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The winner, Belinda Stronach and the runner-up, Lois Brown (inset) went to the wire last week as the new riding of Newmarket-Aurora selected its Progressive Party of Canada candidate. Aurora's Stronach won the race by a mere 100 votes, after a crowd estimated at more than 1,200 cast ballots. The meeting was held at Aurora High School, and the huge crowd caused traffic chaos throughout the neighbourhood. The event won national coverage since Stronach has declared herself as a leadership candidate for the newly-formed federal party. In the audience where former Ontario Premier Mike Harris, and current Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees, an Aurora resident.

Auroran photos by Rob Schuetze

Fill site denial dumped

Following a long and confusing presentation and debate, Aurora Council Tuesday finally deferred an application by a numbered company to re-open a land fill operation on Bloomington Road between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street.

In accordance with the town's bylaw to control the dumping of fill and alterations of grades, council must hold a public meeting, at which any person who attends has the opportunity to make a presentation.

Notice of the meeting indicated the applicant was asking council to enter into an agreement to permit filling to restore the land to a condition where it is rendered beneficial.

The applicant further stated that a useful 156 acres of land would be available following completion of the filling operation.

A staff report notes that the numbered companies submitted an application for a fill permit in May last year.

The report also noted that activities on the site have been the subject of litigation between the town and the property owners.

Please see page 13

Potential merger stirs Aurora Council

At the last general committee meeting two weeks ago council endorsed a recommendation that management of Aurora and Newmarket Hydros continue studying amalgamation possibilities.

The report was endorsed without comment or debate.

When the committee report

Tigers meet the Blades... but where?

Next on the plate for Aurora's very winning Tigers Junior A hockey team is the squad from Oakville...the Blades.

But Oakville has nowhere to play, so the next series, at press time, had not been established.

Best guess is the series will open in Aurora Friday night, Thursday at the earliest, but check the Aurora Tigers website (www.auroratigers.com) that will publish the schedule as soon as it's set.

came to council for ratification, the debate got underway resulting in points of order and procedural wrangling.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner asked who had paid for the consultant's report and if Newmarket received the same report.

She expressed concern that as Newmarket was larger they could have more control in the merger and Aurora could lose setting its own rates and flexibility and would no longer be master of its own destiny.

Councillor Evelyn Buck noted that if the merger was to take place, this was a window of opportunity as the province had granted a transfer tax holiday for a limited period.

Councillor Phyllis Morris said she also had problems as the \$26 million asset was to be discussed without input from council according to a report.

She said council must be in the discussion loop and made an amendment that council be added to the recommendation. Mayor Tim Jones said it wasn't necessary as he represented

council and the shareholders on the board.

It was finally agreed to accept the Morris amendment to add council to the loop.

The consultant's report will also be included in the agenda for the next general committee meeting for further discussion.



Aurora's St. Joseph's Separate School choir was chosen from a number of schools to participate in the full length musical of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat held last month at the Newmarket and Vaughan theatres and Thursday, they welcomed Joseph (Mathew Tishler, centre) to Aurora. The 17-year-old Thornhill resident was welcomed by the Aurora group as they performed together at the school. Mathew has also starred in Grease, Oliver and Bye Bye Birdie.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7:30. For further information contact Bob Butler at h.butler@sympatico.ca or 905-713-3314.

Entrepreneurs. Network marketing is available in Aurora. Aurora-Business.com meets Wednesdays at 7.15 a.m. Group meets at Timberlane on Vandorf Sideroad east of Yonge. Contact Peter Rich at rich.p@mortgageintelligence.ca or 905-727-3800.

Helping Hands: Gently used clothing for women and children, at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. More information 905-727-6101.

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.

For the remaining two Fridays in March, the 55-Alive Driving Refresher Course for Seniors will be held at the Aurora Public Library from 9.30 a.m. to noon. Call Kim Hinder 905-727-2816.

Girl Guide Cookies - did they miss you at your door? Call 905-841-1170 to order the chocolate and vanilla cookies. (Until March 30).

The Canadian Cancer Society, Holland River Unit, is looking for Aurora residents to be part of their residential campaign in April. For information, call 905-830-0447 or e-mail mtaylor@ccsont.org.

During the month of March the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall presents a multi-media art exhibit by Jan Pugh. Regular viewing times are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

MARCH 19

Blood donor clinic. Aurora United Church. 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

MARCH 19/20

The Queen Elizabeth Dinner Theatre at Howard Johnson Aurora presents " Sylvia " a modern romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog. Continues March 26, April 2/3, 10, 16 and 24, 2004. Call 905-727-1312 for information and reservations.

MARCH 20

The Registered Music Teachers of North York/York Region are presenting their annual "Teachers In Recital" at Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora at 7.30 p.m. Tickets \$10, \$7.50, and a \$25 ticket covers two adults and three children. Call (905) 727-5727.

MARCH 23

Second draft of the 2004 operating and capital town budgets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall. Public invited to provide input.

MARCH 24

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Networking Dart Tournament at Charley FitzWhiskey's from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Register by calling the Chamber office at 905-727-7262.

Aurora Ladies Recreational Softball League registration night. 7-9 p.m. Aurora Community Centre, Aurora Heights Drive. For further information, call Sonja Pedersen at 416-937-3037 or via e-mail at smpedersen@hotmail.com.

MARCH 25

Blood donor clinic. Aurora Legion. 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MARCH 27

Registration for softball and baseball with the Aurora Minor Ball Association at the Aurora Community Centre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Programs are available for ages 5 to 21. Visit www.auro-raminorball.ca or call 905-727-8461.

York Symphony Orchestra presents "Triumphant Spirit" at Trinity Church Aurora at 8 p.m. Call 416-410-0860 for ticket information.

"Loveboat" Theme Night at Aurora Legion. 7 p.m. Roast beef dinner & dj. \$12 per person.

MARCH 27-28

All Season Tennis Centre First Annual Polar Bear Tennis outdoor fundraising event for Bounce the Ball, a program to introduce tennis to local primary schools. McMahon Park tennis courts. To register call 905-841-8914 or visit www.astc.ca

MARCH 28

Aurora Optimist Recreational Hockey registration - boys and girls born 1998, 1999 - 8 - 11a.m. Aurora Leisure Complex lobby. For more information call Kim Downs 905-726-2906.

Progressive Euchre at the Aurora Legion. Register at 12.30 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m.

MARCH 29

Aurora Rotary Club will host clubs in the 7070 district at a 'joint club' dinner meeting at DiNardo's Mansion, Industrial Pkwy S, Aurora, at 6 p.m. Open to the public.

APRIL 3

Aurora Skating Club's 'Broadway On Ice' carnival. Aurora Community Centre. Two shows, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, call 905-713-1442 or visit www.auraskatingclub.com.

APRIL 6

Free seminar, presented jointly by the Aurora Library and Aurora Cable Internet, studies who has access to your computer, your files and your personal information. 7 p.m. To reserve, call the library at 905-727-9493 or register on line at www.aci.on.ca.

APRIL 8

Easter Ham Dinner at the Aurora Legion, 6 p.m. Progressive

Euchre \$3, live entertainment in the lounge with Ken Mann.

APRIL 10

Aurora Easter Egg hunt. 1 p.m. Aurora Leisure Complex.

APRIL 14

Aurora Probus Club guest speaker is Henry Shannon, CFRB traffic reporter. Aurora Legion, 10 a.m.

Last day for artists to submit paintings to the 42nd Annual Juried Art Show and Sale. Call 905-726-4762 for further information.

