



Probably the windiest day of the year greeted the Abbotsford Animal Hospital's new windmill Wednesday and that should have been a good thing. But the windmill shuts itself down if it's too windy. Installed atop a 110-foot high mast monopole tower, the 3.3 Kw wind turbine generates power to supply heat, hot water and air conditioning for the hospital's dog gym and behaviour centre. Hospital founder Mark Cole says the windmill will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent, and wishes it had been operating during the black-out in August. Abbotsford recently opened in new quarters at Yonge and Ransom, moving from their long-time location at Yonge and Kennedy.

Photo by Rob Schuetze

Learners still tie up plaza lot

The privately operated driver-testing centre located in the Aurora Village Shopping Centre on Henderson Drive continues to be a thorn in the side of Aurora Council.

Citizens complained about the problems associated with the centre at a September council meeting and staff was directed to investigate.

Last week, Margaret Redpath used Open Forum to express her concerns about traffic safety in the plaza, especially for seniors and children.

Earlier in the year the provincial government had privatized the testing program and awarded the contract to a British-

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Briefly

Run Sunday

The 24th annual Thrill on the Hill Run/Walk happens this Sunday, Oct. 26, at St. Andrew's College.

More than 600 runners, walkers, ghosts and goblins are expected to plunge into the scenic wooded trails of Aurora to raise funds in support of Girls Incorporated of York Region.

Registration happens at 8 a.m., with the run set to begin at 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's College is located at 15800 Yonge Street, on the west side, just south of the St. John's Sideroad.

This year's event offers a 10 and 5-km road race and three km hike along a haunted trail.

Other highlights include a free long-sleeved shirt and goodie bag for the first 700 participants, a barbecue, kids' activities and prizes for the best costumes.

Too early to tell

The impact on Aurora of Ontario Premier-elect Dalton McGuinty's ruling about the Oak Ridges Moraine last week is unknown, Mayor Tim Jones said Saturday.

It's too early to tell, he said, referring to McGuinty's plan to stop development on the Moraine, some of which is located in Aurora.



Calendar girls?

You really had to be there. This motley gathering, shown above, are members of the infamous Legion Calendar Girls (?) and they entertained a packed house Friday at the Aurora Legion, as the branch presented its "Legion Legends Variety Show". In the midst of it all emcee Bill McCartney (Dewan) looks a tad bewildered. At left, Bob Lawson prepares for his/her stage debut. Meanwhile, several performers did a good job of revisiting numerous bygone stars such as Bobby Darrin, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Joe Cocker and Elvis Presley.

Magically, Haggerty appears

Perhaps the Aurora Rotary Club could have used some of Claude Haggerty's Magic organizing a proposed magic show in November.

Putting everything together proved to be a challenge for the aggressive service club, but it's a "happening thing" now.

Haggerty, complete with illusions and animals, will put on a public show Thursday, Nov. 13 at the Aurora High School, beginning at 7 p.m.

Included in the 90-minute show will be an exotic cat and patrons will have the opportunity of climbing into the cage with

the animal.

Relax, says Haggerty, it's perfectly safe.

Fears of a repeat of a recent Las Vegas incident where a tiger attacked a performer were put to rest by Haggerty, who says anyone climbing into the cage with the animal has nothing to worry about.

Posing for pictures with the animal is a highlight of the show, he says.

But Haggerty's potential audience will have a chance to visit with the exotic animals even before the show happens.

Haggerty and his cats will make

an appearance in Aurora this Saturday morning, Oct. 25, between 10 and 11 a.m.

Spectators will have a chance to view the animals in front of Highland Chev Olds Cadillac on Yonge Street North for about an hour.

Haggerty, who is scheduled to do another show north of here that day, agreed to stop for an hour to give his audience a sneak preview of what they might expect at the Nov. 13 event.

Details about the show, which is expected to sell out quickly, may be found on Page 16 of this week's Auroran.



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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

CONTINUING

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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 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. Haunted house, games, prizes, silent auction and dozens of other activities.

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 in advance 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. All activities begin at St. Andrew's College. 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.

NOVEMBER 10

Municipal election day.

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The future is now as Aurora voters enter electronic age

Entering a polling station to vote in the upcoming municipal election, or at the advance poll, will be different from past elections in Aurora.

At the advance poll, from November 1 to 5, after proving who are, instead of being handed a ballot to mark with an "X" or a "check mark" in the prescribed square you will be provided with a voter access card, about the size of a credit card.

The access card will be inserted in touch screen voting equipment and a list of instructions will flash on the screen.

By following the instructions and pushing the Vote button, the names of the two candidates for mayor will appear and you touch the screen by the name of your preferred choice. That's your vote.

Then the list of names for 16 council candidates will flash on the screen and you can vote for up to eight candidates, but it's not necessary to vote for all eight if you'd rather not.

That option has some councillors upset, since once you're finished, the machine reminds you that you have "under voted".

And it does it with a red, warning-like, background.



Aurora Councillor Damir Vrancic, left, and Mayor Tim Jones examine new electronic equipment to be used in this year's municipal election.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

"It's suggesting the voter has made a mistake," Councillor Ron Wallace said. "The suggestion is the voter hasn't voted for enough people, so he should go back and vote for more."

Since it's perfectly normal to vote for up to eight peo-

ple, councillors want that screen removed from the process.

Meanwhile, a similar process is followed for selecting the public school trustee from two candidates. No vote is necessary for the separate school trustee, as she was

returned by acclamation.

When voting is complete the screen will show who you have voted for, in case you made a mistake or want to change your mind. If you're satisfied with your choice, push a button and you have voted.

In the event of a person with poor eyesight, provision is made for earphones and instructions can be heard and followed.

The electronic equipment used voting day - Nov. 10 - is quite different. The voter reports to the poll clerk and the deputy returning officer as in the past and is provided with a ballot, listing candidates for all offices.

The ballot, in a secrecy folder, is taken behind a screen as previously and filled in with a marker.

Instead of depositing the ballot, it is taken to an election assistant by a scanning machine.

The ballot is inserted into the machine, which counts the vote. If there is an error in the ballot, the machine rejects it for correction, so there are no spoiled ballots.

A demonstration of the system may be seen Monday, Oct. 27, on Aurora Cable's Our Town program beginning at 7.30 p.m. It's on Channel 10.

Project manager appointed for new recreation centre

Last July Aurora Council approved a revised 2003 capital budget project to acquire property for the purpose of constructing a multi-use recreation facility of approximately 100,000 square feet and to retain the necessary consultants for completion of the site and facility design, including a project manager.

The project manager is required to oversee the design and the development of the new centre with responsibilities for program evaluation and

conceptual design, establishing a budget and overseeing architect services, contract and construction administration to ensure the project is completed on time and within budget.

Sixteen submissions were received and the selection committee interviewed four firms.

The committee recommended MHPH Project Managers, even though MHPM was the high bidder at \$304,000 plus disbursements and GST.

Council members ques-

tioned the inclusion of a 7,000 square foot youth centre as residents attending a recent public meeting had made it clear the youth centre should be retained in the downtown core.

Staff replied the contract was based on the conceptual plan, which had included the youth centre and that it would be up to the project manager to come back to council with alternative locations.

Councillor Damir Vrancic pointed out that it

was a conceptual design only and other than the ice pads, nothing had been approved and that it wasn't up to the project manager, it was council who would make the final decision.

After further discussion and clarification council approved the contract with work to be completed by September, 2005.

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Committee of Adjustment rulings cause confusion

*Who should control the planning,
Within a village or a town?
Council or non-elected appointees,
Whose decisions, makes one frown?
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

Aurora Council is charged with the ultimate planning responsibility for the municipality through the official plan and zoning bylaws.

These are approved after full consultation with the public through well-advertised public planning meetings in accordance with the Planning Act.

The official plan is the basic planning tool of the municipality as it is intended to be a statement of long-term goals and objectives for the community.

The zoning bylaw generally consists of two main elements.

One is the designation of various areas of land or zones within the official plan, which designates specific categories of land use permitted or prohibited.

The other element is the setting forth of conditions under which the land may be used within each zone, providing for such matters as space around the buildings, limited height and floor area and parking requirements.

The other body within a municipality charged with planning matters is the council-appointed citizen Committee of Adjustment.

Once a zoning bylaw is in force, there is a need for some flexibility and the Committee of Adjustment is responsible for approving minor variances to the zoning bylaw.

It is a quasi-judicial board empowered to grant exceptions providing the general intent and purpose of the zoning bylaw and the official plan are maintained.

Council has no control over the decisions of the committee and may appeal its decisions to the Ontario Municipal Board, as may any citizen.

One of the major issues that has never been clarified by the province or the council is what constitutes a minor variance to fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee of Adjustment.

A good example of bypassing the normal planning process is the recent case of a developer applying to the Committee of Adjustment for a minor variance to construct a three-storey commercial/residential building at the corner of Cousins Drive and Yonge Street.

