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Half-mast flag marks the sombre Remembrance Day ceremony at the cenotaph Sunday. For another photo, see Page 13.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

### Parade shaping up to be largest ever

Keep Saturday, Nov. 22, open as Santa Claus is going to visit Aurora for his annual parade which he uses as a dress rehearsal for his Christmas Eve

It will, once again, be an evening parade beginning at 6 p.m. and probably taking 90 minutes to pass a single spot.

It starts at Orchard Heights Blvd. and moves south on Yonge Street to Murray Drive.

The Santa Claus Parade has been a highlight in Aurora for the past 50 years and many children who watched the parade in those early days now bring their children or grandchildren to see Santa.

The beauty of an early winter evening with brightly coloured lights on all floats is an exciting sight for children of all ages. This will be Aurora's ninth parade under the stars.

The town's special events committee currently organizes the

Councillor George Timpson chairs the committee with volunteer citizen members Frank Ramagnano, Anthony Marinucci and Dawn Irwin.

Julie Geering of the Leisure Services Department is the coordinator. (Julie describes how best to enjoy the parade in a letter to the editor on Page 5).

All sectors of the community

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#### Thoreau's cousin speaks

A cousin of Thornhill artist Thoreau MacDonald guest speakers at the Aurora Historical Society's general meeting Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Susan MacDonald, the cousin, will share the spotlight with George Duncan as they discuss MacDonald's life. The artist was known for his evocative drawings of

The meeting is slated for 8 p.m. at Hillary House on Yonge Street

#### Bazaar season

Just about everyone is holding a Christmas bazaar in the next few weeks and the Aurora Seniors are no exception.

Theirs will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 at the centre



One of numerous Christmas bazaars in the Aurora area was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, put on the by St. Andrew's Guild. Here Minister of the Church John Congram and his granddaughter, Julia, examine the many baked goods that were for sale.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

### Chadburn's link to the Chateau

By FLO MURRAY

On Yonge Street in Aurora, across from Park Place Manor, there is a unique residence.

Today it is used as a group home but in its heyday it was a soughtafter accommodation for travellers.

It was called "The Chateau" and is built like a French country house with tower like rooms and a large

In the 1930s and 40s it was managed as a restaurant and inn, with a large sign on the front lawn reading "Recommended by Duncan Hines".

The hostess was Mrs. Frank Allen, who was an extremely efficient cook and manager. Her husband painted and main-

tained the buildings and kept the grounds in impeccable condition.

Tourists, chiefly American, were the main source of revenue.

Mrs. Allen's son by a former marriage was Lloyd Chadburn, who became a flying ace in the Second World War.

Back then he was a charming young man, tall and blond and full of fun.

He attended secondary school in Toronto.

In the summers he was footloose and fancy free and kept late hours. He had his own quarters out back, apart from the main building.

I was one of two schoolgirls, plus an older girl, who worked there in the summer, in the kitchen and waiting on tables.

When we arrived for work in the morning we'd look out the kitchen

If we saw a lanky, inert body draped in the backyard hammock long legs touching the ground, we'd say, "oh, oh, his mother's rented his room again".

Sometimes Mrs. Allen took pity on tired travellers, late at night, desperate for a place to stay, and gave them Lloyd's room.

As to the restaurant part, the kitchen was extremely small but Mrs. Allen was so organized, meals were served with a minimum of

She had three entrees; porter-

house steak, southern fried chicken and a cold salad plate.

Desserts were strawberry shortcake, raspberry pie and ice cream.

When guests arrived in the dining room they were immediately presented with a tall pitcher of ice water, especially welcome after a long time on the road.

Mrs. Allen, formerly an American citizen, occasionally would take off for a day or two shopping in Buffalo.

At these times she left the senior girl, Helen, Irish with red hair, in charge.

On one of those days, there wasn't much happening, so Helen went upstairs planning to have a luxuri ous bath and do her hair.

After a while, Lloyd, who was hanging about with nothing to do, thought it would be fun to play a ioke on Helen, so he rang the doorbell and persuaded me to go up and tell her we had customers.

After dressing hastily, as she descended the stairs, Helen could hear the ice tinkling in the dining room and must have felt that things were under control.

That is, until she stepped in the dining room and saw the "customers", Lloyd and I sitting there jiggling the ice in our glasses.

The look on her face was

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**LLOYD CHADBURN** 



The Chateau, barely visible from Yonge Street today, is a group home, but once was a bustling restaurant and hotel. War hero Lloyd Chadburn lived there.

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#### **COMING EVENTS IN AURORA**

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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.

Every Monday until December 1, it's Yard Waste Collection days. Place your yard waste in clear bags or open containers such as garbage cans or bushel baskets at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on collection day. If in doubt call Public Works at 905-727-1375 extension 547.

During the month of November the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall features the art work of Dorothy Byrne-Jones and John Little. Regular viewing hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

#### **NOVEMBER 13**

Claude Haggerty magic show at the Aurora High School 7 p.m. sponsored by the Aurora Rotary Club. Climb into a cage with an exotic cat or have your picture taken with the animals. Tickets are \$12 and \$10 for children under 12, available from the Auroran and Highland Chev Olds Cadillac.

#### **NOVEMBER 14**

Opening night for Theatre Aurora's production of the hit musical "Anything Goes". Continues on selected dates until Nov. 29. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.

#### **NOVEMBER 15**

"Olde Tyme Christmas Bazaar" at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria St., 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Further information 905-727-6101.

Eighth Annual Christmas Fair & Artisans Craft Sale, Our Lady of Grace parish hall, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Further information 905-727-9390.

#### **NOVEMBER 17**

Aurora Historical Society general meeting at Hillary House at 8 p.m. Artist Thoreau MacDonald takes a look at life in rural Ontario.

#### **NOVEMBER 19**

Aurora Cable Internet and the Aurora Public Library present the seminar "Surfing and Searching" at 7 p.m. in the Library's Lebovic Room. Visit www.aci.on.ca to register or call the library at 905-727-9493.

#### **NOVEMBER 20-22**

St. Andrew's College presentation of Shakespeare's Henry V. Tickets \$15. To reserve, call 905-727-3178, extension 434.

#### **NOVEMBER 21-22**

Aurora United Church annual Fall Rummage Sale Friday 1 p.m to 8 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, at the church, 15186 Yonge Street, south of Wellington. Proceeds allow United Church Women to support the work of local charities.

#### **NOVEMBER 21**

The Canadian Blood Services Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic, Aurora Town Hall, 1 to 4 p.m.

#### **NOVEMBER 22**

Aurora Santa Claus Parade. Starts at Yonge and Orchard Heights Blvd. 6 p.m.

Hadley Grange Social Club Annual Bazaar, 16105 Yonge St., north of St. John's Sideroad. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER 27-29

Pine Tree Potters Guild Winter Pottery Sale, St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, 368 St. John's Sideroad. Thurs. Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **NOVEMBER 29**

York Symphony Orchestra presents Russian and French Jewels with guest artist violinist Joseph Peleg at Trinity Anglican Church at 8 p.m. Call 416-410-0860 for tickets.

#### **DECEMBER 6**

York Strings Chamber Orchestra with Tony Browning conducting will present the opening concert of the winter season at Trinity Anglican Aurora.

#### DECEMBER 7

Christmas at Hillary House from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Call 905-727-8991 for further information.

#### **DECEMBER 13**

Enjoy an evening of stories and music with the Hillary House Players at 7:30 p.m. Call 905-727-8991 for ticket information.

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The second annual Aurora Historical Society murder mystery was another rousing success, to the point where one couple purchased a ticket for next year's event before this year's had ended. Among the players and party goers were, left to right, Kathi Legge, Cathy Vrancic, David and Janet Metcalfe and Grace Gaudieri. Thirty people attended the popular function held at Hillary House.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

# Council opposes registry

Last week, Aurora Council endorsed a petition from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters asking the federal government to abolish the national firearms registry for long guns.