APRIL 16-17

The Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of Grace Parish annual Spring Rummage Sale Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Street.

APRIL 18

Hartwell Runners Challenge. Call 905-727-8755 to register.

York Regional Police Male Chorus presents the 2nd annual "Breath of Spring" concert, 7 p.m. at Madsen's Greenhouse, 160 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket. Tickets \$10, advance sale only. Call 905-727-9676 for further information.

APRIL 23-25

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Warning for future homebuyers

In approving an exemption for "part lot control" for a subdivision under construction on the east side of Bayview Avenue, Councillor Nigel Kean questioned if the potential homebuyers adjacent to Bayview Avenue had been made aware that the street is slated to be widened to four lanes.

Planning director Sue Seibert replied that the subdivision agreement had been approved last spring and a warning clause had not been included, but would be for future phases of development.

Councillor Wendy Gaertner questioned if arrangements had been made for sufficient parking in the subdivision.

Seibert replied that the parking plan had been approved and was adequate.

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April 24 - Jailbreak - Tribute to AC/DC \$5 Cover

April 10 - Comedy Night with Simon B. Cotter & Dave Merry

Annual Street Festival promises exceptional live entertainment

The Yonge Street Festival committee met Wednesday morning to continue organizing this year's event, slated for Sunday, June 6, which sees Yonge Street closed for a day from Wellington Street in the

north to Murray Drive in the south.

Traditionally, more than 500 vendors show up with a wide variety of goods to sell.

To date, nearly 200 have signed up.

The festival this year will again feature a plethora of entertainment, from singer Patty McLaughlin to street organ grinder Klaus Wehrenberg.

Activities such as rock climbing walls and bouncers will be available for the children.

Admission to those events is by button only, and the committee agreed to raise the price of the buttons from \$1 to \$2 and donate half the money to various charities.

Buttons are currently on sale throughout the community and will be available at numerous locations the day of the festival.

The street closes at 11 a.m. and festival-goers have until 5 p.m. to enjoy Yonge Street without automobiles.

About 30,000 people are expected to attend the eighth annual event, started in 1996 to celebrate the 200th birthday of Yonge Street, the longest street in the world.

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Venerable Cyril (Cy) Buck, for years one of the pillars of Theatre Aurora, used the group's Factory Theatre recently to celebrate his 80th birthday. Eldest son, Steve, shares a moment with dad. Truth known, Cy is really only 20 years old, since he was born on February 29. Dozens of friends were on hand to mark the occasion.

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**Poor
Richard**

Strategic Plan way off track

*A strategic plan is important,
It's "Aurora's Way Ahead".
But after the recent debate,
It might as well be dead!*

-Poor Richard's Scrapbook.

Aurora's mission statement includes goals including "to continue well planned growth", "to maintain a well managed and fiscally responsible municipality", and "to conserve our natural and cultural heritage", in addition to three others.

The concept of a strategic plan for the municipality was first discussed at a council retreat in October, 1990, and again at a January, 1992, retreat.

In February, 1992, council agreed to establish a committee to examine the feasibility of undertaking a strategic plan for the community.

Agreement was reached to prepare terms of reference for a study and to seek proposals from consultants.

The initial strategic plan work was undertaken in January, 1993, with the assistance of the Randolph Group and it was adopted later in the year.

It was updated in 1999 as "Aurora's Way Ahead" providing a broad-brush description of where the municipality was heading, and took into account current issues and influences on the municipality and the sentiments of the residents.

A further update was carried out in 2001 to bring the language and issues of the plan's objectives up to the present day.

These updates were approved by council with limited debate.

During the controversial retreat in January, a consultant made a presentation on the elements of a strategic plan, including vision, mission, values, goals, actions and performance measurements.

The presentation also included the roles and responsibilities of the mayor and members of council for political leadership, staff to implement the actions of council and the public to hold them accountable.

In his inaugural address to start the new term Mayor Tim Jones suggested an update of the plan with input from the new council with the aim of ensuring the municipality's long term vision continued to meet current realities.

While council agreed to proceed with the update, there was little other agreement.

At the recent general committee meeting after more than an hour of debate regarding the update and two defeated motions, committee members threw up their hands and deferred further debate until council was in a better mood.

Instead of wasting time debating a strategic plan that has little bearing on the day-to-day activities of the town, councillors might better spend time and effort into how to get along with each other for the benefit of the community.

Conduct at council and committee meetings might be a good place to start.

Staff reports are quite explicit and normally provide options.

All that is necessary is a motion in support of one of the options and members speak only once in support or opposition to the motion, then the vote is taken and the majority wins.

There is no need for the constant cross the table bickering, nit-picking and going off topic. Stand up, speak up and shut up!

The report also lists how the proposal aligns with the direction of the strategic plan, which might as well be discarded as it is usually ignored.

Council continues to make large financial commitments in isolation, such as the new library, merger of the fire service, new seniors centre and rec complex, without consideration of the overall impact on the taxpayer in spite of a plan that states "to maintain a well managed and fiscally responsible municipality".

Driving up Bayview Avenue one has to wonder about the strategic plan goal which states "to continue well planned growth".

Also when one considers all the heritage homes and environmental areas that have been demolished in the interests of development, it's hard to understand why the town has a strategic plan goal that states "to conserve our natural and cultural heritage".

The first goal should be to develop a workable and productive council!



There is good news and bad news surrounding our editor's birthday next week. The good news is that it's the first day of spring (hurray) and the bad news is, the editor is turning 60. That's him in the inset today. But rumours that he was once a little boy are proven in the main picture. The question is: which one is Ron Wallace? We promise you, he is among this group of good looking children...somewhere. Circle your choice, send it in to the Auroran with your name and phone number, and we'll select a winner who will enjoy a non-alcoholic dinner for two at Jonathan's Restaurant. No one on the Auroran staff could find him, but it doesn't matter. They can't enter.

Letters to the Editor

Public Health staff need children of their own

To the editor,

SARS was not an issue in York Region last summer. It couldn't have been.

With the rabid zeal Public Health invokes to go after non-issues, how could a real issue like SARS have possibly withstood the onslaught.

I have three children. All either in the public school system or private daycare.

Since I moved to Aurora, I've witnessed the ever increasing public policy weapons of mass destruction accumulate with little or no regard to the personal collateral damage it creates.

It was a bit of an inconvenience to us at first when we found that no childcare/school in York Region (public or private) would allow peanut butter.

Our daughter loved the stuff, and it was just about the only way we could get protein into her.

Now I understand that for some there are serious medical problems with the stuff, so we dutifully and gladly did and do our part by making sure our kids never go school or daycare with the stuff on them, their clothes, or their breath.

But apparently this was insufficient.

Public Health then decreed that the food parents bring to schools/daycares had to be store bought.

Somehow we couldn't be trusted as parents to watch the ingredient list of the things we make for our kids' friends.

Now everybody has to suffer with donuts, high cholesterol muffins, and store bought cookies.

Next we find that the daycare no longer wants toilet paper rolls for crafts. They are unhygienic, you know. Sigh.

Most recently we have been blasted by another Public Health policy bomb.

Our toddler has regularly suffered from that, all to common, ailment which comes with teething or from eating too much fruit.

Yes, the fertilizer she produces is better suited to sailing ships in than actually putting plants in.

Now any parent or doctor will tell you this is a perfectly normal, though with the teething not always explainable, bodily reaction.

Public Health, of course, has decreed that body products which lack the appropriate viscosity must be

caused by some horrible and highly contagious virus, and is, therefore, a public health issue.

