in Aurora for more than 18 years.

This academic year calls for three films (not exceeding a running time of 35 minutes each) to be selected for a hefty grant courtesy of William F. White and Eastman Kodak Canada. By year's end, each film is

considered for the Norman Jewison Award.

Last year I wrote and directed a short film, "Snow on the Skeleton Key".

The film starred Gordon Pinsent ("The Shipping News"; "The Thomas Crown Affair"; Recipient of the Order of Canada), Jayne Eastwood ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding"; "Chicago") and Tragically Hip lead singer, Gord Downie (Recipient of the Order of Canada).

It has played at the Tagawa Short Film Festival in Tokyo and in the coming months will be screened at the Austin Film Festival in Austin, Texas - one of North America's premier fests.

This time around I plan to direct another picture of my own script, "Marble Manor".

I am writing you in hopes that you might be interested in publishing this appeal for donations.

Since this film is entirely funded by the director and producer (both students) alone, and not backed by a studio or corporation, resources can be scarce.

Rarely can post-secondary students apply for government arts grants. We are in dire need of all the help we can get and welcome any outside assistance.

On my last film, we relied heavily on the generosity of local mer-

chants and public figures.

Should you be interested in donating you will automatically be given an official screen credit, a copy of the completed film, promotional material(s) (posters, CD-ROMs, etc) and an invitation to any local film festival we are selected to screen at.

Also, we maintain that we will promote your business in any way we can. Often, we conduct interviews with various printed and online media.

We'd be more than happy to shine a light on particular public and private donors who have helped.

You may reach me at 416-797-9263.

Zachary Derhodge
Aurora

Yonge and Brookland dangerous intersection

To the editor,

I agree with Nicole Bridgeman that the town's traffic department just doesn't "get it" when it comes to safety.

At first I dismissed her comments as growing pains

in a new neighbourhood, but let's face it, driving in Aurora is dangerous.

Where are the Town's traffic people and where is York Regional Police?

For example, Brookland and Yonge, where the LCBO is located, is a very dangerous intersection, despite a four-way traffic light.

Earlier this year my husband was hit by a vehicle there when legally crossing as a pedestrian.

He spent eight days in hospital, underwent surgery to rebuild his shattered knee, and has had a very painful rehabilitation.

I have heard there have been other personal injury accidents at this intersection as well.

Has the town made any adjustments to this intersection as a result?

NO.

Drivers are still blazing in and out of the Jonathan's plaza to try and avoid the light at Yonge and Dunning, or buzzing the amber on Yonge, sometimes I think just for the sake of it, seeing as they get caught at the lights at Dunning or Edward anyway.

If we're welcoming new residents to Aurora and helping them to part with thousands of tax dollars each year, the very least we can do is help keep them, and long-time residents, safe.

Wouldn't it be a better use of the town's half-million surplus to address these traffic issues NOW rather than sock that money away? ("We're in the money": story, Auroran, Oct. 7, page 8).

Elizabeth Saville
Aurora

Stellar behind Hojo production

To the editor,

I would like to clear up a misunderstanding that was printed in the Auroran the week of Sept. 30 involving the dinner theatre at the local Howard Johnson's.

Although most of our current cast and crew are comprised of proud past and current members of Theatre Aurora, Theatre Aurora is not putting on the shows, Stellar Productions is.

Stellar Productions is a new

company started to exclusively work in partnership with Howard Johnson's.

It has been started as a co-operative effort and is run locally and features local talent.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" is our first production and we would like to be acknowledged for our fledgling efforts.

I hope this clears up any misunderstanding.

Karen Park
Stellar Productions

Cathy's Corner



Andy Rooney says women over 40 rock. That makes him my kind of man.

To women, the only thing better than a man who appreciates our similarity to fine wine is a man who can cook up a gourmet meal to suit.

And serve it with candles, soft music and a vintage worthy of bringing out the Waterford.

And if he does the dishes afterwards, he's a keeper.

To women, that's a real man. To men, it's the ultimate enslavement of "man" kind.

If he's enjoying himself too much to start his own genetically installed alarm system screaming, just wait until his buddies hear about it.

You can bet they're not trading recipes and domestic tips when they use words like "whipped", "toast" and "soaked".

We had a party for my husband's soccer team at the end of the season.

When our guests arrived, John, the goalie, noticed there were a lot of flowers in the kitchen.

He shook his head and looking like he just broke a tooth, asked: "What did he do that was so bad that it took two dozen roses to get him out of the doghouse?"

Men are strange. They think everything has to be all about them. Even the roses.

So, I leaned in secretively and said, "John, it isn't that he did anything that bad. It's just that I did something that good."

If he does dishes, well, he's a keeper

The roses are all about me, buddy!

"Nah," he said. "Nobody does anything that good. I gotta talk to him. This has got to stop."

Stop? It only started last year! It only took two decades to get it started!

It's that Y- chromosome, isn't it? Once upon a time, it was an X, but then a piece broke off and got lost.

We "over 40 gals" have spent the last 20 years making superman look like an under-achiever.

We're stronger than a locomotive - we've stood between two warring teenagers.

In fact, World War III almost started in my kitchen over a Bagel Bite and I single-handedly saved Aurora from becoming ground zero!

