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Flo Murray

She's a "brick"

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

One look at Flo Murray and you won't believe she's 85. Talk to her a bit about her busy life, and you'll swear she couldn't be anywhere near that age. The energetic Director of Fund Raising for the Aurora Seniors' Association oversees campaigns such as the Farmer's Market bake table and her "Building Brick" project for the new Seniors' Centre to be completed in 2005. She even runs the group's twice-monthly book club, which begs the question: When would Flo Murray ever have time to read? The Building Brick campaign was Flo's idea. "It's a low cost fund raising project," she said. "We sell bristol board "bricks" from \$20 to \$1,000 and all the money goes towards the Seniors' Association's \$250,000 commitment to the new centre."

The bricks will eventually fill a "brick wall" at the current centre at 52 Victoria Street. The new centre will be built adjacent to the Town Hall. The Farmer's Market bake table has become more than just a way to raise money. "It's a real meeting place and people go as much for the company as they do for the food," she explained of the Saturday event which ended for the season

this week. Flo co-ordinates all the senior volunteers who bake home-made goodies each week. She credits Town Councillor Nigel Kean who allowed the seniors to run a booth at no cost. "We've raised a lot of money and had fun."

But, Flo Murray's life hasn't always been sunny. She was a young wife and mother with four small children when her husband was killed in a car accident in 1956. Two weeks later, she took a job as Assistant Editor with the Aurora Banner, and carried on as best she could to care for her children. "I did what I had to do. It was tough and I wouldn't want to do it again," she said. But, she noted challenges produce their own rewards. "I know what happened to me made me a stronger person," she said. "You meet obstacles simply because you have to."

So, what's in the future for Flo Murray? The Farmer's Market is now closed, making extra time for a full new season of book discussions. And, the new centre is an exciting focus for everyone at the Association. It's going to need a lot of energy and commitment, and that just happens to be Flo Murray's speciality.



His name is "Play Fair", he is continually growing and changing colour and his temporary home is the front hallway of Aurora's Wells Street Public School. Play Fair, the turkey, is the brainchild of teacher Diana Gerritsen, rear, who created the turkey's head and claws, then asked children to decorate his feathers and write something on the back that they were thankful for. Obviously, there's plenty, since Play Fair's feather inventory grew by the day. Showing their contributions are, left to right, Mackay Russell, Brynna Hylton, and Charlie Stark, all members of Ms Gerritsen's Grade 4-5 class. Play Fair also contributes to the school's Character Community participation with the words "I help fight bullying, put downs and inappropriate school yard behaviour". We're not sure what happened to Play Fair following Monday's Thanksgiving holiday.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace



Flo...ready for Halloween

We missed this date

Sunday, October 3, passed without notice in Aurora but it was the 130th anniversary of Liberal MP Edward Blake's famous Aurora Speech. It was on October 3, 1874, when he spoke in the Aurora Drill Hall in the Town Park. Blake was a lawyer and politician. He was educated at Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto and it was said he had a brilliant intellect and was a recognized authority on the constitution. In 1867 he was elected both to the House of Commons as a Liberal and to the Ontario Legislature and served briefly as Premier of Ontario in 1872 when he resigned to hold his seat in

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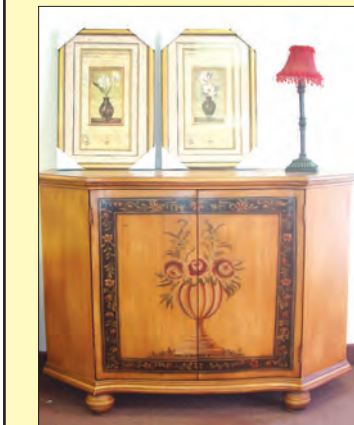
Briefly

Belinda's Open House

Now seated in the front row on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Belinda Stronach has another official function to perform this week. She will officially open her constituency office Saturday, Oct. 16, and is inviting you to an Open House. As suspected, the office is the same location as her Newmarket campaign office - 16715 Yonge Street, Unit 1 - in the Weston Produce Plaza, on the southeast corner of Yonge and Mulock. It's just north of Aurora's northern boundary. Open House will operate from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, call the constituency office at (905) 836-7722.

Speaking of Open Houses...

On the same day, The Auroran will host an Open House at its 75 Mary Street offices, to celebrate two things: 1) its fourth anniversary. 2) completion of its office and book warehouse expansion. Everyone (including Belinda) is invited to drop in between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for some refreshments and a tour. There are about half a million books in the warehouse. You'd be welcome to look at those, too. Mary Street is located opposite John West Way off Wellington Street East (second traffic light east of the railway tracks). The office and book warehouse are located at the top of the hill on your left.



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Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee club at 9 a.m., lunch at noon. Contact 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

Helping Hand: Gently used clothing for women and children, at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesdays 5.30 - 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct.16 and 30, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 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. Aurora squadron meets every Friday. For more information call 905-726-8600, Tuesday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m..

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

Probus Club of Aurora meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Aurora Legion. Club is for retired or soon to-be-retired business and professional people and guests are welcome.

Towns of York Toastmasters meetings are free and open to the general public. Meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora. For more information see the club's web site at www.townsofyourk.org or phone Roy Bannon at 905-853-0859.

Meditation classes in Aurora Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. to Dec. 15. Above Needles & Knits Wool Shop, 15040 Yonge St., just north of Kennedy St. Further information, 416-762-8033 or info@meditationintoronto.org. No pre-registration required. Donations only.

During the month of October the Skylight Gallery in the Aurora Town Hall presents the artwork of Philippa Hajdu. Regular viewing hours 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

OCTOBER 15-17

Society Of York Region Artists (SOYRA) presents its annual Art Exhibit and Sale at the Aurora Legion, Industrial Parkway North. Reception is from 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Viewing hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

OCTOBER 16

The York Chamber Ensemble, formerly the

York Strings Orchestra, gets its 2004-2005 season under way with a concert featuring Suk's Serenade for Strings. The Aurora-based orchestra, conducted by Tony Browning, plays music at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Concert time is 7.30 p.m. Tickets, available at the door, are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students.

Open House at the Edward Street Fire Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with demonstrations, games, fire safety information, hot dogs, burgers and prizes. See the fire trucks and meet Sparky.

OCTOBER 17

Aurora Opera Company 10th season celebration. Musical and silent auction. Newmarket Theatre, 4 p.m. To order tickets call 905-953-5122.

OCTOBER 18/20

Theatre Aurora will hold auditions from 7 to 10 p.m. on October 18 and 20 at Park Place Manor for the thriller "Wait Until Dark" to be performed in February. The director is looking for two females, one 10-14 years, the other 25-35 and four males between the ages of 30 and 35. Call 905-895-1764 for details.

OCTOBER 18-22-25-29

Refresher driving course for seniors at the Aurora Town Hall (Municipal Offices) under the auspices of the Aurora Senior Centre. Each session runs from 9.30 a.m. to noon. Call Kim Hinder at the Aurora Senior Centre 905-727-2816 to register.

OCTOBER 19

Aurora Public Library presents Linwood Barclay, reading from his new novel "Bad Move". Admission free with ticket. 7 p.m., Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk.

Aurora Council meets in general committee in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 20

This is Character Community Day in Aurora. A Character Community is one in which elected officials, community leaders in education, business, law enforcement, media and citizens-at-large recognize and promote the importance of good character.

Aurora Historical Society general meeting at 8 p.m. at Hillary House with guest speaker Dr. David Beasley, author of several works on a wide range of subjects. He will discuss "Sarah's Journey" the story of a slave who in 1820 escaped from Victoria and managed to reach Upper Canada.

Aurora Seniors head to the Stratford Festival to see the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes". Lunch at the Walper Terrace Hotel. Depart the Aurora Community Centre at 9 a.m. returning about 6.30 p.m. Cost is \$93 for members, \$98 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to reserve.

OCTOBER 21

Aurora Chamber of Commerce "Celebrating Business Excellence in Aurora" Awards. For tickets, call the Chamber at 905-727-7262.

OCTOBER 23

Wells Street Public School annual fall fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Haunted house, silent auction, bake sale, games, prizes, music, food and fun for the whole family.

Gift Fair. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Local artisans exhibiting and selling handcrafted items. For more information call Linda at 905-727-5675.

Fall event, Aurora United Church, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., garage sale, bake sale, country kitchen. Free admission.