The zoning bylaw for this area states the residential portion of a non-residential building in a commercial zone "shall not exceed 50 per cent of the total floor area".

The proposed building was to be 93.5 per cent residential, requiring a variance of 43.5 per cent.

The bylaw also states that 18 square metres of amenity area is required per residential unit, but instead of providing 180 metres for the 10 units the applicant proposed 80 metres, or a variance of 100 square metres.

In my opinion, these were not minor variances and I attended the Committee of Adjustment meeting to express my opposition to the variance application, as well as a concern about a potential lack of parking for the proposal.

I was also concerned that according to the committee's statement the town's planning department had no objections to the proposal, in spite of the magnitude of the so-called minor variance.

Council members had no say in the matter, nor were they advised of the hearing or the application.

Two other residents of Cousins Drive attended the hearing to express their concerns about parking and traffic safety in the area, especially motorists attempting to turn left on Yonge Street from Cousins Drive.

After a lengthy discussion plus an unheard of in-camera session the committee ruled by a 4-1 vote in favour of the applicant, so the opposition and hearing was an utter waste of time.

This is not the first time it has happened as a fifth floor was added to a retail/residential building next to the Old Post Office, in spite of a public planning meeting by council and a site-specific bylaw limiting the building to four stories.

The Committee of Adjustment ruled it was a minor variance!

The incoming council should demand a full review of the role and mandate of the Committee of Adjustment, method and length of appointment, experience and training provided.

After all council members are responsible, or should be, for planning.



Our changing town

From a town hall to a bank to an office building, the north-east corner of Yonge and Mosley has seen it all. The top photo was taken about 1950, when the building housed the council chamber, clerk's office, vault, fire hall, and police lock-up cells in the rear. Out front was, believe it or not, a farmers' market. The historic building was demolished in 1956, during a time when few people cared about preserving history. Construction started in 1875. The Bank of Nova Scotia was the main tenant when the new building was erected. Today, the major tenant is a dentist.

Letter to the Editor

Dominion employees frustrated by centre

To the editor,

Since its opening in early September, the Drive Test Driver Examination Centre has caused nothing but headaches for the customers and tenants of the Aurora Village Shopping Centre.

Employees at Dominion are frustrated and fear for their safety and that of their customers.

Seven days a week you can find both driver schools and other students practicing in the parking lot.

The situation is so bad that all Dominion employees have had to park their cars far away from the building to prevent them from getting hit.

There have already been several minor collisions in the parking lot and it is just a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt.

The area located behind the store, which is classified as a fire route, is clogged daily with Drivers Education cars.

Trucks making deliveries to Dominion have difficulty turning around and the situation is dangerous to all involved.

Dominion staff have been inundated with complaints from customers and some of the patrons have refused to shop there anymore.

The patrons of the drive test centre use the customer washroom without permission and often wander the store waiting for their test.

Needless to say the employees and management of Dominion have had enough.

Steps are being taken through Aurora Council to have the facility moved but Dominion is not stopping there.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Company of Canada, which owns Dominion, is also seeking action against the landlord for putting a facility such as the Drive Test Centre, which has caused a decrease in customers to the store.

To those customers who have chosen to shop elsewhere, Dominion employees would like to let you know that we are looking out for your safety and will take all steps possible to move the Drive Test Centre as soon as possible.

It is the hope of Dominion that Aurora Council, Aurora Bylaw Enforcement and local politicians will keep up pressure to help solve this situation.

**Joint Heath
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Cathy's Corner



Musical chairs - Aurora style

In Aurora, we don't have elections. We play musical chairs.

Three years ago, we had two former mayors running for councillors' seats, and two councillors taking a run at the mayor's chair.

When the music stopped, the people with streets named after them adjusted their halos and sat back in their seats.

This time, we've got three former mayors, and two once upon a time mayoral contenders. Musical chairs, anyone?

Looks like we'll be hearing all about how good things were back in the days when Yonge Street was a dirt road and the mule was state of the art. Alka Seltzer, anyone?

Personally, I prefer a belly laugh to a belly ache, so I came up with an idea.

Let's have an honest to goodness Election Festival! Mardi Gras style.

All 16 candidates would have to show up in costumes that reflect their platform, and we'll put eight chairs on the stage...nah, let's vote for best costume this time.

We need a James Bond to stop the golf courses and developers from draining our aquifer and replacing our water supply with toxic runoff that's going to turn us all into concrete jungle dwellers, like Toronto.

I know I'm voting for Batman if he shows up because Cat Woman is still on the loose.

Even the bylaw that requires cats to be licensed (and diapered?) hasn't stopped her from terrorizing gardens all over Aurora.

We're in desperate need of Robin Hood because Prince John (a.k.a. York Region) is robbing us blind.

While King Richard is away at war (that is, since Dick Illingworth took up swinging brickbats), Aurora has suffered double digit tax increases.

And without Mother Teresa, we haven't got a prayer.

They're going to pave paradise (McKenzie Marsh and the Oak Ridges Moraine) and put up parking lots for the box stores that are running all our precious little Mom & Pop Shops out of business.

We'll be doomed to gridlock hell for eternity, like Newmarket.

Even people who aren't running should come in costume.

We need Xena: Warrior Princess to stop the vandals from slashing and trashing election signs.

When the north wind blows, people who get decapitated by election signs are unlikely to vote for that candidate...or any other.

This might explain Aurora's low voter turnout.

Freud would be very welcome, too. Maybe he could wear a t-shirt that says: "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting a different result".

And we simply must invite the Wizard of Oz.

Running for council has been known to break tender young hearts when they don't get in.

And when they do, they've been known to smack their heads and ask: "What was I thinking? Have I got no brains?" Either way, it takes courage, so the Wizard is a must.

Maybe he could help us pick out a council that has the package: a heart, brains and guts.

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

Mature crowd still needs more activity

To the editor,

A while back, I suggested that Aurora needed a greater variety of entertainment for the more mature crowd.

It was nice to see the

Graystones respond to this request, by having Saturday dancing for a different age group. However, I think Aurora should be able to offer more!

Recently, I have been

Evelina MacEachern...thank you

To the editor,

We'll miss Evelina MacEachern on Council!

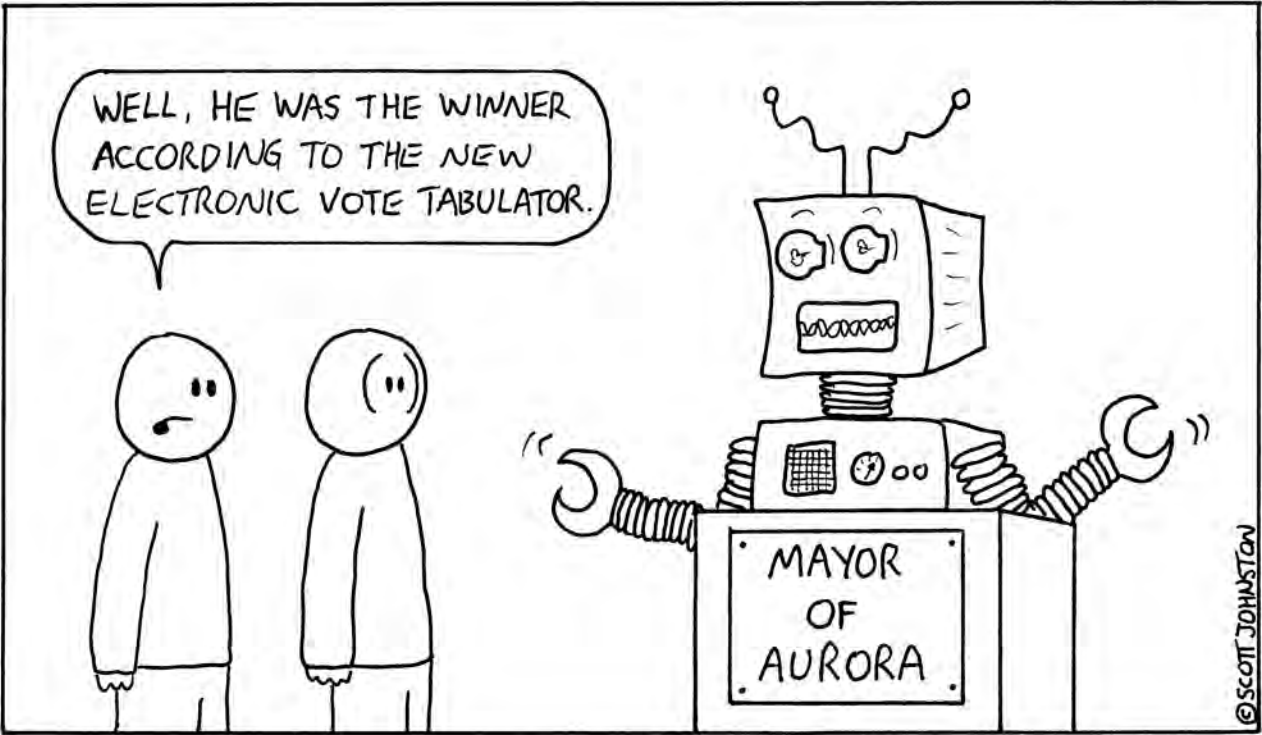
I just want to say how sorry so many of us in Aurora are that Evelina

has decided not to run.