The offending toddler needs to be kept home regardless of any other signs of sickness or wellness.

If Toronto Public Health had had a similar policy several years ago when we were new parents and did not have a proper appreciation of this fine relationship between fruit and toddler body function we would have lost weeks having to be home with an otherwise perfectly healthy toddler.

So now during the week we very carefully monitor our child's fruit intake, choosing necessarily, to risk constipation instead.

I sit here now and wait for the next public health over-reaction.

In the meantime, I hope the persons who make public health policy on York Region some day have children of their own.

Then they will know all the joys of parenthood and how it is worth any price one might be expected to pay.

They also won't be at work nearly so much to be able to

create bad public policy.

**Darryl Moore
Aurora**

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Wells Street light in wrong place

To the editor,

Re: Wells Street crosswalk not green light

Under what section of the Highway Traffic Act would a

left turn be illegal?

The driver proceeding across Wellington Street does have an unobstructed view of the crosswalk from either direction and would

be very aware of any pedestrian on the crosswalk.

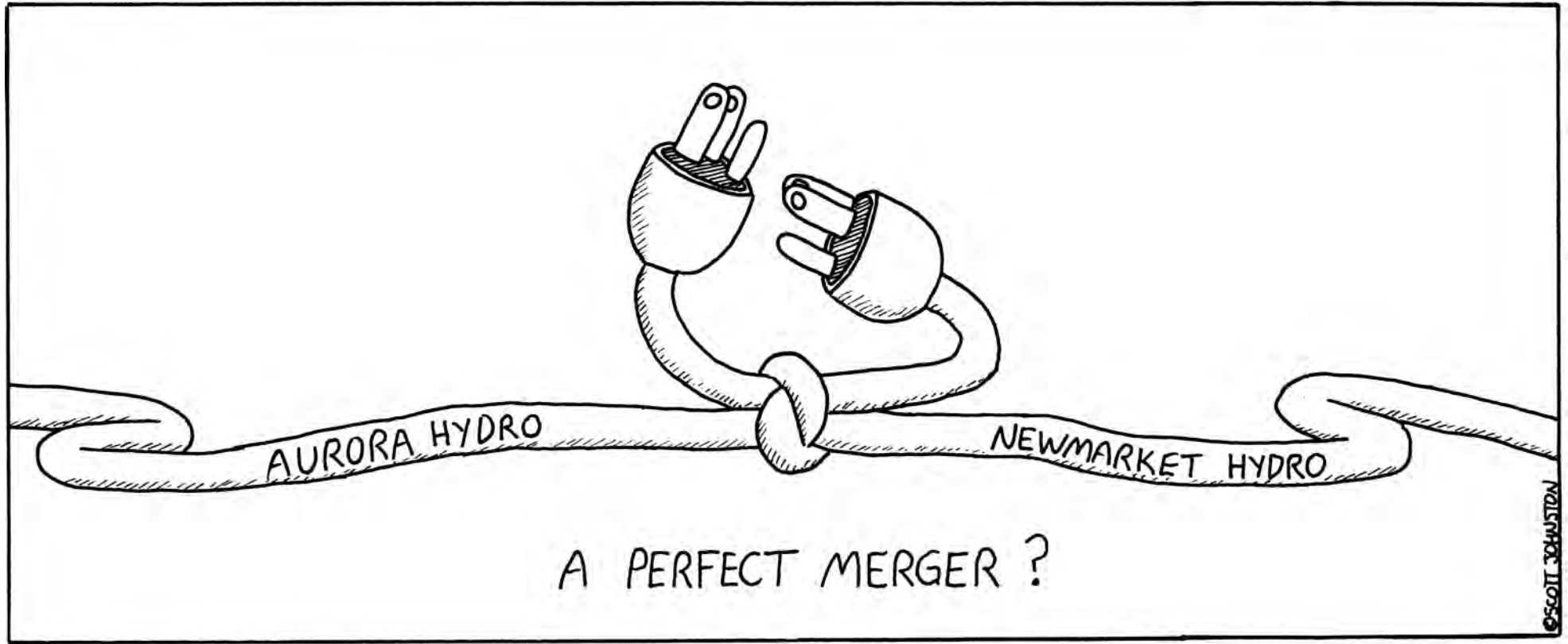
Question: How are vehicles supposed to exit from Wells St. north or south to Wellington St. with the

heavy traffic at that intersection?

To eliminate the confusion, I feel that this type of traffic light should never be used at an intersection.

It should only be used on a street in an area some distance from an intersection.

**Russ Kuehl
Aurora**



Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

York Region capital spending for Aurora

Over the next nine years, the Region of York has numerous projects planned for Aurora.

As many know, the Region is responsible for the delivery of water to the borders of our Town and the Town is responsible for distributing that water through the streets to each of the houses and businesses.

As well, the Region is responsible for taking all the sewage from the borders of our Town to treatment facilities through the York Durham system.

As we grow, more water is necessary and that water is coming to us from Toronto as well as through an agreement with Peel.

The waste water will be handled by a new system that is working its way through Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Problems have developed with the installation of the wastewater pipes and a process called dewatering which occurs when these pipes are installed deep into the ground such that the area has to be dewatered to allow for the pipe placement.

This has caused some delay in the future plans for wastewater as wells have gone dry in the process and streams have had to be accommodated through the installation.

The Region also is responsible for numerous major arterial roads through Aurora.

These are roads like Bayview, St. Johns, Leslie and Bathurst as well as Bloomington, and Wellington.

Projects that are scheduled to be commenced soon include:

In the water category, numerous well, waterline and tank projects that are located around our Town which total approximately \$35 million, are planned. In 2004 specific projects are located from Bloomington to Ridge Road (water main), and a pumping station connection along Wellington from Berczy to Orchard Heights.

In the wastewater category, there are two projects scheduled but not intended to be implemented until 2007. The East Holland Trunk Sewer and the Aurora Equalization Tank are two very important projects that I am working hard to advance as our Economic Development potential at the 404 depends on these projects.

Letter to the Editor

Here's where Legion was...

To the editor,

Keep up the great work with the best little paper in Aurora.

Re: the picture of the old Legion (Auroran, Page 4, March 9).

If I'm not mistaken, the "old" Legion was situated on the east side of Yonge Street, just north of the corner of Dunning Avenue.

It was situated between the Graystones and what was then H.A. Mclean's Chev-Olds dealership.

The garages for that dealership were to the south of the Legion.

As for what is there now, that's easy. Burger King.

ED. NOTE: This is one of several letters received answering our query on the editorial page last week. The Legion was exactly where Mr. Holmes locates it. For a while, it disappeared beneath a new building; surfaced when the current building was constructed, and was demolished at that time.

Under the topic of road reconstruction the Region has several plans scheduled for Aurora.

1. Bathurst from King City Sideroad to Wellington (completion estimated in 2005) value - \$11 million;
2. Bathurst from Wellington to Mulock (completion estimated in 2006) value - \$6.8 million;
3. Bayview from Bloomington to Wellington (completion estimated in 2011) value - \$10 million;
4. Bayview from Wellington to Mulock (completion estimated in 2005) value-\$11 million;
5. Bloomington from Bayview to the 404 (completion estimated in 2008) value - \$5.3 million;
6. Bloomington from Yonge to Bathurst (completion estimated in 2011) value - \$4.7 million;
7. Bloomington from Yonge to Bayview (completion estimated in 2008) value - \$5.4 million;

8. St. Johns from Bayview to Woodbine (completion estimated in 2009) value - \$5.2 million and;
9. St. John's from Yonge to Bayview (completion estimated in 2005) value - \$11.4 million.