Upper Canada Chordsmen present 12th annual show, "Hey, Look Us Over: Harmony Showcase 2004" at Newmarket Theatre, at 7.30 p.m. Show features the Upper Canada Chordsmen, local award-winning barbershop harmony chorus, Shaleena Clements, Budda Boom Budda Bing, and The Cameo Jazz Band and Backroads. Tickets are \$20, available from the Chordsmen, The Auroran or the theatre box-office, 905-953-5122.

York Symphony Orchestra opens its 43rd season with a concert at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church at 8 p.m. Titled "Tchaikovsky And The Russians" the concert is directed by Jeffrey Pollock. It will be the first of five concerts planned for the season. For tickets to the Aurora event, call 416-410-0860.

OCTOBER 26

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall. If you can't get to the

meeting tune into Aurora Cable Internet on Channel 10 at 7.30 p.m. on October 27th for a complete telecast.

OCTOBER 27

Aurora's Marquee Productions presents the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" at the Newmarket Theatre and the Vaughan City Playhouse until November 7. Call 905-713-1040 for ticket information.

A public information session will be held at 7 p.m. in the Holland Room of the Town Hall to provide information regarding an application to redesignate lands north of the Leisure Services Complex from industrial to residential for a seven-storey, 82-unit apartment building and 191 townhouses.

OCTOBER 29

Fabulously Freaky Friday Halloween Party at the Leisure Complex. Games and pumpkin carving. Costumes mandatory. 7 - 9 p.m. Register in advance, 905-841-7529.

OCTOBER 31

Girls Incorporated of York Region presents its 25th Annual Thrill on the Hill at St. Andrew's College. Registration at 8 a.m. with a warm-up at 9.45 for a 10 a.m. start. Call 905-727-4897 extension 305 for details.

NOVEMBER 2

Aurora Seniors visit the Stratford Festival to see the musical "Guys and Dolls" with lunch at the Walper Terrace Hotel. Depart the Community Centre at 9 a.m. returning about 6.30 p.m. Cost is \$93 for members and \$98 for non-members. Call the Seniors Centre at 905-727-2816 to register.



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Governor-General's Award for teaching goes to Chong

By **CHRISTINE WOODLEY**

When we hear the words "high school history", most of us remember lectures, dates and textbooks.

Well, Adrienne Chong, daughter of Aurora residents Ken and Christine Chong, is changing all that.

Her interactive program has now been recognized by Canada's National History Society and, as a result, she is one of six recipients of the 2004 Governor-General's Award for Excellence in Teaching Canadian History.

Miss Chong, who won with fellow teacher Mark Melnyk, teaches at Markville Secondary School in Markham.

"We were ecstatic when we heard the news," she said. "The award usually goes to long-time teachers and we had been in the running for the past three years."

Miss Chong, 27, has been teaching for five years.

So what sets her pro-

gram apart from other history classes?

The team uses debates, mock trials (arguing issues like tax rates), dramatic re-creations and even learning dances (like the Charleston for the 1920's unit).

The result is students who are engaged creatively and interactively.

"One of the main reasons why our program is so successful is that we have amazing students who bring energy and enthusiasm to the classroom," she said.

Adrienne Chong will be in Ottawa for the awards ceremony Thursday.

In addition to receiving her award, she will be treated to a tour of Rideau Hall and lunch with another Adrienne, Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson.



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65th

Barbara and Bert Smith of Devonshire Place on Yonge Street in Aurora were in the spotlight Thursday as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with dinner at the Graystones, courtesy of their three daughters, Carol Runstedler, Angee Fleury and Trudy Smith.

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Letter to the Editor

SOYRA raffle proceeds will go to battle cancer

To the editor,

On Tuesday, October 6, Mandy Maas passed away at the age of 31 after battling with cancer for more than two years.

You didn't know Mandy Maas, but most of you know people, who have had contact with this awful disease.

You have witnessed the suffering of these people and of the families of these

people.

Just reading this may bring back some sad memories and for this I am sorry to a certain extent. I feel for you. I can see how hard it was being so powerless,

watching the suffering going on, standing on the sidelines observing this tragedy.

I've witnessed the pain in the faces of Mandy's parents, husband and grand-

parents.

I've heard them say over and over how they wished there was SOMETHING they could do. There was no way even to comfort one another.

Oh, it is so hard to stand by not being able to help, while you see loved ones slowly and painfully slide towards the end of life.

When I looked at the face of the mother of Mandy a few years ago, when she just got the awful news, I could not think of a right word to say. I just hugged her and cried.

I'm not going to take you through the misery everyone went through over the last couple of years. If you have been there, you know what I am talking about.

On the weekend following Thanksgiving, the Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA) is hosting an art show at the Royal Legion Building in Aurora.

There are a lot of people whose interest in art is very minimum.

But I'd like to invite those people to the show anyway, because here is your opportunity to get into the fight against cancer.

During this show a painting by award winning oil painter Anthony Palmer will be raffled off.

Proceeds of this raffle will go directly to the cancer centre that is being built in Newmarket.

I am asking you, please, help SOYRA put up a good fight against cancer. It may be a long fight, but as long as we are fighting there is the hope we will win.

These raffle tickets are only two bucks each or three for \$5 and only available during the show hours.

Show hours are Friday,

Oct. 15 from 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bill van Oorschot
Chairperson
SOYRA



Poor Richard

Council's record on land deals shaky

*When councils deal in land,
They are apt to get burned;
They keep on doing it,
It's a lesson never learned.*

-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

In spite of the success Aurora had in promoting the sale of industrial land in its industrial parks, the record of Aurora Council isn't that good when it comes to other land dealings.

Back in the mid-1980s there was the case of the town selling its administration complex on Wellington Street West to the York Region Board of Education with the need to vacate the premises before the town had a place of its own to go.

This resulted in the town having to lease accommodation in an industrial building on Industrial Parkway North with a change in meeting nights so council could use the education centre board room as a council chamber.

Council had purchased the Jack Wood farmhouse property for a proposed administrative building, but it never happened due to internal bickering among council members.

As all the negotiations were carried out behind closed doors, it is hard to separate fact from fiction, but council was left without a home of its own.

Then there was the waterworks property on Yonge Street, of which a great part was in the floodplain and there was a large underground reservoir, and it was always assumed to be parkland.

Council of the day decided to engage a consultant to study the area.

The consultant produced plans for a commercial/town-house development. Council then called for proposals for residential development. Two proposals were received, but neither was residential.

Both were for rest or retirement homes and IEM Management got the nod from council to build. IEM bought the property to the south and submitted an application to rezone it.

By this time council had received some negative comments about the development proposal and when the rezoning application came up, it was rejected on the basis they had agreed to sell the property but not rezone it.

The case was taken to court and the Ontario Municipal Board and IEM won, resulting in the building of Park Place Manor.

Then there was the Browning property on Yonge Street.

The Spasopoulos brothers, Tely, Ted and Bill, of the former Trio Restaurant, wanted to buy the Browning property to expand their Yonge Street holdings.

When they heard the town wanted it for a Yonge Street entranceway to the former Victoria Street library, they backed off as good corporate citizens.

Council bought the property, demolished the house in spite of the housing shortage and did nothing for four or five years.

The Trio boys submitted an offer to purchase with the condition they would provide a walkway to the library.

Council then said they couldn't sell public property without going to tender. Development proposals were called and two were received including one from the Spasopoulos brothers.

After being criticized about the loss of green space on the waterworks property, council flip-flopped and decided to keep the Browning property green and paid the development costs of the two submissions.

The retention of green space came back to haunt council more recently when they offered the former hydro sub-station lot on Murray Drive to Habitat to Humanity without public consultation.

When the public rose up in opposition to the loss of their green space, council was quick to flip-flop and the green space became the Herb McKenzie Park.

Then there was the acquisition of the controversial Leslie Street property, which was purchased in 2000 for \$4.2 million, although the property was assessed at \$381,000, for a recreational complex and employment lands.

In June, the town applied to develop its own lands and only the future will record the results.

