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Perhaps she wasn't the happiest person at the parade, but Aurora's Mary Haberer (Inset) looked like she was during Saturday's welcome to Santa Claus on Yonge Street. Mary's infectious smile reflected the views of thousands of people who welcomed the jolly old elf in another highly successful night time parade.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace and Rob Schuetze

Pair hit by vehicle after parade ends

A highly successful Santa Claus Parade in Aurora Saturday night ended on a sombre note when two people, who had just watched the parade, were struck by a car on their way home.

A 65-year-old man is listed in fair condition, after being airlifted to Sunnybrook Medical Centre with head injuries and a 10-year-old girl suffered head injuries and a broken leg.

She remains in Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket.

Both were struck by the vehicle at the corner of Wellington and Bathurst Streets.

York Regional Police said the pair, and a third person - a sixyear-old child - had been taken to the area by taxi and were attempting to cross Bathurst St. when they were struck by a northbound automobile.

Identity of the victims was not available at press time.

The second child was not injured. Police investigation is continuing. Meanwhile, Aurorans, 40,000 strong, turned out in perfect weather to watch the huge nighttime parade as it made its way south on Yonge Street.

For more pictures of the parade, see Page 13.

Aurora: it's nice but too

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Lillian Lubbock remembers an Aurora when the streetcars came up from Toronto and looped back on Yonge Street next to the United

Mosley Street sported a boardwalk, built to protect passers-by from mud on the roads.

And, the only school in town was Church Street Public School.

Born Lillian Smith, Mrs. Lubbock, who celebrated her 100th birthday Monday, moved to Aurora with her family during her teenage years, finishing high school here and working her summer holidays at Teasdale's store on Wellington

She attended Normal School in Toronto, receiving her teaching cer-

Optimist Book Sale

The Optimist Club of Aurora is hosting its annual book sale at the Aurora Public Library, Saturday Nov. 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 30 from 11 a.m.to 3

All books are for sale under \$5,

and can be found in hardcover and paperback, with a selection ranging from adult to children in a

Last year's efforts raised \$22,000

with proceeds going to Aurora

youth activities and the Children's

Library. This year, the Optimist

Club of Aurora hopes to either

match or beat the cash raised

Briefly

variety of topics.

last year.

tificate in 1921, then returned to Aurora where she taught Grade 1 at Church Street School for five years

One day at a United Church picnic, she met Harold Lubbock.

The two eventually married and Lillian was forced to leave her teaching position. Married women were not allowed to teach school.

She became a housewife and raised three children, Harold, Bruce and Esther.

The family lived first in what is now known as the Lemon House, near the corner of Yonge and Mosley Streets. They later lived for many years at the corner of Connaught and Wells Streets.

Today, as she sits in her suite at Park Place Manor, she can look out over the neighbourhood that was her home for so many years, and reflect on a long life well lived.

So, what does she think of Aurora today?

"It's too big, but it's still lovely," Mrs. Lubbock said.

The story of Lillian doesn't end in domestic bliss

In 1939, shortly after the start of World War 2, Harold bought the Aurora Banner newspaper and printing office from the Lundy fami-

Lillian described her new role. "I did it all, from sweeping the floors to writing the editorials.

The paper, which sold for one cent, was a family affair, with Harold running the linotype, Bruce the presses and Esther working Thursdays, which was the day it went to press.

Later, when the cost of an issue

was raised to two cents, there was a near revolution in town, she said.

The couple sold the paper in 1952 and retired to a log cabin, which they built themselves on 12 acres of bush at the corner of the Fifth Concession and Vandorf Sideroad in the then Township of Whitchurch.

But Lillian wasn't ready for retirement yet. With the rules now modernized, Lillian was able to return to teaching as a married woman and spend the next 14 years teaching Grade 1 in Aurora. Two of her early

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Then & Now

class at Aurora's historic Church Street School. Lillian celebrated her Centennial birthday Monday. In the class photo are (sitting on the ground) Douglas Billbrough, Douglas Egan, Fred Wilkinson, ? French. Second row, Harold Billing, Fred Ryman, Harry Sutton, Donald Sutton, Albert Ryman, Earl Simmerson, Fred Waite, Jack Clift, Leadron Harftley,

Lillian Lubbock, at 100, appears as spry as she did back in Ken Edwards. Third row, Noreen Griffith, Margaret Hawkes, 1923 when, as Lillian Smith, (circled) she taught her first Bertha St. John, Irene Rose, Lavilla Wood, Olive Lustic, Edna Obee, Elta Lustic, Lillian Heaney, Marjorie Clubine, Marjorie Cattel. Top row, Melvin Morrison, Cyril Hamlin, Arthur Langman, Herbie Yake, Alfie Cooper, Bill Langman, Jack Cowieson, Frank Starkey, Leslie Doner. The Lubbock family also has a history with a former weekly newspaper, the Aurora Banner.



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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.

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 27

Public Open House information meeting in the Leksand Room of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. to obtain input in the development of a concept plan for the new Seniors' Centre.

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.

Dance to a live dance band at the Aurora Lions Hall on Mosley Street at Victoria Street starting at 8 p.m. with proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Tickets \$40. Call Steve Falk at 905-726-2608 for details.

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DECEMBER 2

Dr. Joel Wallach is guest speaker at Aurora Public Library for evening of "Health Secrets". Admission is free but reservations - 905-727-2199 - mandatory. 7.15 p.m.

Inaugural meeting of the 2003-2006 Aurora Council in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Aurora Cable Internet will telecast the meeting at a later time on Channel 10.

DECEMBER 6

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

Dinner and a movie for all 11 to 14-year-olds at the Aurora Community Centre Auditorium. Cost is \$3. Begins at 7 p.m. and ends around 9 p.m. For more information call 905-727-3123 extension 528.

DECEMBER 7

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

DECEMBER 9

Third workshop for parents of school-aged children "Promoting Positive Body Image", Aurora Public Library, 7 p.m. Lebovic Room. Pre-register 905-727-9493. Presented in conjunction with York Region Health Services.

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.

DECEMBER 14

Aurora United Church presents "Carols By Candlelight" at the church, at 7.30 p.m. Nursery and toddler care available. Wheelchair accessible.

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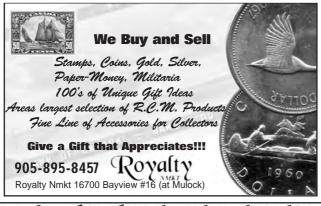
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Toronto Sun columnist unusual Chamber guest

Normally the monthly luncheon meeting of the Aurora Chamber Commerce features speakers well-versed in business affairs and eco-

But the speaker at last week's Chamber luncheon meeting had a different message.

It was one of relation-

She was Valerie Gibson, popular Toronto Sun columnist who writes about sex and relationships.

She gave a frank, outspoken personal message about her life, the adversities she had faced, her five marriages, being the mother of an adult mentally challenged daughter and living life to the fullest.

