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## Briefly

### Another loonie sale

It has been so popular in the past, the people at Helping Hand are doing it again.

A Loonie Sale, where you can purchase good quality used clothing, will be held at the Trinity Anglican Church this Saturday, Feb. 26, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Proceeds will help those in need.

### Don't be a square

He may walk with a cane, but don't underestimate the square dancing abilities of Norm Weller.

He's arranging an afternoon of square dancing Tuesday, Mar. 22, at the Aurora Lions Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria, beginning at 1 p.m.

It will cost \$4 to get in, but you'll be treated to light refreshments.

All levels of dancing ability are welcome, but it would be a good idea if you registered first by calling the Aurora Seniors' Centre at 905-727-2816 or Norm at 905-727-6434.

### Hillary March Break

There will be plenty for youngsters to do at Hillary House during the March break.

On Wednesday, March 16, those three to five years old will make leprechaun hats and listen to Irish folk tales.

Children in Grades 1 to 3 will dye Easter eggs Thursday, March 17, while Grades 4 to 7 students will learn the Secret Agent Game and make their own kaleidoscope on Friday, March 18.

All activities take place from 2 to 4 p.m. and each is \$5 per child.

"Cheaper than a babysitter," said Curator Jackie Stuart.

Hillary House is located on the west side of Yonge Street between Aurora Heights Drive and Irwin Avenue.

To reserve space, call 905-727-4015.

### Rotary's birthday

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Aurora held a huge wine and cheese party at the municipal building to celebrate Monday night.

The local club also wanted to produce a memento of Rotary International, Aurora Rotary and the Town of Aurora, and their efforts may be found inside your Auroran today.

The 28-page supplement was started by the late Ross Brethour, a long-time Rotarian and one-time district governor, who died while attending a Rotary function in November last year.

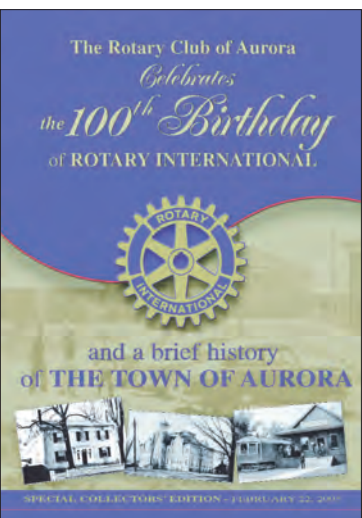
As a result, the memento was dedicated to him.

While Rotary International is 100 this year - their convention in June will be held in Chicago where Rotary was born - the Aurora club has been around for more than 50 years.

The history of the birth of both may be found in the supplement.

Extra copies are available for anyone wishing them.

At left is a reproduction of the cover of the supplement.



The annual Mardi Gras event held Saturday night in Aurora produced some unique faces. Here, left to right, Josh Ferreira, Tally O'Bireck and Eugene Niosi caught the attention of the crowd with their colourful costumes. The event, held at DiNardo's Mansion, raised funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and the Aurora Aerials Dance Group.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

## Large budget hike about to be pared

Aurora councillors will dive back into budget discussions this Saturday, after last Saturday hearing taxes in Aurora could rise almost 15 per cent.

A six-hour session on the weekend heard from department heads and two citizen groups and councillors were prepared to start slashing this weekend.

Consensus seems to be to bring the new budget in with an increase of less than 10 per cent.

Original numbers had a potential budget increase in the 19 per cent neighbourhood.

Meanwhile, taxpayers will have an opportunity to hear a presentation and ask questions about the capital and operating budgets at a special public meeting March 7 in the council chambers.

To date, council has held several meetings preparing the two budgets.

All recommendations adopted by council as a result of input received will be incorporated in the final draft.

Following the public meeting, the revised budgets will be referred to the general committee meeting March 22 and to council for final approval March 29.

Staff members noted fiscal pressures driving budget increases included enhanced recreation facilities, union and non-union pay increases, new staff positions and increases in utility costs.

With an approved budget of \$16.9 million in 2004, the original outlook for 2005 was a 19 per cent increase.

Since then there has been almost a million dollars of assessment growth, which will lower the proposed tax rate on the estimated \$17.8 million 2005 operating budget.

The first draft of the 2005 capital budget is \$11.5 million with road construction, water and sewer projects, administration technology, leisure services and a new fire hall as the major components.