One of my responsibilities at the Region is to serve as a member of the Transportation and Works Committee. This enables me to stay current with the plans and priorities as they affect Aurora.

This work is over and above the local road repair and reconstruction plans and water and waste water maintenance programs facilitated directly by our Town Works Department staff.

If you see something in this column that you wish to respond to, I welcome your comments, either through the paper, to the Town Hall by mail - Box 1000, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6J1 or e-mail at tjones@town.aurora.on.ca



Cathy's Corner



Advice to my younger sister

My sister just had a birthday.

So, for almost two months, I will enjoy the youth enhancing illusion of having a sister six years younger than I am, not seven.

When Dianna turns 40, I will be happier than I was when the contentious princess crown mercifully broke on New Year's Day, 1972 - the grace by which I came to live in Aurora instead of an institution.

Expect a parade.

Except that Dianna has stopped celebrating.

When I called to wish her a happy birthday, she said: "Birthday? Who cares about that anymore?"

I am so disappointed. I had visions of filling Yonge Street with colourful floats by Miss Clairol, Geritol, and Hush Puppies.

Maybe even a group of plastic surgeons in white coats, and a fleet of Corvettes driven by Aurorans in the midst of glorious midlife crisis.

As an emergency response measure, this column is dedicated to saving Dianna's big Four-O...and my parade.

Dianna, some things really do get better after 40.

Your birthday parties get bigger...because you have to start inviting the Aurora firefighters.

Have you seen the calendar? Invite them!!!

And you can throw one heck of a party because you don't have to worry about having your I.D. checked at the liquor store.

Nor do you have to go as often. One glass of wine now does the work of three. It's been clinically proven.

If you're into saving money, (which, being over 40, you automatically are), it's good news all the way.

You can stop buying make-up because it doesn't fool anybody anymore, so what's the point?

You show a marked preference for renting movies, ordering in, and doing crossword puzzles, so you won't need make-up even if it does what they say.

Notice that all of your new preferences will be cheaper, plus the liquor savings...you're in the money, honey!

Over 40, you start to look better with your clothes on, so you might want to redirect the extra cash to the wardrobe.

Invest in the girdle, like mom always said. Everything else is just fluff...actually, flab.

If the girdle doesn't work, you can invest in a right-hand ring.

It's an excellent tool for distracting attention from trouble spots, and it's the latest fashion for women in their forties.

Now that we know a carat from a carrot, we no longer chase any carrots less than a carat.

Over 40, you become a lot more discerning.

You will look at all the clutter that's been around for decades, and in a brilliant flash of pre-menopausal boldness, you will throw out most of it one fitful Saturday afternoon. You'll feel like a new woman!

Then, your husband will come home and ask a stupid question: "Honey, what did you do with all my stuff?"

But given the wisdom and maturity of your years, you probably won't answer.

And, given the compassion of your wisdom and maturity, you will forgive him for asking.

And the older you get, the more easily you forget, too! Lucky John!

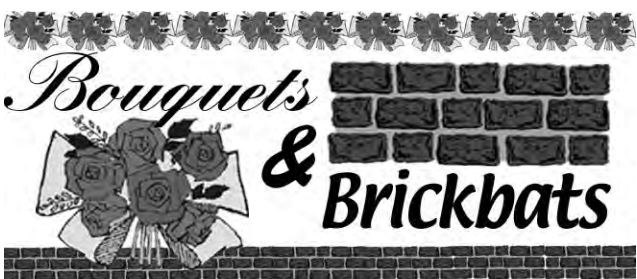
You will become softer in other ways, steadily losing skin elasticity, muscle tone and most of your sanity.

But, there is a wonderful side effect: your relationships with other women will become less of a competition and more of a connection.


You can talk for hours about simple soothing spiritual things, like which direction your headboard should face.


If you allow, each decade of your life will come with its own richness, uniqueness and fulfillment...not to mention a new crop of sexy firefighters to hang on your refrigerator.


So what do you say? Can we still do the parade thing?





By DICK ILLINGWORTH


 **BOUQUETS** to the Aurora residents who came to the aid of Emma in helping to raise funds to build a ramp so 12-year-old Emma can attend St. Paul's United Church in Oak Ridges. Also, bouquets to the Aurora builder for offering to donate labour to the project following an appeal in the Auroran.


 **BRICKBATS** to whoever is responsible at the Town Hall for printing the application form for artists to enter the 42nd Annual Town of Aurora Juried Art Show and Sale in three colours on glossy paper, including an advertisement for SOYRA. With money so tight, it could have been printed on plain paper in black ink like the Latcham Gallery in Stouffville.


 **BOUQUETS** to Darryl Moore for his interesting and thought-provoking letters to the editor of the Auroran. He is following in the footsteps of other Aurora writers of letters to the editor, such as Sid Britton, Evelyn Buck, Jim Jackson, Neil Watson, Ed Sims and Harold Matthews.


 **BOUQUETS** to G. Andrew for his letter to the Auroran to advise Poor Richard that Aurora Hydro has had a pre-authorized payment plan for the past several years. If that's the case what is Aurora Hydro going to announce in the near future that got Poor Richard so excited?


 **BRICKBATS** to members of council for routinely approving the minutes of the previous council meeting as presented, when copies of the minutes are not included as part of the agenda package. How do they know what they are approving without a copy of the minutes before them? Or is it just the media that doesn't receive copies?


 **BOUQUETS** to Grade 3 student Nikita Gusev from Oak Ridges on being ranked first in the Grade 3 category and in the top 10 in his age group across Canada. He was a participant in the recent Aurora Optimist Chess Tournament at the Aurora Legion.


 **BRICKBATS** to five members of Aurora Council for failing to show up for a special general committee meeting on February 19, 2004 resulting in the meeting being cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

 **BOUQUETS** to the unknown 65-year-old customer at the Aurora LCBO store for tackling a robber in the parking lot and with the aid of other customers held him until police arrived. Not recommended but you have to admire his courage.

 **BRICKBATS** to the Ontario Liberal government for even considering hiring a tobacco specialist to help tobacco farmers in promoting their crops, especially after taking such a hard line on its use. When the hypocrisy of their position was pointed out, they quickly cancelled the position.

 **BOUQUETS** to the York Region Food Network for becoming involved in the "Think Food" project, which is designed to alleviate hunger and divert waste from landfill sites by collecting and recycling as many used printer cartridges and cell phones as possible to raise funds for local food banks.

 **BRICKBATS** to Premier Dalton McGuinty for even considering changing the legislation to permit patrons to take their own bottle of wine to their favourite restaurant, or if they purchase a bottle at the restaurant to take home what's left. With all the issues facing the government, who came up with this hair-brained scheme?

 **BOUQUETS** to Nick of Aurora for submitting the Joke of the Morning, which was selected by Gary Gamble of FOXY-FM 88.5 and broadcast on a recent morning. For the Joke of the Morning tune in at 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday and start your day off with a laugh!

Letters to the Editor

The declining world of our delivered mail

To the editor,

Weather permitting, I walk to the end of the street where the mailboxes are located and pick up my mail.

I enjoy the walk, especially in good weather, and I like collecting my mail.

But often I think of the old days when mail was delivered to your door and you were spared the trouble of walking to your mail box or driving, if necessary.

Mail delivered to your door was not only a great convenience but also gave you the opportunity to meet the person who delivered your mail.