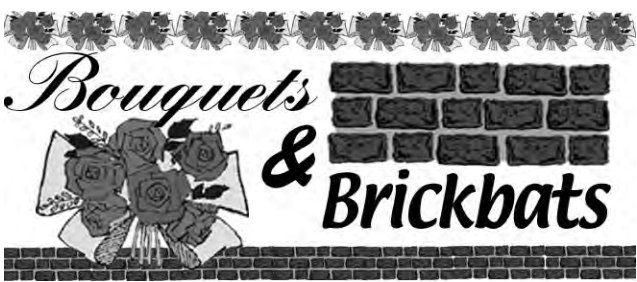
Faster than a speeding bullet? To us, Pentium chips are a snack! I feed them to my dog before I take him for a power walk because otherwise, that big, strong, male German Shepherd pansy can't keep up!

We can even leap tall orders in a single bound. It's called multi-tasking.

Guess who's closing the pool on Thanksgiving weekend? Yup, there had better be a few dozen roses kicking around my kitchen!

Otherwise, I'm going to have to ask Andy Rooney to marry me.

Comments and suggestions for Cathy can be e-mailed to laughingmatters@aci.on.ca



By **DICK ILLINGWORTH**

BRICKBATS to those responsible for selecting polling stations in the Vaughan/King/Aurora riding. Voters required to vote at Wells Street Public School had to use two flights of stairs to go to the gym and then climb back up. It was difficult for seniors and impossible for wheelchairs.

BRICKBATS to Elections Ontario, or whoever is responsible, for preparing the so-called permanent voters' list, as many people were left off, some listed more than once and incorrect information as to the place to vote on some of the notification cards. Time to return to the enumeration system?

BOUQUETS to Aurora author Robert Gignac. His book "Rich is a State of Mind" hit number one on the bestselling business book list in the Calgary Herald newspaper recently. The book is available at R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street.

BOUQUETS to Wendy Cimarno, a member of the Aurora Master Ducks Swimming Club, on setting two Canadian records in the 400 metre individual medley and the 1,500 metre freestyle events. She swims in the 50-56 age group.

BRICKBATS to those in the traffic department at York Region for the poorly illuminated green arrow for a left-turn for eastbound traffic on the St. John's Sideroad wanting to go north on Bayview Avenue. Either brighten the arrow or put in a flashing green so motorists can see it. Actually, all the green arrows are difficult to see. Flashing green was a better idea.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Dorothy McDonall on her leap from the Mendelssohn Choir to bluegrass, country and blues with the trio Choir Girlz. She describes the Choir Girlz as the Dixie Chicks meeting the Andrew Sisters. They now have a CD "Angel Wings", which will be launched in Toronto in November.

BRICKBATS to Prime Minister Jean Chretien for his remarks in the press and on TV that he might be willing to give pot a try once it's decriminalized. He added that he would have money for the fine in one hand and a joint in the other. Although admitting he was joking, he set a bad example for youth. He's a fool!

BOUQUETS to Marianne Mandryk for her letter to the Auroran regarding the pictures of the Bank of Montreal building at Wellington and Yonge Streets over the years. Neither the new bank building nor the bank on the other corner is reminiscent of bygone days. Thank heaven the buildings on the other two corners still retain some of Aurora's heritage and charm.

BOUQUETS to Perry Kereakou for his perseverance in obtaining a lease for Aurora Bingo World and keeping it open until 2004 when he moves to larger quarters. Several charities benefit from the bingos.

BRICKBATS to Aurora staff for recommending and members of council for approving another variance to the sign bylaw for Home Depot, while refusing variances to stores like Hakim Optical and the meat market on North Yonge Street. Obviously the bigger you are, the more influence you have with staff and council.

BOUQUETS to Mark Lariviere of Aurora on seeing a dream come true. Back in 1997 as a five-year-old, while on a visit to Mexico, he was concerned about the plight of the poor and decided to do something about it. His efforts brought about a performance of the musical "Godspell" at Trinity Anglican on October 25, to send a group of young people to Mexico to help out in a day care centre.

Letters to the Editor

School buses unsafe, Aurora student says

To the editor,

Due to a change in my family's work schedule, my parents have paid \$34 a month to the Transportation Services of York Region, for a bus pass, so I can get to Dr. G. W. Williams High School (sic).

Assuming that we were paying for it as if it were a

business it would take the responsibilities of a business (such as customer comfort). We were wrong.

Every day I wait at the bus stop, the bus arrives and it is already full. A few students manage to find a spare seat, but often groups of three sit in seats designed for two people.

Further complications concerning space arises

with the 10 kilogram backpacks.

The worst-case scenario, which is every other day, is when a student has to sit in the isle (sic), or even on the front steps near the door.

I often see emergency equipment at the front, but fail to see how it could get to the back or even the middle of the bus if there

were an emergency.

Finally, in the month of September, I have had to walk home as a result of the buses being delayed.

In the end, I ask myself why should I pay for a service that is unsafe, uncomfortable, and unreliable?

Brent Jackson
Grade 10 student

Air cadets say thanks

To the editor,

The 140 Aurora Squadron Air Cadets would like to thank the citizens of Aurora and Oak Ridges for their generous support during our recent Tag Days.

More than \$4,200 in total was raised on September 20, and between September 26 and 28.

We would also like to thank our local businesses, including the stores of the Aurora Shopping Centre (Staples, The Beer Store, No Frills), Dominion, Sobey's, IGA, Blockbuster, Canadian Tire, Shopper's

Drug Mart, Zeller's, No Frills Oak Ridges, the LCBO and Winners, all of whom generously allowed the Air Cadets to use their premises for their fundraising duties.

