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First night

The weather wasn't co-operative as far as the sleigh rides were concerned, but hundreds found plenty to do last Wednesday night as the Town of Aurora held its annual First Night event. Julia Kavanagh, 3, left, and her sister Cayley, 7, busied themselves making a New Year's tiara. Skating and swimming were free and the sleigh was replaced with a wagon.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Busy time in Aurora during the past year

It was a busy 2003 in and around the Town of Aurora.

Auroran reporter Dick Illingworth, in this first of a two-part series, looks at the events which shaped the town from January through June.

Part Two will be printed next

Briefly

Police calendar

The York Regional Police Community Services Bureau released its 2004 community calendar last week and it is available in Aurora.

They are in great abundance at the Aurora Town Hall and the Aurora Public Library.

The full-colour calendar contains valuable contact information, crime prevention and traffic safety tips and multicultural faith dates.

The calendar also highlights the important initiatives by York Regional Police, such as Police Week.

For more information, contact the Public Affairs office at 905-881-1221, ext. 7977.

week.

The year 2003 started off with Aurora Council sharpening its pencil in an attempt to reduce the first draft of the 2003 budget, up 17.7 per cent over 2002 at \$17.1 million.

York Region was going through a similar exercise with police taking 27 cents out of the tax dollar and 20 cents going to Toronto to help pay for social services.

Unless changes were made it was forecast that the average regional taxpayer would get hit with a \$67 to \$80 increase, plus any town increase.

There was, however, good news for pedestrians trying to cross at Yonge and Wellington as the region was testing a new pedestrian countdown signal at the intersection, which reported seconds remaining until the light changed.

Also dealing with intersections, York Regional Council adopted a bylaw under the Highway Traffic Act prohibiting motorists from

blocking intersections at signalized corners.

With the on-going growth of both Aurora and Newmarket, the Central York Fire Services continued to expand with council authority to hire 23 new firefighters in 2003, four immediately and 19 in September. More than 600 applications were received for the positions.

The second draft of the 2003 Aurora budget was \$15.5 million representing an increase of 5.8 per cent or about \$49 on the average home. The fiscal pressures driving up the budget were shown as cost increases for fire protection, waste management and service improvements for the library.

During the public meeting on the budget, it was suggested that the library be opened on Mondays, but this was defeated by council on a 5-4 vote.

After more than 130 years as a

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Off-site meeting starts on Friday

Aurora councillors and several town department heads will meet this weekend in an out-of-town location, but the decision to do so didn't come easily.

In what was one of the most heated debates to take place in the council chambers over the years, the new council at their first meeting of a three-year term set a new record, or came close to doing so. It was municipal government at its worst.

Mayor Tim Jones in a memo to

all members of council followed up on a suggestion made at the new council orientation session that there appeared to be a desire from the majority of members to organize a council/senior management team off-site workshop in January.

The purpose of the workshop was to review the number of issues facing council in the new term so that by gaining insight

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Dozen charities share \$1.8 million as 10-year family trust matures

ED. NOTE: A family trust fund, established by Mildred Graham in 1993 expired in November, 2003. Twelve local charities (they're listed below) will equally share \$1.8 million from the fund. Lawyer Thomas McPherson of Aurora has been one of the trustees of the Copson-Graham Family Trust and his firm has provided the following article to the Auroran. It appears below in its entirety.

The Graham family and the Copson family had farms at the corner of the St. John's Sideroad and Bathurst Street in the Township of King.

Henry White Copson (1837-1919) purchased the farm and he and his descendants continued farming for over 120 years.

Mildred Graham and her brothers, George and Willard, and her sisters, Muriel and Sadie, lived on the farm at the south-east corner of the St. John's Sideroad and Bathurst Street for almost the entire century.

Mildred Graham died on June 28th, 1995, and her Will provided for \$100,000 each for Aurora High School and Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School for graduates entering university, who, in the opinion of the Director of Education, the manager of the Bank of Montreal, and the principal of the school, combine excellence in academics, athletics and

citizenship.

Mildred Graham established The Copson-Graham Family Trust in 1993 for ten years to November 2003. Twelve of the many organizations which she had supported during her lifetime benefitted from the disbursement of this trust.

Mildred Graham had worked with J.M. Walton, a long-established lawyer in Aurora prior to World War II. (ED. NOTE: J.M. Walton was also mayor of Aurora from 1923 to 1928 and again in 1939-40).

Mildred sang in the choir at the Aurora United Church and she and her family had an active rela

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Mildred Graham



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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

CONTINUING

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

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

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

Until April 15th winter on-street parking restrictions in effect to enable snow plowing crews to clear the roadways.

The Women's Centre of York Region is offering a free program called Enterprising Women, which helps women successfully start their own business. Orientation sessions will be held Jan. 13, 15, and 22, and classes start Feb. 3. For more info and to register for an orientation session, call the Women's Centre at 905-727-5837.

The Aurora Youth Basketball League starts and continues 17 weeks until May 15th for youths 7-16 years. Players will practice one night per week, then play a game against another team each Saturday. Ages are broken down into three categories. Cost is \$165.75. Call 905-841-7529 for more information.

JANUARY 11

Join Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP and Minister of Finance Greg Sorbara at his Community Skating Party from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Family Leisure Complex.

JANUARY 12

Join the popular University Lecture Series offered by the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies at the Aurora Public Library. The series features 10 different lecturers who will provide cutting-edge analysis and commentary on current issues from politics to religion, literature and medicine on Mondays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. until March 15th. Call 416-978-2400 to register.

JANUARY 13

The Aurora library, partnering with York Region Health Services, presents "Asthma And Children", a one-hour workshop. 7 p.m., Lebovic Room. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493.

Aurora Council meets in the chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Come out and see your new council in action or watch it on Aurora Cable Internet at 9 p.m. January 13 and 5 p.m. the following day.

JANUARY 20

Aurora Council meets in general committee at 7 p.m. in the council chambers. Committee meetings are not telecast, but are open to the public.

JANUARY 21

The Aurora Public Library and Aurora Cable Internet team up to teach computer viruses and the Norton Anti-Virus software solution with its advantages and disadvantages. Lebovic Room 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To reserve call 727-9493 or visit www.aci.on.ca to register online.

JANUARY 23

Opening night for Theatre Aurora's production of the mystery/thriller "Communicating Doors" by Alan Ayckbourn. In 2014 a prostitute arrives at a hotel to meet an old man who

wants to confess his part in the murder of his two wives. As the prostitute tries to escape this madness she goes through the hotel suites communicating doors and meets the two wives. The play is part science fiction, part mystery with a nifty twist at the end. Continues until February 7. Call 907-727-3669 for tickets.

JANUARY 27

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

JANUARY 28

Public planning council meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

JANUARY 30

For teenagers 14 to 18 enjoy a Snowboard and Ski Trip to carve up the slopes at Mt. St. Louis/Moonstone. Bus departs from the Leisure Complex at 8 a.m. arriving back about 6 p.m. As there are no rentals, participants must provide their own equipment. Cost is \$40. Register at the Leisure Complex.

FEBRUARY 14

The York Symphony Orchestra features "Orchestral Images" at 8 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora. Works include Chabrier, Khachaturian, Elgar, Debussy and Respighi. Call 416-410-0860

FEBRUARY 18

Fizzical Fizzicks, a show on motion, will be presented by the Parents Without Partners Pine Ridge Chapter at Aurora High School at 7 p.m. For further information and tickets, call 1-800-419-7383. All seats \$9.

- With files from Info Aurora

Council starts off-site meeting this weekend

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and perspective on council's approach to the issues would help in making decisions on issues as they arise during the term.

Staff carried out preliminary research and confirmed the availability of the Nottawasaga Inn near Alliston for the workshop which will begin Friday evening and end at noon Sunday.

Committee structure, growth issues and upcoming facility construction were suggested as items for discussion.

It was pointed out that no decisions would be made at the workshop, but left to council meetings at a later date.

Councillor Nigel Kean started the debate expressing concern about the \$8,000 to \$10,000 estimated cost of the off-site workshop, when it could be held at the Town Hall.

Councillor Phyllis Morris agreed the meeting should be held at the Town Hall and that it be open to the public.

Councillor John West

said the off-site workshop had gone on for a number of years and cost of the previous one was only \$4,600. He said it was an opportunity to get to know each other and that each councillor had a conference/workshop budget.

Town Treasurer Allan Evelyn advised that all members of council have a budget of \$2,000 a year for conferences and that on average only about 10 per cent is used.

West added that in-town meetings didn't work as councillors kept popping in and out dealing with other issues.

Kean referred to the off-site meeting held three years ago and it hadn't done any good during the last term. Morris wanted to know if it was a regular or a special meeting of council to which Jones replied it wasn't a council meeting but a workshop.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said council had always made allowances for members to attend conferences and it was a learning experience and

she had no objection to the proposal, and if members didn't want to attend they didn't have to, but by attending they would be much better informed.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner expressed concern about the cost and the transparency of the meeting.

Councillor Ron Wallace said he had attended two such workshops and found them most worthwhile and if it was a matter of cost, he would pay his own way.


Morris continued stating it was a meeting and if such items as committee structure were to be discussed, it was a policy issue that should be

dealt with at a council meeting.

Councillor Bill Hogg said three issues were being discussed, the agenda, cost and whether it was a meeting or not. He stressed that an off-site meeting was critical as it allowed councillors to think outside the box and such a workshop had been agreed to at the orientation session.

A motion that the meeting be held in the Town Hall was defeated by a 6-3 vote.

In spite of Morris' objection that the workshop be held in Aurora the motion to hold the workshop off-site was adopted on a 5-3 vote.

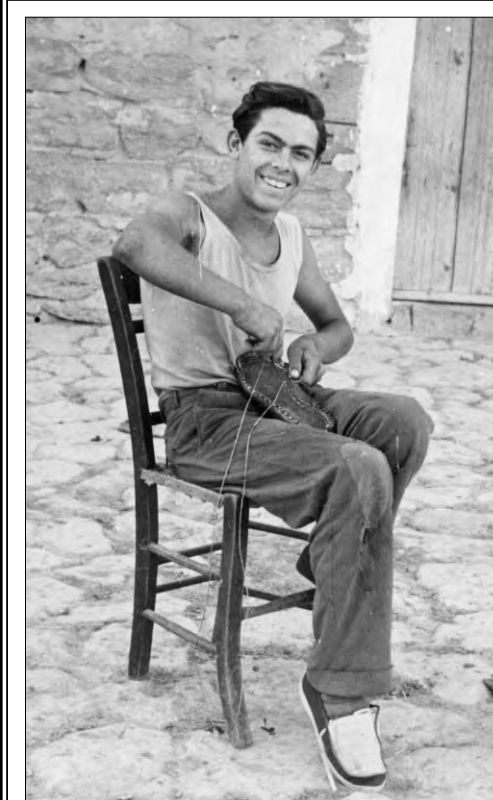


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Local architect not short-listed for new building

Dennis Tanaka, a well-known Newmarket architect, addressed the last Aurora Council meeting of 2003, but didn't get what he was after.

Tanaka's firm missed a site meeting for architects bidding on the proposed seniors' centre and thought his reasons for his not showing up were valid.

He wanted council to include his name to the short-list of architects.

He said that while his firm had submitted a proposal on time on December 4, 2003, as required, his staff did not attend a mandatory site meeting a week earlier.

He also said he was not aware a Request for Proposal had been issued and only learned about it after the mandatory meeting date.

He added that he did not understand why his firm's non-attendance should disqualify him since he had been unofficially selected as the architect for the restoration and conversion to senior space in the old library building and it was his understanding at the time that the selected architect would continue to be the architect even if a new seniors centre was built.

He pointed out that he had carried out several projects for the town including the Church Street School, Family Leisure Complex and the Works Department and asked that his firm be considered.

In response to a question Director of Leisure Services Allan Downey replied the Request for Proposal had been advertised in the Daily Commercial News, on the Aurora web site and on the Town Notice Board

Councillor Nigel Kean said that while he had sympathy for Tanaka, if his request was accepted it would open a can of worms and the staff report should be accepted.