The mailman making his rounds in the neighbourhood was a familiar figure.

Children, women and men greeted him with a smile and some stopped

to talk to him.

The mail he delivered was not always good news and he knew it.

He kept his thoughts to himself on the things he saw and heard on his rounds.

A person's mail offered good insights into his or her private life.

When the young woman who always greeted him with a smile and waited for him at the door changed her mailing address to a postal box at the post office, he suspected a significant change had come into her life.

When the old couple who always greeted him with a smile at the door had passed on, new people had moved into the house.

It took time to establish a relationship.

There were people who kept their distance and

No ID? No vote

To the editor,

How ticked off am I?

If Lois Brown loses the nomination to be the Progressive Party of Canada representative in Newmarket-Aurora by one vote, it was mine.

After standing outside the Aurora High School last Tuesday night for more than 30 minutes freezing to death, we were finally let into the school, to stand in line, yet again.

But, at least it was inside, and somewhat warmer.

The front door, by the way, remained open for more than an hour. Hope the taxpayers don't mind the school trying to heat the outside.

I finally got close enough to the beginning of the line and I was sent to a table that corresponded with my last initial.

At that point, I was informed I needed at least two pieces of identification.

On me, I had a set of car keys and the paper Ms Brown faxed me to prove I had purchased a member-

ship prior to the deadline.

My identification was in my car, and my car was, trust me, not in the neighbourhood.

And, even if it was, I wasn't going to start the whole procedure over again.

No one had ever said anything about being required to produce identification prior to Tuesday night.

Sorry, I'm a rookie at this political game. I paid 10 bucks because I wanted to support Lois Brown.

That didn't happen. I went home.

I want my money back.

All I got for my investment was a Lois Brown pin and a Belinda Stronach handshake.

Yippee.

Rosemary Schumaker
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Lois Brown did not lose by a single vote, but she did lose a close race. If there were other Brown supporters who left prior to the voting, it might have made a difference.

remained aloof.

The friendly people made the job easier and emotionally satisfying.

What beautiful and moving stories have been told about the brave mailman battling the elements to deliver the mail.

Numbing cold, blinding snowstorms, scorching heat could not stop the flow of mail.

Weather conditions were not the only challenges.

There were bad roads, dangerous traffic, dangerous neighbourhoods, vicious dogs, unfriendly neighbours and people who were never satisfied with the service they received.

Mail had to be delivered no matter what the circumstances.

Regrettably, mail as we

know it, is rapidly disappearing.

Increasing electronic means of communication are displacing the familiar forms.

Will there be a need for postal services, as we know them, in the future?

Probably not.

We will miss the presence of the friendly mailman who took a personal interest in our mail and he delivered it to our door.

Another cherished institution sacrificed to progress.

Chris Antoniou
Aurora

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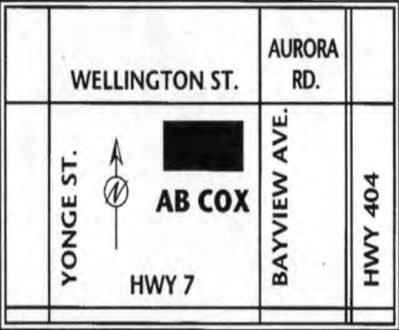
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Week of March 16, 2004

Tigers Division champs...again

The North is in the bag, three more divisions to go.

The Aurora Tigers, sporting a 12-0 record, who have just swept through their division in Provincial Junior A playoffs, will now meet the Oakville Blades, champions of the West division, thanks to their eliminating the Georgetown Raiders in five games Saturday night.

But, even getting by Oakville means Aurora has only conquered half the league, which, at 37 teams, is the largest in Canada.

Still lurking out there is that club from Wellington, that put the boots to Aurora last season, ending their run at a title.

Wellington came back from a 3-2 deficit to eliminate Kingston in a seven-game series.

Meanwhile, the Tigers got rid of the Newmarket Hurricanes in four games (what's new?) with 2-1 and 6-2 wins last week.

Aurora has now eliminated three clubs in the minimum required games, sweeping all three series.

If the Tigers were going to run into trouble, it was in the third game, right here in Aurora, and the name of the trouble was Peter Mandoli.

He was the Hurricane goaltender, who nearly stood on his head, as Aurora eked out a narrow 2-1 victory, in spite of being all over the opposition.

Aurora outshot Newmarket 50-23.

Hanging on to a comfortable two-game lead, the Tigers knew that with a solid effort they could make it almost impossible for Newmarket to come back in the series.

But Mandoli had different ideas on his mind and came up with some stellar saves to keep Aurora off the scoreboard.

Sam Skwarchuk finally broke the bubble the Hurricane netminder had built around him with a goal in the first but Newmarket managed to tie the game late in the period while being a man short.

Caution was the name of the game in the second period which resulted in a scoreless 20 minutes, and both teams



Tigers swarm the Newmarket Hurricane net in the fourth and final game of their series against their Yonge Street counterparts. The victory earned Aurora the North Division championship for the third year in a row. Aurora now meets the Oakville Blades in Round Four. Oakville won the West Division over the Georgetown Raiders Saturday night.

registered 10 shots on goal.

Aurora seemed to wake up in the third and pretty well dominated the entire frame.

But once again, Mandoli was the big difference, making many incredible saves to keep Newmarket close.

With fewer than five minutes left in the game, an unusual hero, Darren Salmon managed to break the tie when his shot set up by Jamie Minchella and Doug Henderson found the back of the net and gave Aurora the lead it needed.

It turned out to be enough as the Tigers held the Hurricanes off for the rest of the period and came away with the 2-1 victory and more importantly, a 3-0 lead in the series.

The fourth and final game was in the bag for Aurora before the first period ended.

Tigers knew there was just one thing to accomplish heading into game four at the Ray Twinney Complex in Newmarket Saturday.

Chris Whitley got the call in Aurora's goal once again, starting his fifth straight game and the Hurricanes went back to Mandoli who almost stole game three for Newmarket.

The game plan was to come

out strong early and put the Hurricanes behind the eight ball.

A big toe save by Whitley just 10 seconds into the game helped set the tone.

Michael Tonelli came right back and beat Mandoli and Sam Skwarchuk gave Aurora a two-goal lead before the game was two minutes old.

Joel Kitchen made it 3-0 with a bullet shot that beat Mandoli over the glove before the period was half over.

That goal chased Mandoli, who was replaced by Daren Machesney.

The Hurricanes showed some jump in the second period, looking to close the gap on the Tigers, but strong

netminding by Whitley kept Newmarket off the board

Meanwhile, Aurora wasn't finished with its scoring outburst and added three more before the game was 40 minutes old.

Aurora got goals from Kyle Aitken, Skwarchuk, with his second of the game and Jamie Minchella.

With a six-goal lead, Aurora relaxed a bit, and Newmarket was quick to pounce, adding two goals of its own before the game ended.

This is the second year in a row that Aurora has met Newmarket in a playoff round, and swept the series.

And, with the win, Aurora captured the North Division title for the third year in a row.



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Law Insurance Brokers	13	9	1	92	85	27
Tom & Jerry's	12	9	2	82	82	26
Rec Cycle N' Sports	10	11	2	87	85	22
Priestly Demolition	10	12	1	88	114	21
FPL Aggregates	9	13	1	54	62	19
Masterclean Contracting	8	15	0	77	92	16
J.J. Barron Realty	7	14	2	82	95	16

Results, March 8

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The Aurora Atom AE Tigers won the Stouffville Tournament recently, winning all four games played. The final game, against the host Stouffville Clippers ended in a 2-1 Aurora victory. Tigers' goalie, Nick Skillins, was the hero of the day when he stopped a penalty shot late in the game. Both Tiger goals were scored by the tournament MVP, Michael Nonnewitz.