Born in England, she wanted to be a journalist from her days as a teenager. Whenever she applied at a newspaper she was told journalism was just for men and women didn't belong.

She persevered and was eventually hired as a copy boy ("they wouldn't even call me a copy girl") and covering such dull assignments as baby shows.

She was hired by the Please see page 16



Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Valerie Gibson



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Where were you November 22/63?

There are dates we remember, And dates we often forget; It's strange how it happens And it's not due to a bet!

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

It's strange how some dates stick in your memory and other dates like birthdays and anniversaries are often

Not only do you remember the date of some special events, you can recall exactly what you were doing the moment you heard the news.

The more recent generation will likely recall exactly what they were doing at the moment the suicide terrorists took over the controls of two passenger aircraft and flew them into the World Trade Centre on September 11,

One of the memories that sticks in my mind happened November 22, 1963, when an assassin's bullet fatally struck down United States President John F. Kennedy at 12:30 p.m. as he rode through the streets of Dallas, Texas, in an open convertible.

All these years later his death and the mystery around it are still being discussed and some people still ask: "Where were you the day JFK was shot?"

It was a shot that reverberated around the world, like the pistol shot that killed Archduke Ferdinand in Bosnia on June 28, 1914, that started the First World War.

Kennedy was seen as the embodiment of a new generation in politics as he was the first U.S. president to be born in the 20th century and was a man of vision.

He predicted that man would walk on the moon before the end of the 1960s and that was accomplished.

Even in Canada, Kennedy was widely admired and his death sent shock waves throughout the nation.

People huddled around radios and TV sets to hear the latest news, schools were cancelled for the day in some areas and workers in factories and shops tried to make sense of it all.

Many American citizens refuse to believe the Warren Commission report that found Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone when he shot Kennedy from the sixth floor of the Book Depository building in Dallas.

Rumours existed for years and may still exist, and even a movie was made, suggesting the killing had a connection to the Bay of Pigs fiasco in Cuba with the CIA providing logistical support.

Be that as it may, and while the true story of the assassination may never be known, people still remember the day and what they were doing when they heard the news of Kennedy's death.

On that particular day, I was on duty as an RCAF Aide de Camp to the late Honourable Earl Rowe, then Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

We were attending the funeral of Donald Somerville, Mayor of Toronto, who died of a heart attack following participation in a charity hockey game.

The vice-regal party arrived at St. James Cathedral at the stated time, usually a few minutes before the service was to begin, and always the last guests to arrive.

As we were waiting to be escorted down the aisle, then Deputy Police Chief John Murray, in charge of traffic, whispered to me that he had just heard over the police radio of the shooting, but that details were sketchy as to whether Kennedy was living or dead.

As we were escorted down the aisle to our seats in the front row of the church, the whispered murmurs grew louder and louder as the news spread from row to row in the crowded church.

It was hard to give full attention to the beautiful service and the many tributes given to a wonderful man, who had done so much for the people of Toronto and the

I still remember Don Somerville and his funeral as if it was yesterday, as it was the day JFK was shot and

ED. NOTE: Dick, your editor was a 19-year-old office boy at the Toronto Star and was the first person in Canada to know of the shooting, as he was watching a teletype machine when the first announcement came from Associated Press.

Proposed rec complex: let's get it right this time

I have never felt the need to write a letter to the editor before but I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the proposed Aurora Recreation Complex to be built on the recently acquired Burnett

My wife and I have raised four very active children in Aurora and we have been involved in hockey, baseball, swimming, soccer and numerous other recreational activities over the years.

I also served on the

Committee in the '80's.

Many residents of Aurora will remember the decision 'twin' the Aurora Community Centre - a decision that saw the town eventually pay an outrageous financial cost for adding one ice rink.

Some may also remember that the original Leisure Complex had a gymnasium - that was seldom used and eventually was converted into a fitness facility.

Allan Downey, our Director of Leisure Services, has been very helpful in providdesign for the proposed recreation centre.

The plans call for two ice rinks, a six-lane pool, double gymnasium and meeting

I would like the newly elected town council to consider the following points:

- 1. Close the Leisure Complex ice rink. It is an awful place to view any type of skating or hockey activity. The ice plant is aging and the maintenance costs will be mounting.
- 2. Convert the Leisure Complex ice rink into an

double gymnasium, or an auditorium with proper stage (including sound and lighting) for community groups and public rental.

3. Construct the Aurora Recreation Complex initially as a three-rink complex, but install the needed piping and concrete slab for a future fourth rink. This would consolidate all of our rinks in two locations, allow for future growth and provide greater convenience for those who use the facilities.

4. Review the need for a gymnasium. With three secondary schools in Aurora, certainly a shared facility arrangement could be established with the school boards.

5. Construct a full-size soccer pitch with limited seating and lighting as part of the proposed Recreation

The citizens of Aurora deserve to have this project planned properly.

We have pride in our town and we need to provide adequate recreational facilities and services for all our citizens, especially our burgeoning population of young

Contact the members of council and let them know what you think and let us do it right this time!

Season is changing on Oak Ridges Trail

To the editor,

Summer is over, gone are the days of oppressive heat, replaced by cool winds that scatter the leaves from the trees and the promise of change to come is in the air.

The glorious colours of autumn show on the trees.

Nature is undergoing that slow miraculous change that prepares plants and the wild creatures of the woods for the cold blasts of winter and the freezing temperatures of sunless days.

The woods around the Oak Ridges Trail are showing their autumn colours.

Rabbits occasionally bound across the trail, comical in appearance and seemingly defenceless against the predators of the bushlands.

They have no major enemies in this part of the bush except for the occasional fox that makes its furtive appearance and then disappears.

A rogue and a cheat when judged by human standards, the fox has fascinated us through the ages and for that reason it has become a standard character in folklore.

In real life the animal is not the villain of fiction or folklore. A valuable ally of man in the struggle to keep the populations of rodents from exploding, the fox has been rehabilitated as an offender and is enjoying the protection of law in many parts of Europe and North America.

Fox hunts with hounds and hunters on horseback, once the favourite sport of British aristocrats, still go on in some parts of England but they seem to have lost their popularity.

The trail is really the domain of dogs when freed from their leash for brief periods, romp about joyful and eager to explore every nook and cranny of the trail.

The sign cautions owners of the animals to keep them leashed at all times and most owners obey this rule except for brief periods when they allow their animals to run free while they watch from a distance and give instructions.

The dogs meet other dogs on the trail, mingle amicably, but occasionally there are fights and the owners have to step in and put an end to them.

The dogs enjoy themselves and the owners have the opportunity to chat and compare notes about their pets. People and animals share the trail and enjoy its

The Trail is well used by the public and it is kept in good condition.

The Oak Ridges Trail Association, a local community group, provided valuable support by promoting public awareness of the Trail and the need to keep it in good condition.

The people of Aurora are justly proud of the Trail and the woods that surround it.

Future generations will be grateful.