The funds raised will help the 140 Aurora Squadron with expenses related to Air Cadet training and recreational activities over the next several months.

We appreciate your support.

Gerry Bunder
Chairperson
140 Aurora
Air Cadets
Sponsoring Committee

Variety store hit

Aurora Variety and Gifts, in the Aurora Shopping Centre at Yonge and Murray was robbed last week of an undetermined amount of cash and goods.

Thieves shattered the glass door of the adjacent busi-

ness, Aurora Salon Secrets, and cut through a wall to the variety store. A Canada Post outlet in the store was also burglarized.

York Regional Police said the theft included cash, lottery tickets, cigarettes and cigars.

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In case anyone has a twinge of waistline conscience after a donut or two, or three, or an extra slice of pizza, the solution is close at hand. The proprietor of the weight loss clinic, who advertises a loss of 40 pounds in two months, perhaps was laying on a guilt trip for snackers when he set up shop at the corner of Wellington St. E., and Industrial Parkway S.

Photo by Keith Kincaid

Leash-free park gets committee

Last April, Robert Schuetze of the "Bark Park" committee made a presentation to Aurora Council proposing a dog leash-free park on town-owned lands east of the Industrial Parkway, south of the St. John's Sideroad.

30-acre open space that contains a branch of the Holland River that is part of the town's trail system. Provision for parking was the major problem. Council endorsed the creation of the park and directed staff to enter into an agreement with the volun-

teer committee on condition the committee provided necessary liability insurance coverage and that the committee be responsible for the maintenance of the park. The committee consists of individual volunteers who are not incorporated as a

body. In order to obtain the necessary insurance to indemnify the town, the committee would have to be incorporated, which would cost about \$1,000 and require it to comply with several reporting functions as a corporation.

New phone system for the Town Hall

Last July town staff submitted a report to council noting the telephone equipment in use at the Town Hall was more than 20 years old, the equipment was old and replacement parts were difficult to obtain. A Request for Proposal was issued in August and three of the 11 submissions were selected to make a presentation. Vendors included BrantTel Networks (Avaya solution),

Bell Canada (Mitel solution) and Telus (Nortel solution). BrantTel, even though its bid was higher than low-bidder Bell, was chosen as the preferred system. Approved for the system was \$150,000 and BrantTel came in at \$148,241.75. The Bell bid was \$113,818.20. Last week at a general committee meeting, Councillor Nigel Kean noted the preferred bid was 34 per cent higher than the

Bell bid and asked if the town was "buying a Cadillac instead of a Pontiac". Treasurer Allan Evelyn said the BrantTel system had many unique features and a well-trained staff, while Bell was still training technicians on the Mitel System. He said BrantTel was a privately owned Canadian company and serviced several thousand businesses and organizations across Canada and the United States. The committee awarded the contract to BrantTel at the quoted price, and council was expected to endorse it this week.

Group seeks audience

The funny people are back. The Canadian Improv Showcase will begin taping its fifth season at Aurora Cable this weekend, and they'd like you to be the audience. Taping begins Friday, Oct. 17, continues Saturday, Oct. 18, then repeats the following weekend. Everything happens at Aurora Cable's studios. 350 Industrial Parkway South, and each taping is scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m. Canadian Improv Showcase performs game-style improv comedy that involves the audience. Unscripted and unrehearsed, the show can be compared with the popular "Whose Line Is It Anyway?", but with a distinct Canadian flavour.

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Week of October 14, 2003

Dominant Tigers skate to 10-0 win

By TYLER NORWOOD

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey club had little trouble thumping the Ajax Axemen 10-0 Friday at the Aurora Community Centre.

Goaltender Chris Whitley earned the shutout, his first of the season, while defensemen Corey LeClair and Michael Kostka recorded their first goals of the season.

"We feel, at any time, anybody can score on this team," Coach and General Manager Marty

Williamson said.

Tigers dominated all three periods en route to yet another one-sided victory.

(A week ago, they pounded Huntville 17-3)

"Without Whitley we wouldn't have had the success we're having," defenceman Jeff Gilbert said.

Whitley played well throughout the game and even earned an assist in the late stages.

Aurora scored three quick goals early in the first period courtesy of Sean Scully,

Derek Joslin, and Sam Skwarchuk.

Ajax stepped up their play and prevented Aurora from adding to the scoreboard.

The Tigers had several scoring chances before Jamie Minchella opened with Aurora's fourth goal in the second period.

LeClair fired his first of the season, a power play goal, off a shot from the point.

Ajax was trying desperately to knock Aurora off their game and as a result took several unnecessary

penalties as they tried to antagonize the Tigers.

Aurora responded with another goal, Sean Olden from Brent Franklin. Ajax reacted by taking a holding penalty.

In the third period, Jeff Gilbert took two consecutive penalties but Ajax failed to capitalize.

As Gilbert came out of the penalty box the second time, the Axemen were changing and he gobbled up a pass from LeClair at centre ice.

Gilbert skated to the blue-line and when the defence-man dropped to block the shot, Gilbert put the puck under him.

The rest was easy as he simply skated around the goaltender and flipped a backhand shot into the empty net.

"It couldn't have been a better end to two penalties," Gilbert said. Michael Tonelli and Darren Salmon would score before Kostka would notch his first of the season.

Aurora faces the Newmarket Hurricanes this Friday, Oct. 17 at the community centre, as the locals attempt to run their unbeaten streak to 12 games.