She is an extraordinary woman who gave more than 100 per cent of her time to Aurora and council.

Her budget skills and scrutiny will surely be

Machell's Corners



Letters to the Editor

Reader will miss McEachern

To the editor,

Bravo, Ms MacEachern!

Evelina MacEachern, I will miss you as a councillor. You were excellent. Bravo for trying to stand up against the town bullies. Good job!

Do the veteran councillors control Aurora council?

For 17 years I've watched every election and it's the same old, same old, same old core of councillors and mayor.

And just when some of them leave...shazzam...they dust themselves off and come back for another turn.

Why do all these old chestnuts keep coming back?

Why can't some new ideas and thinking be heard instead of listening to the old ramblings and the old ways?

Is it because the old boys network needs their five members out of eight to keep control? I wonder why that's so important. Of course, silly me, it must be for the good of Aurora.

People have to care more about what's happening here.

Our taxes are up this year and then again next year to a total of 28 per cent because of this council.

If the water is controlled by

the region; garbage is controlled by the region; the police force is regional and the fire department is amalgamated with Newmarket all in an effort to cut costs, then why are our taxes going up?

Obviously, the old boys only know how to add, not subtract...18 per cent pay raise this year.

The Aurora voters are the only ones who can stop this. Get out and vote.

Find out who the new and old candidates are and take a good look at them.

Ask them questions and tell them what you want.

Make them know you are

watching them and that you will hold them accountable.

Don't vote for someone just because it's a familiar name that you saw on a poster.

Ms MacEachern is right, let's give someone else a chance here. Your vote counts. Take some action about the people running Aurora and your tax dollars.

**Paul Smith
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: For the record, the new council will receive a six per cent increase next year, not 18.

It's an obstacle course out there

To the editor,

I write to you as a concerned member of the Aurora Village Co-op and once frequent shopper of the Aurora Village Shopping Centre.

I have lived at the A.V.C. for more than 10 years.

In the past 10 plus years I have watched the traffic grow considerably.

I believe because of the speed bumps installed on Kennedy, the excess traffic is now using Henderson.

Adding to this is the growth of families with more children and senior

citizens in our area.

I have watched them cross the street and there are times when I have to look away as vehicles speed around the bend and I fear for their lives.

These same people are running an obstacle course trying to dodge the traffic from this unbelievable Drive Test Centre.

There are at least 15 vehicles and approximately two to three people per vehicle on a constant rotation all day long Monday to Friday.

They are backing in, turning in circles, practicing their three-point turns on

private property, walking around the vehicles, the parking lot.

People are everywhere.

They are lined up against the walls of the shopping centre, against the fence where the fire route signs are posted.

I am of the belief that you are not allowed to park in a fire route, so why are they allowed?

Where do these people go to the washroom?

There is a sign in the Dominion grocery store that reads: "No Drive Test People".

Please move them to a

more appropriate area.

There are several vacant buildings with parking lots on Industrial Parkway and surrounding areas where they would not be a danger to the people who frequent this plaza.

Unfortunately, because I have difficulty finding a parking space close to the store, I have taken my business elsewhere, and will only return to this plaza when things change.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Barbara Cotton
Aurora**

attending some ballroom dances, with live bands, in the city.

To my surprise, I met people from our area there, because we have nothing closer to home.

We all agreed how nice it was to get dressed up, put on our sexy dancing shoes, and go out for a glamorous evening.

Some of these people were taking ballroom dancing

lessons, and needed a venue to enjoy their newly acquired skills.

I'm sure there are many of us in Aurora, who attended these types of galas either with partners or with our parents in the past, and enjoyed the romance of the occasions.

Another type of entertainment in the city is the jazz club, where locals love to listen and even to dance to live music from local talent.

This also provides a stage for musicians to showcase their talents. Why should we

be paying Toronto folk for entertainment, when we could be providing our own?

Therefore, the question is, are there any entrepreneurs and sponsors in Aurora, who would be willing to undertake such a venture?

By the way, could the two banks at the corner of Yonge and Wellington be persuaded to erect historical "facades" around their buildings, like many of the stores on Yonge?

**Ms D. Knauer
Aurora**

**Mary Hill
Aurora**

missed as our taxes continue to rise to pay for questionable infrastructure increases.

Her honesty, integrity and exemplary representation of Aurora's citizens will not

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the Auroran for three years of keeping the people of Aurora and former residents fully informed about the community, past, present and future and providing Poor Richard with a reason to get up in the morning and stay up late at nights.

BOUQUETS to Evelyn James, Julie Cox and all the other generous Aurorans who have contributed to a fund established to assist 18-year-old Chris Gist, a student at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, in his fight to beat cancer as he awaits a bone marrow transplant. Also, to Chris for his courage in battling the disease for the past three years.

BRICKBATS to the person or persons responsible for placing the sign promoting the Aurora Tiger hockey games at the corner of Ransom and Yonge Streets. The sign is too close to the roadway and blocks the vision of motorists exiting Ransom onto Yonge Street.

BOUQUETS to Mark Marshall of the Aurora Soccer Club on being appointed to a regional coaching position for the new Ontario Soccer Association developmental program, to be based in Vaughan.

BOUQUETS to Karen Park of Stellar Productions for setting the record straight on the production company responsible for the current dinner theatre show "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" currently playing weekends at Aurora's Howard Johnsons. If Stellar's name was listed on the cast list, it was missed.

BRICKBATS to Aurora council members for not providing an adequate sound system in the council chambers. Meetings of council are bad enough but the recent meeting of the Committee of Adjustment was almost inaudible with members of the audience telling committee members to speak up. The sound system has been a problem since the building was opened in 1991.

BOUQUETS to Aurora High School students Dave Harrison and Jeff Cochran on winning a \$2,000 scholarship for their self-made video on seat belt safety back in February, 1995. With more than 600 charges laid by OPP over the Thanksgiving weekend for failing to wear seatbelts, the video "Don't Say Goodbye, Wear a Seatbelt" would be useful today.

BRICKBATS to the outgoing Progressive Conservative government in Ontario for leading the people down the well known garden path with what was believed to be legislation to protect the environmentally sensitive Oak Ridges Moraine in Richmond Hill. As one observes the rape of the land from Bathurst to Yonge Street and north of the Stouffville Sideroad on Bayview, it is quite apparent a secret deal was made with the friendly developers.

BOUQUETS to the incoming Liberal government for promising to strengthen the role of the provincial government by providing the office with the power to blow the whistle on questionable contracts to ensure public accountability.

BRICKBATS to those in the federal Liberal government for attempting to delay the release of the Auditor General's report of the massive probe into what could be the biggest scandal of the Chretien regime, until after Chretien retires. Where are our MPs?

BOUQUETS to Wendy Gaertner for her on-going fight against the town's plan to construct a Youth Centre as part of the new recreation complex on Wellington Street East near Leslie. She has more experience working with youth than anyone else in town after operating the Hot Spot Youth Club for 12 years and she should be listened to. The Youth Centre must stay in the downtown core!

BRICKBATS to those in justice circles who manipulate the system so that secret trials are held. Take the case of a senior Toronto police officer charged with sexual assault and later acquitted. The woman complainant's identity was protected as is normal, but so was the police officer's. One law for police officers and another law for the rest of us!

Letters to the Editor

Birthday wishes continue

To the editor,

Happy birthday, Auroran. I've always believed your paper filled a void with its exclusive local focus.

Here's a testimonial to your popularity.

You recently ran an ad detailing key changes to my business. The response was overwhelming!

Keep up the good work.

**Terry Eckert
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To the editor,

Congratulations on three years of successfully giving Aurora what it wants and deserves from a community newspaper!

**Damir Vrancic
Law Office**

To the Auroran staff

Congratulations on your Third Anniversary.

When the Auroran was introduced to our community it was just what Aurora needed.

The Auroran continues to give us wonderful insight to Aurora as it was in the past, what affects us currently and keeps us informed about future developments in this wonderful town.

Continued success.

**Lynn Hayzelden
Skaters First**

To the editor,

Happy third birthday to Aurora's community newspaper.

Please continue your good work of keeping the Aurora community informed.

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To the editor,

Congratulations on your paper's birthday.

Hope it's around for the next 60 years.

**Colin Sherwood
Reader**

To the editor,

Three years, my, how the time has flown.

Congratulations on having the best paper that the Town of Aurora has had in the 36 years that I have lived here.