Chris Antoniou

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JOAN & BRUCE NORMAN

She remembers pomegranates"

To the editor,

I would like first to say how much I enjoy reading the Auroran

My mother saves all the issues so I can read them when my husband and I visit from Windsor.

I was born and raised in Aurora, having lived at 71 Yonge Street South (home of your new library) all my growing up

I also remember Lacey's Store and the penny candy, but my "special"

recollection was buying a "pomegranate" at Lacey's to eat on my way to school. (Funny what things we remember).

I am also eagerly awaiting the reopening of the old Aurora Public School

On Oct. 17, 2003, my husband and I celebrated our 50th anniversary. We have four children and nine grandchildren.

Joan (Stephenson) & Bruce Norman Windsor



Just what will people think?

Aurora is a small town.

And now that my mug shot has appeared on the front page of the Auroran, my velvet cloak of incognito has been whisked away and replaced with something that fits more like shrink wrap

Life will never be the same.

I can't get lost in Aurora anymore - no matter how hard I

Nobody will offer to carry anything to the car for me any-

Everybody will remember how I bragged about my biceps being the envy of all the pre-adolescent males in the neigh-

Everywhere I go, people will be asking: "Are the twins

I can't even go grocery shopping in Aurora any more without fear of the revenge of "the vegetables"! They might get

And when I go to the bank, I may have to wear panty hose...on my head.

I'll be forced to go back to the basics that my mother taught me as a young, impressionable child - the rudimentary repressive rules of the 50's and 60's that my generation has spent millions of dollars in therapy to overcome.

I'll suffer the rest of my days from obsessions like "what will people think?'

I won't even get to try out the brand new playground slide on Kennedy Street.

Because living in a small town means that when you don't know what you're doing, you can bet your fake mustache there's going to be someone out there who does.

And they'll tell everyone ... but you.

A couple of years ago, my daughter had a small party. About a dozen teenagers (trust me, that's small!) gathered in our newly constructed teen hangout in the basement.

Damir and I decided to test the soundproof walls we so wisely installed, so we rented "Cayote Ugly" and settled into the room next door.

Backstreet Boys were gentlemen enough to not to muscle in on Leanne Rhimes. So far, so good.

Just as we got to the "dancing on the bar" scene, one of my daughter's friends walked in on us.

She gasped in horror, then clapped her hands over her mouth and ran from the room. "Oh my God! The Vrancics are watching porn!" All the other teenagers came running out to see.

I don't know who was more shocked - us or Meagan's parents. She hasn't been here since.

After that, I sat my kids down and repeated verbatim my mother's warning to me: Don't do anything stupid, wrong or illegal. Someone will tell someone else.

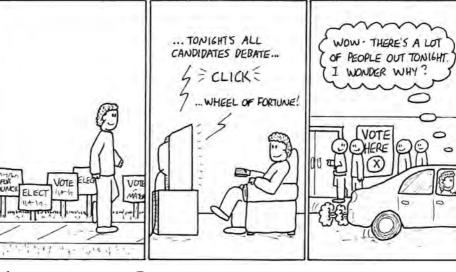
Sometimes, the wisdom we inflict on our kids actually sinks

I know because when they saw the mug shot, they shook their heads, smiling as if their teeth really hurt: "Nice going, mom. But how are we supposed to go to school now?"

I offered them my panty hose.

Cathy welcomes comment and suggestions at laughingmatters@aci.on.ca

Machell's Corners





The things you see in Sheppard's Bush

To the editor,

Four years ago in a move to stay healthy, David and I started taking a walk in Sheppard's Bush every morning for an hour.

Within this period of time we have seen red bellied and garter snakes, green frogs and American toads, a wide selection of fungi, a variety of insects, a flying squirrel, red shouldered hawks, a screech owl, pileated woodpeckers, ruffed grouse, bohemian waxwings, northern shrike and the odd view of a heron running down the path in front of us for quite a stretch until a break in the canopy allowed him to take off. On November 1 we saw the

rarest sighting of all - an immature dinosaur climbing along a fallen beech trunk.

I had my camera with me resulting in the above photo.

Have any other readers seen this creature?

Dierdre Tomlinson

ED. NOTE: Hallowe'en was the night before.

Not my idea of democracy

To the editor

In her letter of Nov. 18, Rose Rank states "intelligent people agree two terms is quite ample".

This implies that I and 5,596 of my fellow Aurora citizens are not intelligent because we voted for Tim Jones for mayor; not to mention the thousands of intellectually challenged Aurorans who voted for Councillors Wallace, West, Griffith and Timpson.

AURORAN, Week of November 25, 2003 - 5

by Scott Johnston

NO, I DIDN'T VOTE,

BUT HOW WAS I TO

KNOW THERE WAS AN

ELECTION HAPPENING?

The above noted have all served at least two terms and according to Ms. Rose's concept of democracy, not only should those candidates have been prohibited from seeking re-election, but those who voted for them are unintelligent.

Definitely not my idea of democracy.

Graham Wride

Assessment hike staggering, he says

To the editor,

Just received the new assessed value of our property in the Regency Acres subdivision.

You could have knocked me over with a feather when I noticed that our property has gained over \$52,000 in value in two short years.

This new value translates to about a 30 per cent increase in two years.

It also translates to an increase of total property taxes of over \$460 for 2004, that if, if the tax rate would stay the same at 1.223665 per cent.

I think I could live with this staggering increase in assessed value if the tax rate for 2004 would be reduced by at least 30 per

I am wondering if I am the

only one who got such a staggering increase in the assessed property value.

In the meantime, I'm trying to pursue this matter with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and suggest you might do the same.

Well, the new council of Aurora and York Region, as well as the school boards, will have their work cut out for them.

Tom van den Elshout **Aurora**

ED. NOTE: It may not be as it seems. For further www.mpac.ca or phone 1-866-296-6722. You may also call the Town of Aurora tax collector at: 905-727-3123 ext. 112 or the Treasury Department at ext. 100.

Christopher's mom says thanks, Aurora

To the editor,

Thank you everyone for helping us at this time in our

The people of Aurora and York Region have outdone themselves with generosity!

As I write this, Christopher is on day 19 post bone marrow transplant and is doing well.

There is no sign of the donor marrow working yet, but anytime it should begin working.

I truly wish I could thank everyone personally for everything that is being done to help, but that is just not possible, there are so many to thank!

We are truly overwhelmed, and because of people like you, this difficult journey is easier knowing that people really do care.

Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart!

Not in Vain (Emily Dickinson)

If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain: If I can ease one life the aching, Or cool one pain, Or help one fainting robin Unto his nest again, I shall not live in vain.

Leslie Gist Aurora

She wants name of street changed

To the editor,

Re: C.Sherwood's let-November 4th Auroran.

I am wiping away tears West Go Away. of laughter after reading the editor.

pect, when all is said town! and done, more will be said than done at the Dora Robinson end of the day.