Bantams run record to eight straight wins

The Aurora Bantam AA Tigers continued their strong season start over the past two weeks, running their record to 8-0 with wins over Georgina, Oshawa, Markham, Pickering, Whitby and Peterborough.

Entertaining Georgina at home, the Tigers feasted on a hopelessly overwhelmed defence, routing the visitors 9-0. Only the heroics of the Georgina goaltender prevented the score from hitting the generous double-digits.

Leading the charge was forward Matt Boyd, with the first hat-trick of the year.

Michael Pantalone scored two goals and added two assists.

Also scoring were Tyler Pettes, Tyler Virgoe, Michael Osuszek and Jake MacDougall.

Goalie Darren Gwilliam earned the shut-out.

In Oshawa, the Tigers won their fourth straight with a well-earned 4-1 win.

Pantalone led the way with two goals and an assist, while Boyd had a goal and an assist. Adam Lebar scored the other Aurora goal. Jonathan Newby had a strong game as the winning goaltender.

Against a chippy Markham squad, the Tigers played a smart, disciplined game and won decisively 5-2.

Gwilliam made big saves when it counted, and the Tigers offence continued to sparkle, led by Osuszek with two

goals and an assist.

Also scoring were Neil Kileeg, Harrison Jones, and Aaron Mansbridge.

In a 5-3 win over Whitby, the Tigers had goals from five different players, as their balanced attack continued to frustrate the opposition.

Scoring were Osuszek, Mansbridge, Colin McCullough, MacDougall and Pantalone had the other Aurora goals.

At home to Pickering, the Tigers posted a one-sided 7-0 win.

Osuszek had a hat-trick, with singles coming from MacDougall, Anthony Simone, Kileeg and Pettes.

Gwilliam registered the shut-out.

In Peterborough, Aurora prevailed 5-2.

Newby made some key saves as McCullough, Lebar, Osuszek, Simone and Pantalone scored for the winners.

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806 4: Morgan Mittelstaedt 2G, Justin Torma 1G 1A, Jamie Rundle-Sanderson 1A, Cameron Harris 1A, Scott Kunitzky 1G; 803 4: Ian Mulhern 1G, Jesse Gattelerero 2G, Brett Scott 1G, Mitch Hamilton 2A, Maegan Bastarache 1A, Dale McDonald 1A, Ryan Joynt 1A.

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804 5: James Weber 1G, Andrew Rowen 1G, Kevin Mayne 1G, Kevin Michie 1G, Jon Alexsich 1G, Brad Lewis 1A, Bryan Dunjko 1A; 803 7: Jesse Gattelerero 2G 1A, Brett Scott 1G, Dan Coates 1G, Ian Mulhern 2G, Ryan Joynt 1G 1A, Mitch Hamilton 2A, Erin Devlin 1A.

802 8: Eric James 3G 1A, Torrey Duckworth 2G 1A, Eric Wakeman 1G 1A, Paul Magill 1G 1A, Kurtis Wilton 1G 2A, Sam Mulholland 1A, Jake Teel 2A; 806 2: Micheal Rowe 1G, Jamie Rundle-Sanderson 1G, Keith Bradford 1A, Jason Markovich 1A. 805 4: Bill Spasopolos 3G, Chris O'Conner 1G, Jamie Fenyes 1A, Peter Walker 1A, Chad Roberts 1A; 801 1: Tyler McGhee 1G.

Rep Teams
Exhibition

Atom AA 12 Orangeville 1
Eleeza Cox 3G 1A, Kyle McCreedy 2G 2A, Jordan Figueiredo 2G, Cody Weese 1G 1A, Taran McGowan 1G, Dylan Kovacs 1G, Jamie Hawkins 1G, Stephen DeMarco 1G, Brett Matthews 3A, Steadman Dinning 1A, Chris Piron 1A, Ben Hanlon 1A.

Rep Teams
Tournament Games

Novice AA 5 Stoney Creek 2
Quin McGowan 2G, Eric Ludwig 1G 1A, Willam Reid 2A, Connor Fennel 1G, Burke White 1G, Trevor George 1A, Keifer McIntosh 1A.

Novice AA 3 Flamborough 2
Burke White 2G, Quin McGowan 1G, Trevor George 1A, Kevin Casey 1A

League Games

Novice AA 6 Newmarket 0
Mac Lemmon 2G 1A, Trevor George 2G, Quinn McGowan 1G 1A, Burke White 1G, Kevin Casey 1A, Eric Damecour 1A, Eric Ludwig 1A, Keifer McIntosh 1A.

Novice AA 6 Peterborough 0
Mac Lemmon 2G, Trevor George 1A, Quinn McGowan 1G, Burke White 2A, Kevin casey 1A, Eric Damecour 1A, Eric Ludwig 2G, Stefan Lazzer 1G, William Reid 1A, Liam Mackichan 1A, Kevin Casey 1A

Novice AA 6 Peterborough 2
Eric Ludwig 2G, Quin McGowan 3A, Connor Fennell 1G, Trevor George 1G, Keifer McIntosh 1G, Burke White 1G, Cameron Nuttall 1A, Liam Mackichan 1A

Novice AA 2 Uxbridge 2
Mac Lemmon 1G, Quin McGowan 1G, Stefan Lazzer 1A, Liam Mackichan 1A, Cameron Nuttall 1A.
Novice AA 0 Richmond Hill 6

Novice AA 4 Pickering 3
Burke White 2G 1A, Eric Ludwig 2G 1A, Willam Reid 2A, Quin McGowan 1A, Mac Lemmon 1A.