The request petitioned the government to redirect tax dollars being spent on the registry to programs supporting municipal infrastructure, health care, education and law enforcement.

It was pointed out that the government made a commitment to taxpayers that the National Firearms Registry for long guns would cost no more than \$2 million.

The Auditor General's report, however, determined the minimum cost of the registry would exceed \$1 billion and a recent administrative review by a consultant for the government verified that the registry would cost another \$541 million before being fully implemented and another \$1 billion to

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#### It's time for council to get its act together

The municipal term is about over, With one more meeting to go. It's been three years of conflict, Leaving taxpayers with a tale of woe! -Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Democracy can be messy and sometimes requires vigorous debate and decision.

Winston Churchill once said; "Democracy is the worst system of government levied by the wit of man, except for

The current term of office for Aurora Council is fast drawing to a close with the final meeting of the outgoing council scheduled for November 25th and the inaugural meeting of the incoming council on December 2nd.

The current term of office for Aurora Council has been one of the most acrimonious for the past several terms with a 5-4 vote on many issues.

The last few weeks have been especially messy culminating in the need for hastily called special council meetings to clear up loose ends. There were often heated and spirited debates in previ-

ous councils but they were on issues and personalities were never introduced, nor would they have been allowed to be introduced.

There was a certain decorum and protocol to council meetings that no longer exists. Members respected each other and their opinions

although they may disagree on an issue.

In some ways it had the formality of a courtroom.

Newly elected members of council were taken under the wing of a more experienced member and assisted in becoming familiar with the rules of procedure and council

Once the vote was taken, the debate was over and all members of council accepted the majority decision.

There was a team spirit, so much so that after a council meeting most members of council and staff recessed to the Aurora Armouries for a nightcap, as it was the Queen's Own Rangers parade night.

Today there is no sign of a team spirit or respect for each other, in spite of all members signing a Code of Ethics

Some of the older members of council act as if they know everything and the newcomers nothing.

They seem to forget that all members of council are elected by the people and are equal when sitting around the council table.

The language used in debates is often profane, which should never be allowed.

One of the problems is the lack of control exercised over the council meetings by the head of council. Members are allowed to ramble, get off topic and repeat

the same argument time after time. The former procedural bylaw and it is assumed the cur-

rent one is the same is that a member only speaks once on an issue, except for new information. That ensured a member of council did his or her home-

work and had all information at hand to be introduced at one time. It was a case of stand up, speak up and shut

Another major difference is the relationship of council

In the old days council set the policy and staff administered it. Today there isn't a clear line between policy and administration as the mayor and some members of council are quite content to abdicate the policy role and hand it over to staff.

This is very evident in planning, leisure services, building and bylaw enforcement areas, and especially in committee of adjustment issues and the difference between minor and major variances.

Council members should be aware of all applications to the Committee of Adjustment and not leave it to staff to determine if it is a proper application for a minor variance or whether it should go through the full public planning process and a possible rezoning.

Council members must take back the control of planning for the town and not leave it in the hands of planning staff and developers, which has happened for the past few

They must also get over their fear of the Ontario Municipal Board, although it must be admitted OMB members appear to be pro-development and hopefully this will change under the new Liberal government.

More important, councillors should be able to make decisions for the good of the community without legal threats.

With a new council, let's start with a clean slate and clean up the messy democracy in our local government

#### Letters to the Editor

### Welcome to the Wells St. raceway

To the editor,

Good afternoon and welcome to the Wells Street raceway. Another beautiful day here in downtown Aurora.

The racing conditions today are sure to challenge even our most seasoned drivers, a little sleet has made for slippery conditions and the fog that has blanketed the town has added just one more obstacle for today's racers.

The park is sporting a few children, parents, dogs and their owners and, of course, a plethora of squirrels have come to the town park not even having knowledge of today's race.

As I scan the immediate area I am aware that there is no presence of police much less any speed deterrents like speed bumps and extra stop signs!

Oh look, here comes our first racer, wow, I am impressed by this mid nineties mini van, how it takes those corners and

signs....oh look out for the squirrel, oops, well I think it used to be a squirrel.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, this mini van time is going to be tough to beat!

Sure enough our second racer has arrived roaring south on Wells, this blur of a car sails through the stop sign quickly picking up speed, he is at Cousins in no time flat! I think we have a record here, folks.

Just when you think it can't get any better than this a caddy rumbles across Mosley, the driver drooling over the new bandstand whisks past the stop sign. The driver didn't even see the stop sign!

As night quickly falls the children dash home for dinner, the train has just pulled in, tired commuters fail to notice the children at the cross walk. Did you ever play dodge ball? Getting home for these kids is much along the same lines.

Oh, oh, extra caution is advised, driving school student overcompensating on the corner, don't worry

about it, they are just practicing!!! They will get it right eventually.

Our final contestant of the night comes to us from an area of town that has speed humps, radar and extra stop signs.

Pity, racers being pushed out of their neighborhoods!

This is one of my favourite maneuvers - the race around the park at warp speed.

You should see this kid's face as he rounds the first turn, his skin is so tight from the G force that he will be passing gas from his eye lids any second!

Wow, now ladies and gentlemen, this is NASCAR at its finest, I wish the police were here to see this; even they would be impressed. Unfortunately they never seem to make it.

Three, four, five, yes five, times around the entire park without even coming into the pits. I think we have once again seen some of Aurora's finest tonight!

As I toddle off to bed after

a long day at the track I remember I have forgotten to say my prayers.

"Dear God," I say with a yawn, "give those who do not stop, tickets, those who ignore children waiting, glasses and extra blessings on our pets who don't always look both ways when they wander off. Make room for the squirrel that didn't quite make it across the track, and give us a guardian angel to protect us from speeders, because I worry that one day we will lose more than a poor old squirrel. Help people remember that driving is a privilege not a right. Amen"

It is not long after the house has become still that I hear yet another racer roaring down the track. Too tuckered out to worry, I drift off into sleep.

Good night, ladies and gentlemen, be careful out there, you just never know who is behind the wheel!

**Christine Stewart** 

### Here's how to guarantee comfort at Aurora's Santa Claus parade

To the editor,

Just a reminder to the citizens of Aurora, that in order to celebrate the Santa Claus Parade and the holiday season kick off, Yonge Street will be closed from St. John's Sideroad to Orchard Heights Boulevard, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

People will be bringing in their floats and lining up the parade during this time.

From 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Yonge St. will be closed from St. John's Sideroad to Industrial Parkway South. If you have guests coming in from out of town please let them know about these closures.

We want this to be the best parade yet, but we need

Please remember, safety first, from being a float participant to a parade watcher, everybody needs to do their part.

Please keep children well back off the street to view the parade in safety. Saturday, Nov. 22 will be a busy evening. Please be extra careful, and enjoy the start of the season.

Bringing Children to the Parade:

How to Dress: The weather on the day will dictate how to dress but err on the side of extra warmth. Remember, the temperature drops in the evening. You and your children will be standing still for a couple of hours. Dress in layers, so you can add or peel off,

as required. If there is a breeze, you may need to cover exposed skin on the face. Make sure hands and feet are warm. Downhill ski mitts and insulated boots are recommended.

Where to Watch the Parade: Good viewing at all points along Yonge Street. Best to drive to the section of the Yonge Street parade route nearest your home to minimize driving on this day of heavy traffic and many detours. Be prepared to park as much as half a kilometre back from Yonge Street, as attendance will be

Lost Children: Police and volunteers will take missing children and lost objects to St. Andrews Shopping

and Canadian Tire after the parade. Police Officers, volunteers and REACT Parade Marshals on golf carts will have radio equipment to address situations.

Julie Geering **Special Events Town of Aurora** 

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### "Calendar girls" provided comic relief to audience

To the editor,

Further to the published letter in the Oct. 28 edition of "The Auroran", R. Tudan requested insight pertaining to a recent function held at the Aurora Legion.