In response to a question if any other firms had enquired about being listed after the deadline, Downey said he had received two calls and advised them it was too late, and to add anyone would require that the bylaw be waived.

On a vote of 6-2, council adopted the Kean motion that no additions be made to the staff report.

The report requested approval of the short list of four firms and requested authority to commence the interview process and asked if members of council wished to participate in the interview process.

Councillor Evelyn Buck

said council members should have some input into the design of the building and wanted to know when the design would be discussed in council before an architect was hired.

Staff replied that a full report and budget would be available for discussion at the January 20 general committee meeting.

Town names three streets

Council has approved three new street names for Aurora.

The street running north off Wellington Street East west of Highway 404 leading into the Whitwell/State Farm business park has been named First Commerce Drive and a street leading off to the left has been named State Farm Boulevard.

The access road leading into the new regional water treatment facility on the site of the old sewage treatment facility has been named Water Well Lane.

It leads south from Aurora Heights Drive east of the Community Centre.



Prestigious Plate

Aurora Legion Veteran Don Dempsey admires his new license plate, the first veterans' personalized plate in the province (as the number would suggest). Dempsey just happened to be in the right place at the right time. Ontario Minister of Transportation Harinder Takhar was in Aurora to present a mock-up license plate to Ontario Provincial Command, which just happens to be located right next to the Aurora Legion. Dempsey was asked to join a colour party for the presentation, and he filled out the first application at that time for a new plate. The Minister returned to Aurora to make the official presentation last week. About 3,500 have applied for the veterans' personalized plates.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Secret legal opinion stays in the closet

By now, Aurora Council should know where it stands regarding a controversial position it took late last year on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Council was expected to hear legal opinions in a closed meeting this week, but not before a 20-page legal document became the subject of some hot debate just before Christmas.

Here's how it all started.

Provincial legislation required Aurora and others to bring its official plan and zoning bylaws into conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act by October 22, 2003.

The legislation included a grandfather clause for planning applications decided prior to November 17, 2001, making them exempt from the Protection Act.

In spite of advice from planning staff that two official plan amendments had been approved by council prior to the deadline, council, on a 7-2 vote, decided to include the two areas under the Protection Act.

The action was based on Premier Dalton McGuinty's plan to protect the Moraine from development.

In order to provide time for staff to prepare the necessary bylaw, the meeting was recessed until the following evening. In spite of threats of legal action,

the bylaw was adopted on a 5-4 vote.

Council also agreed to hire outside legal counsel to protect itself in the event of personal claims against members.

Outside counsel Murray Davidson delivered a 20-page legal opinion to the municipality December 2. It was retained in the CAO's office and members of council were invited to visit the office to read the document.

It is understood that this was done on the advice of the town's insurance company who evidently warned that premature release had the potential of making the policy null and void.

Councillor Phyllis Morris wrote to the CAO requesting a copy and repeated her request at the December 16 council meeting.

In addition to members of council being invited to read the legal opinion, they were assured copies would be made available January 2 for this week's closed meeting.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she couldn't recall

any time when the legal opinion wasn't in support of a council decision, but there was a need for security.

Councillor Bill Hogg referred to risk management and asked why council would even consider taking a risk in view of the comments from the insurance company.

Morris insisted she wanted a copy and wanted to know where in legislation it said she couldn't have a copy. She pointed out that non-elected officials had a copy but elected councillors didn't.

On a 6-3 recorded vote council agreed not to release the document in spite of Morris' arguments.

Councillor John West moved that in view of the security required the legal opinion only be released to members of council one-half hour before the start of this week's meeting, which was adopted on a 6-3 vote with Councillors Morris, Nigel Kean and Wendy Gaertner in opposition.

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Poor Richard

Procedure absent

*If the start is any indication,
The three-year term will be rough;
There was debate and controversy,
Meaning the mayor has to be tough!*

-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

It was the first meeting of the new council and the last council meeting for the year, but the spirit of Christmas and good will was absent, as some members of council, especially Councillors Evelyn Buck and Phyllis Morris, made their presence felt.

Good debate at a council meeting is essential but members should stick to the issues and not involve personalities, which was one of the major problems of the last council.

If memory serves me right it was the first time I can recall Mayor Tim Jones pound the gavel at a council meeting in order to restore order, as several members tried to get the floor and speak at the same time.

The mayor pointed out that he had gone through enough during the last term and he wasn't going to put up with it this term.

There was some advantage in the old days, before microphones were installed for councillors, when a council member had to stand to speak after being recognized by the chairman, as everyone knew who had the floor and the right to speak.

In addition, the procedural bylaw permitted each member of council to speak once on an issue, unless an amendment or new information was introduced, allowing them to speak once again.

It was necessary for a member of council to do his or her homework prior to the meeting, have comments ready and stand up, speak up and shut up.

The chairman kept control of the meeting and while there was plenty of good debate, the introduction of personalities or extraneous material was never permitted.

During the last meeting members interrupted each other, seemed to speak as often as they liked, even though the mayor tried to restrict them to speaking on an issue only twice, with Councillor Morris being the worst offender.

Normally when a Point of Order is called and there were three or four at the last meeting, all debating stops, the chairman asks the point be stated, and rules on it.

If the member doesn't agree with the ruling, the chair can be challenged, and then a vote is taken as to whether the ruling of the chair should be supported or not.

Much the same procedure is involved when a member requests that the Question be called, or the vote should be taken.

This is usually invoked when the debate has dragged on, but not as it was invoked by Councillor Buck at the last meeting when the debate over the Code of Ethics was just getting underway.

Regardless of when it is called, debate should be halted until the chairman puts the question, which according to the Aurora procedural bylaw requires a two-thirds majority vote.

If the motion on calling the Question is defeated the debate carries on, but if it should be approved, the chairman is then required to take the vote on the motion on the floor without further debate.

Also at the last meeting there were several recorded votes, more so than any meeting within memory.

In many ways, recorded votes on substantive motions are a good thing as there is a permanent record as to who voted for what.

On the question of votes there seems to be the mistaken impression that the head of council only votes on a recorded vote or to break a tie.

According to the letter of the law, as a member of council, the head of council should vote on all motions as a non-vote is a negative vote.

But by tradition the head of council only votes on a recorded vote or to break a tie. The rules for the regional chairman are different as the head of council can only vote to break a tie.

At the upcoming weekend workshop, which was approved after a heated and controversial debate, one of the items on the agenda should be the rules of procedure and conduct at the council table.

Nobody wants another three years like the last term!

Haste makes mistakes

Call it haste to get out of the office for a couple of weeks, call it what you will, but we messed up on a couple of things in our final edition of 2003.

In a story entitled "Aurora Boasts a Long List of Community Volunteers", we noted the accomplishments of tennis great Corey Anquetil, who was the National Tennis Champion in Lake Okanagan, B.C., in 1982-83.

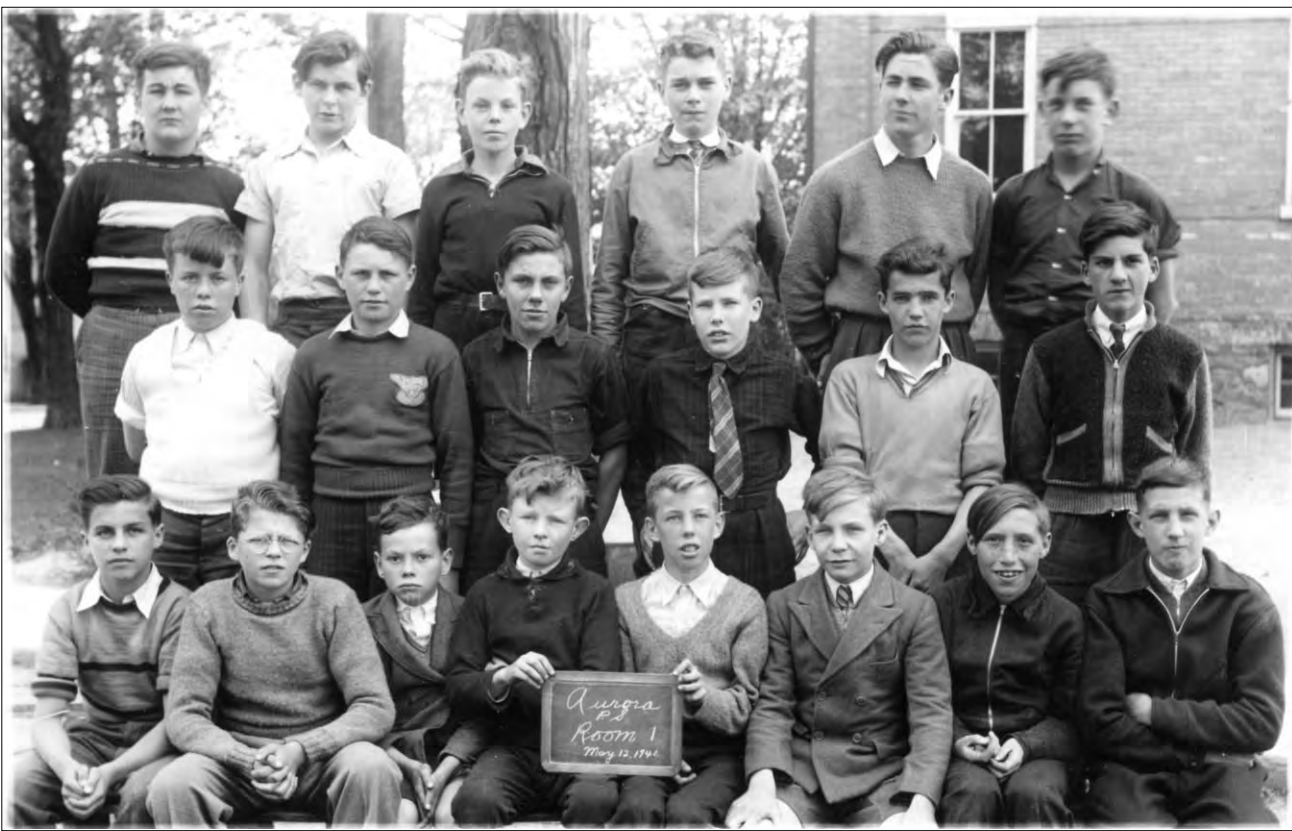
We called Corey a girl, but, in fact, Corey is the son of Terrence Anquetil, who brought this unforgivable error to our attention.

Meanwhile, in our list of "decorated homes" winners, we located Bill and Marilyn Queen at the wrong address.

Their brightly lit home is actually at 2 Milgate Place, and they have finished in the finals in previous years as well.

Needless to say, we apologize and will try to improve in 2004.

Happy New Year.



As promised, here is the second of three old photographs submitted to us by Jim Willis of Wasaga Beach. This is a Grade 8 class from, where else, Aurora Public School, aka Church Street School, that was taken May 12, 1941. The names are familiar. Back row, left to right, Maurice Dodds, Charlie Lawson, Charlie McNaught, Jim Bryan, Eric Bilbrough and Bruce Heise. Middle row, left to right, Howard Patrick, Bud Gilbert, Lorne Langstaff, Jim Willis, Howard Sutton and Jim Rowe. Front row, left to right, Ted Cameron, Howard Case, Harold Lubbock, Jim Ranson, Bill Summers, John Monk, Doug Nisbet and Allan Cooper.

Letters to the Editor

Big Brother search ongoing: Henderson

To the editor,

With close to 40 little boys waiting to be matched with a Big Brother (several live in Aurora), the need for male volunteers remains a constant.

The recruitment of Big Brothers continues to be one of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York's biggest challenges.

I am writing to you to appeal to the men of Aurora to step forward and give the gift of friendship to these waiting boys.

York Region is one of the fastest growing areas in Canada and the need and demand for the Big Brother programs has increased.