Architect is selected for new rec complex

The selection of an architect for the proposed Aurora recreation complex was contingent on council's action on a proposed public/private partnership for the site.

When it was decided not to proceed with such an arrangement, the appointment of an architect became necessary.

Last October council authorized staff to prepare a request for proposals for architectural services for the project and a total of 46 firms picked up the RFP.

By the closing date, 10 firms submitted proposals and a short list of four prepared.

Following interviews, the firm of NORR Architects and Engineers was recommended to council, but a decision was not made at the time pending a decision on the public/private partnership.

The price quoted by the firm was a fixed fee of \$994,500 based on a \$17 million project, but in the event the construction budget increased the fee would increase by six per cent of

any additional amount.

Town staff reported that based on an estimated construction budget of more than \$20 million, the fixed fee would increase to \$1,189,274, plus disbursements and an administrative charge.

At the time council members expressed concern about what appeared to be open-ended terms and requested staff to renegotiate the terms with the architect.

Last week, Councillor Bill Hogg enquired about the

results of such discussion.

It was reported that the discussions had taken place as requested, and the bids had been submitted in accordance with the request for proposals based on a construction budget of \$17 million and a fixed fee had not been required, as the firms would not agree to a fixed fee until there was a fixed budget.

Hogg suggested the other three bidders be checked as to their position. The town solicitor replied it was possible to contact all bidders, but this would result in a delay. She pointed out that council had won on one point, as disbursements had been rolled into the fee.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said the cost of the project was too much for the taxpayer, but council decided to proceed and engage NORR Architects and Engineers by a 4-2 vote.

Councillors John West and Damir Vrancic were absent.

Summer hockey league planned at Aurora rinks

North America's largest adult hockey league, the ASHL (Adult Safe Hockey League) is coming to Aurora.

The league will begin operation this summer as an official Satellite location.

Canlan Ice Sports Corp. is the largest private supplier of arena facilities across North America with 20 locations in Canada and the United States.

The ASHL currently has more than 40,000 adults playing hockey in its facilities and satellite locations.

The league is professionally managed and offers benefits to players.

The league will operate Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Aurora Leisure Complex (May and June), and at the Aurora Community Centre, rink 2, (July and August).

Hockey begins May 13 and teams will play once a week.

Games will be one hour time slots, with three periods, 12, 10 and 10 minutes stop time, and each team will play an equal amount of games at each time slot for the season.

Each team is guaranteed 16 regular season games plus two playoff games.

Some of the benefits of the league include National Rule Book; National Insurance Policy for Players, unique to the ASHL; Certified, minimum level two referees; Opportunity to compete in Ontario Regional Playoffs for the Ontario Cup; Equal distribution of game times; and an opportunity to play in a professionally managed league.

Team Registration is \$3,000 plus GST and a deposit of

\$750 is required at the time of registration.

Registration for the league is limited, and it's expected to sell out quickly.

Anyone interested in registering for the largest adult recreational hockey league in North America should contact Bill Channing, Vice President-ASHL Hockey Operations, Canlan Ice Sports Corp. at 1-877-423-7778, ext. 257.

Hockey squad wins right

Celtics to represent York at London tourney

Cardinal Carter's Celtics will represent York Region at the Senior Boys hockey OFSAA championship tournament in London next week.

The squad earned the spot in the AAA division by advancing to the York Region finals in playoff action.

After finishing first in their division in regular season, Carter received a

bye in the first round of playoffs, then defeated Thornhill 5-2 in a single elimination quarter final game to advance to the semis.

Semi-final action matched Carter up against Huron Heights in a best of three series.

This match-up would be a back and forth battle from the opening face-off.

In the first game, Huron

took an early lead then Joshua Vriend tied the score with a pair of goals.

Michael Bernardi added a single and the score remained tied 3-3 through a scoreless third period to force overtime.

Dan Naccarato was the hero, scoring on a Steve Petrongolo rebound to put Carter up in the series.

Huron, however, would battle back to win the sec-

ond game 3-2.

Stephen Heikkila and Naccarato each notched singles as Carter was edged by Huron to tie the series.

The deciding game had the Celtics back on home ice with an enthusiastic crowd on hand.

With the score 1-0 in favor of Huron Heights in the second period, Joshua Vriend scored to

tie the game after Carter killed off an extended five on three Huron powerplay.

Daryl Osborne gave Carter the lead from Trevor Williams but Huron fought back to tie the game on a power play goal.

Once again, Dan Naccarato's heroic effort would pay off as he scored the winner late in the first overtime frame to

send the Celtics to the finals with the 3-2 victory.

Netminder Shawn Gwilliam played a strong game in pipes, making numerous key saves to ensure the victory.

Carter met Stouffville in the best of three for the YRAA title and advanced to represent York Region in the provincial championship at the AAA level.



House League Playoff Games

106 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Gold) 6: Jordan Nanos 5G, Nicholad Delzotto 1G, Sean Foxwell 2A, Alex Remedios 1A, Graham Robinson 1A. **108 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Maroon) 5:** Connor Graham 3G, Austin Persaud 1G 1A, Keith Jarvis 1G, Kyle Strachan 1A.

103 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Red) 6: Erik Balkovec 3G 1A, Ryan Manson 2G 1A, Zack Landry 1G, Rio Speller-Drews 1A, Riley O'Brien 1A. **105 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (White) 1:** Ian Dunlop 1G, Brady Wilson 1A.

102 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Black) 6: Nick Baxter 3G, James Johnston 2G, Parker Baile 1G 1A, Oliver Jones 1A, Scott Kostin 1A. **110 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Teal) 1:** Christopher End 1G, Kristen Grasse 1A, Joel Gouveia 1A.

104 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Royal) 6: Paul Neophytou 1G 2A, Ryan McGolrick 1G 1A, Alec Ground 1G, Tori Miller 1G, Neil Duggan 1G, Nathan Nealon 1G. Jenna Rizzo, shutout. **101 TIM HORTON'S - TIMBITS (Green) 0.**

206 CONTINENTAL CUSTOM INGREDIENTS 7: Calvin McHugh 1G 1A, McKenzie McIntosh 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 2G, Connor Moody 1G. **203 NORTH YORK PLUMBING & HEATING 5:** Heather Tilsley 1G, Ryan Baskin 2G, Matthew Reeves 1G, Josh Lopez 1G, 1A.

204 NACORA INSURANCE 5: Curtis Fordyce 1G, Conor McDavid 2G 1A, Zack Ferry 2G, Chris Cherubini 1A, Autin Boudreau 1A, Luc Wise 1A. **208 DIAMOND GROUNDSKEEPING SERVICES 5:** Zach Kercz 3G, Jamie Poutney 1G, Quincy Ing 1G 1A.

201 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 1: Hayden Trask 1G, Jesse Campoli, shutout. **207 ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA 0.**

205 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 7: Ben Hankins 2G, Diego Nafarrate 1G 1A, Dylan Gould 1G, Stuart Mattila 1G 2A, Steven Grandin 1G, Jordan Doke 1G, Franco Porano 1A. **202 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 4:** Eric Kimmerer 3G, Paul Louis-Steiner 1G, Jesse Borin 1A, Sarah Khamissa 1A.