The theme of our highly successful, sold out fund raising function was titled "Legends Revisited".

First, we would like to take this opportunity to extend again, our thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in organizing this incredible evenina.

Our personal thanks go to the tribute artists and special guests.

They entertained us with their superb performance and provided their services

Thanks also to the busitowards our draws.

Secondly, the "Calendar Girls" provided comic relief.

There was no intent to belittle, make fun of, insult, or put down males or females.

The 12 men in question volunteered to dress up (or down) in the most bizarre humorous garb they could They insisted on appearing

to carry out their established tradition from previous "Legend Shows". As in the past, the audi-

ence found this segment rather hilarious.

No doubt, this madcap group will continue to make appearances at special

They enjoy laughing at nesses that donated prizes themselves as much as the audience.

We hope, in the future, they will continue to be accepted and appreciated without question.

Liz Frisk, President **Aurora Legion** 

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### When I grow up I wanna be a kid

From the moment we can put two words together, there's some party pooper asking: "So, what do you want to be when you grow up?"

My daughter has decided she wants to be a nurse.

Ever since the big, fat university envelopes started overwhelming my dimensionally challenged stupor mailbox, I have been afflicted by a recurring nightmare.

In it, Regis Filbin turns evil and he's got my little girl. His face is bigger than Aurora's old water tower and he demands, over and over again, in a menacing voice, "Is that your FINAL answer?"

She says "yes, yes, yes!" bouncing in her seat. Regis bursts into a warlock laugh. I scream.

I wake up in a cold sweat. Whatever happened to "fairy princess" and "ballerina"?

How did this happen to me? Two out of three of my kids have given their final answer and I'm still...well, exploring the options.

I graduated from university under the impression that it was an experience designed to facilitate the decision making process. And they're going to university because they already know?

But a few weekends ago, an information session infused my life with purpose and direction.

We visited the University of Ontario in Oshawa.

In case you didn't know, Aurora doesn't have a university. It doesn't even have a hospital.

So those of us who suffer from nightmares in which Regis Filbin ships our babies off to geographically amputated places like Thunder Bay start thinking of anything from Kingston to London as "practically Aurora".

We took a tour of the brand new facility. They had a big tent where they served up burgers and hot dogs...and cookies and milk. They gave us toy pens that light up in all the colours of the rainbow. And they had clowns.

It was the clowns that did it. I became so overwhelmed with emotion that I turned to my daughter and said: "You are about to cross the threshold from childhood into adulthood. Go kicking and screaming all the way, my child!"

She said: "Mom, you're weird."

Come to think of it, she says that a lot.

In order to make my point, I found it necessary to accost a clown and demand she make balloon hats for us.

My daughter told me that blue and green don't go together and besides, they clashed with my outfit. I had an overwhelming urge to stick a lollipop in her mouth.

Childhood is one of those things that you don't know you've got till it's gone.

When my kids were playground size, I noticed I was bigger than them and started to go weird.

Apparently, parents with regressive tendencies have been identified as a danger to society. And targeted for elimination. That's why they put a "safety" bar across the top of the slide. There's nothing like a metal pole across the forehead to wipe the silly smirk off your face. Instant maturity.

And if the complimentary cranial re-alignment doesn't work, there's always the bottom of the slide.

So, you want to be a kid again, huh? Well, we're going to have to ram your spine a little farther up your brain. You'll be drooling and wearing diapers in no time!

Except I survived the school of hard knocks.

So what if all the playgrounds in Aurora have been thoroughly adult-proofed now.

I don't care because I have a balloon hat - issued to me by an accredited Ontario university!

I have my final answer. When I grow up, I'm going to be a kid.

But that's only IF I grow up. And that's a big IF.

E-mail Cathy at laughingmatters@aci.on.ca

### Council decision could cost us \$\$

#### To the editor,

Headlines and articles in both local papers imply that Mayor Tim Jones and Councillor John West (and subsequently George Timpson and Betty Pedersen) voted to destroy the Moraine.

In actual fact, what they voted for was to honour agreements passed by this

and previous councils.

Having followed politics in
Aurora for many years I know
these members of council

are not anti-Moraine and indeed like the majority of us would prefer to see little or no development on this environmentally sensitive area.

However, to a large extent these decisions are set out and controlled by Provincial policy.

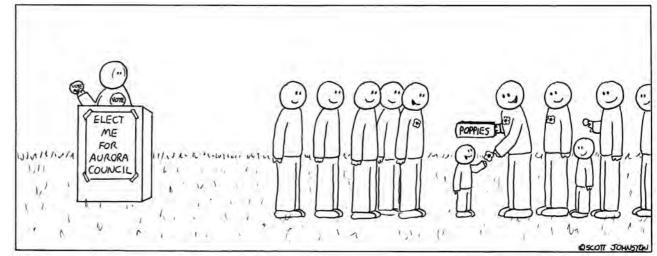
Despite Jones' and West's efforts and advice from both Aurora's legal counsel and an independent legal opinion, council voted to renege on prior agreements including amendments #20 and #34.

mendments #20 and #34.
This has left me and all

B.A. Burland

filed.

Moraine.



Letters to the Editor

Machell's Corners

### No truth in Himel letter: Hogg

To the editor,

RE: Letters to the Editor: HighTor a gift to Aurora (Nov. 4)

Historically I have not responded to opinions expressed through Letters to the Editor about any decisions I made while on Council. They are opinions and I respect that everyone is entitled to their opinion.

However, the Nov. 4 letter by Richard Himel was the second attempt to present personal opinion as fact. The first attempt was at the All Candidates meeting Oct 26, when a similar tactic was employed by Brian MacEachern (husband of former Councillor Evelina MacEachern).

I am writing this letter before the Nov. 10 election not knowing the election results, although you are reading this after the result is known. Richard Himel's letter in the last newspaper issue before the election was timed to ensure this would be the case -- a trick employed by people who don't want a response.

In his letter Richard makes two points about my past record:

- "Relentless in their determination to sell off my mother's land to developers and destroy the 97 wooded acres".
- 2. "The Mayor and the others were the ones who actually approached the OHF with the idea of selling the

The supportable facts show that neither of these statements has any basis in truth.

First, I have never been involved in any discussions of selling 97 acres. During my first term on council, when the HighTor issue was raised, I supported a joint Citizen/Council committee to investigate the facts and options-including the legali-

other Aurora taxpayers vul-

nerable to potentially hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars

in lawsuits, some of which I

believe have already been

Government has stated it will

freeze development on the

promise because if they don't

we could be paying for coun-

cil's decision for a long time.

The new Provincial

I hope they keep their

mendation was that the Town not accept the OHF's proposal and was applauded by SWAT (a group in which Brian and Evelina MacEachern and Richard Himel were actively involved) in their press release May 9, 2000. This is a matter of public record. Secondly, records show discussions about the HighTor property were begun between the town and the OHF as early as

ty of selling a portion of the

land to fund the mainte-

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of the residence of Aurora-

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1992, well before I was elected to council. In their own website (www.swat.on.ca), in a presentation by Gary Fernandes, he stated: "In minutes of meetings back in 1992 the OHF initially led Council to believe that the intention was to sell the house and some land to provide a fund for park maintenance." I wasn't elected until 1997, so could hardly have been involved with approaching the OHF

One might wonder; if Richard was truly such an advocate of preserving this property, and the best person to speak on his mother's behalf-why did his mother not leave him with stewardship of this land and why did he challenge the Will and prevent the

Executor from administering the estate for more than three years?

In Brian MacEachern's question, he referred to a single legal opinion. The facts clearly show there were two legal opinions, which are polar opposites. However, he conveniently forgot about the second. As well he forgets to mention that the parcel of land considered for development was steps from MacEachern's home, turning their dead-end street into a thoroughfare to the proposed new development. A conflict of interest if ever I saw one.