The most recent statistics indicate the number of single parent families headed by women in York Region has increased by well over 5,000 over the past several years. More and more young boys are growing up without the direction of a significant male role model.

Time is often scarce in the life of a single mother and having her son matched with a Big Brother reduces stress and tension in the family.

Research has proven that the Big Brother program significantly influences the personal and professional successes of children matched with adult role models.

A male influence is crucial to the development of a young boy, in particular during the vulnerable early teenage years.

Children who are experiencing success in any one of the Big Brother Big Sister programs tend to be less of a strain on parents and

community resources. The time the children spend away from the home also allows some respite to our struggling single mothers.

I would like to share with your readers an excerpt from a letter written by one Big Brother. Perhaps it will entice one of the men who have been thinking about it to make the move now and enrich the life of a little boy through a fun and rewarding friendship.

"I first contacted Big Brothers Big Sisters of York (then Big Brothers of York) in the mid-90s, to inquire about their programs and volunteer opportunities. Regrettably, competing interests of the day won out and volunteering in general was put on the back burner. It wasn't until the fall of 2000 that I applied. If I had known back then how enjoyable the experience would be, I'd have made a different decision. Hindsight being 20/20, I can only kick myself for not applying sooner.

"Actually, I'm a rookie when it comes to the traditional one-to-one match, which is the program that most peo-

Poppy fund

To the editor,

I would like to thank all those from Aurora, King City, and Oak Ridges, as well as many members of Branch 385, Royal Canadian Legion, who were so generous with their donations to our Poppy Fund this year.

More than \$35,000 was raised and this will help many of our veterans.

Marilyn Tolman
Poppy Chairman

ple are familiar with. Until this recent match, my primary involvement has been with the Big Bunch Program.

"At Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, Bunch means that every two weeks, three to five Bigs spend a couple of hours with up to three times as many Littles who don't have Big Brothers of their own. Originally developed to serve Littles on the waiting list, it has expanded to also serve those children who have different needs than those in the traditional program. It addresses the unfortunate, yet typical shortage of volunteers, by allowing more children to be served, and sooner. It also provides an environment where both Bigs and Littles can participate while assessing their longer-term interest and commitment.

"That last point describes how I got into Bunch in the first place. Like many people in our busy, busy society, I found the thought of making the time commitment intimidating. I wasn't sure I was ready to sign up. But Bunch offered me a way to ease into the role of a Big Brother, by allowing me to participate with other guys who have been doing it for years. As I mentioned earlier, I'm now in a traditional match, but I'm one of the two Big Brothers with the agency who are doing both - if all goes according to plan, I'll be starting my fourth Bunch next month. By the way, my Little Brother Mitchell is a great kid and we're having a blast!!"

Individuals interested in finding out more about the

volunteer opportunities available at Big Brothers Big Sisters of York are asked to call 905-727-1251.

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Director of Development
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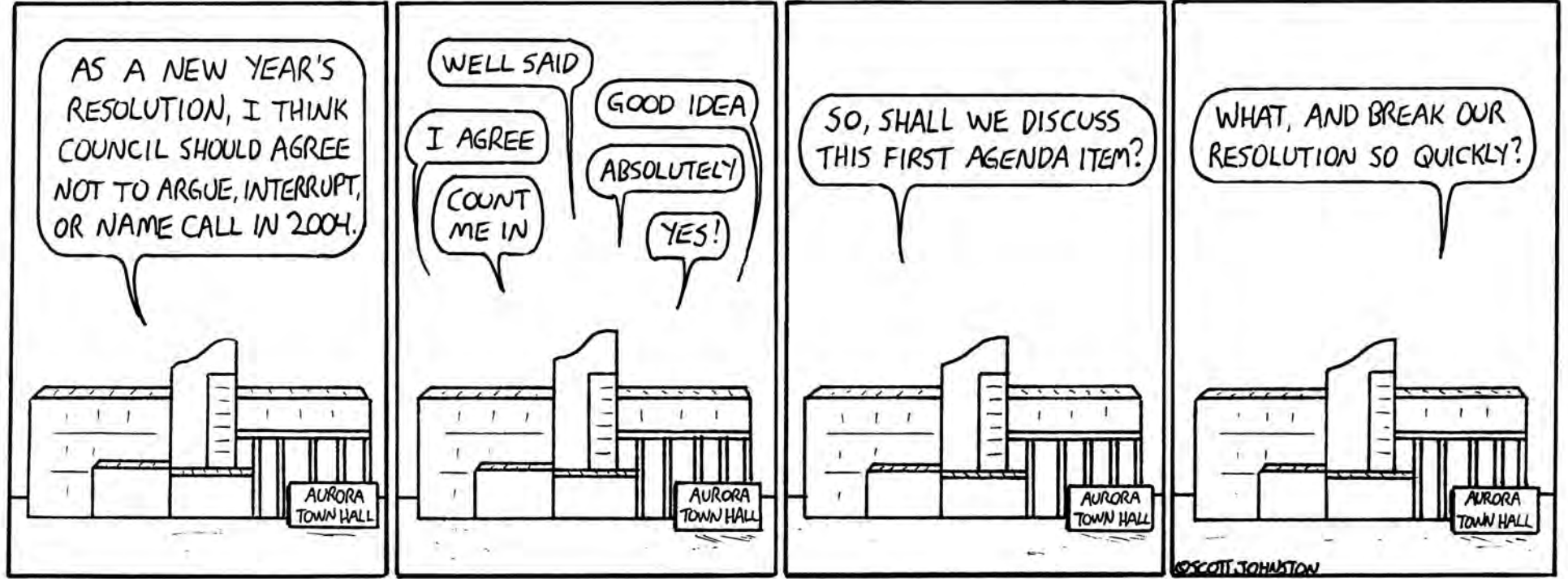
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Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

Go Leafs Go!!

Now, anyone who knows me knows those words are three of the hardest I am able to get out of my mouth, as I was born and raised a fan of the Montreal Canadiens.

I have to admit the Maple Leafs are playing great hockey, which makes me ask, why?

Is it that the players on the team are strong? Is it because they have practiced a lot together and have gotten to know each other outside of real game situations and are finally starting to jell? Is it because they all agree on their priorities, to win as a team for their owners to get to the Stanley Cup round? Is it because they have developed a collective attitude to play the game together, to pass and work with each other, play their positions and not try to single handedly try for the breakaway or big play to feature themselves over other players?

Simply, the answer is yes to all of the above! When the Leafs, or any other team, play the game, they do so under the rules set by the National Hockey League.

I would compare this to the team work we look for at Council who, each week, play their game of politics to win issues on behalf of the residents of our Town.

We come to the table as individuals, each bringing our own points of view to each discussion as a player brings his offensive or defensive strengths, and we do so within the rules of the Municipal Act and Conflict of Interest Act as well as the rules we adopt as our procedure.

The residents of Aurora and those we do business with are our referees.

Recently, council authorized a two-day 'practice' at the Nottawasaga Inn, to get to know their team mates and to learn about background information on various planning and legal situations as well as procedural and structural options to consider back at the council table in game situations.

I reiterate that this is a practice situation, not a game situation where decisions could be made.

This is simply a learning opportunity to get to know the team mates better and be better educated to make better decisions on the topics of the day back home.

The Leafs' goals are about shooting the puck into the net and winning the Stanley Cup.

As a team, council's goals include controlling taxes, managing growth, ensuring adequate services and service levels to the residents.

I believe members of council must constantly look outward and forward to address these goals, especially with consideration to council's time, staff time and financial costs, as opposed to disproportionately or selfishly looking inward at how we might appear to the residents in doing our job.

We don't see the Leafs challenging their team mates as to the appropriateness of their play or demeanour, for example, has anyone seen a player with his team mates during a rush to the opponents goal (not the Canadiens, please), stop and go over to the referee to ask about the legality of one of their team mates sticks in the middle of a play or to inform the referee that his team mate crossed the line before the puck?

We can't lose the ability to remember we were elected to play in the game to win the issues of the day for the residents of Aurora.

We have rules mandated for us, and we have procedures we adopt as our own.

I look to members of our new council to make the rules work for us and not against us to win our games, and not bind us, such that they prevent us from doing the best job we can do for our Town.

And, I look to members of council to spend some time at "practice" during an off site to learn about each other and about the general conditions we must consider in playing the game in the first place.

If it's good enough for the Leafs, it should be good enough for council.

Letters to the Editor

Chadburn my "big brother"

To the editor,

I read with great interest the front page article about Lloyd Chadburn (Auroran, Nov. 11) and the latest article and letter from Flo Murray.

I have lived in Aurora for 14 years.

Lloyd Chadburn was an important and integral part of my life as a young boy both prior to and during the war.

His mother was a very good friend of my mother, and as a result, Florence Chadburn sent Lloyd to live with us when he was going to high school at Northern Vocational School in Toronto.

During this period of time, Lloyd became my "big brother", as he drove me around in his Ford roadster convertible with his long blonde hair held back by a tie around his head.

During the war he became my "hero" and I kept a

scrapbook of all of his newspaper clippings and exploits from his first big sortie overseas to his untimely death over the Normandy beachhead on June 13, 1944.

I attended his memorial at Trinity Anglican Church in June of 1944.

My scrapbook, the work of

a hero struck kid, is now with Jackie Stuart and the Aurora Museum. Makes for interesting reading.

In 1992, I had by this time been put in touch with Ian Cockshutt, the son no one knew Lloyd had.

We invited Ian and his wife to our home in Aurora and arranged a reunion of his

surviving buddies from 416 Spitfire Squadron, and also with the cousins he had never met from Oshawa.

I will not tell you the end of the story because it is somewhat sad... but what a story!!

Richard Hunter
Aurora

Whiners need own spot on paper's back pages

To the editor,

Since the inception of the Auroran, I have always been interested in reading the current and historical events which occur in our town.

That is until lately.

The constant sniping and verbal insults contained in 'Letters to the Editor' which are flying

fast and furious from past and present councillors and the like, are getting a bit too much to digest.

I understand that the Editor does not wish to censor letters.

However to give us common folk an option, instead of having to wade mid paper through these types of letters maybe it would be a good idea to

confine the verbal insults to the back page.

This way one could detour around the garbage.

The page could even have the heading "Aurora's Fine Whines", or maybe "The Children's Corner"!

Neil Allison
Aurora



Cathy's Corner

Happy New Year, Aurora!

This is a special time of year - a blend of looking back and looking forward.

Some people do the resolution thing, but it's not for me. The idea of starting a brand new year with a "to do list" brings out the grinch in me.

I'd rather make lists for everyone else, but that comes out like the Ten Commandments:

Thou shalt clean thy room twice a day; thou shalt put thine own dishes in mine own dishwasher minus the fingerprints; thou shalt not kill thy brother or thy sister...it's a good theory, but...

Other people like doing a review of the year. But I think we've come a little too close to World War III breaking out in little old Aurora as it is.

First, there was the Code of Ethics debate, which turned the Council Chambers into a boxing ring. Then, there was the Moraine issue that made The Godfather look like a bed-time story. Then, there was...nah, let's not stir the pot.

Then there are people who insist on making predictions - this really, really doesn't appeal to me.

When I was a little girl, my mother used to warn me that however New Year's Day went, that's how the whole year would go.

"Smile," she'd say, "or you'll be wearing that frown all year long!"

That was back when my typical New Year's Eve party consisted of my little sister, a Monopoly board and the CHUM top 100. Oh, and the babysitter. That would be me.

On the morning of New Year's Day, having attended a far less strenuous party than our parents, Dianna and I would be the first to wake up.

Resolutions not for me, thank you

We'd go running downstairs to find the toys that they got to play with at their party - garlands, noisemakers, and glittery toppers.

She would snag the little princess crown, and I'd be stuck with the dunce cap.

That was it. 1972 was ruined!

All day long, I'd be moping around with a size extra large pout and my father would predict that at some point in the day, I'd trip over my bottom lip.

Then my mother would predict, in her sweetest, most irritating "mother knows everything" voice: "It's going to be a bad year!"