608 SPITFIRES 8: C.J. Melichercik 3G 2A, Kevin Nandlall 2G, Jamie Russell 1G 2A, Dan Mulroy 1G, Eric Alcorn 1G, Eric Bailey 2A. **604 COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 5:** Jacob MacDonald 2G, Brenden Stenzel 1G, Dylan Dusome 1G, Jason Durst 1G, Peter Martin 1A, Peter Durst 1A.

606 SKATERS FIRST 5: Michael Shoesmith 2G, Daniel Sacchetti 1G 1A, Marshall McQuillan 1G 1A, Andrew Wilkins 1G 1A, Jacob Peart 1A, Bruce Phillips 1A. **603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 3:** Graeme Smart 2G, Mike Hay 1G, Daniel Schep 1A, Derek Lockhart 1A.

603 CHOUINARD BROS. ROOFING 3: Brendan Forrest 1G, Ben Slimkowich 1G, Greame Smart 1G, Daniel Schep 1A. **608 SPITFIRES 1:** Eric Bailey 1G, Dane Gregoris 1A, Stuart Marsh 1A.

Aurora Minor Hockey Association Results to 9 AM Sunday, March 14th Website: www.aci.on.ca/amha



Vaughan Rangers - Red 3 Tyke 1
Jordan Nanos 1G, Brenden Lukezic 1A.

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Brenden Lukezic 1G, Konner McMillan 1G.

Rep Tournament Games

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Matthew Miller 2G, Jonathon Poulakos 1A, Tyler Jensen 1A.

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Kamran Karamchi 1G 1A, Josh Beaton 1G, Matthew Miller 1G 1A, Tyler Jensen 1G 1A, Danny McConnell 1G, Denis Casey 1A, Michael Bar 1A.

Atom A 4 Waterloo 4
Danny McConnell 2G, Jonathon Poulakos 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1G, Spencer George 2A, Brandon Pedersen 1A, Matthew Miller 1A, Tyler Jensen 1A, Patrick Jones 1A.

Stouffville 1 Atom A 0

Rep Playoff Games

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Minor Atom A 6 Bradford 2
Brian Puskar 2G, Taylor Butler 2G, Graham Loney 1G, Jesse Bentolila 1G, Nick Heintzman 4A, Devin Watson 2A, Tanner Thiessen 1A.

Minor Atom A 3 Bradford 0
Jesse Bentolila 1G, Dylan Woyslaw 1G, Brian Puskar 1G, Daniel Delbello 1A, Graham Loney 1A, Reid Sisson 1A, Nick Heintzman 1A, Ethan Benson 1A, Jesse VanRooyen, shutout.

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Boyd 1A. **Barrie 8 Pee wee A 6**
Andrew McDonald 2G 1A, Matthew Joynt 1G 1A, Ryan Finlay 1G 2A, Darrell Evans 1G, Quenton Hunt 1G, Ben Mulholland 2A, David Bar 1A, Brett Dutchyshen 1A, Luca Ghegin 1A.

Pee wee AE 4 Markham 1
David Iwai 1G 1A, Matthew Scrimmes 1G, Greg Buchner 1G, Chris Burns 1G, Brandon Giniotis 1A, Adam Bloom 1A.

Barrie 6 Pee wee A 2
Ryan Finlay 2G, Andrew McDonald 1A, Ben Mulholland 2A.

Pee wee A 4 Barrie 3
Matthew Joynt 1G, Andrew McDonald 1G 1A, Emilio Nafarrate 1G 1A, Lucas Boyd 1G, Ben Mulholland 1A, Ryan Finlay 3A.

Barrie 8 Pee wee A 0

Newmarket 3 Bantam AA 2
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Whitby Wildcats 5 Minor Midget AA 3
Mike White 2G, Tom Keane 1G, Tyler Roffey 1A, Taylor Campbell 1A, Sandy Craig 1A, Adam Hankins 1A.

Minor Midget AA 3 Whitby Wildcats 0
Adam Hankins 2G 1A, Peter McNeill 1G, Mike White 1A, Sandy Craig 1A.

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Midget A 7 Barrie Flyers 3
Steven Black 1G 2A, Marc Oppedisano 2G, Ryan Kines 1G 1A. Chris Statchuk 1G 1A, Mark Jarman 1G 1A, Matt Cleverdon 1G, Mark Smith 1A, Michael Jack 1A, Matt Cundari 1A, Peter Nykyforchyn 1A, Andrew Swanton 1A.

Midget A 5 Barrie Flyers 4
Craig Waites 3A, Tommy Hurley 2G, Matt Cleverdon 1G 1A, Chris Statchuk 1G 1A, Mark Jarman 2A, Marc Oppedisano 1G, Keith Mitchell 1A, Mark Johnson 1A.

RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Aurora girl selected Miss Ontario Firefighter

It was back in August 1971 when Aurora firefighters played host to more than 60 volunteer fire brigades from across Ontario at their annual convention held in a makeshift tent city in Fleury Park with business sessions in the community centre.

On the Civic holiday Monday night after four days of fun and frolic, the visiting firefighters gave the Aurora hosts a standing ovation claiming it was the best convention they had ever had.

One of the many highlights of the convention was the selection of Bev Attridge, Aurora's Miss Firefighter as Miss Ontario Firefighter in a lengthy judging contest.

Another highlight was the parade which stretched more than two-and-a-half miles featuring dozens of pieces of fire equipment, floats and bands. It was reported as the largest parade ever held in Aurora.

BROWN BAGGING IT

With wide-open liquor laws now, it's hard to believe that back in the days following the Second World War, it was necessary to "brown bag" it. In other words you put a bottle of your favourite liquor in a brown bag and carried it into the dance hall or night spot of your choice.

It was illegal but most people closed their eyes to it and the night spots normally sold glasses, ice and mix, at a price, as long as the brown bags and the bottle were kept under the table.

Favourite spots included the Saucy Sue on Highway 5 near Cooksville, the old Silver Slipper, later the Club Kingsway on the bank of the Humber River and the Palace Pier at the mouth of the Humber in what was then Swansea.

Closer to home it was reported that on Sunday nights in what is now known as the Graystones Restaurant there was entertainment and a sing-song and some patrons were said to brown bag it.

INNOVATIVE IDEAS

In April, 1991, Roberta Frisk, a business student at Centennial College, who wanted to get into business for herself, appeared before Aurora Council with an innovative concept.

She noted the frustration of people trying to find a street address, due to many numbers being so small they couldn't be seen from the road, and located in var-

ious parts of the front of the house.

She presented what she said was a simple solution. She proposed that the street number be painted on the side of the curb in front of the residence so that it could be clearly visible day or night as the paint used would be of the reflective type similar to that used to paint lines on the road.

Council referred her presentation to the works department for review, but no action was ever taken on the idea.

FALCONS SOAR FROM AURORA

Five peregrine falcons, three males and two females, were released from the roof of the provincial government building at Yonge and Bloomington housing the Ministry of Natural Resources in July, 1990.

The falcons, an endangered species in Ontario, were born in captivity in Alberta and brought to Ontario and housed in a cage on the building's roof, while they were being prepared for their life in the wild.

The Aurora building was selected for its location, somewhat rural but more convenient than a remote location, with the availability of prey; song birds, doves, starlings and pigeons.

They were released under the watchful eyes of Nature Resource Ministry officials and members of the Aurora Friends of Nature. The peregrine falcon population was devastated about 20 years previously by the use of pesticide DDT, which worked its way into the food chain.