Likely to proceed will be the reconstruction of the Vandorf Sideroad.

Funding for the capital projects is comprised of development charges, reserve funds specifically designed for capital projects, as well as a contribution from the operating budget.

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# COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

## CONTINUING

Every Friday night from 8.15 to 10.15 p.m. at the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School gym there will be a Basketball and Volleyball Drop-In for ages 14 to 18. Shoot hoops or dig for volleyball for only a Toonie. Call 905-726-4760 for further information.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-0205.

Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m. For further information contact Bob Butler at h.butler@sympati-co.ca or 905-713-3314.

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. Call 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. 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.

Overnight parking restrictions in effect until April 15th from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. on all town streets.

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.townsofyork.org](http://www.townsofyork.org) or phone Roy Bannon at 905-853-0859.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night. Aurora Legion. 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Operation Catch-Up presents free "Tutoring and Homework Help" for ages 10 to 18 years every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. during the regular school year at the old Victoria Street library building. Call 905-773-7024 for details.

Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/Newmarket welcomes new members throughout the year for monthly meetings and special interest groups. Contact Barb at 905-713-3587. Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora.

Cooking and Sewing Classes for kids ages 10 to 14 years - every Wednesday 3.45 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church corner Mosley and Victoria Streets. Classes end March 30th. Cost \$20 for materials only.

The Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Aurora Legion, Industrial Parkway North, at 8 p.m. For more information, call 905-727-4946.

## FEBRUARY 26

York Chamber Ensemble "Spring Tonic" concert at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. 7.30 p.m. Tickets, at the door, are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Concert conducted by Aurora's Tony Browning.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aurora Council will meet to finalize the 2005 operating budget.

Aurora Legion candlelite dinner and dance. Industrial Parkway North. 6.45 p.m. \$12 per person.

## FEBRUARY 27

The Oak Ridges Trail Association hike starts in Sheppard's Bush heading for the Vandorf Sideroad. The 4-km walk should take about 90 minutes. Call Harold Sellers at 905-853-3518 for further information.

Team progressive euchre tournament at the Aurora Legion. 1.15 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 28

Enjoy a walk on the new elevated roadway over the McKenzie Wetlands with the Oak Ridges Trail Association. Call Stan Butcher at 905-773-3960 for further information.

## MARCH 2

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with Aurora Cable Internet, presents "File Transfers" computer workshop. 7 p.m., Magna Room. Register on-line, at the information desk, or call 905-727-9493, Option 4.

## MARCH 4

World Day of Prayer at First Baptist Church, 33 Wellington Street East, 7.30 p.m.

## MARCH 5

Registration for Aurora Minor Ball Association's 2005 season at the Aurora Community Centre from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Winter clinics currently underway. More information from [www.auroraminorball.ca](http://www.auroraminorball.ca)

or Gary Drodge at 905-727-8461.

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The York Symphony Orchestra presents "Romantic German Masterworks" by Sibelius, Beethoven and Schumann featuring guest violinist Joseph Peleg at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora, at 8 p.m. Call 416-410-0860 for tickets.

## MARCH 7

Aurora Council will host a public meeting in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the 2005 operating and capital budget.

## MARCH 7-12

Canadian Children's Theatre Company presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Newmarket Theatre, directed by Jennifer Martin of Aurora. Call 905-726-4486 for ticket information.

## MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28

Aurora Public Library presents genealogy workshop with Ruth Burkholder. 7 p.m., Lebovic Room. \$10. Limited registration. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

## MARCH 9

Leverage Night at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. The game of Leverage is a fun way to learn about improving business. Limit 12 participants. Call the Chamber at 905-727-7262 to register. 6 to 9 p.m.

## MARCH 14-18

March Break

## MARCH 15

Aurora's Leisure Services Department has arranged a Snowboard and Ski Trip to Mount St. Louis/Moonstone for ages 14 to

18. Bus departs from Leisure Complex at 8 a.m. returning about 6 p.m. Cost is \$42. Register at the Leisure Complex. No rentals.

## MARCH 19-20

Aurora resident and artist Herbert Pryke will be displaying his artworks at the Mill Pond Gallery, 314 Mill St., Richmond Hill from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Herbert's primary subject matter are the landscapes, barns and 'just trees' of the North York Region, a commodity quickly being depleted.