Minor Atom A 3 Bradford 4
Matthew Roy 1G, Andrew Papousek 1G, Jesse Bentolila 1G, Trevor Best 1A, Taylor Butler 1A, Reig Sisson 1A

Minor Atom A 2 TNT 5
Andrew Papousek 2G, Devin Watson 1A, Ethan Benson 1A.

Minor Atom AE 6 Newmarket 4
Jake Langford 2G, Adam Balaban 1G 2A, Anthony Selski 1G 1A, Dylan Hussey 1G 2A, Josh Klinowski 1G, Sean Glynn 1A.

Minor Atom AE 3 East Gwillimbury 2
David Venneri 1G, Thomas Hagias 1G, Jake Langford 1A, Adam Balaban 1A, Anthony Selski 1G, Jason Lockhart 1A, Matt Noseworthy 1A.

Atom A 2 Schomberg 7
Spencer George 1G, Matthew Miller 1G, Josh Beaton 1A, Michael Barr 1A, Jonathan Poulakos 1A, Danny McConnell 1A.

Atom A 0 TNT 2

Atom A 2 Schomberg 4
Tyler Jensen 1G, Brandon Pedersen 1G 1A, Denis Casey 1A.

Atom A 1 Newmarket 1
Kamran Karamchi 1G, Tyler Jensen 1A, Brandon Pedersen 1A.

Atom AA 4 Richmond Hill 2
Stephen DeMarco 2G, Brett Matthews 1G, Dylan Kovacs 1G, Jamie Hawkins 2A, Steadman Dinning 2A, Matthew Mears 1A.

Atom AA 4 Newmarket 3
Chris Piron 1G, Stephen DeMarco 1G, Steadman Dinning 1G, Kyle McCreedy 1G, Jamie Hawkins 2A, Matthew Mears 1A, Taran McGowan 1A, Cody Weese 1A.

Atom AA 5 Georgina 4
Kyle McCreedy 1G 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1G, Eleeza Cox 1G, Chris Piron 1G, Dylan

Kovacs 1G, Matthew Mears 1A, Jordan Figueiredo 1A, Gavin Forrest 1A, Taran McGowan 1A.

Atom AA 4 Markham 2
Chris Piron 1G, Steadman Dinning 1G, Kyle McCreedy 1G, Cody Weese 1G 1A, Matthew Mears 1A, Eleeza Cox 1A, Dylan Kovacs 1A, Stephen DeMarco 1A.

Atom AA 11 Oshawa 0
Taran McGowan 2G 1A, Kyle McCreedy 3G 2A, Dylan Kovacs 2G 1A, Chris Piron 1G 1A, Stephen DeMarco 1G 1A, Matthew Mears 1G 1A, Steadman Dinning 1G, Gavin Forrest 1A, Jamie Hawkins 2A, Chanelle Hassard 1A, Eleeza Cox 1A.

Atom AA 6 Pickering 1
Kyle McCreedy 3G 1A, Chris Piron 2G, Eleeza Cox 1G 1A, Taran McGowan 2A, Matthew Mears 1A, Dylan Kovacs 1A, Brett Matthews 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 2 Ajax 4
Andrew McKay 1G, Sean Agostino 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 9 East Gwillimbury 2
Sean Agostino 1G, Tyler Tisdale 2G 2A, Patrick Lee 1A, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Connor Sheridan 1G 1A , Chris Tillsley 2A, Michael Delplavignano 1A, Andrew McKay 1G, Shawn Clark 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1G 1A, Evan Jones 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1G, Oliver Boettcher 1G 3A, Ryan Ceresino 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 7 Ajax 1
Sean Agostino 2G, Tyler Tisdale 1G 3A, Patrick Lee 1A, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Conor Sheridan 2A, Andrew McKay 1G, Shawn Clark 1G 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Oliver Boettcher 2G 1A.

Peewee AA 9 Peterborough 3
Adrian DiRosa 3G 1A, Zachary Giusti 1G 2A, Connor McQuestion 1G 2A.

Peewee AA 5 Barrie 3
Matthew Mikhaili 3G, Christian Stankiewicz 3A 1G.

Peewee A 6 Georgina 1
Andrew McDonald 2G, Quenton Hunt 1G, Darrell Evans 1G 1A, Matthew Joynt 1G, Brett Dutchyshen 1G 1A, Carter Hassard 1A, Michael Morson 2A, Ben Mulholland 1A,

Brandon Galante 1A, Emilio Nafarrate 2A, Ryan Findlay 2A.

Peewee A 2 Barrie 5
Brett Dutchyshen 2G, Tyler Rundle 1A, Brandon Galante 1A, David Barr 1A.

Peewee AE 2 East Gwillimbury 1
Adam Bloom 1G, Matthew Scrimis 1G, David Iwai 1A.

Minor Midget AE 5 Ajax 10
Graeme Fleming 1G 2A, Keon Karamchi 1G 2A, Justin Fabro 1G 1A, Tyler Fyfe 1G, Derek Roldan 1G, Tim Gerrits 1A.

Minor Midget AE 5 Newmarket 4
Graeme Fleming 3G, Sean Brennan 1G, Tim Gerrits 1G, Keon Karamchi 2A, Michael Couperthwaite 2A, Dan Abram 1A, Stephen Facca 1A, Justin Fabro 1A, Derek Roldan 1A.