FORMER AURORA HOME BUILDER FINED

Between 1990 and 1994, Landford Meadows built 290 homes in the south end of Aurora. Although Aurora home buyers never reported any problems, the company and company president Glenn Christoff were fined \$80,000 in February, 1996, for illegal building.

At the time every builder or vendor of a new home built for sale had to be registered with the Ontario New Home Warranty Plan and every unit had to be enrolled prior to construction.

Christoff and his company were convicted of eight charges of failing to enroll homes and were fined \$10,000 on each charge. Home Warranty officials said they had received more than 800 complaints regarding homes built by Landford throughout southern Ontario.

Dump issue resurfaces

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In October, 2000, there was a court order to discontinue dumping of any kind until a further order of the Court. The Town is not aware of any dumping activity since that date.

Town staff recommended council defer consideration of the application until the applicant demonstrates compliance with the Moraine Conservation Plan, Official Plan Amendment 48 and the implementing zoning bylaw and the necessary engineering information to permit the evaluation of the application.

It was also recommended that council hold a second public hearing when the applicant has fulfilled all conditions.

During the public hearing the few residents in attendance complained about lack of notice of the hearing, as they had only just heard about it and had no time to prepare.

It was pointed out that more residents would be out if they had known about the hearing, and it was suggested further discussion take place at another time, after all neighbours had been informed.

Council learned that a public notice had been placed in an area newspaper.

After hearing from residents and a lengthy presentation from landowner Guy DiBlasi, council agreed to defer the decision.

DiBlasi arrived with a box full of papers and addressed council for nearly an hour.

He said if the property was left as is it was useful to nobody, but if he was allowed to complete the fill, the property would be rehabilitated and become useful.

At the completion of the public hearing, Councillor Phyllis Morris suggested the application be denied, which would leave the applicant open to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Council voted against that idea.

Some councillors expressed concern that if the issue went to the OMB council would lose control of the decision.

Councillor Ron Wallace noted that the applicant had promised a "Garden of Eden", but the residents didn't agree and he supported a second public hearing.

A motion to endorse the staff report was passed with instructions to staff to ensure all residents were notified about a second public hearing.

The Bloomington landfill operation has been a problem for Aurora Council and citizens since the early 90s.

The town tried to stop the operation by obtaining a court-ordered injunction, but in early 2003 the landowner sued the town for \$5.8 million claiming municipal officials abused their authority and interfered with his ability to do business.

Since that time the Bloomington landfill operation has been inactive, but the new application could open it up again.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE BUSINESS ACUMEN

In March, 1996, students from Aurora High School won seven awards in the DECA competition involving approximately 1,200 students from Grades 9 to OAC in 51 provincial schools at the Metro Toronto Conference Centre.

The objective of DECA is to provide students with the opportunity to solve real-life business problems in high pressure situations. Seven Aurora High students entered the competition and came away with seven ribbons.

Finishing in the top 20 were Idras Kamchwala in the written section of finance and credit, Dave Fulkers in general marketing and Anthony Kapobianco in retail merchandising.



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At some time in their lives most people have played board games like "Snakes and Ladders", "Monopoly" or maybe the mystery game "Clue".

Now "Clue" has been brought to life by the Theatre Aurora Youth Group as a musical and it is currently being presented at the Factory Theatre

It continues March 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. and on March 21 at 2 p.m.

Director Jeff Burke, who has worked with the Youth Group for the past 14 years, says "Clue" is one of the most difficult plays he has directed or the young people have performed as there are 216 different versions of the ending and it is different every performance.

As members of the audience enter the theatre they are provided with a ballot and a pen in addition to the program. The ballot lists six suspects, six weapons and

six rooms.

Mr. Boddy, the victim of foul play, is found in one of the rooms. To win the game, it is necessary to determine: Who done it? Where? With What Weapon?

The weapons are a candlestick, rope, lead pipe, revolver, knife and a wrench. The rooms include the kitchen, ballroom, lounge, billiard room, conservatory and study.

The suspects are Mrs. White, Colonel Mustard, Mr. Green, Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum and Mrs. Peacock, all of whom dislike Mr. Boddy.

At the start of the play three members of the audience are invited to go on stage by Mr. Boddy to select a card depicting the suspect, the weapon and the room, which are placed in a folder in a box marked "Confidential" at the side of the stage.

As the play proceeds in the

different rooms, Mr Boddy provides clues to help the audience eliminate the suspects, weapon and the room where he meets his end.

During the second act the detective arrives on the scene and interviews the various suspects, providing more clues to the audience.

At the end of the play the ballots are collected from the audience, the hidden cards are revealed and a winner selected.

Mr. Boddy is well played by Harrison Wilkes Lee in his fifth production with the Youth Group, and his experience and stage presence show as he is in command at all times. He opens the play with the song "The Game".

Allan Roberto has a real flair for comedy in the role of Mrs. White. While working away in the kitchen he sings "Life is a Bowl of Pits".

Suspects actress Miss Scarlet played by Jessica

Lastuk and fast-talking con man Mr. Green join to sing "Everyday Devices" as they handle the various weapons.

Clare Cianfarai plays the fortune-hunting Mrs. Peacock and sings "Once a Widow".

Colonel Mustard is played by Curtis Ricci and Brendan McDermott is Professor Plum. They join Mr. Boddy and the other suspects to sing "Corridors and Halls" to close the first act.

During the second act, the suspects sing "After the Murder" and "She Hasn't Got a Clue" referring to the detective played by Kathryn Harkins in her first on stage performance.

Director Jeff Burke has selected a strong cast for the challenging play and rehearsed them to a smooth running team. Vi Brander and Frank Pillar provide strong musical backup for the musical numbers.

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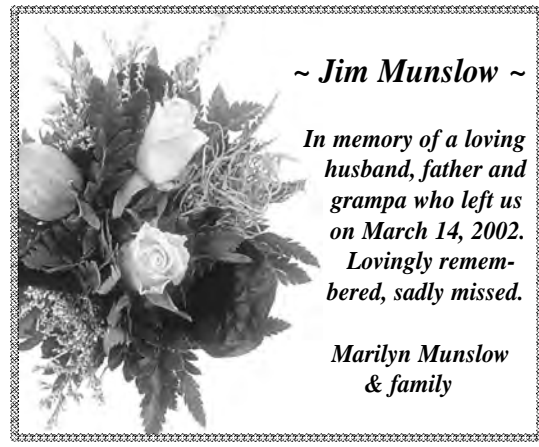
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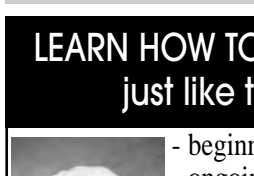
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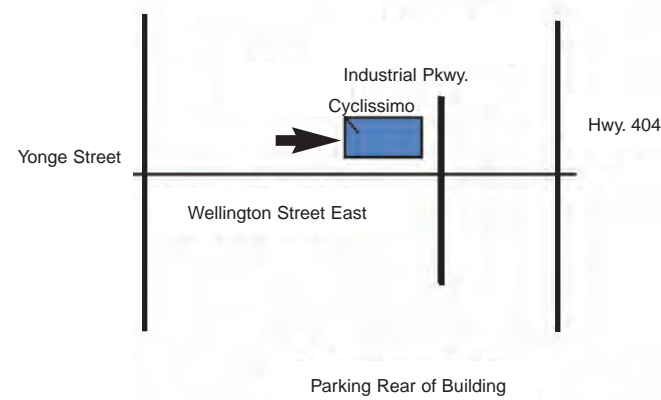
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