However, I would cheerfully lend my support to Sherwood's ter to the editor, request for the town to change the name of John West Way to John

Interested, informed C. Sherwood's letter to residents with a powerful sense of humour are The election will be just one reason that over by now, and I sus- Aurora is OUR kind of

Aurora

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Barry Moore of Aurora on being named Toastmaster of the Year by the Towns of York Toastmasters Club. Toastmaster Clubs promote public speaking as a tool for personal development. The local group, chartered in 1969, meets

twice a month at the Aurora Legion.

BRICKBATS to motorists who appear to have a complete disregard for traffic signals. Yonge Street through Aurora has become a speedway and the traffic lights at Brookland and

Yonge and Kennedy and Yonge might as well not be there, as motorists disregard them by racing through on the yellow and often the red, without a policeman in sight.

More BRICKBATS to some students from Dr. G. W. Williams



Secondary School, who completely disregard traffic safety and literally dare motorists to proceed as they cross Yonge Street at Dunning, often against the lights.

It's an accident waiting to happen and the police are conspicuous by their absence.



BOUQUETS to 19-year-old Julia McAvoy of Aurora on being selected to a post-season all-star team for the Ontario University Athletics women's soccer league. She started out as a 10-year-old with the Aurora Youth Soccer Club, and is a graduate of Aurora High School.

BRICKBATS to those in the Ontario Power Generation for signing a deal in early September 2003,



prior to the election, to privatize the inspec-**Implication** tion of the equipment and materials at its

nuclear generating stations prompting criticism that they were compromising reactor safety. Remember Walkerton and the Aylmer slaughterhouse.

BOUQUETS to the members of the Women's Institute for streating firefighter and Dalmatian puppets for children injured in fires, which they processed Aurora firefighters recently at the fire hall. Some Southlake Regional Health Centre.

BRICKBATS to members of Canada's Upper House, the Senate, for failing to pass several bills,



including the cruelty to animal legislation, ill the hate propaganda bill and most important, the electoral boundaries bill, which will

affect Aurora if Martin calls an early spring election. We will still be in Vaughan/King/Aurora, instead of being reunited with Newmarket.

BOUQUETS to Mike Harris for having the good sense to sack out of the leadership race for the new federal party, providing the merger of the Tories and the Canadian Alliance is successful. He says it was for personal reasons, but the polls told him

he has lost all credibility in Ontario.

BRICKBATS to the staff at six Ontario hospitals for putting more than 1,000 patients at risk of blood infection after they were tested with equip-

ment that was cracked, poorly cleaned or reused before being fully disinfected. Granted hospitals are under funded and short-staffed, but there is no excuse for this dangerous practice.

BOUQUETS to Jacquie Campbell for her well written letter to the Auroran regarding a fixed term of office for



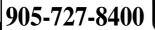
municipal councils. It was suggested during the election, and she points out that it is up to the electors, not legislation, to determine the length of time members of council should remain in office.

BRICKBATS to those at National Defence HQ for its military Ima computer snafu, as the new computer

system to track military supplies has dou-bled in scope with projected costs soaring to \$325 million and it still doesn't work.

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Letters to the Editor

Aurora's character has a long history

To the editor,

In response to a note from Frank Fries of Aurora. I came to Aurora more than 40 years ago, so we are not exactly newcomers either. But I've had a chance to learn much of the history of the town. I've always been intrigued with the difference between the towns of Newmarket and Aurora. The length of their history is about the same. They have grown up side by side. Yet if you can say a town has a character and a personality, they are very different.

Newmarket has many twists and turns in the pattern of their streets. Aurora's are neat and orderly. After I had been on council and county council for a while I began to suspect I knew the answer to the conundrum. I myself grew up in Scotland. My family background is Irish with a possible strain of Highland Scottish and Normandy French.

So, it was a gut instinct that told me I was looking at two towns...one with the dominant trait of Scotch-Presbyterian and the other Irish-Catholic. My suspicions were confirmed one day when I learned the neighborhood of Main Street Newmarket north of Davis Drive had been known many years ago as "Paddy's town".

So it pleases me to tell you that Aurora has, throughout her history, always cared about creating pleasing and orderly neighborhoods in which to raise families. She has always been a progressive town.

First to have electricity because of the electric railway; first to have piped water because of the plentiful ground supply; first among small towns to have a sewage treatment facility, in partnership with Collis Leather, a local tannery.

Church Street School, when it was first built, was an extraordinary community investment in the principle of providing for the education of children.

The War Memorial, a joint project with Whitchurch and King, is one of the finest in Ontario.

The town's politics have always been lively and the newspaper coverage equally vigorous. I consider myself privileged to have been part of a proud tradition. It seems to me that all the people who have called this place home over the years must be credited with creating its character and ambience.

As for our growth, we all share the same feelings of loss and dismay as we watch the growth. Yet I would point out to you, we

are an urban municipality. When our boundaries were extended into the neighboring rural townships in 1971 it was for the express purpose of orderly develop-

The province introduced a Planning Act .It required municipalities to adopt Official Plans. It set out the steps which must be followed upon receipt of an application for development.

Failure to follow the act results in an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board and the decision being taken out of the municipality's hands.

It should therefore be easily recognized that the only authority the town has is to ensure that development will happen in a pleasing and orderly manner and pleasant neighborhoods such as your own will be created.

Of course, the town is a small part of the process. Developers and builders are the ones who jump through the hoops, pay all the extraordinary costs and take all the risks to see a development through to completion. It is not unheard of for a project to be taken so far by one owner only to be taken over by a new group because the first has lost his shirt in the process.

I do not see human habitat as a blight on the landscape and home builders as public enemies. The old character-laden streets of this old town were built by developers...without the aid of planners and consultants and municipal politicians. In fact, a number of houses in Aurora were built by the man responsible for the Empire State building in New York.

There is nothing accidental or coincidental about the character of the place you have chosen to raise your

It is the result of an unbroken tradition of commitment to the importance of creating an environment conducive to the safe, healthy, and real purpose of life itself.

Through the generations many thousands have been proud to call Aurora home. You are not the first and you will not be the last and as one who was here before you, I bid you welcome; enjoy it as I do, and be thankful to those who came before.

Evelyn Buck Aurora

Voter turnout disappointing, reader states

Open letter to Councillor Ron Wallace.

First of all let me congratulate you on your reelection to council, a well deserved vote of support for a job well done, and second, let me tell you how disappointed I am knowing that only 32 per cent of eligible voters decided to cast their ballots in our town.

The lack of civic commitment and respect for our institutions is not new but is getting worse.

I doubt very much that, as it happened in the past, the new generations of Canadians will have the courage or will to risk their lives or sacrifice their comfort for their fellow citizens and country if they won't even participate in local government elections.

Remembrance Day should be an everyday event.

Have a good day and congratulations again.