All the while, Dianna would be strutting around, wearing the little princess crown and a queen size smile.

Then my mother would shake her head and say the worst thing that a mother can say under the circumstances: "Look at your sister. Why can't you be like her?"

If Nostradamus had been there, he would have predicted that I would implode by the end of the day.

I might have, except predictions don't always come true. Not even for Nostradamus.

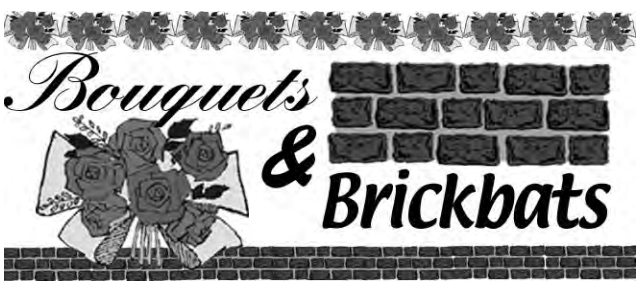
In a small twist of fate, the little princess crown broke. My sister started crying. My father tried to fix it while my mother tried to rescue Dianna from the depths of despair. Things were starting to look up.

Life is full of surprises. Things have a way of looking bad and turning out okay after all.


So for 2004, I'm going to pass on the resolutions, reviews and predictions and open the New Year with wishes.


Happy New Year, Aurora! May 2004 bring you health, happiness and prosperity!


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





By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 BOUQUETS to three strangers. For one Aurora resident, Christmas came two days early. His car broke down in the Yonge-Kennedy neighbourhood and it wasn't helping the Yonge Street traffic much. At that moment, three ladies appeared and helped him push his vehicle, first to Kennedy, then when realizing it was in a "no parking" zone, to a nearby parking lot. The ladies left, but soon one returned and gave him a \$10 bill..."just in case I needed it". The stranded motorist was dumbfounded. He called the Auroran to ask if we would wish the ladies a Merry Christmas for their kind gestures...whoever they are.


 BOUQUETS to Ada, a senior, for advising Poor Richard, that she called the town's Leisure Services Department to request a student volunteer under the Student Snow Removal Program and was told no students had registered for the program. Also, the listed phone was incorrect since the town has changed its phone systems and it should be 905-727-3123, extension 4528.


 BOUQUETS to Nancy Black for organizing the event and all the participants, including the editor of the Auroran, (he participated from the pool deck) in the Swim for Terri at St. Andrew's College pool and raising \$2,600 for the little English girl badly burned in a house fire.


 BRICKBATS to Kennel Inn for not having a phone listing in the Aurora white pages, nor a listing under Animal Control in the yellow pages. How are residents supposed to contact the agency? As they provide a service to the Town of Aurora, questions should be asked.


 Belated BOUQUETS to Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees for introducing legislation when he was Minister of Transportation to permit seniors to retain their driver's licence by placing some restrictions on the licence, such as night driving, but still allowing them to drive during the daylight. The legislation got lost in the election, but should be re-introduced!


 BRICKBATS to the gremlins in the Bell telephone system that cause a phone to ring and there is dead silence at the other end. After saying "Hello, Hello" about a dozens time, you finally hang up when you hear a dial tone. What causes it and how can you stop it?

 BOUQUETS to Councillor Evelyn Buck who sat through the two days of the election recount and related the history and council's approval of the electronic voting equipment and process in a letter to the Auroran. Those who asked for the recount should pay the wasted \$2,500 in staff time.

 BRICKBATS to Premier Dalton McGuinty for his petulant actions in New York when he wasn't asked to ring the bell to start the day's trading on the New York Stock Exchange, claiming ignorant Americans snubbed Ontario in favour of China. He said afterwards it was all a joke, but it wasn't a joking matter.

 More BRICKBATS to Finance Minister Greg Sorbara for making the clawback of the school tax credit retroactive to January 1, 2003. Scrap the tax by all means, but don't be spiteful and change the rules 10 months before the legislation introduced.

 BOUQUETS to Markham Trustee Bill Crothers on being re-elected chairman of the York Region District School Board for the 12th consecutive year to become the longest serving chairperson in Ontario. More BOUQUETS to Aurora/King Trustee Susan Plamondon on being re-elected vice-chairperson.

 And BOUQUETS to Aurora/King/Whitchurch-Stouffville Trustee Elizabeth Crowe on being re-elected chairperson of the York Catholic District School Board for the 6th consecutive year.

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Letters to the Editor

Honourable men died serving their country

To the editor,

As we observe the 40th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, our thoughts turn to the events of that fateful day on November 22, 1963, when the assassin's bullets found their target and the president lay near death cradled in his wife's arms as their motorcade sped through the streets of Dallas.

He died in the hospital soon after he was admitted.

John Connolly, the Governor of Texas, who was in the same car, was also hit by a bullet, but he survived.

The events that followed the assassination of the president were no less dramatic.

Lee Harvey Oswald, the president's assassin, fleeing the scene of his crime, shot a policeman and he was

arrested shortly after.

Two days later, Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby as he was being led out of the detention centre where he was held following his arrest.

The images from the funeral procession in Washington, D.C. shown on television remain vivid in our minds.

Men, women, children, some with tears in their eyes, lined the streets as the funeral procession moved along the streets of the capital.

The president's widow and the other members of his family, along with the new president, Lyndon Johnson, walked in silence behind the caisson bearing the president's body.

The president's three-year-old son John stepped forward from where he was standing with his mother and saluted in military style

as he had seen soldiers salute his father.

The death of the president under these tragic circumstances touched the hearts and minds of Americans.

No other recent event had the same effect as the death of the young president.

Youth, handsome looks, eloquence, class, wealth, a distinguished military service record, a glamorous wife, a few bold initiatives in foreign relations and in civil rights, all good materials for the making of a legend.

Washington D.C. became Camelot, the land of legend where King Arthur held court.

An eager public looked to the president to usher in a new era of hope and optimism and set the tone for the years to come.

This he did and others would follow in his footsteps but not quite in the same style.

Assassinations of public figures are not isolated or infrequent events in history.

John F. Kennedy was the fourth American president to die of an assassin's bullet.

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, John Garfield in 1881, and William McKinley in 1901.

Two other prominent public figures, Dr Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader, and Robert Kennedy, the president's brother, were both assassinated in 1968.

The assassins were delusional, deranged men who blamed their victims for the wrongs they had suffered in life or saw them as enemies of the cause they believed in.

The victims were honourable men who died serving their country.

**Chris Antoniou
Aurora**

Time for real change in schools

To the editor,

One of the major Liberal platforms in the Oct. 2 election was education.

The Liberals coined the slogan "choose change" in the election campaign, however, some of the old conflicts still exist in our educational system.

It is about time to start to

initiate real change in our schools.

For example, why not try to achieve class sizes of 26 students per class, instead of 20 students, which they stated in the election campaign?

In the York Region District Board of Education, there are often schools which have classes of 33 stu-

dents pushed into one room, while a classroom on the other side of the hallway, remains empty and is closed off for any use.

This is appalling.

The educational system now needs to hire more teachers!

The faculty, at the Community Colleges, continues to face conflict in

their work environment.

Their contract expired Aug. 31 and contract negotiations have come to a halt.

The Colleges maybe shut down by a strike in March.

It is time to change the old tactics of "divide and conquer" which the previous government used to exploit teachers.

College tuition fees for the students may have been frozen; but the operating budgets for the Colleges have not been increased to offset this change in revenue.

The Liberals must ask where will the Colleges get the money, which is necessary to run their career and academic programs?

Will the Colleges raise the cost of the students' service fees and their textbooks even more now?

It is time for the Liberals to act and to show some leadership by starting to deliver some real changes in education.

**Jim Jackson
Aurora**

This group fills box with food

To the editor,

As we conclude the Christmas season, there have been many acts of kindness in our neighbourhood and across the country.

I would like to draw your attention to one particu-

lar gesture by a local group of line dancers who meet at the Aurora Legion each Tuesday morning.

Participants were asked by the course leader to bring non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry in lieu of paying

for their weekly lesson.

As a result of this request, members of the dance class responded overwhelmingly and many boxes of food were delivered to the food box at the Aurora fire hall.

I believe that such acts in our community should not go unnoticed.

Could you see fit to include a "hats off" to the Aurora Line Dancers for their sharing?

**Gerald Fisher
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: You said it as well as we could.

Should we replace some signs?

To the editor,

Why do we have STOP signs in Aurora?

I have noticed that most motorists are ignoring these signs, which, by the way, are not often enforced by York's finest.

I think that these motorists are confusing

the STOP sign with a YIELD sign.

Maybe the Town of Aurora should replace a lot of STOP signs with YIELD signs?

Greetings and Happy New Year.

**Tom van den Elshout
Aurora**

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2003 seen through cartoonist's eyes

Things are much different through the eyes of a cartoonist. Especially the Auroran's. Scott Johnson can find humour just about everywhere he looks, and he's especially pleased with the surplus of it available in Aurora.

"You guys are just too good to me," he says of every sitting Town Council. "Everything you do is a scream."

So, through his warped vision, we give you Scott Johnson's look at the year just ended.

Aurora 2003: A Year in Review

Jan. 4: To celebrate the fifth consecutive year of summer water restrictions in Aurora, the water tower at the south end of town is demolished.

Jan.10: Aurora experiences the "running of the bulls" on Yonge Street, as the Oak Ridge Meats bull is moved from Oak Ridges to its new home in Aurora.

Jan. 24: Ticketed cars along St. John's Sideroad remind residents that the MacKenzie Marsh is available for all Aurorans to enjoy, as long as they live within walking distance.

Feb. 2: The groundhog predicts six more weeks of winter, and Council predicts a 6 per cent property tax increase - sadly, both prognostications come true.

Feb. 18: While many homeowners are not allowed to park second cars in their driveways, the owner of the property at the corner of Kennedy and Murray is given permission to park four new houses in his front yard.

Mar. 9: Council finally allows Home Depot construction to begin, but stipulates that all building materials must be provided by Home Hardware.

Mar. 28: A new federal riding is proposed that combines Aurora and Newmarket, which seems appropriate as development has eliminated all the green space separating them.

Apr. 15: After a winter of extensive repairs, during which both the Leisure Complex pool and the town's reserve fund have been drained, the pool re-opens.

Apr. 20: Hamster owners complain of discrimination as a leash-free dog park is proposed for the corner of Industrial Parkway & St John's Sideroad.

Apr. 27: The 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first train in Aurora is derailed when no train can be found for the celebration.

May 27: SARS manages to avoid Aurora's hundreds of donut shops, but shuts down its only LCBO.

Jun. 1: Tens of thousands of people enjoy the World's Longest Street Festival on Yonge Street, after which town staff conduct the World's Longest Street Clean-up.

Jun. 7: The Farmers' Market opens two weeks before the start of summer, providing Aurorans with a wide variety of fresh produce, including rhubarb, and...um... rhubarb, and....um...

Jun. 20: The debate as to whether the Oak Ridge Meats bull is a sign or a thermometer comes to a head, or lack thereof, when vandals decapitate the mascot.

Jun. 26: Council denies Hakim Optical permission to display a large pair of glasses outside their store - a decision Hakim calls "short-sighted".

Jul. 17: A big production is not required, and ironically, future ones are ensured, when Council unanimously approves the 10-year extension of the Factory Theatre lease.

Jul. 30: Organizers of the SARS Concert at Downsview Park note that their attendance of 450,000 would have been higher, if the event hadn't been scheduled on the same day as Aurora's Concert in the Park.

Aug. 14: The Big Blackout results in a feeding frenzy, as Aurorans rush to consume all their frozen and refrigerated perishables, before they go bad.

Aug. 30: "Bingo" stands for "Bingo Is Not Going On" as the bingo hall lease expires.

Sep. 2: Campaign season begins with a provincial election, immediately followed by a municipal one - the eventual winners of these prove to be not politicians, but the companies that produce the wealth of signs, fliers, and related advertising with which residents are inundated for two months.