Dick; my turn for a Brickbat:

To the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. I guess that Aurora hasn't got a place for them to hold the "Business

Achievement Awards Gala". They had to take it to King City. Go figure. Continued success with The Auroran. Many thanks.
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South vacations not necessary

To the editor,

Re: Low Dollar (Letter, Auroran Oct. 7)

It is interesting to discover that "For many Canadians, travel is a necessity, especially in the winter ... to escape the dreary Canadian winters..."

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**Gordon Barnes
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Letters to the Editor



The welcome mat was out at Howard Johnson's in Aurora last month as several owners of classic Buicks met here for their annual convention. It's the second time in as many years they have selected Aurora for their meeting. In the photo at right, three of the classic Buicks are parked in a lot at Milton, one of their tour destinations during the three-day meeting.

Buick owners return to Aurora

To the editor,

From September 17 to 20, this year another group of Buick owners visited Aurora. This time the McLaughlin Buick Club of Canada visited our town to hold their annual "Homecoming" at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Keith and Wendy Horsfall, long time former residents of Aurora - Keith was Service Manager at Aurora Toyota from 1984 to 1995 and operated the Aurora Shell and the Wheel Shop from 1973 to 1976 - decided

to bring another group of Buick lovers to Aurora after the wonderful treatment they received in 2002 when the Buick Driving Enthusiasts held their National Tour here. Members attended from as far away as Edmonton, Alberta. Others came from Cornwall, Belleville, Brighton, Stayner, Sarnia, Toronto, Alliston, Sutton West, Pefferlaw, King City, and Aurora. The group enjoyed a bus tour of Toronto which includ-

ed lunch atop the C.N. Tower and a visit to the Bata Shoe Museum. On Friday, September 19, Hurricane Isabel paid a somewhat weak visit to Ontario, but she did not stop the Buicks from heading out on a mystery tour of King and Caledon. What's a little rain and wind? The annual banquet was held Friday evening at the hotel then on Saturday morning another we made another tour across country to Milton and a visit to

Legendary Motor Cars, a large auto restoration shop featured on "Dream Car Garage", a show on Speed Vision. Overall it was another successful meet in Aurora. Next year the group is off to Cornwall. By the way, the members from Aurora, Hugh and Diane Schedlich are celebrating 40 years of wedded bliss in November. Congratulations.

Keith Horsfall
Alliston

Dick's reasoning insults intelligence, reader says

To the editor,

I do agree with Mr. Illingworth on one point that he made in his Poor Richard article (Auroran, Oct. 14) and that is that all Aurorans vote on Nov. 10. As far as the rest of the column is concerned it seems to me that his reasoning is completely out of line. I have attended my share

of council and committee meetings and have a pretty good understanding of what goes on. To suggest that any candidate who is new to Aurora and its politics will not be able to do their elected job is, in my eyes, biased. To elect a candidate simply on the fact that they have been there for years is an insult to my intelligence. Perhaps what you should

have suggested is that the citizens of Aurora take the time to find out about the candidates. That being, their qualifications, stance on issues such as growth, the environment and their commitment to the position they wish to hold. Just voting on the names you have seen year in and year out is certainly not the way to

make an educated vote.

Orianna Brodbeck
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Voters will get a chance to meet the competitors at an all-candidates meeting scheduled for the Town Hall Sunday, Oct. 26, beginning at 2 p.m. Poor Richard, by the way, is an opinion piece, and biases are expected.

Student without school bus whiny little boy, she wonders

To the editor,

I couldn't resist responding to Brent Jackson's letter about school bus safety (Auroran, Oct. 14). First, \$34 a month is just about the cheapest transportation cost I've heard of. Second, this child is obviously not entitled to bussing most likely because he lives too close to the school. Third, I'm sure he wouldn't be complaining about safety if he got his favourite seat! If he had to walk home during September why can't he walk all the time? In my day bussing didn't exist, we walked come hell or high water! (And in the proverbial six feet of snow). Sounds to me that this

is one spoiled whiny little boy!
Maybe you should send some Brickbats

Brent's way!
Melanie Russell
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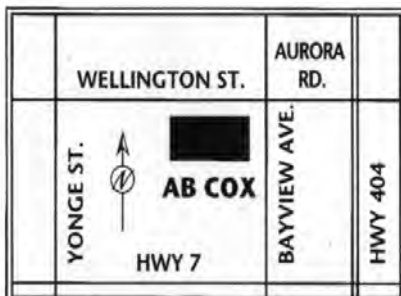
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Cable has colourful history

Cable television came to Canada in 1952 and to Aurora in 1964 when Jim Irvine started construction of Aurora Cable TV with towers located at the end of Ridge Road West, then located in King Township.

It was a family business with the intent of remaining small. Today, it may not be small, but it's still one of a few cable TV firms in the country that is still independent.

Cable television came about as the result of public demand for more or better television signals than could be picked from the air with a television antenna.

It started when there were few TV stations and people living beyond the normal reach of those stations weren't willing to pay for special antennae to pick up signals where a rooftop antenna could not.

Later, there were other reasons for public demand for cable television.

One was the increasing interference with local signals as more TV stations went on the air and another was the trend toward colour TV. Customers wanted a better signal.

In Aurora, the fledgling firm started to sell the service in 1965 and by the end of that year had 350 subscribers. At that time only the basic VHF channels 2 to 13 were available.

Prior to Aurora Cable, Aurora viewers with an antenna could receive Toronto and Hamilton signals and on good nights a snowy TV picture on Buffalo's two channels 2 and 4.

Then when Barrie went on the air on channel 3, the Buffalo stations were lost, until the arrival of Aurora Cable.

In July, 1973, Aurora Cable acquired equipment to start local programming and bring the activities of Aurorans to the TV screen.

At that time Marg Mason, very active with Theatre Aurora, was in charge of

community programming.

Aurora Cable did not have a studio but had two black and white cameras, a video tape recorder, monitors and a switcher and programming was done on location.

As Irvine wanted to keep the operation relatively small he applied for and was granted a license for the Aurora/Oak Ridges area, which Aurora Cable is still serving.

In 1974, Aurora Cable moved into an old home on Yonge Street, just north of Cousins Drive. The general office was located on the first floor and a small studio with one camera on the second floor.

Later new signals became available with the use of a converter opening up channels 14 to 83. Aurora Cable added four channels for subscribers with a converter and planned to add five more, once the desires of viewers became known.

By 1980, there were 4,500 subscribers. In November, 1980, Aurora Cable for the first time in the company's history provided live coverage of the Aurora municipal election, with hosts Dick Illingworth and Ron

Wallace.

Prior to the election telecast, the hosts carried out interviews with all the candidates. Election coverage has been provided since that time.

In September, 1989, with 9,500 subscribers, Aurora Cable had outgrown its Yonge Street location and moved to more spacious accommodation on Industrial Parkway, where they remain today.

With the larger building, new equipment was acquired and more community programming added. At that time Aurora Cable was providing 31 channels, including four Pay-TV channels, community programming and an ad channel.

Steve Mitchell, who started with Aurora Cable as a volunteer, has been Director of Community Programming for the past several years, assisted by Chris Cutler, Angie Dawson and a host of volunteers.

Since then, Aurora Cable has continued to grow, adding more channels, specialty packages, the Internet and other services.



Let's Keep Aurora Beautiful!

Decades later, littering still Aurora's problem

In September, Aurora Council agreed to make a determined effort to control littering in the town.

Due to citizen complaints about litter on the streets of Aurora earlier this year, staff was asked to investigate an anti-litter campaign being promoted in the GTA.

It was pointed out that a coordinated involvement from all sectors of the community was required, including residents, schools and businesses to effectively deal with the issue.

Two "Keep Aurora Clean" days were held with several local businesses donating gloves and garbage bags used by volunteers who were assigned various areas of the town identified as problem spots.

Staff is also obtaining quotations for upgraded recepta-

cles to be placed in the downtown core with the town's "Don't be a Litter Bug" logo.

The logo depicts a large bug with the words "Let's Keep Aurora Beautiful".

It is expected these receptacles will be in place by year's end.

Littering isn't a new problem in Aurora.

Back in April, 1969, citizens complained about litter on the streets and suggested a campaign be launched with more litter receptacles, anti-litter posters in the store windows of participating businesses and an appeal to parents and schools to educate the young against thoughtless littering.

In 1971, the Delta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi asked council to proclaim a "Clean-Up Week" in the town.

The Skeeter-Feeders of

Aurora, a chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association, participated in the clean-up campaign as part of the association's mandate.

The Aurora Jaycees were very active at that time and spearheaded a "Beautification Week" for a community clean up.

About the same time, it was suggested the York County Board of Education, as it was known at that time, be requested to cooperate.

It was hoped they would allow each class of students to be excused for a half-hour or so to clean up the schoolyard and the area around the school.