## MARCH 22

Square dancing at Aurora Lions Hall. 1 p.m. Call the Aurora Seniors' Centre at 905-727-2816 or Norm Weller at 905-727-6434 to register.

## MARCH 23

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, offers income tax clinic, 6.30 p.m. For more information, call the library.

## MARCH 24

Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 at Almac Conveyor Company, 155 Engelhard Drive. 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

## MARCH 29

Aurora Opera Company presents its Teen Show "Yesterdays", a contemporary youth musical at the Newmarket Theatre. Call 905-953-5122 for ticket information.

## APRIL 6

The annual Bob Hartwell Runner's Challenge has its own challenge, it needs volunteers. A volunteer orientation session will be held at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. For more information call Chris Williams at 905-392-1977.



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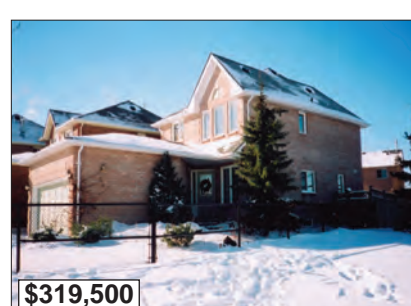


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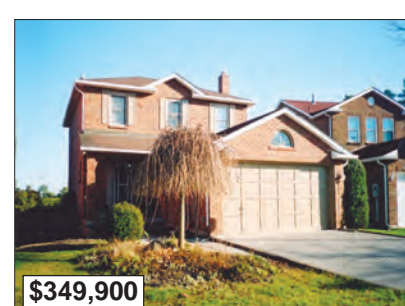
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Long time director of the Aurora Historical Society, Bill Devins was honoured at the annual general meeting last week when he officially retired from the board. Presenting him with a gift is AHS president Helen Roberts, who will continue in that position for another year.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

## Low bidder gets nod

The successful bidder to conduct disability awareness workshops will be considered by council this week after the town's general committee overturned a recommendation Tuesday.

The Accessibility

## Aurorans in concert

Four Aurora residents will take part in a Bradford concert this weekend.

The concert at the Springdale Christian Reformed Church in Bradford West Gwillimbury is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 26, beginning at 3 p.m.

Participating from Aurora will be Mary Jeanne Oliver, Jewell Devine, Raymond Lorenz and Graham Pressey.

They are members of the newly formed Newmarket-Aurora branch of the Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association, the group that initiated the concert.

The planned program will feature vocal and instrumental music, with styles ranging from august classical and syncopated ragtime to American jazz.

The fundraising event is in support of the Student Awards Festival, one of several activities supported by the association.

The church is located on Canal Road, one kilometre west of Highway 400.

For further information, call 905-898-3587.

Advisory Committee recommended the Town engage a consultant at a cost of \$3,200 plus travel costs for the town staff workshops, but general committee members voted 5-3 to consider a lower bid worth \$2,195.

It was also recommended that funding be allocated from the 2004 Accessibility Advisory Committee budget.

Councillor Evelyn Buck had expressed concern about the selection of the consultant and the price.

She said recently she had attended the meeting and learned two other bids had been received with the lowest bid at \$2,100.

Buck added that she was appalled at the way the committee operated and withdrew her offer to serve on the committee.

Councillor John West, committee chairman, defended the work of the committee and the decision made.

He said the \$3,200 bid was the most suitable.

When questioned about the allocation of 2004 budget funds, West said the original committee budget had been reduced from \$80,000 to \$50,000 and money was available.

He noted that unused funds from the previous year's budget had been used by other departments and if necessary, he would pay the amount himself as the sensitivity training was needed.

In spite of the advisory

committee recommendation, the general committee overruled the selection of the consultant and recommended the contract be awarded to the low bidder for \$2,195.

When asked on what basis the advisory committee had made their selection, Councillor West said all bids had been carefully considered and the committee decided the more expensive one was the best. He admitted it had been a toss-up between the two bids.

In spite of an effort to defer the decision until more precise information was available, Buck was successful in gaining committee support on a 5-3 vote for the low bidder.

## This guest speaker involved audience

Kelly Walker was the quest speaker at last week's Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting and had the audience up on its feet singing and exercising.

He is an author, speaker, singer/songwriter as well as being a therapist, teacher and a man who is a lot of fun, as he wandered from table to table encouraging listeners to see life in a different way.