Possibly the most important fact is four years later, in large part as a result of actions taken by the Committee I supported and sat on, no land has been sold, no development has taken place and no discussions are ongoing with the OHF to do either. One would think that the desired result had been achieved.

Obviously Richard and Brian do not like me and wanted to see me defeated as a candidate for council. That is their right; however, it does not give them the right to offer half truths or fabricated statements as fact.

I believe it is a councillor's responsibility to investigate all facts and options before making a decision-regardless of whether we like or dislike those options. Only when all the facts are known

can we make an educated decision in the best interest of the community. This is a responsibility I take very seriously.

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by Scott Johnston

I am disappointed that people stoop to use these types of tactics. I do not believe they have any role in politics, and I believe that the community of Aurora deserves better. Often good people decide not to run for elected office because they refuse to expose themselves, and their family, to these kinds of underhanded tactics, which is our collective loss.

I refuse to be intimidated by people like Richard and Brian, who, because their cause is noble, feel they can twist and distort the truth to accomplish their personal agenda rather than examine and debate the issues based on the merits of all points of view.

I thank the people who had the faith to support my candidacy and if I am/was successful, I commit to continue to try to make decisions based on a thorough evaluation of all facts and make decisions I believe to be in the best interest of the broader community. I have always enjoyed working with all groups on behalf of the community of Aurora and continue to invite you to phone or e-mail whenever you have a question or concern you wish to discuss.

Bill Hogg Aurora

### Former Big Sisters group did not join Big Brothers

To the editor,

with the idea.

RE: "Sisters and Brothers Become One Group" (Auroran, Nov. 4)

This letter is submitted in response to the above article in the Auroran, as it is imperative to clarify that Big Sisters of York (founded in 1979), did not merge with Big Brothers of York.

The aforementioned article indicated that the two groups merged into one last week, which is incorrect.

What has happened is that as a result of a national organizational change, Big Brothers has changed their name and mandate to accommodate girls in their programming.

The organization formerly known as Big Sisters of

York was aware of this pending change and although it was proposed, at no time were we interested in merging with Big Brothers.

A number of years ago the two local agencies talked, however we decided that a merger was not in the best interest of the girls and young women we serve.

Knowing that the national level was going to pursue this further, in 2000 at a local level, we began researching organizations that shared the same mission, vision and philosophies that we have embraced for the past 24 years.

In 2002, Big Sisters of York changed its name to Girls Incorporated of York Region.

We chose to move forward and affiliate with Girls Incorporated, an organization that has been meeting the needs of girls for 140 years.

Our mission: empowering girls to realize their full potential through gender specific programming that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

True to our mission, our programs are based on the distinct and changing needs of girls and young women in our communities.

Since our affiliation last year, we have successfully expanded our programs to reach more girls.

We continue to be a leader in girls' programming through: one to one matching, quality weekly pro-

Please see page 15

#### By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to 19-year-old Rob Dyer who plans to skateboard from California to Aurora/Newmarket next year to raise funds to fight cancer. His mother's death to cancer prompted him to embark on his mission, estimated to take 150 to 200 days.

More BOUQUETS to the Rosarium in Aurora, who are donating roses to Aurora high schools to assist the fundraising.

BRICKBATS to those at the Royal Canadian Legion for intro-JESES ducing and promoting the Poppy Puppy, a cuddly little dog designed to bring the

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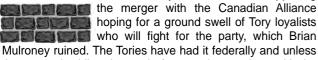
Remembrance Day message to young children. While the intent may have some merit, the Poppy that people respect and honour, should not have been com-

BOUQUETS to Theatre Aurora for entering three shows for adjudication for the coveted THEA's in the Theatre Ontario Festival. They are the musical "Anything Goes", the mystery thriller "Communicating Doors" production "Clue", a musical.

BRICKBATS to Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Liberal government for failing to put an immediate freeze on development on the Oak Ridges Moraine, as he did for auto insurance rates. After all his brave talk, is his government getting cold feet in taking on the powerful developers?

BOUQUETS to John and Brian of Mailbox Services for 10 years of service to individuals and small businesspeople of Aurora and area. Join them for cake and coffee at their Yonge and Dunning Outlet on November 14th.

BRICKBATS to the staunch Tory diehards who are opposing



they want the Liberals to rule forever, the marriage with the Alliance is the only way to go. Face up to it!

BOUQUETS to 12-year-old Samantha Sendel of Aurora on capturing a silver medal in the world trampoline championships in Hanover, Germany, recently in the 11-12 age group. There were 55 competitors in the competition. She teamed with Katherine

McLeod to finish fourth in the synchronized event.

BRICKBATS to those at the Town Hall for not exhibiting the paintings purchased by the town for the permanent collection from the Aurora

Senior Art Group and not shown with the rest of the permanent collection. There must be three or four and councillors should ask where they are? Tax dollars were spent to buy them and they should be available to the public!

BOUQUETS to Mike Ingrossi, the genial innkeeper of the Tuscany Banquet Hall on Edward Street, for making everyone feel at home when they enter his establishment. His motto is "Your guests are our guests". There was an excellent turnout of

citizens for the recent Aurora Chamber of Commerce

BRICKBATS to those at an organization called Meal

Exchange. They distributed an information bulletin and plastic bag for homeowntion bulletin and plastic bag for homeown-ers to fill with non-perishable food and

leave it at the door on Halloween to be collected by a costumed student, who never arrived. Who is Meal Exchange and where would the food go, if collected?

BOUQUETS to Aurora Cable Internet and the Community Affairs crew for their on-going extensive cover-

age of the Aurora municipal election campaign. If electors don't know the candidates and who to vote for, it's their own fault, as the cable crew

has done their job, now it's up to the electors to do theirs.

#### Like a good neighbour, State Farm is there.







#### Letters to the Editor

### Words of wisdom to new councillors

To the editor,

The season leading into elections is often times called the "Silly Season".

We've seen evidence of this over the past month and a half as we have read letter after letter of one camp bashing another. Accusation after accusation, for the most part unfounded, but certainly out there in the print media for people to judge for themselves.

May I offer some words of advice for those newly elected or re-elected representatives.

- 1. People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. LOVE THEM ANY-WAY.
- 2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. DO GOOD ANYWAY.

3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. SUC-CEED ANYWAY.

- 4. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.
- 5. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. DO GOOD ANYWAY.
- 6. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. BUILD ANYWAY.
- 7. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. GIVE THE BEST YOU HAVE ANYWAY.

Those of us who enjoy living in this great community have those who have served as elected officials for many years, to thank for

These folks may have wondered why they were still seeking office as they

### She hopes OMB returns to original reason for being

To the editor,

It's about time certain members of Aurora Council owned up to the reasons behind their actions, vis-àvis development in our town.

It should be illegal to accept money from developers who have a vested interest in land development on or off the Moraine.

For it is not just what happens on the Moraine that is cause for concern but also the high density proposed for lands on Leslie Street.

After all, look what is occurring on north Bayview.

As far as the big stick the mayor uses: that developers will win on appeal to the OMB and the town will be sued, I have this to say: Hopefully, with a change of government, the OMB will once more become what it was set up for - a court of appeal for residents and not just developers.

**Betty Reid** Aurora

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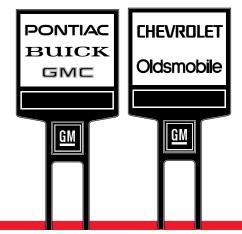




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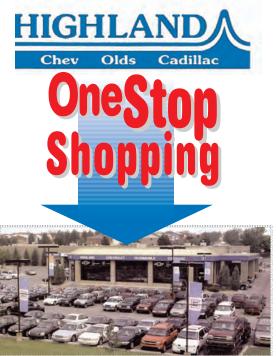
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### AURORAN SPORTS



Week of November 11, 2003

#### Streak at 22 wins

### Two shutouts, three wins for Tigers

By TYLER NORWOOD

The Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey club had a busy weekend but performed well, collecting three wins in three days and adding 17

Goaltender Chris Whitley consecutive against the shutouts Collingwood Blues 4-0, and South Conference leader St. Michael's Buzzers 3-0.