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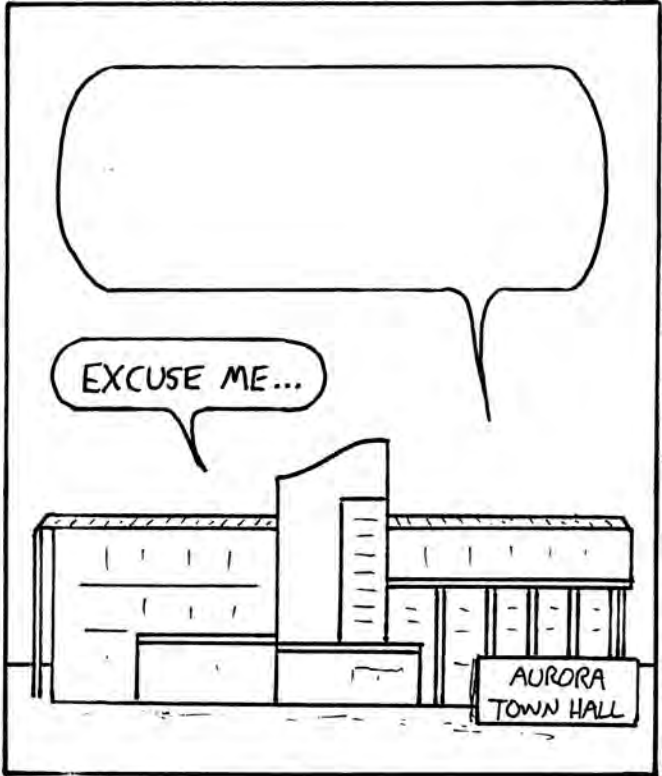
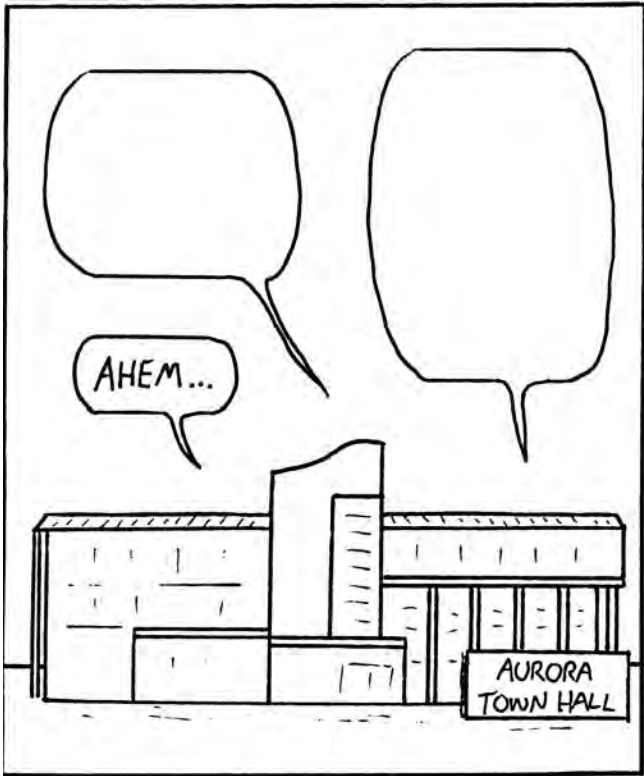
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Character Day set October 20

In Aurora, and across York Region, Wednesday, October 20th has been proclaimed "Character Community Day".

As such, each municipality in the Region is focusing on advocating and participating in activities that can raise the awareness of good character in the workplace.

In Aurora, for example, staff are invited to attend a Character event over their lunch hour which will be held in Lambert Willson Park and they can participate in a number of quick "character building" activities.

We will also be announcing the winner of our "Pick of the Crop" good character staff recognition program.

This program is based on consideration of staff members who show a unique combination of good character attributes.

Information will also be available on the overall Character Community initiative.

If you haven't already noticed, the Character Community logo is on each of the Town's ice surfaces.

Aurora staff have bought in to the character initiative with representatives from every department who meet periodically to discuss ways to advocate awareness to the benefits of good character.

I have the pleasure of sitting on this committee and it is tremendous to see the initiative and enthusiasm that is generated by our talented staff members.

I am also fortunate to have my Administrative Assistant represent the Town on a Character Coalition, a group with representatives from every municipality in York Region who share ideas on how to improve our workplace and productivity through the character initiative.

Character can be demonstrated through actions that can be associated with Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Integrity, Compassion, Courage, Inclusiveness, Fairness, Optimism, Perseverance and Initiative.

These are the Character Attributes of the Region of York.

Aurora staff have also picked several of the same attributes to follow, as well as Loyalty, Dependability and Empathy.

The Character Council of York Region is focusing on the application of good character for 2004/5 in the area of business.

A business luncheon is being planned for November 19th to present the benefits of good character on the job to the business community.

Keynote speaker will be Jim Hayhurst, Sr.

As well, the Character Council will be hosting a second conference on Character April 14th and 15th, 2005.

Various promotional and educational pieces are in the development stage to assist in the advocacy of character in business, community and education.

The most recent Character Community newsletter has just been published and may be found on the revamped Character Community web site at www.charactercommunity.com.

It is interesting for me to note that, like everything else, there are those who are skeptical about this initiative.

I think a lot has to do about how we feel about ourselves and how we choose to apply the numerous character attributes, without worrying about how others choose to apply them.

I would encourage everyone to take a look at the Character web site and to judge for themselves.

Letter to the Editor

Letter about cab drivers “misleading”, reader says

To the editor,

Re: Taxi driver has record, this passenger says (Letter, Auroran, Oct. 5)

This letter is misleading. First, it implies that the local taxi industry is a haven for criminals. It is not. The drivers are licensed by the town after passing various tests, a medical exam and by providing a driver's abstract and police clearance letter. And, to be allowed to pick children up from York Region public schools, they

must be licensed by the school board who also require a police clearance. The school board has very strict guidelines for drivers to follow and I don't believe they would license someone who would be a danger to children. Secondly, just because a person has a criminal record doesn't mean that he is a menace to society. I was caught shoplifting as a teenager. Should I remain jobless because of a youthful indiscretion? Surely, there are thousands of people in York Region who have broken a law and paid a penalty at

some time or other. If the only career these people can aspire to is pumping gas, there would be a full service gas station on every block. I think the town is right in not denying a job to someone who may have had a criminal past. Thirdly, Ms LaFay did not mention that she knew the driver. While his alleged behaviour is inexcusable, he did not pick a random passenger to harass. The letter certainly paints a bad picture of taxi drivers. I hope that the public does not condemn every-

one for one person's actions. There are a lot of decent, hardworking, honest cabbies working out here.

Bettina MacDonnell Newmarket

More letters, pages 6, 7, 8 & 9



Cathy's Corner



The dreaded “do list”

Whoever invented the "Do List" must also have invented Prozac, Stress Management and Cults.

It's called creating a market: drive people crazy so they buy - anything!

Vitamins, workshops, popcorn that makes you smarter...hey, desperation sells.

Back in "the good old days", I would make a "Do List" and hang it on the fridge. I'd go out to "do"...say, the grocery shopping or the banking, and when I returned, more than half the list would be crossed off! Done! It was a miracle!

My "Do List" was down to one item: invite my father-in-law for the weekend.

Unfortunately, in recent years, health problems have prevented my father-in-law, who I lovingly called "The Holy Man", from making the 2-1/2 hour trek from London to Aurora.

I miss him. He was like a wife to me.

Now my "Do List" looks like the complete works of Shakespeare.

I have considered publishing it, but Ron says "no, you have to write a real column".

And writing a real column just happens to be one of those items that keeps popping up no matter how many times I have crossed it off my "Do List". The man has no mercy.

Sometimes, I cheat. I write down stuff I already did, just so I can cross it off.

And other times, I hide...in the shower. It feels safe in there.

Occasionally, I even abandon the dreaded "Do List" completely, just to see if the world really will stop revolving.

Mostly, this results in late payment charges, missed appointment charges, and overdraft charges.

Sometimes, I suffer the interruption of critical life support systems, like cable.

All of these create unpleasant items to be added to the "Do List" once the planet is back in orbit.

So, most of the time, I try to get a system going.

1. Computerize "Do List".
2. Sort, prioritize and print the dreaded thing.
3. Cross off things that don't really need doing. (It makes me feel better.)
4. Colour code "Do List".

You can see how fond I have become of avoidance behaviour.

I was beginning to think that there is no hope, when I came upon a novel idea. How about a "To Do AGAIN List"?

This would be a collection of all the things that we have really enjoyed and said: "that was fun! I want to do that again sometime!"