Minor Midget AE 3 Orillia 9
Stephen Facca 2G, Graeme Fleming 1G, Dan Abram 2A, Carson Nimmo 1A, Keon Karamchi 1A, Mark Whiting 1A.

Minor Midget AE 2 Oshawa 10
Tim Gerrits 1G, Greame Fleming 1G, Derek Roldan 1A.

Minor Midget AE 1 Ajax 5
Justin Fabro 1G, Carson Nimmo 1A.

Minor Midget AA 5 Peterborough 5
Sandy Craig 1G, Andrew Welch 1G, Tom Keane 1G 1A, Adam Hankins 1G, Kelly McGowan 1G 1A, Vincent Davenport 1A, Mike White 1A, Cal Simmonds 1A, Tyler Roffey 1A.

Minor Midget AA 3 Whitby 3
Adam Hankins 1G 1A, Andrew Welch 1G, Marc Quagliarini 1G, Brandon Steffan 1A, Vincent Davenport 1A, Kelly McGowan 1A.

Midget A 5 Stouffville Clippers 4
Chris Statchuk 2G 1A, Mark Jarman 1G 2A, Steven Black 2A, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 2A, Matt Cundari 1G, Mark Johnson 1G, Marc Oppedisano 1A.

Midget A 5 Beeton Stingers 4
Mark Smith 1G 2A, Ryan Kines 2G, Michael Jack 1G 1A, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 2A, Steven Black 1G, Craig Waites 1A, Bryan Osuszek 1A, Mark Jarman 1A, Marc Oppedisano 1A, Keith Mitchell 1A.

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"Congratulations on your 3rd year in Aurora."

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905-841-5552

"Congratulations on your 3rd anniversary. Keep up the good work."

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905-727-5421

"We are very pleased with the Auroran and the response we have received from our advertising."

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"Happy Anniversary and a big thank you to the Auroran newspaper. Over the past two years the Auroran has been a huge contributor to the growth of Herbal Magic in Aurora. They are the #1 newspaper in our eyes. Here's to many more years of business."

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905-751-1676

"I don't care what people say, I like ya."

Aurora School of Music
905-713-1688

"Auroran's a great publication."

Villari's Martial Arts Centres
905-841-2485

"Happy Birthday, Auroran. We have been pleased with the results of the paper. All the best in the future."

Villa Cesere Ristorante
905-841-0433

"We are pleased to be a part of Auroran's 3rd anniversary. We have been delighted with the service in the past and look forward to many years of further co-operation."

M & M Meat Shops
905-727-1250

"The little paper that could, turned into the little paper that did!! Happy 3rd birthday and keep up the fantastic work."

**Kim Dunn
Molly Maid**
905-841-6243

"We have been very pleased with the Auroran. We attribute the growth of our business to advertising in your newspaper."

Fan Man
905-841-2832

"Happy Birthday & Congratulations."

Cedarwood Construction
905-726-3735

"We take this opportunity to thank all our customers from Aurora for their patronage. The Auroran has been a good vehicle to reach you."

Lighting Gallery
905-773-9989

"Congratulations. We have enjoyed working with you the past 3 years."

Tilemaster
905-841-2333

"We have been really pleased with the coverage for the swim club and the support over the years from the Auroran. Thank you."

Aurora Swim Club
905-898-5453

"Congratulations to the Auroran staff on three successful years and thank you for providing Aurora with a terrific community newspaper."

HS Financial Services Inc.
905-727-4605

"Happy Birthday! All the best in the years to come."

Ward & Patch Sports
905-773-9273

"Congratulations! Three years Auroran Thanks for the good news."

T.H. Oliver Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.
905-727-4258

"Congratulations on your 3rd anniversary. We look forward to receiving the Auroran. It is a concise and informative newspaper about our town. Thank you for your kind service in assisting with our ads."

Model Builders Aurora Ltd.
905-727-5661

Congratulations on your 3rd anniversary. We love your newspaper for two reasons. First it serves the local community and only focuses on events within the town and, second, because it has a loyal customer base.

**Susan Punzo
Punzo's Restaurant and
Catering, Oak Ridges**
905-773-9329

"Thank you, Auroran, for contributing to our success. Happy anniversary."

**Petticoat Lane
Fine Lingerie, Cruise
and swimwear**
905-841-0654

"Congratulations on three very successful years as the voice of Aurora. Thank you for the support you have shown to our skaters and our organization. Keep up the good work!"

Aurora Skating Club
905-713-1442

"Happy Birthday. The Aurora Youth Soccer Club would like to thank you for your continued support of their competitive & recreational youth soccer programs."

Aurora Youth Soccer Club
905-727-0624

"Congratulations to the Auroran on your 3rd anniversary. You have connected Aurora's past to the present with your historic images and articles and concise account of current events."

Mary's Flower Shop
905-727-6441

"The staff and management of Festa Ristorante congratulate the Auroran newspaper on three years of keeping our community informed and connected."

**Frank Bott
Festa Ristorante**
905-751-0986

"Congratulations to the Auroran on three years of excellence serving Aurora."

Go Auto Services
905-841-0319

"Congratulations on your anniversary and many thanks for all the advice, help, and professional tips that you have given us. Our Scholars Education Centre became successful far faster because of the Auroran."

Scholars Education Centre
905-713-3488

"Congratulations and continued success to the Auroran on their third anniversary."

From the staff at
The Rosarium
905-841-1635

"Thanks for three years of success. We look forward to many more."

Sound City
905-751-0397

"In three short years you have become an essential part of Aurora. We can't imagine the town without you. Congratulations and happy birthday to the Auroran from your friends at Balloonacy."