"It feels pretty good to be number one," he said.

In Sunday's victory over the Buzzers, Joel Kitchen opened the low-scoring game with his 14th goal of the season, only a minute into the match.

It was a slow period with both teams trying to gauge each other and Whitley handled only six shots.

Jamie Minchella put Aurora two up in the second. But St. Mike's goalie Daniel Bellissimo came up strong and held the Tigers to a 2-0 lead going into the

third period.

Aurora kept the pressure going, firing 17 shots at the embattled Buzzers goalie. Doug Only rookie Henderson could find his way in the third as the Tigers extended their winning streak to 22 games.

Tigers met up with Collingwood Blues for the fourth time in two weeks Saturday night. The Tigers had the upper hand in their previous matches recording

and 6-1 victories.

As with their other games, the parade to the penalty box continued. Ten minors were called in the first period alone.

Fortunately, Alex LaLonde and Matt Bahen had their eye on the Collingwood net. They helped Aurora take a 2-0 lead into the sec-

Twenty-two penalty minutes were awarded in the second as Jeff Gilbert and Sam Skwarchuk both recorded power play goals. Jesse Boyd endured the thrashing in his first game back against the Tigers since their October 24th tilt that resulted in 11 players being suspended for two

The penalty box parade intensified in the third as referee Joe Park handed out 27 penalty minutes and a game misconduct. Aurora rested comfortably and eased into a 4-0 victory.

The Tigers opened their busy weekend at the Aurora Community Centre with a 10-2 win over the Thornhill Islanders Friday niaht.

Jeff Gilbert, Joel Kitchen and Jamie Minchella give Aurora a 3-1 lead after 20

Alex LaLonde scored a shorthanded goal in the second, accompanied by one from Corey LeClair as the Tigers relaxed.

Thornhill's Alan Nolan added his second of the night to start things off in the third. The Tigers really don't like being scored on,

however, as they turned things up and pounded the hapless Thnornhill goaltender.

Skwarchuk scored a pair and Walker, Franklin, and Scully added singles to come away with a 10-2 vic-

Tigers next game is in Newmarket Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aurora plays host to Couchiching at 8 p.m. before heading back to Couchiching Sunday

Jesse Olden remains hopeful to return to action Thursday. He has missed several weeks with an upper body injury. He will centre the top line of Scully and Walker.

"I think he's one of the guys who really makes Walker and Scully go," Coach Marty Williamson observed. Olden has 27 points in 15 games so far this season.



#### Monday Night Hockey Standings, Nov. 3

TEAM	W	L	Т	GF	GA	PTS.
Highland Chev Olds Cadillac	4	1	1	25	21	9
J.J. Barron Realty	4	1	1	31	22	9
Priestly Demolition	4	2	0	18	20	8
Rec Cycle N' Sports	3	1	2	26	17	8
Law Insurance Brokers	3	3	0	26	25	6
Tom & Jerry's	3	3	0	16	21	6
FPL Aggregates	1	5	0	6	21	2
Masterclean Contracting	0	6	0	15	31	0

#### Results Nov. 3

J.J. Barron Realty	7	Rec Cycle N' Sports	3
Law Insurance	3	FPL Aggregates	0
Highland Chev Olds	3	Priestly Demolition	4 2
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#### Skating results

Following are the Aurora Skating Club results from the Central Ontario Sub-Sectionals competition held in Richmond Hill last weekend:

Taylor Jenkins - Novice flight 1 - 8th. Carolyn Armstrong - Pre-Novice flight 2 - 11th. Lauren Cooper - Pre-Novice flight 3 - 10th. Cassandre VanBakel - Pre-Novice flight 4 - 5th. Chelsea Kerr - Juvenile flight 1 - 8th.



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108 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Maroon) 9: Connor Graham 4G 1A, Kyle Strachan 2G, Stephen Mariani 1G 1A, Connor Cowl 1G 1A, Joshua Bell 1G, Alexander Jonasson 2A, Joshua Wilson 1A. 105 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (White) 6: Brian Langdon 2G, Jamie Wilson 1G 1A, Brady Wilson 1G, Shannon Murray 1G, Mitchell Palmer 1G, Andrew Johnson 1A.

110 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Teal) 8: Alex Perez 2G, Brendan Lukezic 2G, Christopher Sanita 2G, Logan Blazer 1G 1A, Tyler George 1G, Griffin Stobbs 2A, Carson Dupuis 1A, Joel Gouveia 1A. 103 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Red) 3: 702 EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING Erik Balkovec 1G, Matthew Iwai 1G, Jordan Stephenson 1G.

102 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Black) 6: Spencer Green 5G, Parker Baile 1G 1A, Matt Reynolds 2A, Morgan Walker 1A, Jake McKee 1A. 109 TIM HOR-TON'S - TIMBITS (Orange) 1: Ben Ashton 1G, Liam Beresford 1A.

104 TIM HORTON'S- TIMBITS (Royal) 9: Lucas Pozzebon 5G 1A, Robin Creighton 2G, Paul Neophytou 1G 3A, Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Neil Duggan 2A, Cameron Richard 2A, Nathan Nealon 1A. 106 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Gold) 3: Brett Thiessen 1G 1A, Alex Remedios 1G, Jordan Nanos 1G, Sean Foxwell 1A, 701 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 1: Nicholas Scott 1A.

107 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Grey) 7: Konner McMillan 4G, Evan Jackson 1G 1A, Nicholas Steiner 1G, Alexander Stewart 1G, Matthew Pelkola 2A, Adrian Ramirez 1A, John McDonald 1A, Landon Kirby 1A, Owen Nisbet 1A. 101 TIM **HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Green) 1: Liam** Coll 1G.

201 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 13: Eric Bullock 2G, Hayden Trask 4G, Andrew Boehmer 1G, Luke Pizzuro 1G, Andreas Mikkelsen 2G, Daniel Bunder 1G, Dylan Sutton 2G, Hayley Black 1A, Sajjad Akbar 1A. 206 CONTINENTAL CUS-TOM INGREDIENTS 2: Matthew Iaminico 2G.

208 DIAMOND GROUNDSKEEPING SERVICES 6: Quincy Ing 1G, Jamie Pourtney 1G 1A, Christopher Tsianos 2G, Zakary Kertz 2G. 202 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 5: Paul Steiner 3G, Peter Teti 2G, Eric Kimmerer 1A.

203 NORTH YORK PLUMBING & Lopez 1A, Ryan Korosi 1G, Heather Tillsley 1A. 207 ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA 0.

205 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 9: Jason Samide 1G, Ben Hankins 1G, Evan Matila 1G, Paul Ashbourne 1A, Kentner Arkell 1G, Connor Allan 1G, Steven Grandin 1A, Steven Grandin 1G, Stuart Matila 1A. 204 NACORA INSURANCE 4: Liam Devlin 1G, Chance Rodin 2A 1G, Andrew Stobbe 1G.

**GROUP 3:** Kyle Blaser 1G, Ryan Peddigrew 1G 1A, Phillipe Meunier 1G. **502 DIAL TONE COMMUNICATIONS** 3: Mike Orshel 1G, Dylan Sutherland 1G, Tyler Friars 1A, Daniel Devine 1A, Steven Judges 1A

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Minor Atom AA 3 Peterborough 2

Marco Ghegin 2G 1A,Ryan Hughes 1G 1A. Minor Atom AA 2 Ajax 3

Dennis Kim 1G, AJ Killens 1G, Daniel Whitley 1A.

Minor Atom A 6 Georgina 1

Jesse Bentolila 4G, Cooper Riswick 1G 1A, Andrew Papousek 1G 1A, Tanner Thiessen 2A, Trevor Best 4A, Taylor Butler 4A.