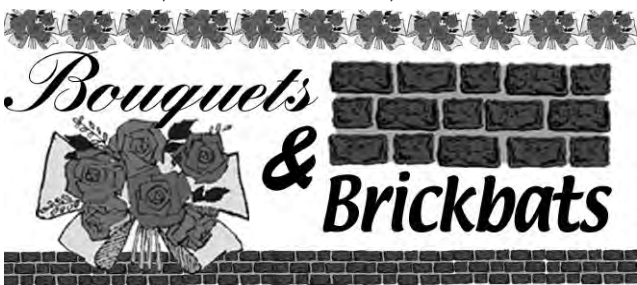
Things like getting a manicure, a pedicure or a massage.

Maybe getting together with a neighbour for an impromptu barbeque.

Or how about plain old having coffee with a friend you haven't seen in much too long?

That's the spirit! Fight the dreaded "Do List" with a "To Do AGAIN List"!

I'm starting to feel better already...



By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the management and staff of Aurora's Sunrise Homes for the warm welcome they provided at their recent Open House celebration. It extended right from the valet parking on arrival to the tour of the wonderful facilities and the attention to detail. A welcome addition to Aurora, even if it meant demolition of the Highlands Club House, Aurora's social centre of a few years back.

BRICKBATS to Poor Richard for getting his facts wrong, when he awarded a Brickbat to town officials for delaying the presentation of the Whitwell Development until the end of the meeting, including the peer review consultants, who he assumed were working for the town. They were being paid by Whitwell, not the town, but remember, "He who pays the piper calls the tune!"

BRICKBATS to the two York Regional Police officers, a male and a female, who were observed jaywalking across busy Yonge Street on Tuesday, October 5th, just before noon as they returned from the east to the west side just south of the regional building and police headquarters. Not a good example when they are charging pedestrians for jaywalking.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Jessica Muirhead on being the 2003 vocal winner at the National Music Festival at the Marmande International Competition in France, concerts in San Francisco and more recently at the Sharon Temple.

BRICKBATS to those in government and citizens at large for failing to take action against vicious unleashed dogs in this and other communities. There has been story after story about unleashed pit bulls and other dogs attacking children and other dogs. Ruby, a trained therapy dog, was viciously attacked by another dog recently and no action was taken against the dog or its owner.

BOUQUETS to Courtney Kidd, a co-op student at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, who is interested in municipal government and for the next few months will be assisting in the mayor's office as well as the Corporate Services Department.

BRICKBATS to former Tory Premier Mike Harris for getting Ontario in the private hospital business and Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty for going along with it, as a recent 27-page report reveals the privately built hospital in Brampton will cost Ontario taxpayers as much as \$175 million more than if public money had been used to build the facility. Will they ever learn?

BOUQUETS and a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mildred White on her 100th birthday which she celebrated at her son's Aurora residence. Also to Stu Burnett on his 90th birthday. Stu was the former Reeve of Whitchurch Township prior to regional government when he became a citizen of Aurora.

BRICKBATS to Prime Minister Paul Martin and newly appointed Ethics Commissioner Bernard Shapiro for going overboard in checking on the finances of MPs and their spouses. The purpose of public disclosure is to ensure that MPs don't get involved in conflict of interest situations, not the value of their household goods and how they pay their credit cards!

BOUQUETS to the 503 participants in the Aurora Terry Fox Run who raised more than \$25,000 for cancer research to keep Terry's dream alive. Also a Special BOUQUET to the Terry Fox Run Volunteer Organizing Committee.

BOUQUETS to 16-year-old Martha Goodrow of Aurora on being on a list of 48 players selected to compete for positions on the Canadian National under-19 women's rugby team. The Grade 11 Country Day School student excels in soccer and other sports.

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Letter to the Editor



Buses, donated by Laidlaw's, took participants to event.

Local participants thank Laidlaw for four buses

To the editor,

I want everyone in Aurora to know about the CIBC Run for the Cure that took place Sunday, October 3.

On that date, \$19.2 million was raised for breast cancer research by participants in the CIBC Run for the Cure.

The Toronto run had more than 30,000 participants and raised \$3.7 million.

This was my fourth year participating in the run and it is the most incredible experience.

Never have I experienced 30,000 people plus countless volunteers coming together in such an inspiring positive atmosphere.

Living in Aurora it might seem like a long way to travel to Nathan Phillips Square on a Sunday morning for 10 a.m. Too much effort, so the date comes and goes.

However, Anna Searles has solved this problem.

Four years ago, Anna was diagnosed with breast cancer and while going through chemo before her radiation, Anna's dear cousin Rosanna initiated a group of 16 people to enter the CIBC Run for the Cure.

To show appreciation for this kind gesture, Anna thought she would try to arrange a way that

the group could get down to Nathan Phillips Square together.

Anna called Laidlaw in Markham.

She spoke to Ingrid and explained the story to her and why she was trying to arrange for relatively "inexpensive" travel for a small group of people trying to raise money for breast cancer research.

Ingrid was terribly moved. You see, Ingrid's mom had passed away from this very disease.

It was very close to her heart and immediately, Ingrid offered to volunteer her time to drive us downtown.

Garry Gosling, the manager at Laidlaw Transit in Markham, supported this generous donation and every year since then, Garry and his staff are ready to provide buses to get us all downtown and back.

Our small group of 16 has grown to about 130 and it's still growing!

Year one there was one bus, year two two buses, year three three buses and year four four buses.

The past two years there has been a second pick up location in Aurora.

Last year a group of moms joined the bus as their friend Kelly Lockhart was battling with breast cancer. On March 21, Kelly lost this battle.

This year the Aurora

bus was half full with people walking in memory of Kelly. Some \$15,488 was raised by this group of 130 inspired walkers and runners who travelled on buses donated by Markham Laidlaw and driven by Ingrid, Ron, Glenda and Claudette.

To join this group for next year's Run for the Cure on October 2, 2005 contact Anna Searles at asearles@rogers.com or myself at nancy@aci.on.ca.

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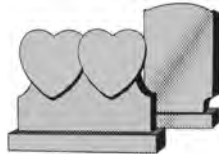
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Letter to the Editor

Chris Gist's condition goes from bad to worse

To the editor,

Here is a brief summary of what has happened in the past four years to young Chris Gist and his family:

He was diagnosed with t-cell lymphoblast lymphoma when he was 15 years old.

He had three years of gruelling chemotherapy and then, at 18, was declared cancer free.

One week after getting this diagnosis, July, 2003, he found a lump which was a cancerous tumor and was removed immediately.

Chris was put back on chemo and was told he had to have a bone marrow transplant to live. He had the transplant Oct., 2003, which went really well.

In May, 2004, Chris started feeling nauseous, and discovered a tumour the size of a grapefruit in his stomach. The chances of this happening are one in 500,000 said the doctor.

Chris spent a horrible two months in Princess Margaret Hospital where he became allergic to many of the drugs he was being given and recovery was slow. He had his 19th birthday in there.

Once getting out, he never really felt good although the scans indicated that the tumour was gone.

You may remember reading articles about Chris in the past and, in fact, you may have even made donations. These were a godsend to the family.

I have been holding off on an update on Chris as the outcome of his last cancer treatment was never really tangible. Even though the tumour in his stomach had gone, Chris still wasn't feeling well.

After numerous tests, an MRI and a CT the doctors have sadly discovered three new tumours in his 19-year-old body, two on either side of his heart and another near his bowel area...even though he is still getting Chemo treatments once a week since his last departure from hospital.

How a person can have cancer four times and a bone marrow transplant since being 15 years old is one of life's unjust mysteries. This kid has had four years of radiation and chemo. Just imagine.

The doctor has given him three options: do nothing and the tumours will kill him; try heavy duty chemo again; get in touch with the United States to see if any other options exist.

So Leslie has contacted M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital in the US and received an e-mail back saying they would need a \$4,000 US deposit just to start!

To which Leslie exclaimed is almost laughable if it wasn't so serious.

She has also had an e-mail from BioCryst letting her know that they are accepting patients for clinical studies for the drug fordesine.

No clinics in Canada, closest one being Syracuse, New York.

BioCryst has been in touch with the doctor at Princess Margaret and needs medical records, etc. before saying if they will accept him. We have our fingers crossed.

They really need financial help as they are unable to make the mortgage payments, car insurance has just gone up as they had to

finance a newer car so they could get Chris to the hospital reliably as their old car kept breaking down. It really is just heartbreaking.