Miguel Gómez-Arboccó Aurora



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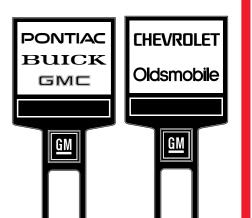


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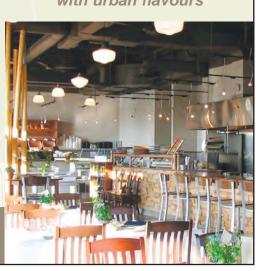
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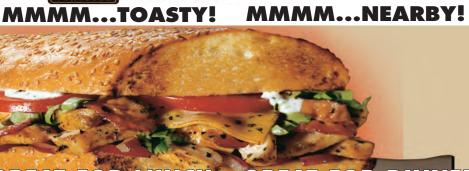
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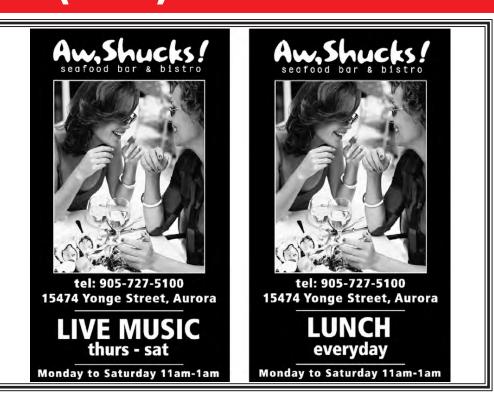
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Week of November 25, 2003

"Slumping" Tigers dump Wexford

The Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey club welcomed former Assistant Coach Steve Cooke and his Wexford Raiders to the Aurora Community Centre Friday night for their only visit to Aurora this season.

The Tigers had something to prove as the Raiders handed Aurora with its only loss during their exhibition season back in September.

And, for some reason, Aurora thinks it's still in a

It's a strange feeling when a slump consists of a 3-2 loss, a shutout win, and a 6-1 victory which was Aurora's record leading up to Friday's encounter.

If that's what the Aurora

hockey rivals, the Georgetown Raiders and the Wellington Dukes, should be worried.

"We haven't played as well as we wanted to the past few games," Sean Scully

On Friday night, the Tigers stung Wexford with an 8-2 victory after leading just 2-1 at the beginning of the third.

"We bounced back pretty well tonight," Michael Kostka announced.

Rookie defenceman Derek Joslin got things going with a power play goal at 4:04 of the first. Ten minutes later, Jesse Olden added his first goal since

returning from an injury. Wexford scored the lone goal of the second as Chris D'Alvise caught a rebound in front of the net and put it before goalie Chris Whitley could pounce on the loose puck. Wexford goaltender Bryn Davies stopped all 18 shots in the period and took the bite out of the Tigers' attack.

By the third frame, however, the Tigers had figured out Davies.

Sean Scully opened the third period scoring a minute into the stanza.

Joel Kitchen added another a minute after that and Scully scored his second of the night, on the power play, less than two minutes after

Then, Aurora relented and Wexford took advantage scoring its second goal of

Alex LaLonde didn't let them get away easy as he scored a pair late in the period. Bahen capped things off with 20 seconds

Three Tigers, LaLonde, Scully, and Francis Walker scored three points while Bahen added a goal and an assist. Scully was named Player of the Game.

The Tigers played Monday night against the Thornhill Islanders for the first time since their narrow 4-3 victory back in October, but results were not available by press time.

A Saturday game against Huntsville was cancelled after that team withdrew from the league about 10 days ago.

The Tigers continue their

before returning to play at 8 p.m. **MONDAY NIGHT**

HOCKEY

Sunday away game against Couchiching Terriers,

the North York Rangers Friday, December 5th at

Standings, as of Nov. 17

TEAM	W	L	Т	GF	GA	PTS
Highland Chev Olds Cadillac	6	1	1	36	22	13
Priestly Demolition	6	2	0	25	23	12
Rec Cycle N' Sports	4	2	2	35	27	10
Tom & Jerry's	5	3	0	29	24	10
J.J. Barron Realty	4	3	1	35	36	9
Law Insurance Brokers	4	4	0	32	32	8
FPL Aggregates	1	7	0	7	24	2
Masterclean Contracting	0	8	0	21	41	0

Results, Nov. 17

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Priestly Demolition	6	Highland Chev Olds	5
Rec Cycle N' Sports	3	J.J. Barron Realty	3
Law Insurance	2	Tom & Jerry's	4
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Weller says new complex should house three rinks

If former Aurora councillor Norm Weller had his way, the proposed east end recreation complex wouldn't even resemble what is being planned.

Weller told a public open meeting last house Tuesday, that the ice surface at the Leisure Complex should be closed and the new complex should have three, instead of two, rinks.

He also said the new complex, which will be constructed on Wellington St. E., west of Leslie Street, should house an Olympicsized swimming pool, with smaller planned pools moved to the Leisure Complex.

But officials maintain that any change in planning would only delay construction, which is expected to produce two ice rinks by the fall of 2005 and a swimming pool shortly thereafter.

Tuesday's meeting was a mild affair compared with the first meeting last September when more than 125 enthusiastic sports supporters attended.

Fewer than 20 were at the meeting Tuesday.

At the last council meeting, councillors endorsed the continued refinement of a schematic design for the complex subject to the public meeting.

Most of the discussion concerned a request from the Aurora Swim Club for eight pool lanes rather than six, and the location of the proposed youth centre.

Director of Leisure Services Allan Downey said he hoped the two proposed ice pads would be operational in late 2005.

Gary Stanhope, the senior project manager engaged by the town to oversee the project, introduced architect Bob Goveche who is assisting the project manager and the town's staff building committee and promised to keep the lines of communication open.

He presented a schematic design of what was being proposed and, after obtaining more information from stakeholders and the public, would be converted into a floor plan, with estimated costs, to be presented to council in January.

Following approval by

council, he said a request for proposals for an architectural firm to develop the design for a tender call would be issued, with phased construction to provide the ice pads by the fall of 2005 and the swimming pool to follow.

It was an aggressive schedule, he said, and any changes along the way would delay the project.

Goyeche provided details of the proposed design and how the elements related to each other. He noted that provision was being made to expand the two ice pads to four if required, with seating for 200 to 300 in each

educators recommend martial

arts training.

area on a mezzanine level. At the request of the Swim Club, council will be provided with information for both a six and eight-lane pool.

In addition to the main tank, a learning pool and a leisure pool were included for all age groups, and it's those facilities Weller would like to see added to the pool at the Leisure Complex.

Weller said construction shouldn't proceed just because of a schedule.

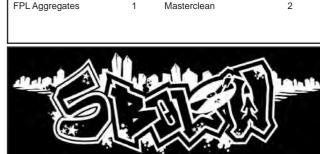
"It's important to get it right," he said.

The next step will be a presentation of a proposed floor plan and cost estimate to council in January.

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Skating results from Keswick competitions

Aurora Skating Club members achieved the following results at Keswick Invitational Competition 2003 this past weekend.

Hailey Riggs - Introductory Ladies Element Program flt 1: 3rd.