Minor Atom A 3 East Gwillimbury 3

Trevor Best 1G,1A,Brian Puskar 1G, Jesse Bentolila 1G,1A, Nick Heintzman 1A Atom AA 5 Pickering 2

Matthew Mears 2G, Taran McGowan 1G 1A, Dylan Kovacs 1G 1A, Kyle McCreedy 1G, Chris Piron 2A, Jamie Hawkins 1A, Cody Weese 1A, Steadman Dinning 1A, Stephen DeMarco 1A. Eleeza Cox 1A.

Atom AA 1 Whitby 7

Jamie Hawkins 1G, Kyle McCreedy 1A, Chanelle Hassard 1A.

Atom AA 2 Newmarket 4

Matthew Mears 1G, Steadman Dinning 1G, Jamie Hawkins 1A, Jordan Figueiredo 1A.

Kyle McCreedy 3G 1A, Taran McGowan 2G, Brett Matthews 1A, Ben Hanlon 1A.

Atom A 0 Stouffville 3

Atom A 7 Markham 0

Evan Carisle, shutout, Denis Casey 1G, Brandon Pedersen 1G 1A, Kamran Karamchi 1G 1A, Tristan Miller 1G 1A, Josh Beaton 1G, Matthew Miller 1G 3A, Spencer George 1G 1A, Blair Cuthbert 1A, Ryan Antoniel 1A, Jonathan Poulakos 1A Jack Steffan 1A.

Atom A 3 Bradford 3

Brandon Pedersen 1G, Spencer George 1G, Danny McConnell 1G 1A, Patrick Jones 1A, Josh Beaton 1A, Kamran Karamchi 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 5 Barrie 0

Justin Brown 2G 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G 2A, Max Lerner 1G 2A, Loius Lamanna 1G, Luke MacLeod 2A, Nathan Brown 1A, Kyle Murphy 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A, Peter Abels,

Minor Peewee AA 3 Peterborough 0

Max Lerner 1G 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G, Luke Peter McNeill 1A. MacLeod 1G, Justin Brown 1A, Louis Sherida 2G 1A, Connor Allan, 1A, Stuart Harrison Brook 1G 1A, Alex Disera 1G, Lamanna 1A, James Mildon 1A, Kevin Midget A 3 East Gwillimbury Eagles 3 Zacharuk 1A, Scott Smyth, shutout.

Minor Peewee A 5 Barrie 3

Evan Casselden 1A, Paul Keilty 1A, Stephen Di Nallo 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1A, Jeffery Sanderson 1A.

Minor Peewee A 5 East Gwillimbury 0

Paul Keilty 2G, Dylan Cross 1G, Derrick Hamner 1G 2A, Michael McGolrick 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1A, J.J. Lam 1A, Sean Ellison 1A, Stephen Di Nallo 1A, Aaron Beally 1A, Ernesto Spagnuolo, shutout.

Minor Peewee A 8 Newmarket 3

Geoff Gianopoulos 2G, Jeffery Sanderson 2G 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1G 2A, Sean Ellison 1G,



McGolrick 2A, Jake Boyle 1A, Corey Jeffery 1A, Derrick Hamner 1A, Stephen Di Nallo 1A. **Minor Peewee A 3 Stouffville 2** Corey Jeffery 1G, Michael McGolrick 1G, Jeffery Sanderson 1G, Taylor Nuttall 2A, Dylan Cross 1A, J.J. Lam 1A, Geoff Gianopoulos 1A, Paul Keilty 1A.

Dylan Cross 1G 2A, Paul Keilty 1G, Michael

Peewee AA 4 Pickering Panthers 3

Tyler Hanlon 2G, Johnny Borsellino 1G 1A, Sean Fennell 2A, Adrian DiRosa 2A, David Roper 2A.

Peewee AE 14 TNT 2

Adam Bloom 3G 3A, David Iwai 2G 3A, Ethan Shore 1G 1A, Trevor McCartney 1G, Matthew Scrimes 3G 2A, Curtis Hough 1G 3A, Brandon Giniotis 1G 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 1G 3A, Cory Blom 1G 1A, Nick Di Nallo 2A, Scott Quagliarini 1A, Ryan Crockett 1A.

Peewee AE 4 Stouffville 2

Chris Burns 1G, Adam Bloom 1G, Cory Blom 1G, Andrew Mangialardi 1G, David Iwai 2A, Greg Buchner 1A, Curtis Hough 1A, Trevor McCartney 1A, Ethan Shore 1A, Brandon Giniotis 1A

Bantam AA 2 Barrie 1

Anthony Simone 1G 1A, Matt Boyd 1G 1A, Aaron Mansbridge 2A.

Bantam AA 5 Whitby 3

Colin McCullough 1G 2A, Jake MacDougall 1G 1A, Anthony Simone 1G 1A, Matt Boyd 1G 1A, Tyler Virgoe 1G, Jonathan Adams 2A, Aaron Mansbridge 1A

Bantam AA 2 Barrie 2

Harrison Jones 1G, Adam Lebar 1G, Colin McCullough 1A, Michael Englehut 1A, Tyler Virgoe 1A.

Minor Midget AA 7 Richmond Hill Stars 1

Tyler Roffey 1G 1A, Timi Sotoadeh 1G 1A, Vincent Davenport 1G 2A, Cal Simmonds 2G 1A, Patrick Bowie 1G 1A, Peter McNeill 1G 2A, Sean Mulroy 1A, Sandy Craig 1A, Adam Hankins 1A, Marc Quagliarini 1A.

Minor Midget A 5 Noble King 2

Peter McNeill 1G 1A, Patrick Bowie 2G, Zach Andrews 1G 1A, Sean Fodey 1G 1A, Matt Kerr 1A, Brent Gallaugher 1A, Dean Hamann 1A, Kyle Fitkin 1A, Mike Parkhill 1A, Zach Timbers 1A.

Minor Midget A 4 Orillia 2

Mike Bentley 1G 1A, Scott Daly 1G, Sean Fodey 1G, Matt Kerr 1G, Kyle Fitkin 1A, Patrick Bowie 1A, Brandon Polsinello 1A,

Marc Oppedisano 2A, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G, Mark Jarman 1G, Mark Smith 1G, Steven Black 1A, Michael Jack 1A, Matt Cleverdon

Midget A 5 Oak Ridges Kings 0

Pentti Paivio, shutout, Steven Black 1G 2A, Mark Jarman 1G 1A, Michael Jack 1G 1A, Matt Cleverdon 2A, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G, Mark Smith 1G, Keith Mitchell 1A, Chris Statchuk 1A, Peter Nykyforchyn 1A, Mark Johnson 1A.

Midget A 5 Schomberg Cougars 2

Adam Chale 1G, Mark Jarman 2G 1A, Steven Black 3A, Chris Statchuk 1G 1A, Mark Johnson 2A. Michael Jack 1G. Keith Mitchell 1A, Peter Nykyforchyn 1A.

### ozens of bylaws controlled business hours

Today stores and businesses set their own hours. but it wasn't always that way.

Back in 1969 there was an on-going battle whether council or merchants should decide business hours.

Different municipalities had different closing restrictions. Many had bylaws requiring retail stores to close on Mondays, but in Aurora it was Wednesday afternoon when merchants had to close

But even here there were some differences. The Aurora bylaw, for example, required men's shoe stores to close, but not women's.

There may have been valid reasons at one time for the restrictions, as some of the bylaws date back to the 1930s and 40s and were enacted at the requests of the merchants, but they seemed out of place in the 1960s.

At the Mar. 31, 1969, Aurora Council meeting there was a long discussion about the closing bylaws and there was agreement bylaws should be enforced or removed.

At the time there were at least six different bylaws in force in Aurora governing store hours.

One dated back to April, 1926, which required all grocery, dry goods, gent's furnishings and shoe stores to close every Wednesday

from 12:30 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following day except during December.

The bylaw was amended in May, 1928, to exempt the Wednesday afternoon closing any week a statutory holiday occurred.