Extra expenditures add up to about \$2,500 for only a six-week stay in hospital and then they will have to go down to Princess Margaret at least twice a week for the next three years.

I can't imagine what the cost will be in the States.

Chris has been incredibly brave through this entire ordeal and has not moaned, groaned, complained or asked "why me" through any of this.

He has missed out on crucial years of high school socializing and growing up with his buddies.

His mother, Leslie, had to quit her job to be able to run him downtown on a daily basis for the chemo and also be there in case of any emergencies as Chris has virtually no immune system.

Rob Dyer of Skate4Cancer has been in touch with Chris since last year. We went to Rob's send off party in Newmarket before he skate boarded from California to Newmarket to raise money to fight cancer.

I am a friend of the family and am, once again, trying desperately to generate some financial support for Christopher to get the funds needed for him to go to the US if he is accepted.

We had a lot of caring people donate their time, money and food to the family last year.

His family is having great financial problems due to only one income in the household.

Leslie had to quit her job as a Palliative Homecare Aid

to take care of her son.

They are now in grave danger of losing their home as money is really tight.

Here is the web site that his mother, Leslie, is using as a journal: www.caring-bridge.org/ca/christophers-fight/index.htm.

You can go into "read journal history" on a daily basis to find out how he is feeling and what is going on.

Please, please look deep into your hearts and figure out if you can do something for the family. If you are willing and able to make a cash donation, please make it out to Leslie Gist, 22 Glenview Dr., Aurora, Ont. L4G 2G8.

If you own a restaurant and would like to donate dinner meals for pick-up two nights a week when Leslie is at the hospital with Chris, that would be amazing.

Organizing some sort of fund raiser, having a garage sale, soliciting neighbors for donations, anything that would generate some extra money for this family would be fantastic.

Thank you to the Aurora Optimist Club and the Rotary Club of Aurora for your generous donations in the past.

Curves in Richmond Hill, owned by Sandy Bundy of the Aurora and Oak Ridges Curves, will be having a

Silent Auction shortly to raise money and they would appreciate donations of large items that people will bid on.

For example: antiques, dinner for two, hotel vouchers, trips, free groceries, day at the spa, anything that you think people would bid on. If you can donate anything please contact Sandy.

Once again let's hope

and pray for this strong young lad, Chris Gist. Thank you.

Please feel free to call me at 905-737-4721 (w) or 905-787-9347 (h) or email me at Julie.cox@careerdriven.com if you have any questions or concerns.

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Locker room survey poor way to make hydro decision

Open letter to Councillor and Editor Ron Wallace

As editor of The Auroran and a town councillor you hold a unique and important position in our community.

Residents trust in your ability to make decisions based on a sound information and logic.

I have much appreciated the efforts of your paper in the past as a voice to make people aware of the Hydro issue facing our community, however I must express concern regarding one of your recent comments that was stated publicly.

You said something to the effect that you were not supporting the joint Markham/Aurora Task

Safety "paramount" to residents: reader

To the editor,

Re: Buck memo creates council controversy, Auroran, Oct. 5

The complainers and special interest groups are at it again, and Aurora Council and staff have received a number of complaints recently regarding the blowing of train whistles at night!

What else is new?

When are these residents going to go after the helicopters, motorcycles and police cars that also keep us awake?

I have lived in Aurora for 24 years and road safety of our community is paramount to me.

I would rather hear the whistling of the train, than the sirens of ambulances and police cars, should someone be killed again at the level crossings referred to.

Yes, some people do travel the roads at 4 a.m. - shift workers, our fearless teenagers and the odd impaired driver.

Further, I have to agree

Force efforts - based on a straw pole taken in a locker room, where you concluded the majority of residents of Aurora were not aware of the Hydro One fight.

The fact that many people are not aware of the facts in this case should not invalidate the concerns of many residents who have taken the time to study the issue.

In my opinion the more people educate themselves as to the many aspects of this debate the more people will understand the reasons for concern.

I find a locker room poll to be a rather curious way to make a decision in this matter - given the seriousness and magnitude of the issues at hand.

with those who voted against the allocation of \$15,000 for a safety audit by the railway authorities, even though the allocation of funds was approved.

The expenditure of taxpayers' money to appease interest groups is not why I voted in the last municipal election.

As for hydro lines and railway tracks, they have been in Aurora for decades.

Maybe, those who are complaining should not have moved to a town that is undergoing major growth, both in the residential and commercial sectors.

Rosalyn A. Gonsalves
Aurora

Did the people you speak to actually understand the issues? Had they read any of the dozens of studies that raise EMF health concerns?

Did these people actually care if their power is delivered at the expense of a large number of residents in our community?

If not, why would you use their lack of awareness to base your decision on?

Perhaps if the people concerned read a few ZAP newsletters, visited the STOP web site, consulted with Dr. Havas of Trent University, contacted any of the dozens of scientists who have studied the adverse health effects of EMFs, contacted any of the councillors, lawyers, technical or EA consultants on the Task Force, or went door to door on the streets within sight of the hydro corridor, they may get a better understanding of the level of concern in our community.

I assume that the people surveyed were unaware that 85 per cent of the people asked throughout Aurora Grove if they would feel comfortable putting a S.T.O.P. Sign on their lawn approved, while an additional 10 per cent said they supported the cause, however, they did not want a sign on their lawn.

Interestingly, most of the people asked to erect a sign did not actually live near the hydro corridor. I think there are very few issues that have that level of consensus in our community.

I am not sure how many of your contacts made it to a recent public meeting on this topic, where 450 peo-

ple from Markham and Aurora attended, however, I am sure that if anyone, including yourself, would like additional information it can be made available upon request.

There are a great many questions that remain to be answered and there are a great many issues that remain to be addressed.

What we need now are concerned residents and informed councillors to step to the plate.

Especially since Hydro One has announced the Aurora/Markham route as their preferred expansion solution without considering other viable options.

There is a public meeting scheduled for October 19th at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion. You and your advisors should consider attending.

Without well informed

residents we will not prevail, however with knowledge, comes power, which will hopefully result in responsibly delivered power (please pardon the pun).

I don't mean to be disrespectful in tone as I know you have done good work for our community, but based on the facts as I know them in this case, I am convinced that this is a more significant issue than

some people may be aware.

Conducting locker room surveys instead of contacting all of the well informed parties concerned and knocking on doors in the affected area was not, in my opinion, a sufficient basis on which to cast your vote on behalf of the community.

Richard D. Johnson
Aurora

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Letters to the Editor

Reader wonders who writes mayor's column

To the editor,

Who writes the mayor's articles in this paper? It can't be Tim Jones.

There are too many factual errors, and statements of principle which are completely counter to the mayor's track record in council.

Last week's column was particularly appalling in this regard.

To clarify some issues he brings up in his column:

Contrary to his asser-

tions, development charges do not raise money to cover anything other than the cost of the actual development. They will NOT cover any of the costs of new facilities.

Evelyn Buck suffered from this same delusion at the last town planning meeting.

The consultant hired by the town to review the WalMart application made it explicitly clear both in his report and verbally that development charges are only meant to offset the cost

of the development itself, and in fact that is all that they do.

The town does NOT make money off of these charges.

The idea that "Economic growth also provides assessment and job opportunities for our residents" is a great idea. Unfortunately our standard for jobs has sunk remarkably low. Big box developments such as was approved last week have been shown in several studies to actually cost jobs

for the community as a whole.

We would have to do a study of our own to know the full impact here. Additionally, big corporations who bully their employees and suppliers are directly responsible for lower standards of living, both locally for their employees, and globally for the suppliers' third world labour forces.

Additionally the mayor states the "Principal...of higher density along major

routes to take advantage of improving transit to get people out of their cars..." and that "conventional subdivision developments do not fit in with the vision set out in 'Places to Grow'."

Absolutely correct. And something to work towards.

Unfortunately, the big box stores, the location of the new rec centre, and all the new residential develop-

ments currently underway are perfect examples of what NOT to do. All of which were supported by the mayor.

This all leaves me with the original question. Just who does write these columns signed by Tim Jones?

Darryl Moore
Aurora

Drug experimentation cost a life

To the editor,

I recently lost a very close friend of mine.

He was an intelligent young man, from a very good family.

He was a second year Veterinarian student, and doing very well in all of his studies.

He had never been in

any kind of trouble with the police, he never smoked, drank alcohol, or did any kind of drugs.