Long before recycling and the blue box program became popular, neighbourhoods were kept clean by regular visits of the "junkman" with his horse and wagon.

Kids would scour the neighbourhood and pick up everything they could find to sell to the junkman.

Part of the game was haggling over the worth of the items, whether it was one cent or two. Sometimes an item was worth a nickel. That was big money in those days.

While there isn't much need for the junkman today, some of the proposals put forward in the early days are still valid today and possibly one of the service clubs could pick up the challenge of the Jaycees and promote a "Beautification Week".

Eight new parks get new names

Last August the Leisure Services Advisory Committee asked the public to suggest names for eight parks and parkettes in the municipality.

Last week council adopted the committee name recommendations without comment or debate.

The selected name for the future park between Hollandview Trail and Birkshire Drive is Optimist Park. The greenspace on McMaster Avenue at Baywell Crescent is to be named Chapman Park.

In the same general area at Gateway Drive and Pedersen Drive is an area to be named Thompson Park. Greenery on Bayview Avenue near Benville Crescent will be called Evans Park.

The little parkette on Murray Drive west of Wiles Court, which at one time caused a controversy when it was pro-

posed as a site for a Habitat for Humanity home is to be named Herb McKenzie Park.

The little parkette east of Bayview Avenue south of Wellington Street on Millcliff Circle is to be named Timbers Park and one on Bayview at the intersection of Conover Avenue and Hartwell Way is to be Ada Park, named after 95-year Aurora resident Ada Johnson.

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Major sponsor of Aurora's new Olympian ice resurfacers, Highland Chev Olds Cadillac, unveiled the product last week. Highland president, Ron VandeBEEK, rear left, joins Councillors John West and George Timpson, and Mayor Tim Jones, at this photo opportunity at the Aurora Community Centre. Highland kicked in \$60,000.

Auroran photo by Bob Ince

Growth of girls hockey soaring in Central York

"Aurora girls are playing twice as much hockey as they were four years ago," says Tim Smith, a 44-year-old volunteer coach for the Central York Girls Hockey Association (formerly the Aurora Girls Hockey Association).

Girls can start playing when they are four years old, and the program takes them up right up to the Senior division, for girls 19 and over.

This year the league has 740 players on 39 house league teams, and 10 rep teams - an increase of 11 per cent over last year.

Teams in the house league contain girls at a variety of skill levels.

They play because they love hockey, and because they love the socializing.

According to Tim, the social element is not as evident when boys play.

Meaghan Anderton, 12, plays goal for one of the Bantam house league teams.

Last year she skated for the 'Sharks' but her team this year hasn't yet settled on a name.

She tended goal in two evaluation games recently at the Newmarket Community Centre. These were games where the girl's skills were reviewed. They may then be moved to different teams to create bal-

ance. These moves can be upsetting for players because they break up friendships.

For Meaghan, the toughest part is playing goal against someone with a breakaway or a penalty shot. Fortunately that doesn't happen often.

"I like to see the players improve," Tim says.

He's teaching his players to skate better, hold their positions and play as a team - and the girls are learning.

They trudge into the arenas at odd hours, with their huge bags of equipment, and take to the ice.

The Association is only given ice time after the boys leagues have chosen theirs, so girls can wind up playing at 9 p.m. on a Saturday night, for example.

When the girls want the puck they slap the ice with their sticks because talking is difficult if you're wearing a mouth guard. When goals are scored, girls don't celebrate the way boys do, but they eagerly skate back to centre ice to take their positions for the face-off.

The games are cleanly played, when compared with boys hockey. There's no intentional contact and few penalties.

But the girls play hard for the puck - and in

some cases, they demonstrate remarkable skills.

Meaghan said that almost half her friends play hockey. According to Tim, word of mouth and the success of the Canadian Women's Olympic Team, are the important reasons for this growth.

Tim, whose two daughters are players, has been coaching for five years.

The Central York Girls Hockey Association could not exist without people like Tim, volunteering to coach, officiate, act as trainers, run the scoreboards, and do all the other things that make the Association possible.

When the games are over, the girls quickly shake hands at centre ice, and head for the dressing room.

If they're extremely lucky they may even get to play a second game because of an opening on one of the teams.

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Three games = 24 goals

By TYLER NORWOOD

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team's defensive side reigned last weekend as goaltenders Chris Whitley and Marc Stuart both recorded shutouts. They allowed only one goal in three games.

So what was the offense doing? Just pouring 24 pucks into various nets, two of them located out of town.

The victories extended Aurora's win streak to 13 games.

Sunday, Whitley recorded his second shutout of the season, as Aurora clubbed the Couchiching Terriers 8-0 in Gravenhurst. A night earlier in Huntsville, Tigers won 7-0, and on Friday, before a large hometown crowd, Aurora handled their arch-rival Newmarket Hurricanes 9-1.

The Tigers have not been beaten in league action this year, and observers believe that's the way the season will go right to the end.

Sunday, in Gravenhurst, Francis Walker set the pace with a goal and three assists, while six other players contributed two points each.

The Tigers only managed two goals in the first period as the two teams sized each other up but in the second period Aurora opened the floodgates.

Sean Scully scored from Jeff Gilbert and Walker. Joel Kitchen then got a break as he managed to wrestle the puck free from two Couchiching defenders.

Jamie Minchella would tally before Lucas Schott scored the final goal of the second period, a power play marker.

Couchiching got a chance midway through the second to end Whitley's shutout bid when Jake Ludvig tore away from the Tiger defenders on a breakaway but Whitley easily stopped the weak shot.

Aurora again dominated in the third.

Walker and Corey LeClair scored the final goals of the game.

Couchiching would get one more chance to end Whitley's shutout bid at the midway point. Luckily, for Whitley, the shot from the

hash marks went over his shoulder and hit the cross-bar.

On Saturday, Aurora visited Huntsville to take on the Wildcats.

Backup goalie Marc Stuart stood between the posts as Coach Marty Williamson rested Whitley.

It was like watching house league hockey. But, when you're good as the Aurora Tigers, playing terribly results in a 7-0 win.

Stuart played brilliantly, stopping 20 shots en route to the first shutout of his Junior A career.

The depth of the Tigers showed as Darren Salmon, Jordan Brenner, and Lucas Schott tallied singles in the first period and six different players recorded assists.

Rookie Doug Henderson added another, early in the second period. It would be their only goal of the frame as Aurora relaxed, firmly in control.

In the final 20 minutes, they opened the vault again and attacked.

Tonelli, Olden, and Brenner scored to send the Wildcats to their dressing rooms.

In Aurora Friday night, the Tigers mauled the Newmarket Hurricanes 9-1 in a penalty-filled game. Whitley stopped 30 shots for the win while Jesse Olden and Sean Scully both recorded five point performances.

It didn't take long for Aurora to get on the scoreboard - exactly 40 seconds into the game.

Corey LeClair scored on a shot from the point. Walker added another less than two minutes later.

A slew of penalties slowed the Tigers' offence and it took them 10 minutes to score again.

Defenceman Corey LeClair added his second

of the night.

Jesse Olden scored a power play goal with a half-minute remaining in the period.

The Hurricanes scored the first goal the second period and Aurora didn't like that.

Walker and Scully scored singles while Michael Kostka notched himself a pair.

While others fought, Joel Kitchen had his eye on the game. He sorted out the mess and found a hole in the hapless Newmarket goaltender's defense.

Collingwood is in town this Friday night for a game at 8 p.m.

Aurora visited there Monday but results were not available at press time.

Skating Results

The new skating season is underway and results are beginning to emerge.

In recent competitions, Aurora Skating Club members passed the following tests:

Preliminary Free Skate, Part 1 - Kate Sutton.

Preliminary Free Skate, Part 2 - Jordana Goldman, Emma Slimkowich.

Junior Bronze Free Skate, Part 1 - Stephanie Fonceca.

Preliminary Skating Skills - Taylor MacDowall, Kendall Mannella, Jacqueline Relke, Malysa Tidona.

Junior Bronze Skating Skills - Caden Armstrong.

Senior Bronze Skating Skills - Amy Bellefeuille.

Dutch Waltz - Melany Noseworthy.

Canasta Tango - Courtney Tidona.

Baby Blues - Hailey McGrath, Emma Schellingherhoud.

Fiesta Tango - Christina Kubiew-Kalashnik.

Swing Dance - Tayler Sim.

Willow Waltz - Kate Sutton.

Fourteenstep - Avery Gagnon.

European Waltz - Allie Sutton.

American Waltz - Amber Bowman.

Paso Doble - Meghan Jones, Lauren Cooper.

Starlight Waltz - Sarah Gray.

Vienesse Waltz - Jenna Porteous.

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House League
Exhibition Games

104 5: Nathan Nealon 2G 1A, Lucas Pozzebbon 1G, Ryan McGolrick 1G, Quentin Campbell 1G. 101 2: Liam Coll 2G.