Born in Walkerton, Ontario, he travelled to Quebec and became a member of the Dominicans, a religious order of preaching friars founded in 1215 by St. Dominic. He later became head of the order in Quebec.

In 1981, he suffered a nervous breakdown as he had forgotten about himself and had literally disappeared, resulting in his first book, "Loss of Soul: Burnout".

He left the order and found a job playing piano in a bar.

He did considerable travelling in Canada and the U.S. as an accompanist for various acts and it helped him through a difficult period of transition. This resulted in his second book "Dancing on the Ark".

He said that most people are unprepared for transition as it is a major shift and change will be constant for the next 20 years or more and that everyone should prepare for it.

He stressed the need for flexibility and had the audience up singing a

song. He suggested people should eat well, play and laugh, learn to say "yes" and "no" and learn to stretch.

He said it was also important to pay attention to dreams.

"If work is no longer fun,

do something different, like table dancing," he said.

He is currently working on a new book called "Growing Somewhere: Living Life after Mid-Life". His two latest CD's are "River Ash" and "All My Life".



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## Poor Richard

# Any link between local councillors and developers?

*Local politicians and developers,  
Is a combination that doesn't mix;  
Everything may be quite legal,  
But there're implications of a fix!*  
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Now that there is lots of time before the next municipal election in 2006, a comprehensive review of candidate election campaign contributions, especially from developers and corporations, plus the voting record of council members should be carried out by an independent body.

In rapidly growing municipalities, such as Aurora and York Region, developers have become a major financial source of election campaign contributions.

Some residents, especially those who have appeared before council to express their concerns about a development, are suspicious about possible links between the developer and council members, especially if the development is approved.

Let's face it, municipal elections today are expensive for candidates if they want to get elected.

At election time, they not only want your vote, some of them want your money.

Developers and corporations need friends on council if they want to get a favourable hearing.

A close relationship may be in their best interests, but may not be in the best interests of the municipality.

Although the majority of councillors claim they are not influenced in their planning decisions by donations from developers, some residents find it hard to believe when they vote to support a development, which residents oppose.

It is known that developers contribute to campaign funding in a variety of ways, such as direct donations, buying tables at fundraising dinners, providing signs or other means.

That information is available, because in 1988 the province adopted legislation to regulate campaign contributions and expenses for municipal candidates.

Under the legislation, all campaign contributions over \$100 must be reported to the municipal clerk and are open to public scrutiny.

What isn't known is the voting record of council members in relationship to approved plans of development, and this might make an interesting study to determine if some developers get a little extra for their contribution.

Rather than tar all local politicians with the same brush and try to distinguish the good guys and the bad guys, it is suggested that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Department of Municipal Affairs undertake the study.

A review of all the election contributions and expenditures for every candidate in the Greater Toronto Area, where development is the greatest, would be a good study area.

Then carry out a review of all development applications for each local municipality in the GTA to determine if there is any correlation between a consistent voting record for each candidate and campaign contributions received from developers.

The only other way to stop developers from contributing to municipal politicians is to stop all contributions and have each candidate fund his or her own campaign, but that would limit candidates to those who were financially independent.

One other way would be for the municipality to pay each candidate's expenses based on a pre-determined formula.

Not only would that be expensive, but the incumbent council would have the power to determine who should run against them

At one time it was suggested that municipalities should be able to issue a tax credit for contributions to municipal politicians in the same manner as for federal and provincial candidates to encourage more individual donations.

But that was soon forgotten when it was learned the municipality would have to ante up for the tax credit, not the other levels of government.

So maybe we have to live with the current relationship between the development industry and local politicians, but we might expect more control and transparency and a study may be a good way to obtain it.



If you guessed last week's photo showed Yonge Street around the turn of the last century, you're likely pretty close to the mark. One caller last week, whose eyes are obviously pretty good, recognized the Boer War Memorial on the side of the street, about mid-way down the block on the east side. That would mean the photo was taken sometime between 1905 and 1907. The Memorial, which was a fountain, was eventually moved to the Town Park and took up residence behind the original bandshell, then mysteriously disappeared. Anyone know what happened to it? If you think this photo is earlier than last week's, you're absolutely right, but again, the year escapes us. Any ideas? This is the third in a series of pictures of Yonge Street, provided by Aurora's Leslie Oliver.

### Letters to the Editor

# Stop complaining about the dog park

To the editor,

Is no one ever happy?

You can't make everyone happy all the time, but my goodness...