Robyn Kosmidis - Pre-Preliminary 1 Ladies flt 2: 6th. Hailey Riggs - Pre-Preliminary 1 Ladies flt 1: 5th. Jordana Goldman - Pre-preliminary 2 Ladies flt 2:

Emma Slimkowich - Pre-preliminary 2 Ladies flt 1: 2nd.

Kate Sutton - Pre-preliminary 1 Ladies flt 1: 2nd.
Caden Armstrong - Preliminary Men flt 1: 2nd.
Allie Sutton - Preliminary Ladies flt 4: 3rd.
Maya Goldman - Pre-Juvenile Ladies Flt: 14th.
Chelsea Kerr - Juvenile Ladies flt: 15th.
Meaghan Jones - Junior Bronze Ladies flt 3: 2nd.
Fayme Cockshutt - Junior Bronze Ladies flt 5: 4th.
Emma Hayzelden - Junior Bronze Ladies flt 6: 3rd.
Amy Thompson - Junior Bronze Ladies flt 4: 2nd.
Emma Hayzelden - Junior Bronze Ladies Element
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Michelle Wong - Senior Bronze Ladies flt 4: 2nd. Michelle Wong - Senior Bronze Ladies Element Program flt: 22nd.

"Bring a friend" day

The Aurora Skating Club held an interesting "Bring A Friend" event at the Leisure Complex Saturday, and, as is evident by the above photograph, several friends showed up for the activities. Included in the program was this on-ice basketball game, seen in the photo at left. Lucas Kirilenko shows his stuff as Aurora Skating Club's Caylin Butlen looks on.

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St. Andrew's wins 7-6

Anton Bennett, a 15-year-old Saint and special teams star, returned a kickoff 101 yards for the only touch-down as Aurora's St. Andrew's College football team rallied for a 7-6 win over the Markham Marauders in the Golden Horseshoe Bowl-East final at the SkyDome in Toronto Thursday.

Tim Birkett's convert earned St. Andrew's their second title in three years. The Marauders, meanwhile, are now 0-3 in the championship.

Alex Chomyn, of Markham, was the first to score.

His kick passed through the uprights for a 25-yard field goal with 41 seconds remaining in the third quarter

Fortunately for the Saints, Bennett, replacing injured running back Billy Burke, came up with the winning touchdown shortly thereafter.

Chomyn ended a 13-play drive with a 12-yard field goal to bring the Marauders to within a point of tying the game with 6:42 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Birkett was named special teams Most Valuable Player for his spectacular kickoff return.



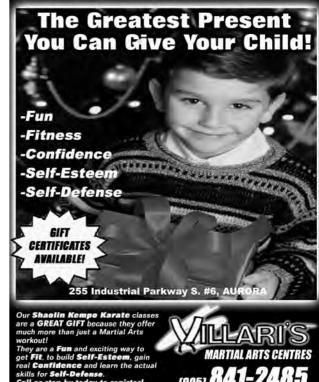
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Aurora Minor Hockey Association

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102 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Black) 8: Dakota Stone 2G 1A, Spencer Green 2G, Kyle Locke 1G, Parker Baile 1G, Scott Kostin 1G, Ryan Knight 1G, Morgan Walker 1A, Eric Middleton 1A. 108 TIM HORTON'S -TIMBITS (Maroon) 8: Connor Graham 3G 1A Kyle. Strachan 1G 1A, Joshua Wilson 1G, Austin Persaud 1G, Joshua Bell 1G, Alexander Jonasson 1G, Mitchell Srouji 1A, Connor Cowl 1A.

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Select **Exhibition Games**

Tyke 6 Vaughan Rangers 3

Liam Coll 2G, Connor Graham 1G, Jerryd Jensen 1G 1A,

SHREDDING COMPANY 4: Justin Killens 2G, Brenden Lukezic 1G 2A, Konner McMillan 1G 1A, Novice AA 6 Whitby 5 Cameron Meikle 1G, Michael Moody 1G, Michael Shannon Murray 2A, Quentin Campbell 1A, Branden

Tyke 2 Vaughan Rangers 2

Clarington 3 Tyke 0

Tyke 14 Uxbridge Bruins 0

Brendan Lukezic 5G 2A, Connor Graham 2G 1A, Liam Coll 2G 1A, Spencer Green 2G, Branden Fennell 1G 2A, Shannon Murray 1G, Jack Caldwell 1G, Jerryd Jensen 7A, Jordyn Thomson 4A, Jordan Nanos 2A, Konner McMillan 2A, Matthew Iwai 2A, Sean O'Donnell 1A, Brian Langdon, shutout.

Novice 3 Uxbridge 1

Zachary Kercz 1G 1A, Eric Bulloch 2G 1A, Heather Tillsley 2A.

Novice 2 Uxbridge 2

Quincy Ing 1G 1A, Colton Lee 1G, Zachary Kercz 1A, Erik Kimmerer 1A.

Select League Games

Novice 7 Oshawa 2

Zachary Ferry 2G, Eric Bulloch 2G, Hayden Trask 2G, Liam Devlin 1G, 1A, Stuart Mattila 1A, Jake Martin 2A, Erik Kimmerer 1A, Colton Lee 2A, Zachary Kercz 1A,

Novice 5 Pickering 0

Heather Tillsley 1G 1A, Eric Bulloch 1G, Stuart Mattila 1G 1A, Colton Lee 1G, Zachary Ferry 1G 1A, Zachary Kercz 2A, Jake Martin 1A.

Novice 3 Unionville 3

Erik Kimmerer 1G, Eric Bulloch 2G, Matthew Pryse 1A.

Novice 9 Pickering 0

Colton Lee 4G, Hayden Trask 1G, Zach Ferry 1G 3A, Zachary Kercz 2G 1A, Liam Devlin 1G, Evan Romano 1A, Ryan Baskin 2A, Eric Bulloch 3A, Quincy Ing 3A, Connor Moody 1A, Matthew Pryse 1A.

Novice 5 Uxbridge 4

Hayden Trask 2G 1A, Zachary Ferry 1G, Matthew Pryse 1G, Zachary Kercz 1G, Eric Bulloch 2A.

Tournament Games

Minor Peewee A 7 Orleans Blues 0

Geoff Gianopoulos 2G, Jeffery Sanderson 2G 1A, Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Stephen DiNallo 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1G, Michael McGolrick 2A, Aaron Beally 1A, Sean Ellison 1A, Evan Casselden 1A, Paul

Keilty 1A, Derrick Hamner 1A, Ernesto Spagnuolo, shutout.

Kitchener Jr. Rangers 3 Minor Peewee A 1

Derrick Hamner 1G, Paul Keilty 1A, Corey Jeffery 1A.

League Games

Novice AA 5 Richmond Hill 0

1G, Cameron Harris 1G, Tyler Cattapan 1G, Robert Fennell 1G, Stefan Lazzer 1G, Burke White 1G, Trevor Peewee AA 3 Barrie 1 Quinn McGowan 1A, Kevin Casey 1A.