And for some reason his curiosity got the better of him, and while experimenting with a drug for the first time in his life, it cost him his.

If you are a parent reading this, please talk to your

kids and make them aware of the horrible consequences of using drugs.

If you are a user or are contemplating experimenting yourself, please re-think your options.

This sad story has left an empty void in so many people's lives, and it didn't have to happen.

For all those people in

your life you love and hold close to your heart, tell them, because tomorrow doesn't always come.

Derek Bath
Aurora

Former EDAC member seeks apology from Buck

To the editor,

Re: Councillor Buck says EDAC a sham (Auroran, Oct. 5)

I am shocked at Councillor Evelyn Buck's statement that the Town of Aurora's Economic Development Committee (EDAC) is a sham.

I served on this committee as citizen representative for a three-year term commencing September 2001.

I faithfully attended EDAC meetings, and took my role as a citizen representative seriously, participating fully in discussions affecting the economic health of our town.

The individuals who sat on the committee with me took their role sincerely as well.

The Economic Development Advisory

Committee works hard for Aurora businesses, and is responsible for many initiatives, including hiring of a much needed Economic Development Officer and the Aurora's Farmer's Market.

Councillor Buck's comments are unsubstantiated

and offensive.

A retraction of her remark is insufficient. As a resident of the Town of Aurora, as well as former member of EDAC, I await an apology.

Elizabeth Brims
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Speed humps

To the editor,

RE: Proposed Speed Humps on Golf Links Drive

Based on many of their past recommendations, I've often wondered if the members of the Aurora Traffic Safety Advisory Board understand the meaning of "kowtowing to a special interest group".

After reading the article about the proposed speed humps on Golf Links Drive in a recent Auroran, I believe the answer is painfully obvious!

Stewart Ivol
Aurora

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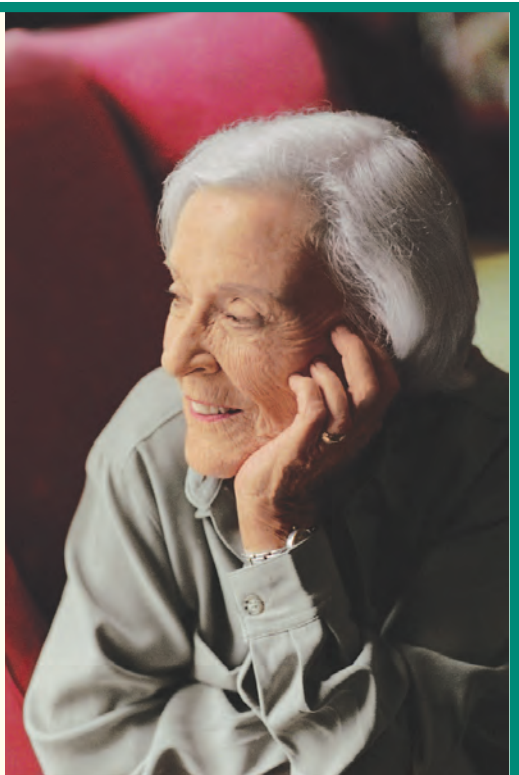
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York Region Food Network hosted its second annual golf tournament at Silver Lakes recently, and among the participants were, left to right, Tim Nerbas, President Canadian RiteRate Energy; Aurora Councillor Damir Vrancic; Elizabeth Brims, executive director of the York Region Food Network;

and Jim Nicholson, Small Business Consultant from the York Region Small Business Enterprise Centre. All four golfers are Aurora residents. York Region Food Network is a not-for-profit organization that works to raise awareness of food security issues and promote action for change in York Region.

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Tiger comeback effort falls short by one goal

A postponed hockey game gave the Aurora Tigers a bit of a breather last week, but in the only game played, they fell a goal short losing 3-2 to the Pickering Panthers Saturday.

It might have been a different story had it not been for Panther goalie Bryan Schermele who stoned Aurora in the first period, even when they had a man advantage as the game started.

The unusual bench penalty was assessed to Pickering for a delay of game during the pre-game warmup.

Aurora jumped at the chance and began peppering Schermele with solid scoring chances on the power play, but Schermele closed the door.

Mid-way through the period the Tigers again peppered the Panther netminder, this time forcing Schermele to make an unbelievable double-pad stack save on what looked like a sure goal for Aurora.

At the end of 20 minutes the teams were scoreless, opening the door for the homesters, who fired a pair in the second before Aurora could find the net.

Derek Lynden, with his team shorthanded, stopped the puck at the blue line then raced in alone to deke Tigers netminder Jeremie Dupont.

Three minutes later, on the power play, Panther captain Ryan Annesley fired a see-eye wrister from

the point.

However the Panthers would allow the Tigers back in before the frame ended.

Aurora's Jeric Agosta finished off a pretty passing play on a power play, to cut the Panther lead to 2-1, then Brian McGarry tied the game half way through the third.

Pickering's best chance to reclaim the lead came as they found themselves on a five-minute powerplay, when Adam Kudynski was assessed a major for slashing and a game misconduct.

Undaunted by the two-

goal lead falling and the five-minute powerplay producing nothing, the Panthers kept the pressure up and it paid off.

Pickering scored the winner with fewer than three minutes remaining in regulation time.

Tigers pressed for the tie, pulled the goalie, and forced Schermele to make a few difficult saves to preserve the victory for Pickering.

The postponed Tiger game will be played in Richmond Hill Wednesday, Oct. 27, when Aurora meets Thornhill.

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New high school advances but subdivision put on hold

Last June the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud submitted an application for an official plan and zoning bylaw amendment for a 45-acre site on the northeast corner of Bloomington Road and Bathurst Street to construct a French Catholic High School.

It was a joint application with Ballymore Homes for the development of a new residential neighbourhood of 59 units on large lots on 25.8 acres in keeping with the Yonge Street South Secondary Plan and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

At a public planning meeting recently, the high school project was approved, but the subdivision was stalled.

The school board plans to relocate their existing high school from within the Cardinal Carter Secondary School to the proposed new site to eventually accommodate 500 students.

It was also noted that servicing plans at that time required the construction of a new sanitary pumping station and significant water-main construction.

As capital costs for

those services would be high, it was decided the board and Ballymore would unite in a joint project.

Councillor John West suggested support of the request and scheduling a public planning meeting as soon as possible.

Other members of council argued there were too many unanswered questions, but it was adopted by council on a 4-3 vote.

At the public planning meeting, town staff said they were unable to recommend draft approval due to servicing constraints and other technical issues.

However staff added that the proposed school building had merit and would provide a desirable architectural gateway to the community.

The residential component generally met the requirements of the official

plan and was compatible to the residential estate development to the east.

It was recommended that given the outstanding issues staff be given time to work with the applicant and the community.

A representative of Ballymore Homes said it was realized additional work was required and negotiations were underway with Richmond Hill for servicing which would eliminate the need for a pumping station.

A representative of the school board explained the need for early approval of the school site due to the overcrowded conditions at Cardinal Carter and the need for French students to have their own high school.

Although only 150 French students would be transferred from Cardinal Carter to the new school, the

French elementary school in Aurora was overcrowded and up to 200 students would be transferred to the new school.

It was explained that when a new school site was considered more than two years before, town staff had suggested the partnership concept and the board did what was suggested.

Councillor West recommended approval in principle of the school application but asked to reserve decision on the residential component until services were available.

The West motion was adopted on a 5-2 vote with Councillors Morris and Wendy Gaertner opposed.

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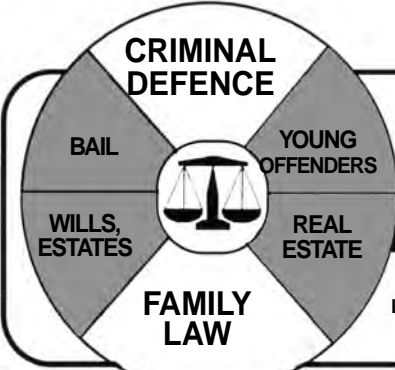
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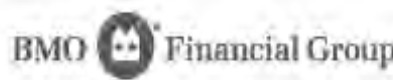
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110 9: Jake Appleby 4G 2A, Griffen James 2G, Daniel Middleton 1G, Jamie Harrison 1G, Brent Legrow 1G. **106 4:** Joseph Battiston 1G, Peter Andreakos 1G, Jessie Weimer 1G, Sandy Hudson 1G.