Sep. 9: Riots break out in Leksand, Sweden, as Aurora contemplates twinning with the Chinese town of Hancunhe.

Sep. 12: Council shoots down a plan to build 26 townhomes on the MacKenzie Marsh, thereby allowing room for St John's Sideroad to be widened even further.

Sep. 16: Of the Seniors Centre, Habitat for Humanity home, Youth Centre, Bingo Hall, and Drive Test Examination Centre, the latter is the first to find a permanent home in town, much to the dismay of users of the Aurora Village Shopping Centre.

Sep. 20: Town staff report that if all of the facilities proposed by the public for the new recreation complex were included, such as pools, ice rinks, fitness centres, tennis courts, day care space, skateboard rinks, indoor tracks, changing facilities, meeting rooms, equipment storage, and administrative space, the building alone would need to cover 16 hectares.

Sep. 26: Municipal nominations close with two mayor and 17 councillor candidates, which turns out to be about 19 too many.

Oct. 7: A consultant is hired for \$500,000 to provide options on how to spend the half million dollar surplus the town realized in 2002.

Oct. 15: Fearing there aren't enough issues for the upcoming municipal election, Council votes itself a six per cent pay increase for each of the following three years.

Oct. 18: Council enacts a tree preservation bylaw, which will take effect as soon as the Aurora Arboretum is cut down to make way for the new Seniors' Centre.

Oct. 27: After much debate, Council agrees to halt all development on Oak Ridges Moraine lands within Aurora - except for those areas where construction has begun, is proposed, or is contemplated.

Nov. 4: VandenBosche Jewellers experiments with drive through service, when a truck crashes into the store.

Nov. 10: The lowest voter turnout in years ensures candidates a place on Council, as long as they vote for themselves

Nov. 18: The author of popular Auroran column "Cathy's Corner" is revealed to be Cathy Vrancic - not Dick Illingworth, as everyone expected.

Dec. 2: The election re-count does find a discrepancy; that only 19 per cent of the town actually voted on Election Day, not 33 per cent as originally thought.

Dec. 10: Competition in the residential light display heats up when it is revealed that first prize is payment of that month's electricity bill.

Dec. 25: To the dismay of traditionalists, and the delight of the snow removal staff of the Public Works Department, it's a green Christmas.



Thick black steel window bars now protect the premises of Graymore Clearance Outlet on Mary Street in Aurora thanks to two break-ins within a week over the Christmas holidays. Thugs threw rocks through the front windows and removed a quantity of goods from inside on both occasions. Police investigation is continuing.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

St. Andrew's creates timeline

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

The next time you're at the corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets, stop in to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and see Aurora's history come alive.

Parishioners, led by Patti McClaren, have created a timeline that covers two long walls of the church, and spans time from 1871, when the church was founded, to the present.

The timeline is divided into four sections, covering notable dates in the histories of Aurora, St. Andrew's, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Canada as a nation.

It includes Aurora's prominent townspeople, weather disasters, the building of landmarks and much more.

St. Andrew's section marks births, deaths, marriages, church events and notes the various ministers who have led the congregations through the years.

The project began in September and has sparked a lot of memories and conversation.

"It's been very good for the congregation," Ms. McClaren

explains. "It has brought back a lot of memories for those who've been here awhile, and allowed the rest of us to learn a great deal."

The project was conceived to help St. Andrew's get through a difficult time in its own history.

Two recent ministers have been forced to leave due to illness, and the church is currently without a permanent minister.

Reverend John Congram is interim minister, serving the Church temporarily.

Ms. McClaren explains how this has affected the church: "It's been a tough time. We know there is a season for everything, but lately the seasons have seemed very short."

The organizers thought that looking back would help them come to grips with the past, take stock of the good and bad times, and then ultimately help them move into the future with a positive spirit.

"The timeline has helped us see the strengths of our church - its people. It's not just a building, but people with faith and dreams, gifts and talents. That's why we're here," Ms. McClaren adds.

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Downtown parking a never-ending problem

As a motorist, if you think parking is bad in downtown Aurora, it was just as bad in 1965 when Aurora was much smaller, but then downtown Yonge Street was the main shopping area.

It was so bad that in March that year, council authorized the purchase of the Griffith house and property on Victoria Street to extend the east side of Yonge parking area.

The property was on the north side of a very narrow laneway leading to a small parking lot. The house was demolished, the entrance widened and more parking provided.

The parking lot is still in use opposite Thompson Funeral Home on Victoria Street. The purchase of the property was recommended by the Board of Trade parking committee and they provided \$1,000 towards the cost of paving the lot.

While the addition of the parking lot provided some relief in the short term, the problem remained. In March, 1968, council renewed its annual lease with the Aurora United Church to use the parking lot north of the church as a municipal parking lot on weekdays.

As other shopping areas

were developing in town, council considered the possibility of establishing a parking authority to purchase lands for parking lots and operate a fee system.

The problem was intensified in 1969 when the Old Post Office on Yonge Street was sold to the private sector for offices and the parking places behind the building were lost to the general public.

Later the owner and another property owner on Yonge Street set up a 24-hour blockade in the parking lot off Victoria Street to stop drivers and commuters from parking in their spaces.

Council members learned of a project in Cornwall in which merchants and the municipality worked together to develop the rear portion of their properties into a joint public parking lot to serve their stores.

Some of the merchants even fixed up the rear of their stores to create an entrance from the parking lot, as well as the main entrance on the street.

Aurora Council decided to try the same strategy for the merchants on the west side of Yonge Street, south of Wellington Street. In December, 1969, a meeting

was held with the merchants and there was general agreement the concept was worth pursuing.

In August, 1972, the town acquired property at the corner of Wellington Street West and Temperance Street as the first step in developing the Temperance Street site.

The merchants agreed to pool the rear portion of their property with the town agreeing to grade the site, pave and maintain it and the parking lot was established.

In 1973 a small, narrow textile store on Yonge Street was destroyed by fire and demolished. The town was able to acquire the property and construct a pedestrian passageway from the parking lot to Yonge Street.

In May, 1974, the town engineer submitted a plan to improve the Temperance Street parking lot with 63 marked spaces on a paved lot with improved lighting and drainage at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

It was proposed the cost be assessed to the benefitting merchants as a local improvement charge over 10 years, but that wasn't acceptable to all businesses.

A pay-to-park plan was presented to council in

February, 1978, by a representative of Kilpatrick Agencies. It was for a \$3,000 parking meter machine to be installed at the entrance of the Victoria and Temperance Street parking lots, but that failed to find support.

Motorists pointed out that both parking lots were in poor condition and in many cases the spaces were being used by all-day parkers and commuters.

In January, 1984, the town submitted an application to the province's Commercial Area Improvement Program for a loan and a grant to fix up the lots at an estimated cost of \$297,000.

In February, 1985, the Commercial Development Advisory Committee reviewed the engineering and landscape plans for the Temperance Street lot to provide the necessary water and sewage infrastructure, lighting and the moving of a hydro installation.

By June that year the tender had been issued and 15 bids received with prices ranging from a low of \$211,536.19 to a high of \$283,006.16 with Vic Priestly of Aurora submitting the low bid. The cost was higher than anticipated.

A public meeting was held June 28, 1985, to consider improvements to the Community Development Plan, including the work on

the Temperance Street parking lot and improvements to the Yonge Street streetscape.

In August, council agreed to delete certain items from the tender to reduce the tender price by \$25,400 with deletions of interlocking paving stones in some areas, the garbage pad and delaying the lighting for a year.

The revised cost was for \$170,340, which was approved by council with the BIA agreeing to contribute \$7,000 a year for two years

to help offset the cost.

It was not unanous as some members of council argued it was a lot of money to assist 26 per cent of the town's businesses, when other shopping areas in town had to provide their own parking facilities.

The same strategy was proposed for a joint parking lot behind the businesses on the east side of Yonge Street. A letter was mailed to the property owners in the area bounded by Yonge Street on the west,

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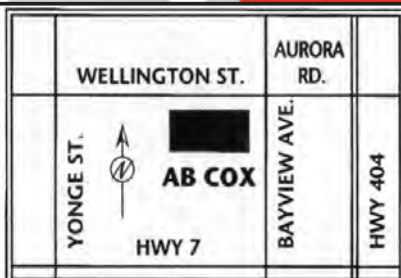


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Skating results

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Canskate Green: Danielle MacAskill, 4th.
Introductory Ladies Elements: Hailey Riggs, 3rd.
Pre-preliminary 1 Ladies Freeskat: FI 2 Jihyun Cha, 6th; FI 3 Shannon Lacombe, 8th; FI 3 Kayla Mete, 6th; FI 3 Kaitlin VanWinckle, 9th; FI 4 Caylin Butler, 4th; FI 5 Christina Rizzardo, 4th; FI 5 Emma Laverty, 2nd; FI 6 Coral Snell, 1st.
Pre-preliminary 2 Ladies Freeskat: FI 2 Christina Relke, 5th; FI 3 Hailey Riggs, 8th; FI 4 Robyn Kosmidis, 3rd; FI 4 Sophia Perugini, 6th; FI 5 Nicole Relke, 3rd; FI 7 Cierra Snell, 1st; FI 8 Jacqueline Relke, 6th.
Pre-preliminary 3 Ladies Freeskat: FI 1 Jordana Goldman, 2nd; FI 2 Emma Slimkowich, 3rd.
Pre-preliminary 2 Men's Freeskat: Alex Woodward, 1st.
Preliminary 1 Ladies Freeskat: FI 1 Jenna Williams, 2nd; FI 1, Ariel Kwan, 1st; FI 2 Lauren Bellefeuille, 1st.
Preliminary 2 Ladies Freeskat: FI 1 Amy Bellefeuille, 4th; FI 1 Stephanie Fonceca, 2nd; FI 1 Allie Sutton, 1st.
Junior Bronze Ladies Freeskat: FI 3 Meaghan Jones, 1st; FI 3 Maya Goldman, 2nd.
Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskat: Sarah Gray, 4th.
Pre-preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: Robyn Kosmidis, 2nd; Kayla Mete, 8th; Kaitlin VanWinckle, 4th.
Preliminary Ladies Solo Dance: FI 1 Caylin Butler, 3rd; FI 1 Nina Malek, 4th; FI 2 Coral Snell, 3rd; FI 2 Katie Sutton, 4th.
Junior Bronze Solo Dance: FI 1 Cierra Snell, 3rd; FI 1 Emma Laverty, 5th; FI 2, Jenna Williams 4th; FI 2, Jordana Goldman, 1st; FI 3 Emma Slimkowich, 1st; FI 3 Jacqueline Relke, 3rd.
Senior Bronze Ladies Solo dance: FI 1 Mackensie Jordan,3rd; FI 1 Maya Goldman, 1st; FI 1 Allie Sutton, 6th.
Junior Silver Ladies Solo dance: FI 2 Meaghan Jones, 4th.

Tigers revert to old form with two convincing wins

By TYLER NORWOOD

The Aurora Tigers returned to early-season form this past week with 9-0 and 7-4 wins respectively over Couchiching and Wexford of the Provincial Junior A hockey league.

The Tigers also clinched top spot in the North Conference with Friday's win over Couchiching.

Aurora could have the top seed in the OPJHL wrapped up as soon as next Thursday, given the two points the Tigers will earn for Saturday's cancelled match-up with the Huntsville Wildcats.

The Wildcats suspended operations for this season after Erie Otters owner Sherry Bassin assumed ownership of the bottom-dwelling team.

Luke Oshell, Aurora's recently acquired backup

goalie, started the game Friday night in Couchiching and made the best of it, stopping 25 shots for his first shutout of the season.

"It feels great (getting the shutout)," Oshell said.

Francis Walker and Joel Kitchen both recorded three point nights while Sean Scully netted two goals.

In their last meeting at the Aurora Community Centre, Couchiching's Mike Thomson stood tall and made 60 saves despite losing 3-2. On Friday, he managed to stop 43 pucks.