Another bylaw was adopted in August, 1933, requiring retail stores to close from 7 p.m. until 5 a.m. the following day, except for Friday and Saturday.

The bylaw did not apply on the evening prior to a statutory holiday, nor for one week before and after Christmas. The bylaw did not alter the Wednesday afternoon closing.

In July, 1941, another amendment was made requiring hardware stores, which had been excluded from the previous bylaws, to close at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, except in weeks in which a statutory holiday occurred.

In addition, stores had to close at 7 p.m. except Friday and Saturday.

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Another bylaw was adopted in June, 1946, requiring the closing of drug stores, chemist shops and drug sundry shops at 8 p.m. during the week and 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The closing time was extended to 10:30 p.m. before Christmas or an evening prior to a holiday.

Gas stations were required to close at 7 p.m. daily except for June, July and August when the time was extended to 9 p.m.

Another bylaw was adopted in June, 1951, requiring all barbershops to close at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturdays.

The arrival of variety and convenience stores carrying a wide assortment of goods, which didn't fit into any of the more specialized retailers, brought about the demand for change in the 1960s.

At an April, 1969, meeting a staff report advised council members they had the power to make amend-

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ments to the bylaws, even though they had been enacted at the request of town merchants in previous years.

The Aurora Shopping Centre merchants and owners advised council they were supportive of council amending the restrictive closing bylaws and asked to be heard when the debate took place.

The debate took place the following month and some councillors argued people only had so much money to spend and they could do it when the stores were open under the existing bylaws.

It was also suggested longer hours would increase costs and prices would rise.

A bylaw was finally approved rescinding all previous bylaws and adopting a new one allowing shops and businesses to set their own hours.

Then council got gutsy and passed a bylaw requiring all retail stores to close on July 1st to celebrate Canada's Birthday.

Using the bylaw, police charged a laundromat owner for opening a nonstaffed facility on the day that launched Aurora as

Canada's Birthday Town.

The issue of being open or closed came up again in Dec. 1971 when the town's six service station operators sought a bylaw to permit only one station to remain open on Sundays, as operators failed to make a profit with a Sunday opening.

Then, in 1975, the Ontario Legislature passed the Retail Business Holidays Act, which generally prohibited Sunday and holiday shopping except in designated tourism areas, and the pressure was removed from local councils.



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Now that Halloween is over and the Jolly Season is just around the corner, here are few safety tips to make your Christmas Shopping more enjoyable:

#### PERSONAL BELONGINGS

- Try to avoid carrying a purse and use a fanny pack instead. If the purse is a must, carry it close to your body and always zipped. Don't leave your purse or cell phones unattended in shopping carts. If someone grabs your purse, don't
- Men should keep their wallet in a safe place, such as their front pants pocket, pocket where your wallet is located.

#### MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

- Carry small amounts of cash, and when using a credit or debit card be sure that your card is returned to you.
- Use ATM machines in populated areas

while paying close attention to what's going on around you. Make sure that you don't let anyone see your PIN num-

Know your rights - check the refund and return policies and read the fine print.

#### PARKING LOT

- This might be somewhat of a challenge but try to park close to the mall entrance, and in well lit areas.
- Keep your packages, and other valuables stored out of sight in the trunk of your car.
- inside coat pocket, or button the back Try leaving the mall before closing time and walk out with other shoppers. There is always safety in numbers. Have your keys ready, and check the interior and the area around your car before entering.
  - Remember where you're parked. If there are no row numbers or letters, use

- landmarks such as signs or entrances as a point of reference.
- Avoid shopping to the point of exhaustion while juggling the many packages in your arms.

#### **CHILD SAFETY**

- Know at all times where your children are, and if they wander off, notify store personnel immediately. Stay in one location in case that child returns. Always be able to give a description of your child, including his clothing.
- Never leave your children alone in the car even for a minute. Children can overheat or freeze rapidly, depending on the weather. If you leave your car engine running, they may get into the driver's seat and move the gearshift, causing the car to roll out into traffic, or even hit a pedestrian. Also someone could easily get into your running car, and drive away with the children inside.

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As usual crowds were large at the Aurora Cenotaph Sunday morning as members of the Aurora Legion organized the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies. Reception was held at the Legion later that day.

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### Committee supports traditional building

In spite of strong opposition from Councillor John West, members of Aurora's general committee, by a wide margin, voted to use the traditional methods of construction, rather than a design/build method.

Council endorsed the recommendation last week.

The decision was made following a joint presentation by Norm Grey-Noble, project manager for the construction of the new seniors centre and Gary Stanhope, project manager of the proposed recreation facility on Wellington near Leslie.

They listed advantages and disadvantages of each method of construction.

Following the presentation Councillor Evelina MacEachern asked the project managers for their recommendation

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for both projects.

Both favoured the traditional approach.

Councillor Nigel Kean asked about the difference in costs for both systems and was advised "designbuild" may be cheaper but an inferior building might result.

Councillor West said that his major concern was cost and that it was quite normal for the traditional system to end up with an overrun of 20 per cent.

Grey-Noble disagreed and listed several projects built with the traditional system that were finished on time and within budget.

West said it was the project manager's responsibility to ensure a design-build structure was properly built and within budget.

Grey-Noble pointed out

that once a design-build team had been selected, the powers of the project manager were limited and it became a control problem.

Councillor Ron Wallace noted that the Town Hall was a design-build project and it already needed a new roof, which the town would have to pay for.

Last week, during a storm, rainwater cascaded onto the desk in front of Mayor Tim Jones.

"Does the design-build deal have an umbrella included?" Councillor Wallace wondered.

Following the discussion committee member voted in favour of the traditional method of construction and directed staff to proceed with the documentation necessary to facilitate the construction of the projects.



### New car coming from out of town

Bylaw Services in Aurora has maintained a fleet of two vehicles for parking control officers since 1994 and it's time for a new one.

Currently the department operates a 1997 Chevrolet and a 2000 Pontiac.

To ensure reliability, staff began the cycle of leasing one vehicle and once the lease had expired the vehicle was bought back and a new vehicle was leased, reducing the cost maintenance repairs.

An amount of \$3,500 had been included in the 2003 operating budget as a replacement reserve for the purpose of buying or leasing another vehicle for the officers.

Earlier in the year the town purchased the Pontiac at the expiration of its lease and it is now proposed to lease a new vehicle to replace the 1997 Chevrolet, which would be sold.

Six bids were received and staff recommended North York Chev's offer of a monthly lease of \$378.43 with a \$6,000 optional buyout price be accepted.

Councillor Ron Wallace said the price from one Aurora dealer was only \$46 a month higher and he had a problem sending money out of town.

He said some consideration should be given to local businesses who pay taxes to the town, but his motion not to accept the bid was defeated.

Councillor George

Timpson noted that the town used to have a policy to accepting the bid of a local business if it was within five per cent of the low bid.

Councillor John West said the issue had been debated several times over the years and it had been found that by giving local bidders a special preference out-of-town bidders stopped bidding resulting in higher costs to the municipality.

Council adopted the staff



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#### **RUMOURS AND RUMBLINGS**

### Aurora tailor gets police shirt order

In June, 1977, the York Region Police Commission agreed to outfit its officers in short-sleeved shirts, which had been requested by the police association.

Police Chief Bruce Crawford advised the commissioners that he had opposed the short-sleeved shirts in the past because of their design and cut.

He said that because the sleeve was so wide, the officer's arm looked like a piece of straw hanging out.

The chief produced a short-sleeved shirt designed by Don Greenham's of Aurora. It differed from the stock shirt in width and pocket size, giving the shirt a more attractive appearance.

With tax the shirt cost \$8.56 and the commission placed an order for 1,350 of them.

#### **CHANGING TIMES**

Back in November, 1965, Angus McGregor of Holland Landing was appointed works superintendent for the Town of Aurora.