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106 6: Peter Andreakos 2G 2A, Jacob Hagias 1G, Sandy Hudson 1G 1A, Adam Hofmann 1G 1A, Jesse Weimer 1G, Joseph Battiston 1A, Taylor Lemmon 1A. **105 3:** Autin Riswick 2G, Taylor Simpson 1G, Blake Harris 2A, Trevor Coughlin 1A, Micheal McKerracher 1A.

206 6: Riley B'Brien 3G, Ryan McGoldrick 1G, David Gonder 2G, Matthew Walker 1A, Russell Johnson 1A, Lucas Marek 1A. **208 2:** Nick DelZotto 1G 1A, Max Brown 1G.

205 5: Callum Forrest 2G, Alex Stewart 1G, Nicholas Steiner 1G 1A, Francois Bicego 1G, Tyler Abushinov 1A, Oliver Jones 2A, Calvin Morache 1A, Timothy Pare 2A, Nicholas Scott 2A. **207 4:** Tyler Hindley 1G 1A, Kevin Siery 2G, Chris End 1G, Adam deRoos 1A, Erica Barnes 1A.

201 7: Mitchell Palmer 1G, Thomas Finlay 2G 1A, Morgan Walker 1G, Adrian Ramirez 2G, Tait Snedden 1G 1A, Carson Dupuis 1A, Dakota Stone 1A, Melissa Verge 2A, Amanda Boonstra 1A. **203 1:** Robin Creighton 1G, James Johnston 1A, Nelson Hossack 1A.

204 5: Joseph Veneziano 2G, Christopher Sanita 1G, Gabriel Oulahan 2G, Kevin Willert 1A, Matthew Sanita 1A, Cameron Richard 1A, Michael DeCesare 1A. **202 2:** Joel Gouveia 1G, Brayden Beswick 1G, Tyler George 1A, Matthew D'Alessandro 1A.

302 4: Massimo Longin 2G, D. Bayan 1G, C. Rodin 1G 1A, D. Bundel 2A. **304 3:** PL Steiner 1G, E. Harkin 2G, M. Presco 1A, K. DavyVass 1A, M. Hudson 1A.

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708 7: Jacob MacDonald 2G 1A, Kyle Partenan 2G, Jason Durst 1G 1A, Aaron Wochenmarkt 1G, Ryan Hart 1G, Aaron MacDonald 1A, **706 4:** Derek Isidoro 3G, Ben Slimkowich 1G.

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704 4: Mike Hay 2G, Brian Kearns 1G, Mike Grande 1G, Dan Mulroy 1A, Stuart Marsh 1A, Colin Moffatt 1A. **702 3:** Simon Esposito 2G, Michael McGee 1G, Taylor Bryce 1A, Julian Sbrolla 1A.

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Novice AA 5 Richmond Hill 2

Jordan Nanos 1A, Konner McMillan 2G, Connor Graham 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G, John MacDonald 1G, Liam Coll 2A, Sean Foxwell 1A.

Novice AA 2 Richmond Hill 1

Konner McMillan 1G, Sean Foxwell 1G, Austin Lane 1A.

Novice A 3 Innisfil 3

Evan Jackson 2G, Brett Thiessen 2A, Scott Kostin 1G, Paul Neophytou 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Austin Persaud 1A.

Schomberg 5 Novice AE 2

Nicholas Papousek 1G 1A, Graham Robinson 1G 1A.

Minor Atom AA 5 Markham 3

Stefan Lazzer 1G, Mackenzie Lemmon 2A, Trevor George 1A, Kiefer McIntosh 1G, Burke White 2G 1A, Eric Ludwig 1G 1A.

Richmond Hill 4 Minor Atom AA 2

Jody Nonnewitz 1G, Kiefer McIntosh 1G 1A, Stefan Lazzer 1A.

Minor Atom AA 4 Peterborough 0

Mackenzie Lemmon 2G, Graeme Allison

1A, Trevor George 1G 1A, Kiefer McIntosh 1G 1A, Jody Nonnewitz 1A, Burke White 1A.

Minor Atom A 1 East Gwillimbury 1

Quincy Ing 1G, Andrew McDonald 1A, Hayden Trask 1A.

Barrie Colts 3 Minor Atom A 1

Daniel Jones 1G, Andrew McDonald 1A.

Minor Atom AE 2 Clarington 1

Matthew Pryse 1A, Ben Hankins 1A, Ryan Baskin 1G, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Daniel Antoneil 1A.

Minor Atom AE 6 Ajax 0

Sam Steenhorst 2A, Liam Devlin 1G 1A, Zach Ferry 1G 1A, Ben Hankins 1G 1A, Matthew Pryse 1G 1A, Colton Lee 1A, Bailey Miller 1G, Vincent Ruscica 1G 1A, Daniel Antoneil 1A, Ryan Baskin 1A.

Atom AA 2 Newmarket 0

Tanner Thiessen 1G, Andrew Papousek 1G, Ryan Hughes 1A.

Newmarket 3 Atom AA 2

Andrew Papousek 1G1A, Tanner Thiessen 1G, Marco Ghegin 1A.

Georgina 5 Atom AA 1

Andrew Papousek 1G, Marco Ghegin 1A.

Atom A 2 Schomberg 2

Matt Noseworthy 1G, Chris Youtoff 1G1A.

Atom AE 4 Ajax 0

Jake Langford 1G 1A, Kevin Lukezic 2A, Thomas Hagias 1G, Daniel Laflamme 1A, Brett Wilson 1G, Dylan Woyslaw 1G.

Atom AE 0 Richmond Hill 5

Atom AE 10 Barrie 3

Dylan Woyslaw 5G, Andrew Buchanan 1A, Jason Lockhart 1G, Thomas Hagias 1A, Tyler White 1A, Jake Langford 2G 1A, Brett Wilson 2G, Mackenzie Wooder 1A, Daniel Laflamme 1A.

Atom AE 5 Markham 1

Richmond Hill 4 Minor Pee wee AA 2

Eleeza Cox 1G 1A, Denis Casey 1A, Justin Nice 1G.

Minor Pee wee AA 3 Markham 1

Matthew Miller 1G, Eleeza Cox 1G 1A, Chris Piron 1A, Cody Weese 1G, Steadman Dinning 1A, Matthew Mears 1A.

Minor Pee wee AA 4 Mississauga Terriers 0

Matthew Miller 1G, Steadman Dinning 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1G, Justin Nice 1G, Eleeza Cox 1A, Cody Weese 1A, Denis Casey 1A, Brandon Pedersen 1A.

Minor Pee wee AA 4 London 4

Steadman Dinning 1G, Eleeza Cox 1G 2A, Justin Nice 1G, Cody Weese 1G 1A, Brandon Pedersen 1A.

Ajax 6 Minor Pee wee AE 4

Alex Thompson 1G 1A, Josh Beaton 1G, Michael DiVincenzo 1G, Dylan Skelton 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1G, Daniel Howie 1A.

Pee wee AA 1 Georgina 0

Dillon Cappell 1G, Luke MacLeod 1A, James Mildon 1A.

Pee wee AA 2 Georgetown 1

Pee wee AA 4 West Mall 0

Pee wee AA 3 Toronto 2

Stouffville 5 Pee wee A 2

Derrick Hamner 1G, Nathan Brown 1G, Shawn Clark 1A.

Pee wee A 2 Newmarket 1

Oliver Boettcher 1G, Shawn Clark 1G,

Derrick Hamner 1A, Nathan Brown 1A, Justin Brown 1A.

Pee wee AE 3 Bradford 1

Geoff Gianopoulos 1G, Sean Agostino 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1G, Tyler Tisdale 1G 1A, Matthew Semeredy 1A, Aaron Beally 1A.

Pee wee AE 7 Innisfil 1

Tyler Tisdale 3G 2A, Matthew Semeredy 2G, Aaron Beally 2G 2A, John-Caleb Ross 1A, Jakub Sykora 2A, Geoff Gianopoulos 1A, Corey Jefferey 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Sean Agostino 1A.

Minor Bantam AA 7 Georgina 2

Ryan Besse 2G 1A, Lucas Boyd 2A, Ryan Findlay 1G 1A, Emilio Nafarrate 1G 1A, Christian Stankiewicz 2A, Adrian DiRosa 1G, Matthew Mikhaili 1G 1A, Tyler Hanlon 1A, David Roper 1A, Alex Denault 1G, Brandon Galante 1A.