On most nights, it would net a goalie a shutout. On that night, it looked like a blowout.

But on Sunday night in Wexford, Aurora met their first real competition of 2004.

Despite having top Junior A netminder Chris Whitley tending the friendly net,

Wexford slipped four goals past the third-year Tiger.

No matter, Aurora has enough power to scare off Gretzky.

And true to Coach Marty Williamson's philosophy, it was a team effort.

Seven different players scored to give Aurora their 38th win of the season.

For Marc Stuart, it was somewhat of a reunion.

After being released by Aurora in December after they acquired Oshell, the 16-year-old backup joined the Raiders.

Stuart began the third period after Wexford's starter, Bryn Davies let in six goals.

And he didn't mind letting Aurora know that he was doing just fine in Wexford.

Only Alex LaLonde managed to break the spell that Stuart held over Aurora in the last frame. Stuart finished the game with nine

saves.

The Tigers will need to finalize their lineup as the OPJHL trading deadline closes in.

Aurora will need to make their last trades before this Saturday.

"We're really not going after anything," GM and Coach Williamson stated. "We'll see if something falls in our lap but we're not going after anything."

Although some are suggesting the Tigers search out a stay-at-home blueliner, management denies any interest in seeking out any players to add to the lineup.

The Tigers next play Thursday in Stouffville at 7:30 p.m.

Their next home game is against North York Friday at 8 p.m. The Saturday game against Huntsville is cancelled.

Aurora Jays to compete in Cooperstown

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

The Aurora Minor Peewee Jays have been selected to play in the Cooperstown American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Tournament during the week of August 21 in Cooperstown, New York.

In addition to competing against elite teams from across North America, the boys, all of whom turn 12 in 2004, will be enshrined into the prestigious American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Jays, who have been a cornerstone of Aurora's resurgence into rep baseball, are made up of Ernesto Spagnuolo, Cory Jeffrey, Michael Delplavignano, Ryan Berube, Jake Boyle, Eric Seguin, Marc Cascone, Michael Gray, Joshua Harrington and Evan Jones of Aurora. Rounding out the team are imports Tyler Clements (Sharon), Andrew Larter (Newmarket) and Derek Tsang (Newmarket).

"These boys have worked extremely hard, including indoor training each winter, winning more games each suc-

cessive season as Aurora's baseball system deepens after a long period of drought," says Rob Seguin, Director of Player Development for the Aurora Minor Baseball Association. "The trip to Cooperstown is a real testament to their efforts and commitment."

The team formed an under-age squad for the 2001 York Simcoe Minor Mosquito division and saw their record improve from just two victories in the inaugural season, to a second-place finish in the highly competitive league, with 17 victories and just eight defeats in the 2003 season.

The Cooperstown Hall of Fame tournament experience includes more than just baseball.

The boys and their coaches will, like the heroes of the game before them, visit the Baseball Hall of Fame, share hometown stories, trade pins and compete with players from all over the continent for the championship.

Team records and photographs will be displayed in the American Youth Baseball Hall of

Fame.

The park features 14 professionally groomed fields with grass infields, as well as a dining pavilion and clubhouses, where the boys will eat and sleep during their stay. All players receive home and away jerseys, socks, hats and Hall of Fame rings.

The team has received strong community support in their fundraising drive, with Winners of Aurora leading the way in

offsetting some of the tournament expenses.

The Kingbridge Centre in King City has also helped by supplying meeting room support as the planning effort continues.

The boys and their parents are continuing to search for support in the community as August approaches, including sponsor participation in their oversized "Bound for Cooperstown" dugout banner.

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108 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Maroon) 7: Stephen Mariani 3G, Connor Graham 1G 1A, Connor Cowl 1G 1A, Joshua Bell 1G 1A, Matthew Walker 1G, Alexander Jonasson 3A, Joshua Wilson 1A, Nicholas Romano 2A, Michael Liscio 2A. **106 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Gold) 2:** Sean Foxwell 1G, Michael Arcuri 1G, David Gonder 1A, Jordan Nanos 1A.

105 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (White) 5: Ian Dunlop 2G 1A., Spencer Robb 1G, Sean O'Donnell 1G, Jordyn Thomson 1G, Mitchell Palmer 1A, Aidan Haines 1A. **103 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Red) 1:** Erik Balkovec 1G.

104 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Royal) 7: Alec Ground 3G, Ryan McGolrick 2G, Paul Neophytou 2G, Tori Miller 2A, Neil Duggan 1A, Nathon Nealon 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A, Robin Creighton 1A. **101 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Green) 3:** Liam Coll 3G, Jack Caldwell 1A.

107 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Grey) 4: Evan Jackson 1G, Matthew Pelkola 1G, John McDonald 1G, Landon Kirby 1G, Jake Anderson 1A, Konner McMillan 1A. **109 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Orange) 2:** Brandon Fennell 2G, Liam Beresford 1A.

302 WWW/MASTERMINDTOYS.COM 2: Evan Collict 1G, Joseph Romano 1G, Mike Mildon 1A. **303 SUPREME COLLISION CENTRE 0.**

305 JUNIOR TIGERS 3: Andrew Curcy 1G, Evan Foxwell 1G, Graham Joiner 1G 1A, Francesco Vallencorsu 1A, Marty Wood, shutout. **304 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 0.**

301 TILEMASTER 6: Nick Theodoropolous 1G 1A. Eamon Reilly 2G 1A, Brian Tree 1G 1A, Zack Pyle 1G 1A, Ryan Lowden 1A, Brad Breedon 1A. **306 PHARMASAVE 4:** Nick Reinholdt 3G, Kevin Lukezic 1G, Andrew Martin 2A, Kyle Coughlin 1A, Michael Rodrigues 1A, Matthew MacEachern 1A, Royce Kirby 1A,

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404 A.D.C. ALUMINUM 3: Egan Fennell 1G, Griffin Slimkowich 2G, Anthony De Cesare 1A, Curtis Rose 1A, Gianfranco Galluzzo 1A, Jamie Bleakley 1A. **403 SHOPPERS DRUG MART - AURORA 2:** Rhys Gander 1G, Joseph Lombardi 1G, Patrick Mueller 1A, Liam Martin 1A, Robert Denault 1A.

403 SHOPPERS DRUG MART - AURORA 5: David Marini 1G, Brett Richardson 3G, Marco Campoli 1G, Joseph Lombardi 1A, Liam Martin 1A. **401 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 5:** Andrew Cosentino 1G 1A, Brandon Thompson 1G, Jordan Gerace 1G,

Lucas Cristillo 1G, Dakota Hendy 1G, Logan Weber 2A, Etienne Bicego 1A, Tyler Lamantia 1A.

410 THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA CO. 5: Dylan Jolivet 2G, Ryan Laird 1G, Adam Masciangelo 1G 1A, Spencer Palmer 1G, Ethan Morice 2A. **406 LANGDON'S COACH LINES 4:** Mike Reilly 1G 1A, Connor Dunwoodie 1G 2A, Kyle Rojas 1G, Paul Andrews 1G, Christian Avolio 1A.

408 AB COX PONTIAC BUICK GMC 7: Curtis Stobo 2G, Daniel Howie 4G, Ryan Hastie 1G, Scott Tonello 1A, Mark Tanel 1A, Andrew Hunter 1A. **409 OPTIMIST CLUB OF AURORA 4:** Colin Sandquist 1G, Michael Takahashi 1G 1A, Gregory Lacroix 1G, Sean Takahashi 1G.

607 PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 4: John Cardella 2G, Michael Renfer 1G, Robert Revington 1G, Michael Grande 2A. **604 COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 4:** David Staeuble 1G, James Collett 1G, Aaron MacDonald 1G 1A, Trevor Spense 1G, Dylan Dusomme 2A, Kyle Partanen 1A, Julian Kercz 1A.

605 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 7: Eric Beveridge 2G, Christan Hastings 1G, Jay Finch 1G, Jonathan Comeau 1G, Ryan Logue 1G, Derek Isidoro 1G, Brendan Harrington 1A, Michael McGee 1A. **603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 3:** Braun Hause 1G 2A, Shelby Bastarache 1G 1A, Ben Slimkowich 1G.

605 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 3: Derek Isidoro 1G 1A, Jonathan Comeau 1G, Christan Hastings 1G, Geoffrey Knaack 1A. **602 OMAR'S SHOES 2:** Dylan Calvert 1G, Tom Gibson 1G, Daniel Filippi 1A, Cody Benson 1A, Madison Weber 1A.

601 D-MAC FURNITURE 7: Zach Roitner 3G 2A, Jordan Brown 2G 1A, Adrian Clark 1G 2A, Jay Lamont 1G, Connor Dellar 2A, Steven Foss 2A, Mark Jenkins 1A. **608 SPITFIRES 3:** C.J. Melicherick 2G, Eric Bailey 1G, Nizam Rehman 1A, Kevin Nandlall 1A.

602 OMAR'S SHOES 7: Madison Weber 5G, Daniel Filippi 1G, Simon Esposito 1G, Hunter Warden 2A, Michael Hartman 2A, James Suddes 1A. **606 SKATERS FIRST 5:** Marshall McQuillan 2G, Andrew Wilkins 1G 3A, Devin O'Kelly 1G, Ian Hayzelden 1G, John Merritt 1A.

803 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 3: Jesse Gattelerio 1G, Dan Coates 2G, Mitch Hamilton 2A, Maegan Bastarache 1A. **805 RAEDAN FREIGHT SERVICES INC. 2:** Dan Kupraty 1G, Jamie Fenyes 1G, Peter Walker 1A.

802 IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LePAGE 5: Sam Mulholland 2G, Jake Teel 2G, Torrey Duckworth 1G, Omar Popet 1A, Evan Magill 1A. **801 ALL PRO SPORTS - NEW-MARKET 3:** Joel Stock 1G, Ryan Smyth 1G 1A, Jesse Barker 1G, Tyler McGhee 1A.

906 OPTIMIST CLUB OF AURORA 2: Ian McCrone 1G 1A, Tanner Kinnarinen 1G 1A, John Turner 1A Alex Hunter, shutout. **904 IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 0.**

Select Tournament Games

Tyke Select sponsors Tyke: Ricoh / DotCo

Tyke 3 Buffalo Regals 3

Liam Coll 1G, Connor Graham 2G, Shannon Murray 1A, Austin Lane 1A, Matthew Iwai 1A, Jordyn Thomson 1A.

Chedoke Novice Express 4 Tyke 3

Connor Graham 1G, Brenden Lukezic 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G, Branden Fennell 1A, Sean O'Donnell 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1A, Konner McMillan 1A.

Tyke 4 Buffalo Regals 1

Jack Caldwell 2G, Matthew Iwai 1G 1A, Konner McMillan 1G, Spencer Green 2A, Brenden Lukezic 1A, Jordon Thomson 1A, Brandon Fennell 1A, Connor Graham 1A, Quentin Campbell 1A.

Wheatfield Blades 3 Tyke 1

Liam Coll 1G, Jack Caldwell 1A, Jordon Nanos 1A.

Select League Games

Tyke Select sponsors Tyke: Ricoh / DotCo

Tyke 0 Vaughan Blue Rangers 0

John MacDonald, shutout, Brian Langdon, shutout.

Tyke 3 Georgina Blaze 1

Connor Graham 2G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G 2A.

Novice 6 Uxbridge 2

Heather Tillsley 1G, Zachary Ferry 2G, Colton Lee 2G, Eric Bulloch 1G, Matthew Pryse 2A, Evan Romano 2A, Ryan Baskin 1A, Connor Moody 1A.