Balloonacy
905-841-5031

"Congratulations to the Auroran on a job well done over the last three years."

**The Artists at
Creative Connection**
905-841-7474



*"Congratulations.
Wishing you
continued success."*

Computer Training
905-833-6466

*"Congratulations to
the Auroran. Thanks for three
years of wonderful coverage of
local events within our fine town.
Here's wishing you many more
successful years. From the man who
has "Aurora In His Briefcase".*

-Sean Herbinson
Sales Representative
Re/Max York Group Realty Inc.
905-727-1941

*"Congratulations.
Great paper.
Our ad has been a success."*

Suburban Carpets
Steve Muscher
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*"Congratulations
for three great years.
The paper is a great
addition to the town."*

Beasley Auctioneers
905-727-6585

*"Congratulations.
Great response
from the ad."*

Real E-Mail
905-726-1242

*"Congratulations to the
Auroran on your third anniversary!
We wish you continued success."*

Thomas McPherson & Associates
Thomas B. McPherson
Colin A. Brown
John T. Kalm
905-727-3151

*"Congratulations to a
fine community paper on
three great years."*

Artzy Fartzy
905-727-0327

*"Congratulations on three
great years of providing our
wonderful town with local news and
interesting editorials. We have been using the
Auroran to advertise our window cleaning and
eavestrough services since the paper began and
have always had great response to our ads. It is
a great pleasure to deal with Bob Ince. Keep up
the great work - we look
forward to receiving the paper in the mail."*

Sparling's Cleaning Services
905-727-0309

*"Thanks for servicing
Aurora with all the local news.
We wish you well in the future.
Keep up the good work."*

Digital Copy Centre
905-727-4498

*Happy Birthday,
Auroran.
Our advertisements with you
have done great. All the best in
the future."*

**Watson's Family Karate
School**
905-727-7144

*"We enjoy advertising
in the Auroran and have had
great results. Many happy
returns."*

Baldwins Restaurant
905-727-8282

*"The Purple Pig
loves the Auroran. It's
nice to be part of the tradi-
tion you are building."*

**Purple Pig
Restaurant**
905-713-6465

*"Congratulations
on three great years."*

**VandenBosche
Jewellers**
905-841-3760

*"The Auroran
advertising is the most
effective print media
vehicle we have used. We
have seen definite results"*

Cupid & Psyche
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*"Three years old?!?
Hot Dog!!! Happy Birthday."*

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*"Congratulations,
Auroran, you light up
our lives."*

The Light Spot
905-727-7347

*"Congratulations
and best wishes for
your continued success."*

**Aurora
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905-727-7262

*"Love the old pic-
tures. Keep them and the
positive information coming."*

D-Mac Furniture Limited
905-727-6403

*"Congratulations
to the Auroran on your
3rd anniversary. It's nice to
see that Aurora has a voice
at the local level."*

**Advantage
Five Star Travel**
905-727-1700

*"Congratulations to the
Auroran on your 3rd
anniversary."*

Marilyn Redvers
Royal LePage Realty
905-727-3154

*"The only source of
advertising we've used to
promote our Greek buffet has
been the Auroran and it has resulted
in great success. Congratulations, and
keep up the great work, Ron."*

Jonathan's Restaurant
905-841-1807

*"Congratulations!
In three years you've
become a "blooming" great
newspaper."*

Flowers By Terry
905-726-1549

*"Congratulations!
We enjoy being a part
of your paper"*

Backyard Pool & Spa Company
**Don Smith
& Stefan Young**
905-713-2317

*"Congratulations on
your 3rd anniversary. Best
of luck in the future."*

**The staff at
Barron's**
905-841-5454

*"Congratulations on
three successful years."*

Jaguar Gymnastics
905-841-7598

*"Congratulations on your
3rd anniversary. Best
wishes for many, many
more in Aurora."*

**Greenham's
Distinctive Clothiers**
905-841-9001

*"Thank you for support-
ing us during our grand
opening and here's to many
more years' success."*

5 Below Jeans & More
905-841-7762

*"Glad to have a
local newspaper for
"Aurorans" to read."*

Omar's Shoes
905-727-9391

*"Well done! The Auroran
is an upbeat, informative
community paper with superi-
or editorial. All the best for con-
tinued success."*

Aurora Montessori School
905-841-0065

*"Congratulations
on your
3rd anniversary."*

**Highland Chev Olds
Cadillac**
905-727-9444

*"The Auroran is always a great
source to find out what
is happening in town.
We wait for the delivery and
read it cover to cover."*

Howard Johnson Hotel
905-727-1312

*"Happy birthday
from the Baldwin
Pre-School Centre and
Academy Baldwin Nursery
School staff, parents & children.
We're proud
of this great paper."*

**Academy Baldwin
& Baldwin
Pre-School Centre**
905-727-0411

*"Wishing you many more
years of informative
journalism.
Happy anniversary."*

**Tiffany's
Creative Window
Design**
905-830-1510

*"Happy 3rd anniversary! Keep
up the great local reporting.
Wishing the Auroran more success
as future anniversaries unfold."*

Peter Virtanen, CLU
State Farm Insurance
905-727-8400

*"Congratulations on your 3rd
anniversary. You've very quickly
become part of the tradition
and community."*

Knappett Jewellers
905-895-8057

*"Happy Birthday,
Auroran.
It's been our pleasure
to have been part
of your paper."*

Pure Pizza Company
905-841-7873





Gobble, gobble

Aurora's Yellow Brick House was the recipient of two Thanksgiving turkeys last week, courtesy of the Aurora Shopping Centre Merchants' Association. Receiving the donation is Susie McGee of YBH, right, from the plaza's promotions director Marjorie Saunders.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace



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Yet another sign for new building

Recently, Aurora Council granted approval to Home Depot for a variance of the sign bylaw to increase the area of their sign from 19 square metres to 31 square metres.