Vaughan 9 Novice AA 1

Connor Fennell 1G, Mac Lemmon 1A, Quinn McGowan

Georgina 4 Novice AA 1

Vaughan 4 Novice AA 1

Mac Lemmon 1G, Cameron Nuttall 1A.

Mac Lemmon 1G, Burke White 1A, William Reid 1A.

Barrie 4 Novice AA 3

Eric Ludwig 1G, Burke White 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G, Trevor George 1A, Connor Fennell 1A.

Novice AA 4 Aiax 2

Graeme Allison 1G 1A, Cameron Nuttall 1G 1A, Eric Damecour 1G 1A, Mackenzie Lemmon 1G, Quinn McGowan 1A, Burke White 1A.

Cameron Nuttall1G 1A, Eric Ludwig 1G 1A, Trevor George 1G 1A, Quinn McGowan 1G, Mackenzie Lemmon 1G, Kiefer McIntosh 1G, Burke White 1A, Connor Fennell 2A. Graeme Allison 1A.

Georgina 2 Novice AA 1

Burke White 1G, Eric Ludwig 1A.

Minor Atom A 1 TNT Tornados 0

Trevor Best 1G, Ethan Benson 1A, Ryan Kaszuba, shutout.

Andrew Papousek 3G 1A, Nick Heintzman 1G, Devin Watson 1G, Brian Puskar 3A, Cooper Riswick 1A.

Atom A 8 Georgina 0

Ryan Antoniel 1A, Tristan Miller 1A, Jack Steffan 1A, Jonathan Poulakos 1A.

Cary Byron, shutout, Denis Casey 2G 1A, Kamran

Karamchi 1G 1A, Spencer George 2G, Brandon Pedersen

1G 2A, Matthew Miller 1G 2A, Danny McConnell 1G,

Oak Ridges 3 Atom A 2

Denis Casey 1G, Matthew Miller 1G, Tristan Miller 1A, Brandon Pedersen 1A, Tyler Jensen 1A.

Richmond Hill 6 Minor Peewee AA 4

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

Minor Peewee AA 6 Oshawa 5

1A, Joshua Herrington 1G, Spencer Arkell 2A, Nathan Brown 1A, Dillon Cappell 1A, Lois Lamanna 1A, James Mildon 1A, Jordan Tripp 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A.

Justin Brown 2G 1A, Max Lerner 2G, Luke MacLeod 1G

Minor Peewee AA 4 Whitby 3

Kevin Zacharuk 1G 1A, Spencer Arkell 1G, Nathan Brown 1G, Luke MacLeod 1G, Jordon Tripp 2A, Max Lerner 1A, Joshua Herrington 1A.

Georgina 6 Minor Peewee AA 2

Dillon Cappell 2G, Joshua Herrington 1A.

Minor Peewee A 6 Innisfil 1

Jeffery Sanderson 2G, Michael McGolrick 2G, Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Derrick Hamner 1G 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1A, Paul Keilty 2A, Corey Jeffery 2A, Jake Boyle 2A, Ryan Jones 2A. Sean Ellison 1A.

Minor Peewee A 2 TNT 1

Derrick Hamner 1G, Taylor Nuttall 1G, Paul Keilty 1A, Stephen DiNallo 1A, Dylan Cross 1A, Jeffery Sanderson

Newmarket 5 Minor Peewee AE 1

Oliver Boettcher 1G, Michael Delplavignano 1A, Evan

Minor Peewee AE 5 Richmond Hill 1

Matthew Semeredy 1G, Michael Delplavignano 1G, Tyler Tisdale 2G, Andrew McKay 1G, Conor Sheridan 1A, Shawn Clark 1A, Sean Agostino 1A, Oliver Boettcher 2A, Patrick Lee 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 6 East Gwillimbury 0

Oliver Boettcher 3G 2A, Sean Agostino 1G 2A, Conor Sheridan 1G, Andrew McKay 1G, Patrick Lee 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Myles Fisher, shutout.

Johnny Borsellino 1G 1A, Tyler Hanlon 2A, Sean Fennell 1 G. Marcus Tocchet 1G.

Peewee AE 11 Markham 3

David Iwai 4G, Greg Buchner 3G 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 1G 2A, Curtis Hough 1G 1A, Cory Blom 1G 2A, Ethan Shore 1G, Adam Bloom 3A, Ryan Crockett 2A, Scott Quagliarini 3A, Mathew Hillar 1A, Chris Burns 1A.

Peewee AE 10 Stouffville 1

David Iwai 3G, Ethan Shore 3G, Adam Bloom 1G 2A, Mathew Scrimes 1G, Chris Burns 1G 1A, Trevor McCartney 1G 3A, Curtis Hough 1A, Greg Buchner 1A, Scott Quagliarini 2A, Andrew Mangialardi 1A.

Stouffville Clippers 5 Midget A 1

Chris Statchuk 1G, Mark Jarman 1A.

Midget A 4 Markham Waxers 0

Bryan Hillar, shutout, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 3G, Ryan Kines 3A, Mark Jarman 1G, Steven Black 1A, Matt Cundari 1A, Mark Smith 1A.

Scenes from Aurora's Santa Claus Parade



Rob Schuetze and Ron Wallace

RUMOURS AND RUMBLINGS

Aurora's Library Square goes round and round

Several community groups are waiting for council to make up its mind as to the future of the town-owned buildings located in the Library Square.

A lease has been recently signed with the Aurora Historical Society for the Church Street School, so that's out of the mix, and Victoria Hall has seldom been mentioned.

The old library and Seniors Centre on Victoria Street are still waiting for a decision.

Back in February, 1979, council of the day was having similar problems making up its mind.

By a 4-3 vote Aurora Council delayed making a decision on the use of the buildings until more information was obtained, especially on the old school.

The Diamond report, which cost about \$5,000, advised council it would cost about \$700,000 to make the historic building structurally safe for a cultural and recreation centre.

WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

It wasn't an April Fool's joke but in April, 1984, the town discovered that almost \$8,000 was missing from the Community Centre accounts and a police investigation was unable to determine what happened to the funds.

Council approved an auditor's recommendation that a complete inventory be taken of town-owned equipment, with spot checks to be carried out periodically.

A more detailed invoice system was implemented and controls were tightened.

Many of the auditor's recommendations had been made previously in a 1981 report and there was no record of that report ever discussed or action taken by council.

ST. JOHN'S SIDEROAD ALWAYS CONTROVERSIAL

Back in April. 1983, the condition of the St. John's Sideroad was in the news and there was a dispute as to whether the town or the contractor was at fault.

At that time the road was closed for the construction of the York Durham Sewage System, known as The Big Pipe.

The previous council had entered into a contract with the construction company specifying if they supplied the gravel the town would supply the grader and neither side lived up to the bargain.