Rep Tournament Games

Minor Peewee Rep Sponsors AE: Pembridge Insurance

Minor Peewee AE 3 Humbervalley 3

Andrew McKay 2G, Tyler Tisdale 1G, Miles Curtis 1A, Shawn Clark 2A, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Michael Delplavignano 1A, Sean Agostino 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 1 Perinton Sabres 0

Tyler Tisdale 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 2 Kitchener 2

Andrew McKay 1G, Michael Delplavignano 1G, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Miles Curtis 1A, Evan Jones 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 2 Waterloo 1

Sean Agostino 1G, Andrew McKay 1G, Darcy Eveleigh 2A, Patrick Lee 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 5 Webster, NY 3

Tyler Tisdale 2G 1A, Shawn Clark 1G, Michael Delplavignano 1G 1A, Matthew Semeredy 1G 1A, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Connor Sheridan 2A, Andrew McKay 1A, Evan Jones 1A.

Minor Bantam AA 4 Timmins 4

Karl Pelan 2G, Chris Hankey 1G 1A, Jeremy Cohen 1G 1A, Eric Sarracini 2A, Kevin Kryshka 1A, Ian Middleton 1A.

Minor Bantam AA 7 Sudbury 2

Karl Pelan 2G, Chris Hankey 2G 1A, Eric Sarracini 1G, Jeremy Cohen 1G 1A, Ross Pizzurro 1G, Travis Hooper 2A, Cody Offen 2A, Carter Durant 1A, Kevin Kryshka 1A, Ian Middleton 1A, Jordan Koen 1A.

Minor Bantam AA 2 Sault Ste. Marie 1

Ian Middleton 1G, Jeremy Cohen 1G, Eric Sarracini 1A, Chris Hankey 1A, Cody Offen 1A.

Rep League Games

Atom Rep SponsorsAA: Mike & Ike A: Joriki Inc.

Atom A 2 Orillia 0

Cary Byron, shutout, Matthew Miller 1G, Josh Beaton 1G, Tyler Jensen 1A, Denis Casey 1A, Tristan Miller 1A, Jonathan Miller 1A.

Atom A 4 Georgina 0

Cary Byron, shutout, Josh Beaton 1G, Tristan Miller 1G, Tyler Jensen 1G, Spencer George 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1A, Matthew Miller 1A, Denis Casey 1A, Patrick George 1A.

Minor Peewee Rep Sponsors AE: Pembridge Insurance

Minor Peewee AA 4 Barrie 4

Max Lerner 1G 2A, Jordan Tripp 1G 1A, Justin Brown 1G 1A. Kevin Zacharuk 1G, Andrew Whitley 2A, Spencer Arkell 1A, James Mildon 1A.

Minor Peewee A 3 Georgina 2

Jeffery Sanderson 1G 1A, Derrick Hamner 1G, Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 6 Barrie "A" 1

Oliver Boettcher 1G 2A, Tyler Tisdale 1G, Shawn Clark 1G 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1G 1A, Sean Agostino 1G 1A Chris Tillsley 1A, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Conor Sheridan 2A, Patrick Lee 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 7 East Gwillimbury 0

Patrick Lee 1G, Michael Delplavignano 1G 1A, Oliver Boettcher 1G 2A, Andrew McKay 1G 1A, Tyler Tisdale 1G 1A, Shawn MacEachern 1G 1A, Sean Agostino 1G, Chris Tillsley 1A, Matthew Semeredy 2A, Matthew Pellegrini 2A.

Minor Peewee AE 2 Ajax 1

Michael Delplavignano 1G, Darcy Eveleigh 1G, Andrew McKay 2A, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Shawn MacEachern 1A.

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Peewee AA 4 Newmarket 4

Tyler Hanlon 2G, Connor McQuestion 1G 1A.

Peewee AA 2 Pickering 0

Connor McQuestion 1G 1A, Marcus Tocchet 1G, Ryan Carlisle, shutout.

Orillia 5 Peewee A 3

Ryan Finlay 2G, Michael Morson 1G, Carter Hassard 2A, David Bar 1A, Andrew McDonald 1A, Quenton Hunt 1A, Luca Ghegin 1A.

Peewee A 8 Bradford 1

Luca Ghegin 1G, Matthew Joynt 1G 1A, Andrew McDonald 1G 3A, Quenton Hunt 4G, Brett Dutchyshen 1G, Carter Hassard 1A, Ryan Finlay 1A, David Bar 1A, Emilio Nafarrate 1A.

Peewee A 4 Oak Ridges 1

Quenton Hunt 2G, Carter Hassard 1G, Brett Dutchyshen 1G, Andrew McDonald 2A, Michael Morson 2A, Luca Ghegin 1A, Ryan Finlay 1A, Matthew Joynt 1A.



Peewee A 0 Bradford 0

East Gwillimbury 5 Peewee A 1

Quenton Hunt 1G, Michael Morson 1A.

Whitby 4 Minor Bantam AA 2

Eric Sarracini 1G, Jeremy Cohen 1G, Kevin Kryshka 1A, Chris Hankey 1A, Carter Durant 1A.

Minor Bantam AA 7 Georgina 2

Karl Pelan 2G 1A, Eric Sarracini 1G 2A, Kevin Kryshka 1G 1A, Jeremy Cohen 1G 1A, Chris Hankey 1G, Jeremy Ellison 1G, Ross Pizzurro 1A, Travis Hooper 2A, Cody Offen 2A, Carter Durant 1A, Ian Middleton 1A.

Minor Midget Rep Sponsors AA: Tricell Communications

Newmarket Redmen 5 Minor Midget AA 2

Adam Hankins 1G, Cal Simmonds 1G, Vincent Davenport 1A, Mike Saccone 1A.

Markham 3 Minor Midget A 1

Brent Gallagher 1G, Mike Bentley 1A, Kyle Fitkin 1A.

TNT 4 Minor Midget A 1

Corey Berube 1G

Orillia 5 Minor Midget AE 2

Brad Finch 1G, Dan Abram 1G, Stephen Facca 1A, Sean Brennan 1A, Justin Fabro 1A.

Minor Midget AE 2 Ajax 2

Carson Nimmo 1G, Keon Karamchi 1G, Mark Whiting 1A.

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Innisfil Winterhawks 5 Midget A 3

Chris Statchuk 1G 1A, Matt Cundari 1G, Mark Jarman 1G, Keith Mitchell 1A, Michael Jack 1A, Matt Cleverdon 1A, Mark Smith 1A.

Midget A 6 Schomberg Cougars 2

Ryan Kines 2G, Chris Statchuk 1G 1A, Matt Cleverdon 1G 1A, Peter Nykyforchyn 1G, Steven Black 1G, Mark Smith 2A, Michael Jack 2A, Bryan Osuszek 1A,

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Craig Waites 1A, Matt Cundari 1A, Marc Oppedisano 1A, Mark Jarman 1A.

Midget A 4 Markham Waxers 1

Matt Cleverdon 2G, Craig Waites 2A, Michael Jack 2A, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1G, Mark Smith 1G, Mark Jarman 1A.

December 21 to 28 House League League Games

602 OMAR'S SHOES 7: Madison Weber 3G, James Suddes 1G, Daniel Filipi 1G 1A, Tom Gibson 1A, Simon Esposito 1G, Aaron Wochenmarket 1G, Dylan Calvert 2A, Michael Hartman 1A. **601 D-MAC FURNITURE 5:** Zach Roitner 2G, Adrian Clark 2G, Jordan Brown 1G, Jay Lamont 1A.

608 SPITFIRES 4: C.J. Melichercik 1G 1A, Connor Sands 1G 1A, Eric Bailey 1G, Jamie Russell 1G, Dane Gregoris 2A, Nizam Rehman 1A, Neal Hastie 1A. **607 PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 2:** Scott McCrae 1G, Michael Grande 1G.

603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 5: Nick Cascone 1G, Braun Hause 1G, Jason Nadeau 1G, Graems Smart 1G, Taylor Buxton 1G, Mike Hay 2A, Shelby Baastarache 1A, Chris O'Hara 1A, Blake Rodger 1A. **604 COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 2:** Brendon Stenzel 1G, Jacob MacDonald 1G, David Staeuble 1A, Josh Olson 1A.

806 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 5: Micheal Rowe 1G 1A, Morgan Mittlestaedt 2G 1A, Rob Nixon-Bastian 1G, Harrison Brook 1G, Cameron Harris 2A, Keith Bradford 1A, Matthew Preston 1A. **805 RAEDAN FREIGHT SERVICES INC. 2:** Dan Kupraty 1G, Peter Walker 1G.

801 ALL PRO SPORTS - NEWMARKET 3: Ethan Lebovic 1G 1A, Tyler McGhee 1G 1A, Joel Stock 1G. **803,CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 3:** Mitch Hamilton 1G, Jesse Gattelerero 1G, Derek Hurst 1G, Erin Devlin 1A, Maegan Bastarache 1A, Jon Byzok 1A.

804 HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 6: James Weber 3G, Steve Horan 1G, Kevin Mayne 2G, Andrew Rowan 2A, Jon Aleksich 1A, Bryon Dunjko 1A, Doug Bainbridge 1A. **802 IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LePAGE 1:** Paul Magill 1G, Torrey Duckworth 1A.

801 ALL PRO SPORTS - NEWMARKET 5: Tom Horner 1G 1A, Tyler McGhee 1G, Ethan Lebovic 1G, Jesse Barker 1G 2A,

Joel Stock 1G. **804 HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 2:** Andrew Rowan 1G, Steve Horan 1G, Taylor Jeffery 1A.

806 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 7: Alex Ginther 1G 1A, Cameron Harris 3G, Harrison Brook 1G 1A, Morgan Mittelstaedt 1G, Jordan Beally 1A, Micheal Rowe 1A, Patrick Madden 1A, Matthew Preston 1G **803 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 1:** Dan Coates 1G, Brett Scott 1A.

805,RAEDAN FREIGHT SERVICES INC. 3: Chad Roberts 1G, Jamie Fenyes 1G 1A, Braden Bonner 1G 1A. **802,IZZ I POPAT - ROYAL LePAGE 1:** Paul Magliocchi 1G, Luke Muirhead 1A, Jake Teel 1A

Select League Games
Tyke Select sponsors Tyke: Ricoh / DotCo

Tyke 11 East Gwillimbury 2
Spencer Green 2G, Jerryd Jensen 2G 1A, Brenden Lukezic 1G 2A, Jack Caldwell 2G, Shannon Murray 1G 1A, Liam Coll 1G, Quentin Campbell 1G, Austin Lane 1G, Konner McMillian 1A, Jordyn Thomson 1A.

Rep League Games
Atom Rep Sponsors AA: Mike & Ike A: Joriki Inc.

Nobleking 2 Atom A 1
Josh Beaton 1G Tristan Miller 1A.

Atom A 4 Richmond Hill 2
Spencer George 2G, Tyler Jensen 1G 2A, Matthew Miller 1G 1A, Brandon Pedersen 2A, Blair Cuthbert 2A, Ryan Antoniel 1A.

Minor Peewee Rep Sponsors AE: Pembridge Insurance

Minor Peewee A 4 Newmarket 3
Paul Keilty 1G, Evan Casselden 1G, Jeffrey Sanderson 2G, Derrick Hamner 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 6 East Gwillimbury 0
Myles Fisher, shutout, Oliver Boettcher 1G 2A, Sean Agostino 1G, Tyler Tisdale 1G 2A, Matthew Pellegrini 2G, Andrew McKay 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1A, Shawn Clark 1A, Chris Tillsley 1A.

Peewee Rep Sponsors AA: Craig Proctor Realtor A: Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. AE: Crown Food Service Equipment Ltd.

Peewee AA 5 Newmarket 2Tyler Persaud 1G 1A. Christian Stankiewicz 1G 1A, Jimmy



Lyons 1G,1A, Tyler Hanlon 1G, Matthew Mikhaili 1G, Sean Fennell 2A,Johnny Borsellino 2A.

Peewee AA 8 Richmond Hill 2

Tyler Hanlon 3G, Matthew Mikhaili 2G, Johnny Borsellino 1G 2A, Tyler Persaud 1G 1A, Christian Stankiewicz 1G, Zachary Giusti 3A, Sean Fennell 2A, Marcus Tocchet 2A.