He was selected from seven candidates and started at a salary of \$6,250 per year, increasing to \$6,500 after a six-month probationary period.

He served the town for many years.

#### TALES FROM THE TAX TROUGH

Nothing much has changed at the federal government since December, 1989, when the National Citizens' Coalition published a booklet called "Tales from the Tax Trough".

It contained numerous examples of the way in which the federal government wastes hard-earned tax dollars for ridiculous studies such as a \$13,500 study of lawn ornaments to a \$619,000 newsletter about bananas to \$12.5 million to the Canadian Labour Congress to train trade union organizJUNK MAIL CONTINUES

In May, 1990, following citizen complaints, Aurora Council voted to investigate whether the town could implement a bylaw to reduce the amount of junk mail and flyers delivered to homes.

Aurora Mayor John West noted that Montreal had adopted such a bylaw, which provided homeowners with a noflyer pictogram on request, similar to a no-smoking sign, to be placed on the homeowners' mailboxes.

Councillor Norm Weller opposed the motion claiming curbing the distribution of junk mail and flyers would create unemployment.

Real estate agents said they would mobilize to fight such a bylaw, claiming flyers and circulars were their bread and butter.

The Montreal bylaw exempted political parties, community groups and newspapers, but would apply to advertising material distributed by Canada Post.

It's still being delivered, what happened to the proposed bylaw?

#### **RENOVATING COMMUNITY CENTRE**

During the summer of 1985 extensive renovations and upgrading were carried out to the 1967 community centre costing about \$100,000, mainly for the installation of new boards and glass around the ice surface.

When the centre was first opened there was no protective glass around the ice surface. After seeing a young hockey fan hit by a flying puck, former sports editor Ron Wallace and Bank of Montreal Manager Don Pulcine decided to do something about it and started the "Operation Puck-Shy" fund.

That was back in the early 1970s and they raised nearly \$2,000, and with some assistance from the town, were able to install a two-foot plexiglass protection barrier around the ice surface

and four-foot at the ends.

The 1985 renovations replaced the plexiglass with four-foot safety glass and six feet at the ends, but Operation Puck-Shy is still remembered.

#### STUDENTS REACH THE TOP

In April, 1986, four Aurora High School students, Michael White, Julien Dressler, Jose Pessoa and Jim Jarvis, were on their way to being named the smartest foursome in the province.

The Grade 13 students won the television game show "Reach for the Top" in February, 1986, by beating seven other teams from Toronto and York Region to advance to the finals against Earl Haig Secondary School in a three-out-of-five showdown called the Tournament of Champions.

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#### TAX REVOLT PLANNED

Back in 1989 when a Liberal government was in power in Ontario, Treasurer Bob Nixon imposed a \$90 automobile licence fee for the GTA, but only \$66 for the rest of the province. Aurora Council threatened a tax revolt about being lumped in with Toronto.

tax on all new tires. Nixon said the funds were required to help relieve congestion on clogged roads in the Toronto area and to meet the critical transportation infrastructure needs.

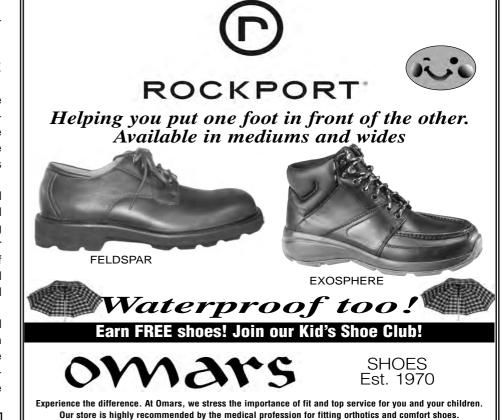
He added that the funds would be

Council was also upset about the \$5

used to accelerate construction of Highways 401, 403, 407 and 410, improvements to municipal transit systems and an extension of GO Transit to Stouffville and Richmond Hill.

What happened to the money as the problems still exist?

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#### New look for an old landmark

Wellington's of Aurora celebrated its official opening recently in a completely renovated and revamped Trio Restaurant on Yonge Street near the corner of Mosley. And like the Trio, which was owned by three brothers, Wellington's is also owned by a trio, two brothers and a sister. Shown with Mayor Tim Jones at the cake cutting are members of the Kasimos family, Nick, Jim, Anita and Irene. Anyone who frequented the old Trio Restaurant won't recognize the place. In addition to the bar and restaurant, Wellington's also has a banquet room that may be used for private parties or meetings. Aurora photo by David Falconer

#### Santa Claus Parade

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come together to make the event possible including churches, schools, police, firefighters, local businesses, service clubs, cultural organizations, sports teams, youth organizations and hundreds of volunteers.

Aurora Optimists Club members fill the Parade Marshal role.

There were more than 60 entries as of last week and they were still being submitted, well ahead of last year at this time, when a total of 77 entries made up the parade.

There are six bands confirmed including the St. Andrew's College Pipes and Drums, York Police Pipes and Drums, Ramses Shrine Drum Corps, Toronto Signals, and the Burlington Teen Tour Band.

Aurora Cable Internet will also tape the parade with Betty Pedersen and Mark Holmes as commentators. It will be telecast several times during the Christmas

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from girls, young women, parents, volunteers, the community, providers, schools, United Way of York Region, and other funders, since we have become Girls Incorporated of York Region has been overwhelming, and is in itself a testament to the need for a gender specific approach.

Many people from all aspects of our community have come together to make Girls Incorporated of York Region the vibrant organization it is today.

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### Figures show little results

To the editor,

Any effort to control speeding drivers in Aurora is welcome. However the numbers quoted in your item regarding the Safe Streets campaign (October 28) do not indicate a significant effort or result.

If one assumes over 27 days that 133 speeders received tickets, this represents approximately five per day.

Five tickets per hour would be a more realistic outcome if there were a real campaign underway.

As Marshall McLuhan stated, "When all is said and done, more will be said than done".

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### Chadburn had links to Chateau

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priceless.

Then she lit into us with a fiery tongue-lashing that no doubt hastened the melting of the ice cubes.

We deserved every jab of that blistering rebuke. It was fun, though.

But you couldn't stay mad at Lloyd for long; his infectious grin always won you over and you could forgive him almost anything.

He found fun in whatever he did. If he'd had any idea that the worthy ladies of the IODE (Independent Order Daughters of the Empire) would name their Aurora chapter after him, I am quite sure he would have doubled over with laughter.

I do have to mention the

famous camping trip. Lloyd had a small car and he and two of his buddies planned a week's holiday up in cottage country.

They drew straws to see who would sit in front.

Bill, his short friend, drew the short straw and got to ride in the rumble seat. He was packed in with the camping gear and all the food.

Miffed at having no one to talk with, he spent his time on the way north toying with the canned goods, removing the labels, one can at a time.

As he said later, "what else was there to do?"

After the long drive to the campsite, they set up the tent, scrambled to find wood for the fire, got it going, and

had their mouths set for a good feed of wieners and beans.

Their cooking prowess was simple, and guaranteed no washing of pots and pans.

Cans were tucked in by the fire to heat, wieners were impaled in the time-honoured way on sharpened twigs and suspended over the fire.

At last their first meal was ready - a delicious feast of wieners and boiled raspberries.

Without labels on the cans, equally spectacular menus followed for the rest of the week.

Though there was no drawing of straws, Bill was once again assigned to the rumble seat for the trip home.

After his school days and a

bank job, Lloyd joined the RCAF and made a name for himself as a flier.

Between operational tours he travelled across Canada with a group of VIPs promoting the sale of Victory Bonds.

He became squadron leader and wing commander and was shot down on his last operational tour.

So many promising young men had their lives cut short by the war, and it is not only at this time of year that we remember them.

Lloyd's renown as a flyer made all of Aurora, and perhaps the whole country, proud of him.

For those of us who knew him, it was also his love of fun and his engaging grin that we will never forget. Home Décor & Fashion Accessories

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