The town claimed the construction company had not supplied enough gravel, and in addition, the consulting engineer was working for both the town and the Ministry of the Environment, causing a conflict of interest.

The condition of the road was brought to council's attention when a resident complained the road was so bad with mud and potholes, a delivery man had refused to drive on it.

REMEMBERING THE TAX BITE

Paying the federal GST in addition to the PST, adds 15 per cent to the purchase price, and while nobody likes the tax bite, it's paid now without too much grumbling.

Back in August, 1989, the Mulroney government imposed the GST to become effective January 1, 1991, and it was not well received, especially by Aurora restaurant operators.

They claimed it was an unfair and confusing tax that the government rammed down their throats.

Art Hedgecoe, owner of Art and Ivy's Mr. Chips, predicted he would lose business. Debbie Ground, owner of Whiskers on Wellington wanted to join a group to fight the outrageous tax.

Kathy Sedgwick, co-owner of Luncheons said a tax on food was completely nonsensical and Katie Badali, manager of Pamateer's, said it would affect business and people had only so much money to spend.

By a 7-2 vote Aurora Council submitted a resolution to the Prime Minister's office that the municipality strongly opposed the GST and requested action to eliminate the new and burdensome tax.

THE GST required municipalities to collect the tax on services they supply to the public, such as recreational programs and facilities.

In October, 1990, Liberal Leader Jean Chretien promised to scrap the tax if elected. He said he was opposed to it and had always been opposed to it, as it was regressive and discriminatory. He's been PM for 10 years and we still have the GST. So much for an election promise!

And, by the way, none of the businesses mentioned above is in business today.

WHEN THE FALCONS FLEW INTO AURORA

It was in July, 1990, when five young peregrine falcons flew into Aurora, but in a plane, as the birds from Alberta were too

They were in town as guests of the Ministry of Natural Resources at their Bloomington and Yonge offices.

The falcons would live for a few weeks in a specialty-designed box that provides food and shelter and once their plumage had fully developed, the box, located on the roof of the building, would be opened.

The peregrine falcons are on Ontario's endangered species list and the Aurora program was part of a larger re-introduction

The Aurora Friends of Nature assisted the ministry in spotting the birds during their fist few days of flight, traditionally a time when they are most susceptible to accidents.



St. Andrew's Aubrey

Aurora's St. Andrew's College held a special service last week for Aubrey Foy, who died unexpectedly at his home in Val-des-Monts, Quebec.

He was 60.

The highly talented musician has been a cornerstone of the private boys' school since 1976, when he joined as head of the music department, and had served the last 10 years as Admission Office director prior to his retirement four months ago.

For 17 years, he was housemaster of Flavelle House at the college, and spearheaded the introduction of the computer network in the school. He also managed the pipe and drum band for five years in the mid-90s.

The son of Eleanor and the late Archdeacon George Foy, Aubrey was choir director at Aurora United Church and was well known throughout Jason. Aurora's music circles.

He is survived by his wife Daphne Card, and children Andrea, Christina, Michael and

Studying in the United Kingdom, at the time, Aubrey was the youngest member of the Royal College of Organists.



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Colourful and Christmasy was the order of the day Saturday, as the Town of Aurora's TOAST (Town of Aurora Staff Together) committee held its 4th annual craft show at the Leisure Complex. Set up and waiting for customers were Aurora's Jane Thompson of First Impressions, top photo, and Lynda Ward of Doggie Delight, a new business just opened in Oak Ridges. Business was brisk throughout the day. Proceeds went to the Children's Aid Society.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace

Letter to the Editor

This type of leadership is needed

Open letter to John West:

Regarding your election pamphlet just received, I was impressed by your public service record and noted with interest your claim that "the position of Councillor in Aurora needs an individual who can offer leadership in a firm, yet non-confrontational manner".

Yes, indeed, I would say,

but not only in Aurora.

Take, for example, the persistent claim that federal and provincial governments are notoriously underfunding essential public ser-

My feeling here is that no matter how impossible this may seem, stronger selfcontrol over the rate of spending by all involved at the community level would help stabilize the employment situation and governments might then become more responsive to social unrest.

a resident of

Richmond Hill, I regret my

inability to give you anything other than moral support.

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Lillian Lubbock

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pupils were twins John and Mandy Jeffs, who currently operate Park Place Manor and Resthaven retirement homes.

Lillian moved back to Aurora after Harold's death in 1977 and has lived at Park Place Manor since 1993.

She still belongs to the United Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She loves to read and explains its lifelong appeal.

"My mother used to tell me I always had my nose in a book. I still can't live without books.'

She attributes her good health and long life to "healthy farm living," as a child and has a simple piece of advice for those at an earlier point in the journey.

"Get out and do things," she said.

For Lillian Lubbock, it's not just advice, but the way that she's lived all of her 100 years.

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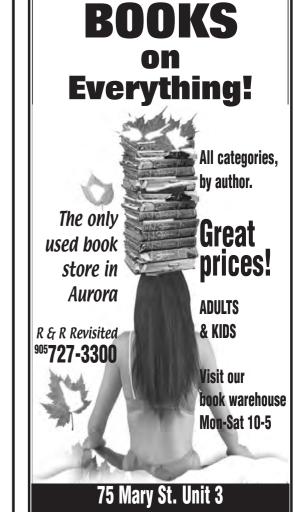
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nusual Chamber speaker

From page 3 Toronto Sun more than 20 years ago.

Her original Intimacies column broke new ground in newspapers in Canada and the U.S. as one of the first newspaper columns written by a woman about sex and relationships from a personal point of view.

She said that in many ways she was a pioneer and pushed the envelope in journalism. Some of the Sun's companion papers have refused to carry her column.

One of her husbands was a professional scuba diver and she decided to become one, too.

Once again she was told

it was a man's profession and women didn't belong and that "I should sit on the beach and make coffee", but eventually she was accepted and became a professional scuba driver.

She spoke about her daughter and how she wanted her to have a full life including sexuality, if she wanted to, which horrified some of her friends and colleagues.

Her wide-ranging adventures and fascinating experiences were related in a humorous manner and it was obvious that she is a strong advocate of love, sex and relationships and that aging can be exciting and

fulfilling.

After seeing a number of movies in which older men always finished up with younger women, she wrote a book titled "Cougar: A Guide for Older Women Dating Younger Men".

Prior to the luncheon, members of the Voices of Joy Choir, directed by Linda Middlebrook, entertained the audience.

Chamber President Brian North announced that space for the April Home and Garden Show was half gone.

Street Festival booths are also beginning to sell for that major annual event, being held next year on June 6.

Last week's meeting was held at King's Riding Golf Club on Bathurst Street.

Raffle prize

The Aurora Legion Ladies Auxiliary is working hard these days selling raffle tickets on a queen sized

Someone will own it December 2.

The quilt, created in Aurora, was made by Sandra Reed.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Legion Bursary Fund.

They sell for \$2 each or three for \$5, and are available at the Legion premises on Industrial Parkway North.



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