108 5: Connor Cowl 2G, Stephen Mariani 1G, Austin Persaud 1G, Connor Graham 1G, Joshua Wilson 1A. 106 1: Brett Thiessen 1G.

103 8: Jerryd Jensen 6G, Spencer Green 1G 2A, Erik Balkovec 1G 2A, Matthew Iwai 3A.105 3. Ian Dunlop 2G1A, Jamie Wilson 1G 1A, Jordyn Thomson 1A Brady Wilson 1A.

109 6: Callum Forrest 2G 1A, Kevin Siery 2G, Jason Glionna 1G, Alexander Harrison 1G, Jack Caldwell 1A, Michael Tanel 1A. 107 2: Landon Kirby 1G, Evan Jackson 1G.

110 8: Brenden Lukezic 5G, Christopher Sanita 2G, Christopher End 1G, Matthew Sanita 2A, Griffin Stobbs 1A, Alexander Gouthro 1A, Joel Gouveia 1A, Annie Johnson 1A. 102 4: Parker Baile 2G 1A, Nicholas Baxter 1G, Eric Middleton 1G.

601 4: Steve Foss 3G, Jordan Brown 1G, Jay Lamont 1A, John Rizzo 1A, Matt Perdeaux 1A, Conor Dellar 1A. 602 2: Madison Weber 2G.

604 7: Peter Durst 2G, Brendan Stenzel 1G, Trevor Spence 1G 1A, Jason Durst 1G, Cody Benson 1G 1A, Aaron MacDonald 1G, Julian Kercz 2A, Petre Martin 1A, David Staeuble 1A. 603 5: Braun Hause 2G, Graeme Smart 2G, Daniel Schep 1G, Dnel Korolnek 1A, Blake Rodger 1A.

605 4: AJ Ciccarelli 1G, Eric Beveridge 2G, Derek Isidoro 1G, Johnathan Comeau 1A, Geoffrey Knaack 1A, Colin Moffatt 1A. 606 4: Jacob Peart 1G, John Merritt 1G, Michael Shoesmith 1G, Marshall McQuillan 1G.

607 6: Mike Grande 3G, Blair Nimmo 1G 1A, Cameron Smith 1G, Ryan Hart 1G, Robert Revington 2A, Scott Denotter 2A, John Cardella 1A, Scott Loney 1A. 608 1: Eric Bailey, 1G.

Rep Teams
Tournament Games

Minor Peewee AA 6 St. Catharines 2

Spencer Arkell 1G 2A, Dillon Cappell 1G 1A, Jesse Cappell 1G 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1G 1A, Louis Lamana 1G, Andrew Whitley 1G, Justin Brown 1A, Max Lerner 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A, James Mildon 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 4 Humberview 6

Max Lerner 1G 2A, Jordan Tripp 1G, Andrew Whitley 1G, Kevin Zacharuk 1G, Luke MacLeod 2A.

Minor Peewee AA 5 Flamborough 1

Jordan Tripp 2G, Dillon Cappell 1G 1A, Spencer Arkell 1G, Max Lerner 1G, Justin Brown 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A, James Mildon 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 4 Belle Tire, Michigan 2

Spencer Arkell 1G 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G, Luke MacLeod 1G, Jordan Tripp 1G, Justin Brown 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 2 Humberview 3

Spencer Arkell 1G 1A, Luke MacLeod 1G, Kevin Zacharuk 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 3 Oakville 3

Dillon Cappell 1G 1A, Justin Brown 1G 1A, Spencer Arkell 1G.

Minor Peewee AA 8 Amherst 1

Dillon Cappell 3G, Jordan Tripp 2G 1A, Jouis Lamanna 1G 3A, Jesse Cappell 1G 2A, Luke MacLeod 2A, Justin brown 1G, Nathan Brown 1A, Max Lerner 1A, Andrew Whitley 1A, Kevin

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Zacharuk 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 2 Mississauga 5

Jordan Tripp 1G, Spencer Arkell 1G, Justin Brown 2A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A.

Peewee AE 3 Georgina Blaze 2

Matthew Scrimas 1G, Trevor McCartney 1G, Andrew Mangialardi 1G, David Iwai 1A, Ethan Shore 1A, Adam Bloom 1A, Greg Buchner 1A.

Peewee AE 5 Ajax 1

David Iwai 2G, Adam Bloom 1G 1A, Greg Buchner 1G, Matthew Scrimas 1G, Nick DiNallo 2A, Ethan Shore 2A, Andrew Mangialardi 2A, Trevor McCartney 1A.

Peewee AE 2 Lorne Park 5

Ethan Shore 1G 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 1G, Trevor McCartney 1A, Matthew Scrimas 1A, David Iwai 1A.

Peewee AE 5 Warren Park 3

Adam Bloom 2G, David Iwai 1G 2A, Chris Burns 1G, Greg Buchner 1G, Matthew Scrimas 1A, Ethan Shore 2A, Andrew Mangialardi 1A, Trevor McCartney 1A.

Peewee AE 2 Port Credit 3

(Semi Finals) Ethan Shore 1G, Andrew Mangialardi 1G, David Iwai 1A, Adam Bloom 1A.

Midget A 3 Hespeler Hawks 1

Matt Cleverdon 2G 1A, Mark Smith 1G 1A, Peter Nykyforchyn 2A, Michael Jack 2A.

Midget A 5 Newcastle Stars 2

Michael Jack 1G 2A, Marc Oppedisano 1G 1A, Matt Cleverdon 1G 1A, Mark Jarman 1G 1A, Mark Smith 2A, Ryan Kines 2A, Celebrity Goaltender: Brooks Betz.

Midget A 3 Frankford Furters 2

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: Ryan Kines 2G, Mark Johnson 1G, Mark Jarman 1G, Marc Oppedisano 1A, Mark Smith 1A.

Minor Atom A 1 Innisfil 4

Trevor Best 1G, Daniel Delbello 1A.

Rep Team
League Games

Minor Atom A 4 Markham 1

Taylor Butler 1G, Brian Puskar 1G, Andrew Papousek 1G 1A, Nick Heintman 1G, Cooper Riswick 1A, Ethan Benson 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A,Trevor Best 1A.

Atom AA 5 Peterborough 3

Chris Piron 3G, Steadman Dinning 1G 1A, Dylan Kovacs 1G 1A, Matthew Mears 2A.

Atom AA 2 Georgina 2

Kyle McCreedy 1G, Eleeza Cox 1G, Taran McGowan 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 5 Uxbridge 2

Spencer Arkell 2G 1A, Jordan Tripp 1G 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G, James Mildom 1G, Louis Lamana 1A, Max Lerner 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A, Andrew Whitley 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 3 Richmond Hill 3

Louis Lamana 1G, James Mildon 1G, Jordan Tripp 1G, Luke MacLeod 1A, Joshua Herrington 1A, Andrew Whitley 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 9 Pickering 3

Kevin Zacharuk 3G 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G 2A, Louis Lamana 1G 1A, Max Lerner 1G 1A,

Spencer Arkell 1G, Jesse Cappell 1G, Luke MacLeod 1G, Justin Brown 2A, Joshua Herrington 1A, John Caleb-Ross 1A, Jordan Tripp 1A, Andrew Whitley 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 7 Markham 2

Spencer Arkell 1G 2A, Dillon Cappell 1G 1A, Jesse Cappell 1G 1A, Luke MacLeod 1G 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1G 1A, Louis Lamana 1G, Jordan Tripp 1G, Luke MacLeod 1A, Joshua Herrington 1A, John-Caleb Ross 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 2 Uxbridge 2

Louis Lamana 2G, Dillon Cappell 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 5 Oshawa 3

Dillon Cappell 2G 2A, Louis Lamana 2G, Justin Brown 1G, Jesse Cappell 1A, Luke MacLeod 2A, Joshua Herrington 1A, Jordan Tripp 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 4 Newmarket 2

Jordan Tripp 2G, Spencer Arkell 1G, Louis Lamana 1G, Jesse Cappell 1A, Max Lerner 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A, Kyle Murphy 1A, Andrew Whitley 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 3 Ajax 7

Jordan Tripp 2G, Justin Brown 1G, Kevin Zacharuk 2A, Dillon Cappell 1A, Jesse Cappell 1A, Luke MacLeod 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 4 Barrie 3

Max Lerner 1G 1A, Spencer Arkell 1G, Justin Brown 1G, Kevin Zacharuk 1G, Nathan Brown 1A, Dillon Cappell 1A, Loius Lamanna 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 2 Newmarket 2

Oliver Boettcher 1G, Andrew McKay 1G.

Peewee AE 10 Bradford 2

Adam Bloom 2G 1A, Matthew Scrimas 2G 1A, Cory Blom 2G, David Iwai 1G 3A, Trevor McCartney 1G 1A, Chris Burns 1G, Ryan Crockett 1G, Ethan Shore 2A, Nick DiNallo 1A, Matthew Hillar 1A.