TNT 7 Peewee A 6

Andrew McDonald 1G 1A, Ben Mulholland 2G, Matthew Joynt 2G, Darrell Evans 1G 1A, Quenton Hunt 2A, Emilio Nafarrate 1A, Ryan Finlay 2A, Carter Hassard 1A, Brett Dutchyshen 1A.

Peewee A 3 Orillia 2

Andrew McDonald 1G, Brett Dutchyshen 1G, Carter Hassard 1G, David Bar 1A, Matthew Joynt 1A, Darrell Evans 1A, Ben Mulholland 1A.

Stouffville 6 Peewee A 4

Michael Morson 1G, Quenton Hunt 1G 1A, Ryan Finlay 1G, Brett Dutchyshen 1G, Andrew McDonald 1A, Lucas Boyd 1A, Emilio Nafarrate 1A, Brandon Galante 1A, Darrell Evans 1A, Matthew Joynt 1A.

Minor Midget Rep Sponsors AA: Tricell Communications

Barrie Flyers 8 Minor Midget AA 1
Matt Rae 1G, Vincent Davenport 1A, Peter McNeill 1A.

Minor Midget AA 2 Ajax Axemen 1
Tom Keane 1G, Mike White 1G, Adam Hankins 1A, Taylor Campbell 1A.

Minor Midget AA 5 Georgina 3
Timi Sotoadeh 1G, Taylor Campbell 1G, Patrick Bowie 1G, Adam Hankins 1G, Marc Quagliarini 1G, Andrew Welch 1A, Vincent Davenport 1A, Sandy Craig 2A.

Midget Rep Sponsors A: Greyfield Construction

Midget A 7 Newmarket Redmen 2
Steven Black 1G 2A, Mark Smith 2G, Chris Statchuk 2G, Marc Oppedisano 1G 1A, Peter Nykyforchyn 1G, Tim Tutton 1A, PJ Speciale-Plouffe 1A, Matt Cundari 1A, Mark Jarman 1A, Michael Jack 1A, Matt Cleverdon 1A.

Storm Volleyball having its best season ever

Each season since 1998 Storm Volleyball in Aurora has improved on its provincial rankings but this season is noticeably different.

The group has matured as an organization and the five seasons of hard work spent developing the players into well rounded athletes is paying off.

Now in its sixth season as members of Ontario Volleyball Storm is well known as one of the better clubs in the province.

The 14 and under girls are going into Tier 1 tied for third in the Provincial Rankings out of 51 teams.

The 15 and under girls and 16 and under girls are both going into Tier 1 tied for first in the Provincial Rankings out of 40 & 56 teams

respectively.

The 18 and under girls are seeded third at their next Zone tournament this week and if they finish in the top two they will move up to Tier 2 with one more chance to move up to Tier 1 for the Ontario Championships in April.

The Storm Volleyball Club competes in the Female Youth Age Divisions of Ontario Volleyball and runs six competitive girls' teams with some athletes competing at multiple age divisions.

"We have athletes and coaches from all over York Region involved with our Club," says Bruce Stafford, the Storm Volleyball President and Head Coach. "Our primary goal is to

develop well rounded athletes in a fun but hard working environment. They learn to be part of a team and to work hard to support each other both on and off the court. Some of our athletes will earn athletic scholarships when they go to College or University."

The Storm Volleyball Club also runs two House League programs which include skills instruction along with game competitions in a fun and learning environment.

They also offer skills and drills clinics to schools in York Region.

One of the new programs starting in the New Year is a 12 and under division which will play in two tournaments, one of which will be a first

ever Ontario Volleyball 12 and under Provincial Championship May 1.

As the Ontario Volleyball Provincial Chairman for Female Youth Competitions, Bruce Stafford is excited

about this new grass-roots division which will have a full season of Zone or local area tournaments starting in November this year.

For more information about the Storm Volleyball

From page 8

Wellington Street on the north, Victoria Street on the east and as far south as the former Scanlon Bakery.

The letter asked property owners to agree to a comprehensive rearrangement of the existing parking area, including the rear portion of the business properties. It was pointed out that the rearrangement would increase the number of parking places from 70 to 120.

It was proposed that the

property owners lease their parking area to the town for 21 years for a nominal fee of \$2 per year, with the town being responsible for reconstructing the lot, including grading, drainage, resurfacing, line panting and maintenance.

It was also proposed that the narrow vehicle access from Wellington Street, east of Yonge Street be closed and converted to a pedestrian passageway, and the vehicle entrance beside the

Club, contact Bruce Stafford at (905) 727-8191 or email stafford@aci.on.ca.

For more information about Volleyball go to www.ontariovolleyball.org

Old Post Office become a one-way entry from Yonge Street.

The merchants insisted the parking spaces be designated, while the town insisted on general parking, but agreement couldn't be reached and the joint parking lot never became a reality.

So if you have difficulty in finding a place to park when you go downtown, don't blame council or council committees, they tried.

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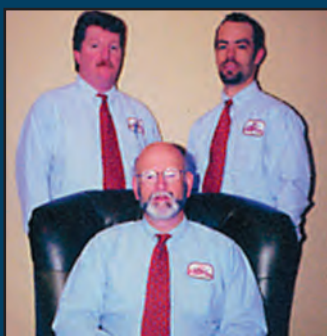
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RUMOURS AND RUMBLINGS

Aurora had the longest Christmas card, too

Aurora is known for having the longest Street Sale and Festival in the world when on the first Sunday every June, Yonge Street is closed to traffic from Wellington Street to Murray Drive and the vendors and some 30,000 people take over.

In December, 1990, Aurora claimed it had the longest Christmas Card in the world.

The 40-yard card, almost half the length of a football field, was signed by hundreds of Aurora citizens and sent to Aurora's Master Seaman Mark McGowan, who was serving with the Canadian Navy in the Persian Gulf.

The card was the brainchild of Councillor Norm Stewart.

Mark is the younger son of Aurora's Barbara McGowan, who moved to Halifax a few years ago to be close to Mark who had returned to Canada.

Barb is now back in Aurora and once again active in community events, including Theatre Aurora.

WHERE IS FINCH TV?

It was in July, 1989, when Finch Television, a mainstay at Yonge and Finch in North York, relocated to 70 Yonge Street South in Aurora.

It was a new business for Aurora but it represented more than 20 years of sales and service.

President Peter McAlister said he had a lot of customers from York Region and the company wanted to provide a better service for its north-Metro customers from its Aurora location.

Finch Television couldn't have made much of a mark on the Aurora business scene, as there is little record of how long the company stayed in Aurora or what happened to it. Anyone remember?

A SPECIAL FUND FOR KIDS

Sometime in the late 1980s Aurora's Buck McLarty made a specialty of organizing slo-pitch baseball tournaments for worthy causes.

Concerned about the young people in town who may not have the money to join in town operated programs and facilities, such as the summer park program, use of the swimming pool or participate in town sports, he donated \$2,500 from his latest slo-pitch tournament to the town to establish a special fund.

Council directed leisure service staff to establish a policy for the administration of the fund, similar to the Arts and

Cultural Fund, but to be operated in a confidential manner, so that no one would know who was benefiting from the fund.

McLarty said the fund was to be established for individuals, not team events.

The \$2,500 cheque was presented to the town and if it was used for the purpose for which it was intended, the auditors for the fund recommended by McLarty were never advised of expenditures.

In 1991, Buck McLarty was named Aurora's Citizen of the Year and it is believed he moved out of town shortly afterwards, but where is his fund and what happened to the money?

LEGION DONATES BOOK TO SCHOOLS

It was in December, 1986, when the Aurora Legion deposited copies of a new book "For Valour - The Victoria Cross - Courage in Action" in all schools in Aurora, Oak Ridges and King City, with additional copies for the public library in each community.

The book traces the history of the Victoria Cross from its inception to the present day and tells the story of some of the brave men from all over the Commonwealth who won the VC from Crimea to the Falklands including Aurora's Fred Tilston.

The book was brought to the Legion's attention by Aurora School Trustee Ron Wallace.

QUEBECERS STILL DO IT

Most families will remember the days when the strong dairy industry lobbied the governments of the day to prevent coloured margarine from being sold to protect the butter industry.

As a result margarine manufacturers packed their white product, which looked like lard, in a plastic sac with a little pellet of orange dye.

When the gelatin pellet was squeezed to break it, the sac was kneaded with the hands to spread the dye making the margarine look like butter.

All the provinces except Quebec ended the discriminating anti-margarine regulation in 1994.

Quebec still prohibits the sale of yellow margarine and a court decision in the late 1990s upheld the government legislation, so Quebecers still knead their margarine.

Application to rezone heading to the OMB

Even though Aurora Council members knew nothing about it, a rezoning proposal is on its way to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The application, which calls for the rezoning of approximately 12.5 acres of land located on the east side of the Industrial Parkway north of the Leisure Complex from industrial to residential, would permit the development of a seven-storey, 82-unit apartment building and 191 condominium townhouses.

Councillor Ron Wallace asked if the application had ever come to council, as he had never heard of it.

"Was I in a coma?" he wondered.

Director of Planning Sue Seibert replied that the application had never reached council as it was incomplete and staff had difficulty in obtaining the required information.

By the time the information had been obtained, the 90 day deadline had expired and the developer appealed directly to

the OMB.

Council approved the engagement of a legal firm to represent the town at the hearing and Hempson Consulting to prepare an employment land retention

strategy and provide evidence before the OMB.

Staff and outside experts were authorized to attend the OMB hearing to ensure the application is not approved.

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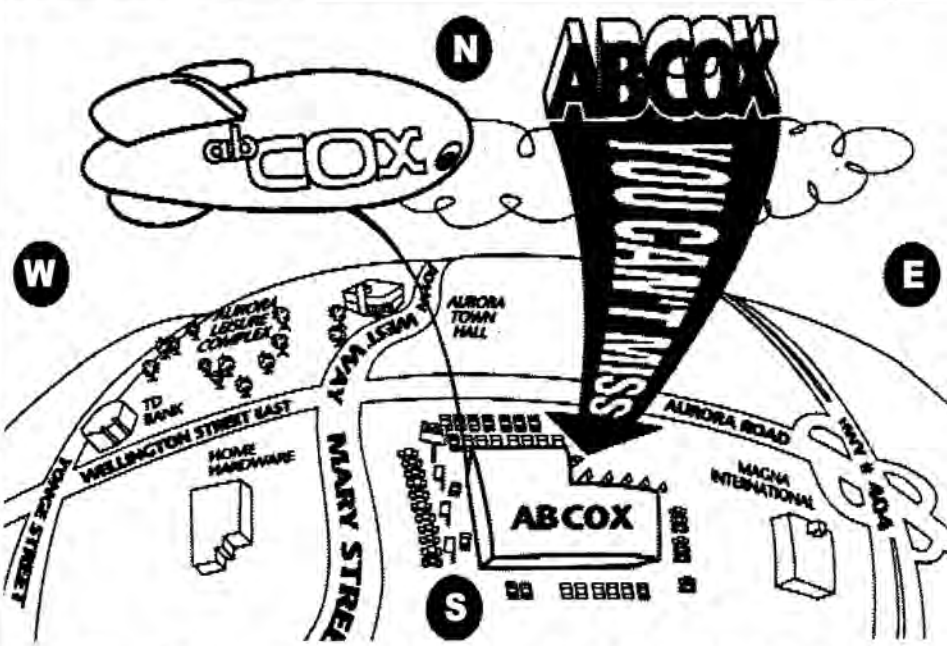
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REMEMBER WHEN?

-In 1967 incumbent York North Tory MPP Bill Hodgson was a run-away winner to be the candidate for the next provincial election, by defeating Ernie Crossland and Don Martyn.

-Wrestler Whipper Billy Watson contested the York Simcoe riding for the federal Tories.

-Doug Alcorn, a former part-owner of the Aurora Tigers and a local sports celebrity and RCAF veteran, wrote about his Air Force experiences in Bomber Command in his book "From Hell to Breakfast".

-Aurora Highlands Golf Club announced a \$160,000 building expansion including a swimming pool, which is long gone.

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