Minor Bantam AA 3 Richmond Hill 1

Tyler Hanlon 2G, Adrian DiRosa 1A, Marcus Tochet 1G, Emilio Nafarrate 1A.

Richmond Hill 6 Minor Bantam AE 3

Nicholas Di Nallo 2G 1A, Chris Burns 1G 2A, Ethan Shore 2A, Matthew Scrimmes 2G, Cory Blom 1A, Braun Hause 1A, Curtis Hough 2A, Brendon Stenzol 1G, Brandon Giniotis 1A.

Bantam AA 8 Georgina 1

Bantam AA 7 Ajax 3

Bantam AA 3 Newmarket 0

Bantam AA 10 St. Catharines 1

Bantam A 4 TNT 6

Colton Horner 1G 1A, Ross Pizzurro 2G 1A, Josh Meron 1G, Chris Finlay 2A, Spencer McCartney 2A, Jamie Tuck 1A, Fraser Kegel 1A.

Bantam AE 4 East Gwillimbury 4

Bantam AE 3 Innisfil 1

Chris Hankey 2G, Robert Lee 1G, Keegan Oleary 1A, Cody Offen 1A.

Markham 3 Minor Midget AA 1

Minor Midget AA 4 Whitby 1

Jake MacDougall 1G, Michael Pantalone 1G, Tyler Virgoe 1G, Aaron Mansbridge 1A, Michael Englehutt 1A, Anthony Simone 1G.

Midget AA 8 Peterborough Petes 1

Kyle Robinson 2G, Adam Hankins 2G, Michael White 1G, Michael Jack 1G, Michael Osborne 1G 1A, Dave Martyn 1G 2A, Brandon Steffan 1A, Tom Keane 1A, Taylor Campbell 1A, Daryl Osborne 1A.

Midget AA 4 Whitby 0

Michael Jack 1G 1A, Nathan Rivard 1G, Kyle Robinson 1G, Brandon Steffan 1G, Vinnie Davenport 2A, Michael White 1A, Sean Mulroy 1A.

Midget AA 5 Gloucester 0

Tom Keane 2G 1A, Michael Jack 1G, Adam Hankins 1G 1A, Michael Osborne 1G, Peter McNeil 1A, Taylor Campbell 1A, Daryl Osborne 1A, Michel Saccone 1A.

Midget AA 6 Toronto Aces 1

Vinnie Davenport 1G 2A, Michael White 1G, Michael Osborne 1G, Michael Jack 1G, Tom Hurley 1G 1A, Adam Hankins 1G 1A, Kyle Robinson 4A, Tom Keane 2A, Brandon Steffan 1A.

Midget A 4 TNT 2

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Life before Regional Government

While regional government has not been enthusiastically received by all citizens and members of local councils, especially in Aurora, it did correct an ongoing issue - annexation of neighbouring territory.

Aurora was one of the offenders. In November, 1968, council decided to hit the annexation trail in two directions - east and west.

Council asked its planning board to hire a consultant to prepare the town's brief for the annexation proceedings.

The town had already decided to hit west seeking more King Township acreage to cover actual and anticipated commercial, industrial and residential development.

It also looked east to Whitchurch Township after receiving an application from a developer to add residential and commercial development in order to obtain the necessary services.

Both requests were forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board, but with the coming of regional government, Aurora received the land and much more.

Now, if it could only get Oak Ridges away from Richmond Hill, and into Aurora, where it should have been put in the first place.

GOLFING AT THE HIGHLANDS

In July, 1970, a field of 134 golfers, including three from Aurora, began three days of competition at the Aurora Highlands in the 48th annual Ontario Amateur Championships.

It was the first time since the inception of the tournament in 1922 that it was held in Aurora.

Heading the field of entries was defending champion Nick Weslock, who had won the Birk's Trophy seven times. Also entered were former champions Gerry Kesselring, Gary Cowan, and brothers Bill and Dave Morland.

Entered from the Aurora Westview Club were Bob Moore, Richard Hughes and Donald Shorten. Chairman of the tournament was Keith Nesbit, course superintendent at Westview.

PARKING NEEDED FOR GO BUSES

Back in March, 1979, council received many complaints from downtown business operators and citizens about commuters parking all day in the Temperance Street and other downtown parking lots as they caught the GO bus to Toronto.

At that time the property at the northwest corner of Aurora Heights Drive and Yonge Street was empty and council suggested that it be acquired for a commuter parking lot, plus an overflow parking lot for the community centre.

The property was owned by BP Canada and they weren't

interested in selling as the company planned to hold on for future development as a self-serve gas bar and convenience store.

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Notice of Public Information Centre #2

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Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Transmission Line Study

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) invites you to attend a public information centre and presentation on the selection of a preferred route for a higher capacity transmission line to serve the needs of electricity customers in the Regional Municipality of York. Since introducing this Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study at public information centres in April and May 2004, Hydro One has been consulting with stakeholders to obtain input on various alternative transmission routes.

After a detailed evaluation of alternatives and consideration of input received during the consultation process, Hydro One is recommending that the existing transmission corridor between Parkway Transformer Station (TS) in Markham and Armitage TS in Newmarket be upgraded to accommodate a two-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line. This same route was originally and unanimously recommended following a joint planning exercise conducted by the local distribution companies (LDCs) and Hydro One.

This transmission corridor is shown on the map at right.

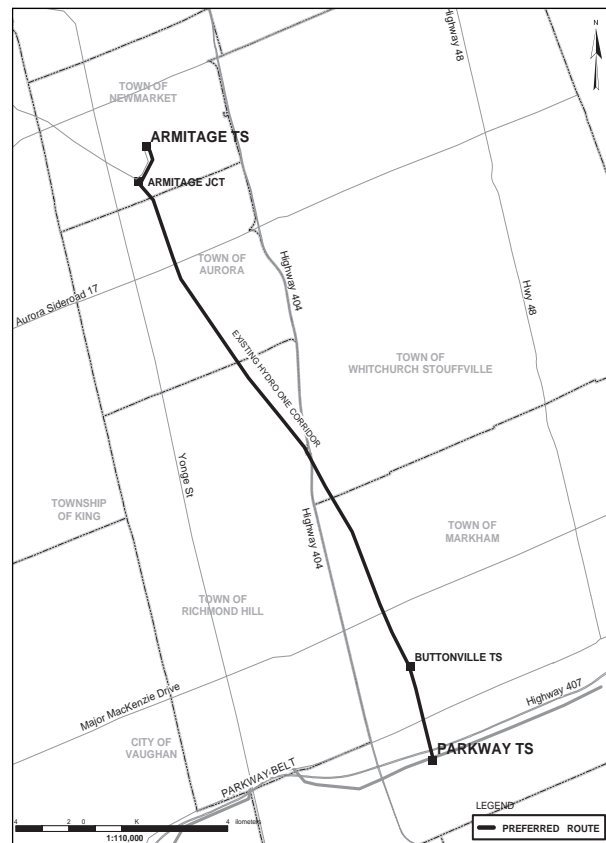
Hydro One is holding two public information centres, as noted below. Hydro One project staff will be on hand to discuss the factors considered in the evaluation of the alternative transmission options, explain the rationale for selecting this route as the preferred option, and outline the next steps in the planning and approvals process.

Monday, October 18, 2004

Premiere Ballroom & Convention Centre
9019 Leslie Street
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6 - 9 p.m.
Presentation at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #385
105 Industrial Parkway North
Aurora
6 - 9 p.m.
Presentation at 7 p.m.



Hydro One is in the process of finalizing the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for this project. The ESR will be made available for a 30-day public review period beginning Thursday, October 21, 2004.

For information on this study, please visit our Web site at www.HydroOneNetworks.com. Comments or questions may be directed to:

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Gallery opens

Official opening of Aurora's new Wellington Gallery was held recently. Taking part in the ceremonies were, left to right, Emil Simon, the gallery owner, Aurora Mayor Tim Jones and Sarah van Nostrand, Wellington Gallery Director. The latest exhibition is called 'Surfacing II' and features new work by Jonathan Dunkelman, who is an Aurora St. Andrew's College Old Boy. The show runs until October 30th. Gallery is located on Wellington Street West at the corner of Machell Avenue, just west of Yonge Street.

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(w00t: slang/interjection Pronunciation Key: w00t
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