Minor Bantam A 3 Georgina 1

Steven Keane 1G 1A, Ethan Davenport 1G,

Josh Meron 1G, Keegan O'Leary 1A, Ben Sherritt 1A, Eric King 1A, Mark McCrudden 1A.

Minor Bantam A 4 Bradford 3

Eric King 1G, Mark McCrudden 2G, Ethan Davenport 1G, Josh Meron 2A, Spencer McCartney 1A, David Cigana 1A, Steven Keane 1A, Colton Horner 1A.

Minor Bantam A 4 Orillia 4

Mark McCrudden 1G, Ethan Davenport 1G 1A, Steven Keane 2G, Josh Meron 1A, Spencer McCartney 1A, Jesse Coote 1A, Keegan O'Leary 1A, Ben Sherritt 1A.

Minor Bantam A 4 Midland 4

Ben Sherritt 1G, Steven Keane 1G, Josh Meron 1G, Eric King 1G, Ethan Davenport 2A.

Minor Bantam A 6 Bradford 3

Chris Finlay 2G, Steven Keane 1G, Eric King 1G, Ben Sherritt 2G 1A, Nick Crain 1A, Ethan Davenport 2A, Josh Meron 1A, Colton Horner 1A.

Minor Bantam A 2 Barrie 8

Greg Gianopoulos 1G, Steven Keane 1G 1A, Ethan Davenport 2A, Colton Horner 1A.

Minor Bantam A 3 Stouffville 3

Ben Sherritt 2G, Jamie Tuck 1G, Steven Keane 2A.

Minor Bantam A 3 Stouffville 4

Mark McCrudden 1G, Ben Sherritt 1G 1A, Steven Keane 1G, Josh Meron 2A, David Cigana 1A.

Minor Midget AE 5 Ajax 1

Tim Gerrits 2G, Derek Roldan 2G, Keon Karamchi 1G, Michael Couperthwaite 3A, John Epworth 1A, Stephen Facca 1A, Tyler Fyfe 1A.

Midget A 5 Oak Ridges Kings 2

Craig Waites 1G 2A, Matt Cleverdon 1G 1A, Ryan Kines 1G 1A, Mark Johnson 2A, Peter Nykyforchyn 1G, Marc Oppedisano 1G, Bryan Osuszek 1A, Andrew Jamieson 1A.

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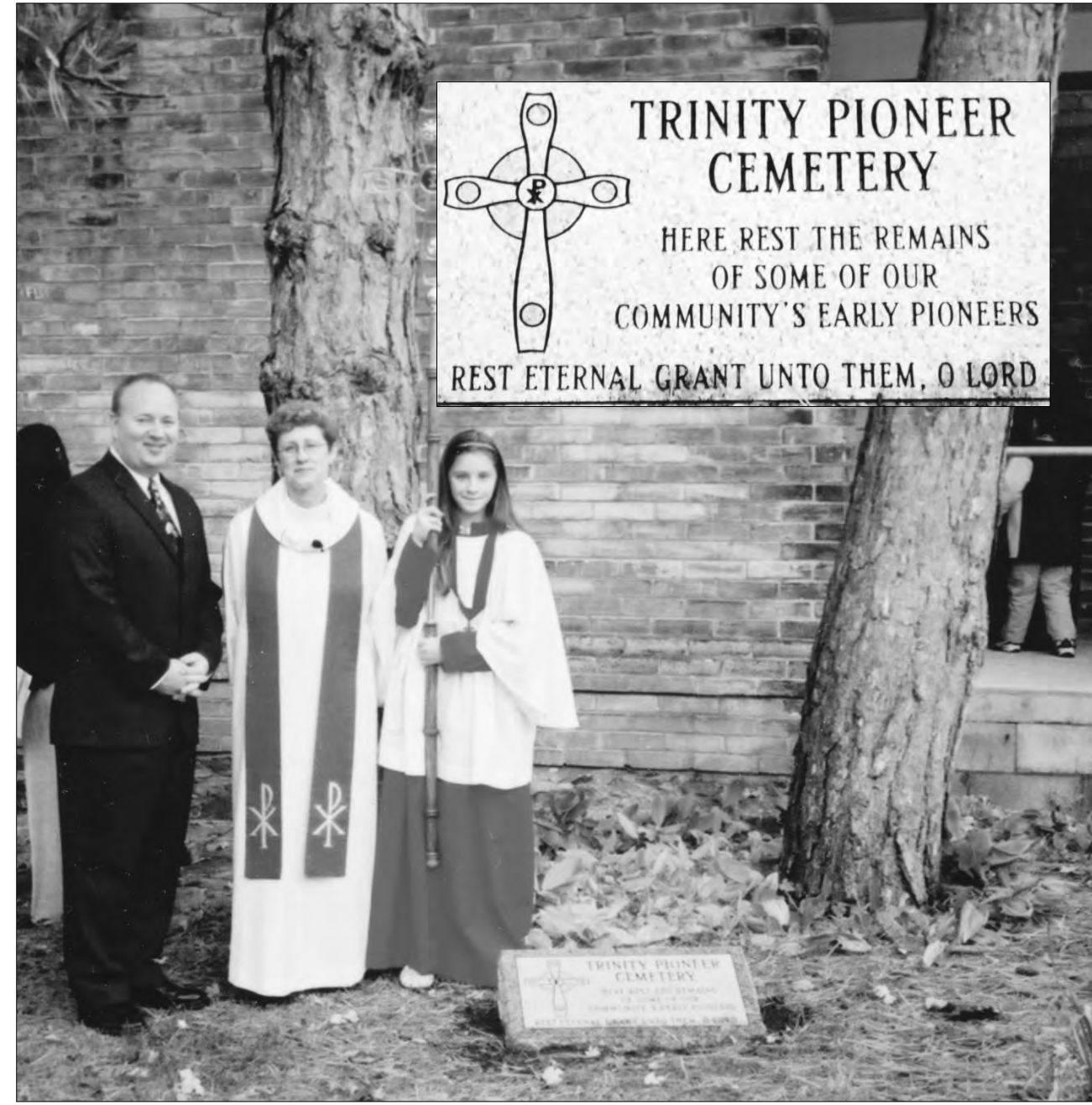
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A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS OF AURORA

I initially chose to run for elected office because I wanted to make a contribution to our community. Together, I believe we did.

Six years ago I outlined my principles of commitment, and my record shows that I worked hard as your Councillor to fulfill those commitments.

I believe you know what to expect from Bill Hogg – direct answers to direct questions.

You expect a thorough review of the issues, a commitment to seek alternative solutions, the courage to make tough decisions that meet the broader needs of the community, and the ability to get things done.

This term, I again commit to you, and the community, that I'll abide by the principles I have outlined and work to help shape our future in a positive, collaborative and constructive way.

I am asking for your support. If you believe in these principles, if you believe that Aurora needs fresh innovative ideas and solutions, I'd appreciate your vote on November 10th.

Bill



Bill is committed to strong leadership with integrity and openness in the decision making process.

We face challenging times ahead. We are losing control of our natural resources and our ability to manage growth. Current residents and businesses are asked to bear the weight of increased taxes, to pay for growth due to development of new high density neighbourhoods, while service levels decrease.

To ensure Aurora's interests are protected we must take a proactive, leadership role in identifying workable, made in Aurora, solutions.

Your Council must demonstrate leadership by advocating a public consultation process that actively solicits input, and then works with differing points of view to develop a clear community vision for our future, so the financial, physical, environmental and cultural well-being of our community is not jeopardized by Regional, Provincial or business interests.

Your Council must be Aurora's champion, and promote our vision to the Region, the Province and the business community, with a strong persuasive voice, so that our community vision becomes their vision for our community. Otherwise, those outside Aurora will make the decisions that will affect our community – forever.

There is no such thing as status quo. Old ideas and old solutions no longer fit. We need fresh new innovative ideas and solutions.

The world around us is changing and Aurora must recognize these changes. We need Councillors with proven experience to lead Aurora forward – to protect our ability to influence and shape the decisions that affect our community.

Aurora judo club dates back to 1970

Today various types of martial arts and fitness centres can be found in many areas of the town.

Back in 1970 a judo club was almost unknown.

Or if people knew about one, it was considered to house a bunch of blood-thirsty, muscle-bound fanatics.

The Aurora Judo Club, sponsored by the Recreation department, was formed in February, 1970.

It met once a week at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School for two hours of instruction and practice.

The club soon had 45 members with about 30 showing up on a regular basis.

The club has had several instructors starting out with two Aurora residents, George Thompson and John Hunter.

Later came Bill Ramsey and Bill Manson, both

holders of a black belt, acted as instructors.

The first thing a student learned was how to break his fall, instead of his leg or neck. Breakfalls were practiced continually, no matter the rank.

Fingernails and toenails were inspected for length and cleanliness.