Last week, Home Depot was back for another change.

This time, they wanted an additional sign to advertise a Tim Horton's outlet located within the store.

In spite of strong opposition from Councillor Ron Wallace, who wanted to deny the additional request,

the committee sent the issue to council for approval.

"If this keeps up," he said, "the building is going to look like the front of my fridge."

At the same meeting the committee authorized staff to enter into an agreement with Home Depot Holdings regarding the construction of three commercial buildings on the property, subject to the resolution of outstanding issues.

The buildings will include commercial units and a sit-down restaurant.

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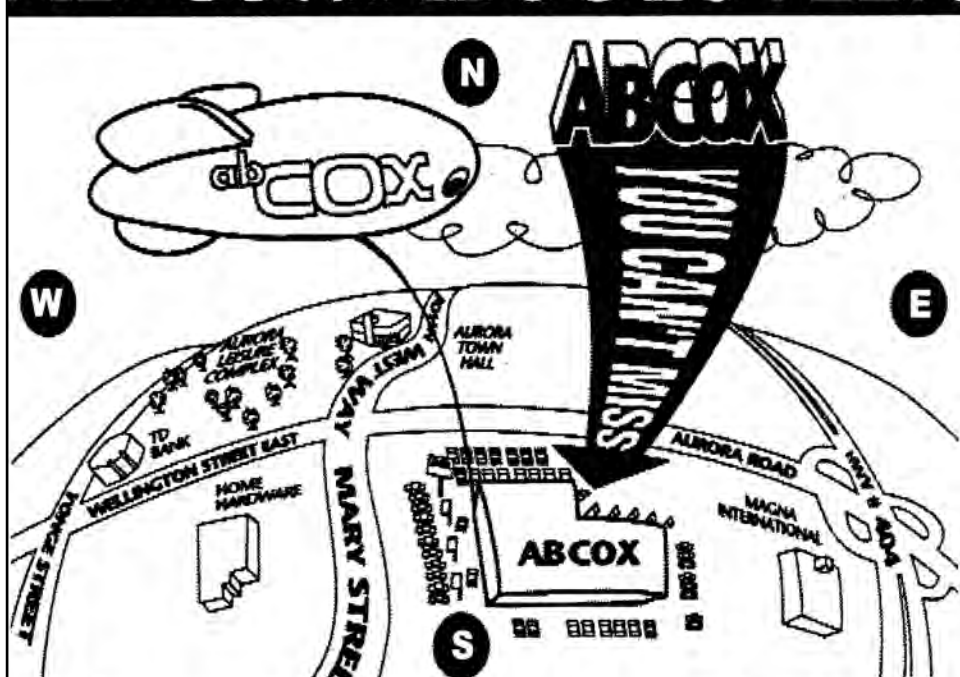
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A CANOE TRIP NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

A canoe trip some years ago by two Aurora youngsters, Michael Chapman, then 14 and Jim Bagnell, 15, turned into a nightmare as they barely escaped drowning in Lake Simcoe.

They left Jersey River about 5 a.m. for a planned trip along the shoreline to Lefroy where they planned to camp overnight on the beach.

About 3 p.m. their canoe developed a severe leak and started to sink.

They clung to the overturned boat but it was fast blowing into the reeds on the south shore.

The boys decided they would never be seen in the reeds and left the boat.

They swam and rested intermittently but the wind kept blowing them out into the middle of the lake. Several boats passed but despite their shouts, they were not seen.

Finally about 7 p.m., a boat stopped and the boys were taken to Gilford and their families called.

They soon recovered from severe chills but were sad about the loss of their precious camping gear.

LITTLE CHANGE OVER THE YEARS

The headline in the local paper in 1988 could well be repeated in 2003.

It read "Aurora struggles to cope with tremendous growth".

The story told about the rampant growth with all the problems associated with it.

Aurorans struggled to cope with traffic congestion, overcrowding in the schools, an affordable housing shortage and a lack of water during

the summer months.

Not much has changed in 15 years.

A LOVE OF GUIDING

In 1969, a seven-year-old girl joined the Newmarket Brownie troop of the Girl Guides and loved it.

This was followed by the Girl Guides, then Rangers and on to Cadets.

After graduating from the highest level of the organization, Jan Gibson didn't want to end so she became a Girl Guide leader.

By November, 1994, she lived in Aurora, operated a daycare centre out of her home and retained her interest in guiding. She was a leader for Sparks, Brownies and Pathfinders.

She went on to become District Commissioner.

As a result of her hard work and dedicated service to guiding, she was selected to represent Girl Guides of Canada at an international conference in Mexico in 1994.

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Billed as a "Golden Cabaret", the music and comedy show will be hosted by Aurora's Cliff Davies.

People impersonating Mae West, Betty Boop, Al Jolson and others will be there.

STEP, according to a release, is about seniors entertaining other seniors.

A joint project which involves the Legion, STEP is funded by a two-year Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

The Cabaret in Aurora will be the inaugural performance of this senior citizen group.

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