Judo had three main parts; throws, hold-downs and kata, the graceful form of work, with formal movements like ballet.

On March 30, 1974, the Aurora Martial Arts Centre officially opened with Mayor Evelyn Buck officiating.

Instead of cutting the traditional ribbon, she chopped a board of balsa wood with her bare hand.

The new centre was located in a renovated auto body shop on Wellington Street East.

The facility, brainchild of George Thompson, featured physical fitness, as

well as development of martial arts skills, including Tae Kwon-Do and Hapkido classes.

Previously, Thompson had been instrumental in launching a judo program for the town recreation department.

Judo and Karate teach children patience and tolerance as well as physical fitness and coordination.

According to some parents the training changed

their children's behaviour for the better.

Spectators watching the young judo enthusiasts were impressed to see them waiting patiently for their turn, bowing respectfully when it came, and fighting cleanly without a display of temper or frustration.


Grades achieved by students at the centre were recognized throughout the world and competitions were held with other

clubs to test the standard of judo and karate being learned.

Although the Aurora Martial Arts Centre has long since disappeared,

other martial art centres have opened and the sport is more popular than ever.

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leadership skills, experience and commitment.



Bill has over 20 years of International business experience as a senior executive (Director of Creative Services, VP Group Account Director, VP Interactive Marketing) with major international marketing and advertising firms. He has compiled a track record of experience in relevant areas, and has shown himself to be a quick study on the key issues that face Aurora.

Political Accomplishments As Your Councillor

- Spearheaded long-term financial planning and analysis for the Town of Aurora resulting in numerous changes to the budgeting process, identification of significant impending tax increases while still making time to take corrective action to avoid huge tax increases
- Initiated a five year forecast of reserve funds against future plans, resulting in recognition of the need to adjust contributions or commitments
- Spearheaded Council decision to secure land and build our new state-of-the-art Library
- Established first ever Communications Committee for the Town
- Comprehensive Traffic Study and Traffic Safety Advisory Board as a result of 1997 campaign commitment
- Initiated the Council/Citizen Committee to deal with the OHF/HighTor lands
- Successfully negotiated numerous agreements between residents, land owners and developers outside the traditional planning process
- Initiated the Annual Aurora Zoo Day as a new fund raising initiative

Bill's business experience benefits you and Aurora. He believes what you believe: that doing what's right for Aurora families is a serious business.



Bill believes that earning a position of leadership is about establishing and abiding by a clearly identified set of principles that people can count on.

1. Sound Financial Policies:

- Establish a year round Budget & Finance Committee
- Enhance long-term financial planning initiatives spearheaded during his last term
- Identify greater operating efficiencies to minimize impact of growth on taxation
- Realistically fund Reserve Funds to support planned future expenditures
- Identify and solicit private partners for future facilities to minimize tax impact

2. Manage Growth & Development:

- Manage growth within the policies of Official Plan Amendments (#17 & #30), to avoid the OMB and retain control of the planning process
- Demand development does not overtake our ability to provide Services to current residents
- Investigate more innovative and proactive approaches to protect our natural environment
- Support Downtown Rejuvenation
- Attract "clean" Industrial/Commercial business, to broaden our tax base and create jobs

3. Respond to Community Needs:

- Support initiatives to increase input from our community
- Make youth and seniors facilities a priority
- Continue efforts to ensure our streets are safe for people and automobiles through the Traffic Safety Advisory Board (TSAB)
- Expand access to Library facilities (i.e. longer hours)

My Commitment: Promises made, promises kept

RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Aurora's forestry operations report

Believe it or not but on January 25, 1995, Aurora Council received the annual report of forestry operations within the town for 1994.

It included the work of the parks division in various forestry functions including tree removal, tree pruning and tree and shrub planting.

During the year council approved the removal of 29 trees as a result of storm damage and residents' requests to council.

There were 146 trees pruned and 6,960 trees planted.

Of the trees planted, 60 were large caliper new and replacement trees, 2,500 seedling trees were planted in Jack Woods Park and 3,500 seedlings and whip size trees in the Holland River corridor.

In addition to receiving the 1994 information, council endorsed the removal of 105 trees in 1995, as being potentially dangerous and to improve access to the linear trail system.

Forestry reports are no longer submitted to open council meetings or the public for information or approval, but as trees are still being marked for removal, it's obviously a staff, rather than a political decision.

ST. ANDREW'S BROUGHT HOME THE GOLD

On March 27, 1993, the St. Andrew's College Saints defeated Toronto's Father Henry Carr Crusaders 3-1 in the provincial high school hockey gold medal game in Dryden, Ontario.

It was the school's third gold medal in 12 years and all of them were won in Northern Ontario.

They won six 45-minute games in a span of 76 hours to win the championship.

They scored a total of 28 goals and only gave up five.

AURORA KIDS SING WITH DONNY

Back in March, 1995, a group of 23 local children were invited to sing with Donny Osmond in the Toronto production of the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" at the O'Keefe Centre.

Shari Quallenberg and Sheryl Amirault formed the young people's group, "Choirworks", when they heard about auditions for the major production.

After a long period of rehearsals and beating out 10 finalists, they won the coveted spot

The children, aged seven to 14, were selected from Theatre Aurora's Youth Group and the Character's Troupe of Thornhill. They sang with Donny from opening day May 31 until the end of August.

AURORA AERIALS DANCED IN SPAIN

Back in April, 1994, the Aurora Aerials, a 24-member dance group under the direction of Nancy Dinner of the Jaymor School of Dancing, were invited to perform in Spain for two weeks in July, 1994.

They were to perform as part of the annual Fiesta Spain Summer Festival of the Performing Arts.

The schedule called for the group to dance in five evening concerts in municipalities along Spain's Mediterranean coast.

Prior to departing they entertained parents and friends at a fundraising performance to help pay for the trip. They danced the same routines that they would dance in Spain, entitled "The World Goes Round".

THE CULLIGAN MAN IN AURORA

The Culligan Man has had a strong and viable presence in Aurora since 1950. Back in 1994, the Culligan Man was Ralph Clayton and his partners - sons Brad and Randy.

The senior Clayton began his relationship with the Culligan

organization in 1959. In 1970 he purchased several franchise operations including Aurora.

Here comes the Culligan Man!

AN ENERGY FORUM IN AURORA

A North York and York Region Peace Group held a forum at the Aurora Public Library in September, 1989, to explore the safety of nuclear generating stations. Moderator for the forum was Dick Illingworth.

Representatives from Ontario Hydro and the Nuclear Awareness Project were in attendance to make a presentation and answer questions.

Nuclear Awareness Project was a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to raising awareness about nuclear issues and energy alternatives.

Some of the issues explored included future energy needs, more nuclear power plants, safe energy waste disposal, PCBs, acid rain and conservation.

Ontario Hydro officials said the utility's strategy for meeting the province's future electrical needs was the result of five years of study, public consultation and government reviews.

Whatever happened to the strategy and where is Nuclear Awareness when they are needed. Another forum on the future of Hydro power would be timely.



Aurora's Yellow Brick House was the winner in a recent fund-raising golf tournament held on their behalf at the Meadowbrook Golf & Country Club in Whitchurch-Stouffville. In the photo, Anne Stevenson of the invitational committee prepares to sink a putt while Mary Boutilier, of the Invitational Committee; Steve Elliott, Meadowbrook General Manager; Susie McGee, Yellow Brick House; and Jackie Simone, also a member of the Ladies Invitational Committee, look on.

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Centre causes havoc

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based company called Serco, which is now operating 55 driver examination centres in Ontario under the name DriveTest.

Due to privatization, the centre was forced to relocate from the ministry's facility at Yonge and Bloomington to new facilities.

Without prior consultation with the town the operator selected a vacant unit in the plaza and signed a five-year lease.

Since then, the plaza

parking lot has become a practice ground for would-be drivers, and several cars have already been hit.

The rules specified the new testing facility had to be within 10 kilometres of the previous facility and timelines were imposed.

As the plaza is zoned to provide a variety of uses the testing facility conformed with the zoning bylaw.

The town currently licenses and regulates driving school instructors giving instruction in Aurora.

The bylaw includes a restricted area bordered by Yonge, Wellington, Industrial Parkway and Edward.

Due to the backlog of drivers requiring tests, DriveTest uses 19 examiners conducting approximately 150 driver examinations per day.

Councillor David Griffith said driving school instructors were using the streets all hours of the day and suggested bylaw enforcement officers should work outside normal hours. He also noted instructors were using

unmarked cars.

Mayor Tim Jones told council he would talk to the operator again. He also said he had a conversation with MPP Greg Sorbara who promised to try to have the testing centre back at the Bloomington site.

Council agreed to continue to enforce the bylaw regarding driving schools, especially in the restricted zone which will be expanded to include the area west of Yonge Street bordered by Henderson, Murray, and Richardson Drive/Lee Gate.

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