First people complain that there are no places for dogs to go and run at large, then guess what???

Aurora gets a leash free dog park.

I have read complaints about it not being big enough, not having any trees, only having certain types of dogs allowed, hav-

ing to pay an annual fee, and now someone is complaining about mud!

Well, guess what, this is what happens when we get a thaw and spring comes. We get mud.

I ask you to go anywhere else and not find mud.

You ask for a wooden boardwalk to be put in, who do you think is going to pay for this?

The residents of Aurora who don't even own a dog?

Then you ask for a bin to be placed at the entrance so

that "responsible dog owners" can discard their doggy bag.

Any responsible dog owner will bring it home with them and discard it there...just like going on a walk.

As a responsible dog owner this is what I do, I pick up after my dog (and others who have left it behind).

Stop complaining and be happy we have a park to walk our dogs for 20 minutes with no leash, or they

just might close it!

Kim  
Aurora

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# Crime here on the rise

To the editor,

This letter is to inform the citizens of Aurora that our town is not the way it used to be in the past. Everything seems to be on the rise: taxes, hydro etc. and, most disappointing, crime in the form of theft.

Over the holiday season (Dec. 25 - Jan. 5), someone stole a cast cement rabbit garden ornament from in front of my friend's house on Spruce Street.

So if anyone received a cement rabbit as a gift recently, it is probably stolen property.

We would appreciate the swift return of this ornament, due to the high sentimental value it possesses.

Whoever you are, shame on you.

Ray Patterson  
Aurora

# Survey waste of money: reader

To the editor,

Once again I find myself disagreeing with how the Town of Aurora is doing something.

While I do agree that asking the public about spending priorities is a good idea, do we really

need to spend \$14,000 to do so?

Why couldn't the town have gotten the questionnaire ready and printed up to be included with the notices for the interim tax bills, with the completed surveys returned as people paid their taxes?

Somehow I don't think that way would have cost \$14,000 and it probably would have received more than 685 responses.

Talk about a waste of taxpayer money.

Dave Watson  
Aurora



# GTA pooling an expensive program

One of the most sensitive areas in the Region's 2005 budget, indeed in the past Region budgets since 1998, has been the mandated amount the Region must pay to the City of Toronto for pooling that goes towards social housing and welfare costs in Toronto.

In 2004, the amount the Region of York paid was \$79,500,000.

The budgeted amount for 2005 is \$86,695,000 and it is projected to go to \$89,300,000 in 2006.

The Region of York will have paid \$654,000,000 since the inception of this tax from 1998 to 2005.

This "obligation" on the Regions surrounding Toronto came about as an outcome of the "Who does what/local services realignment" process finalized in 1998.

It was determined by the Province that the City of Toronto was carrying a disproportionate share of the social assistance load and the social housing stock in the GTA and should therefore be compensated proportionately.

Under equalization in this area, each Region's share of the GTA-wide costs in these areas is determined by its proportionate share of weighted average (by tax ratios) assessment in the GTA.

The Province regulates this calculation.

I would point out that it is the Province that governs the program cost eligibility through their own prescriptive regulation.

Ministry directives for social services, and for social housing, all expenditures and equalization costs in the GTA are mandatory under the Social Housing Reform Act.

This is all governed by the Province but paid for through our property taxes which are based on the value of our houses as assessed on an annual basis.

I have long been an advocate of Social Services and Social Housing being a direct financial responsibility of the Province, based on Provincial taxes which are set on our ability to pay through what we earn each year as compared with how the value of our homes increases because of a hot housing market.

An example of this is felt more by someone, especially a pensioner or person on a fixed income, who has scraped to stay in a house and has no control over its market value assessment.

If the assessment goes up, the owner will need to find more to pay his share of this pooling tax through property taxes, as opposed to all who are gainfully employed or generating an income.

Yes, this would mean that property taxes would have this burden removed from the tax bill and all those who pay Provincial taxes would have this added to their tax bill - but at least this way, it is a fair application, whether you live in Toronto, Aurora or elsewhere.

Aurora is currently facing a huge challenge in its residential taxes.

By choice, council is improving the skating and swimming amenities in our town.

We are building a new Seniors' Centre.

We need a new fire hall and fire truck.

We have negotiated new pay agreements with our unions and have brought our non-union staff closer to equity with other municipalities our size in order to keep and attract qualified staff.

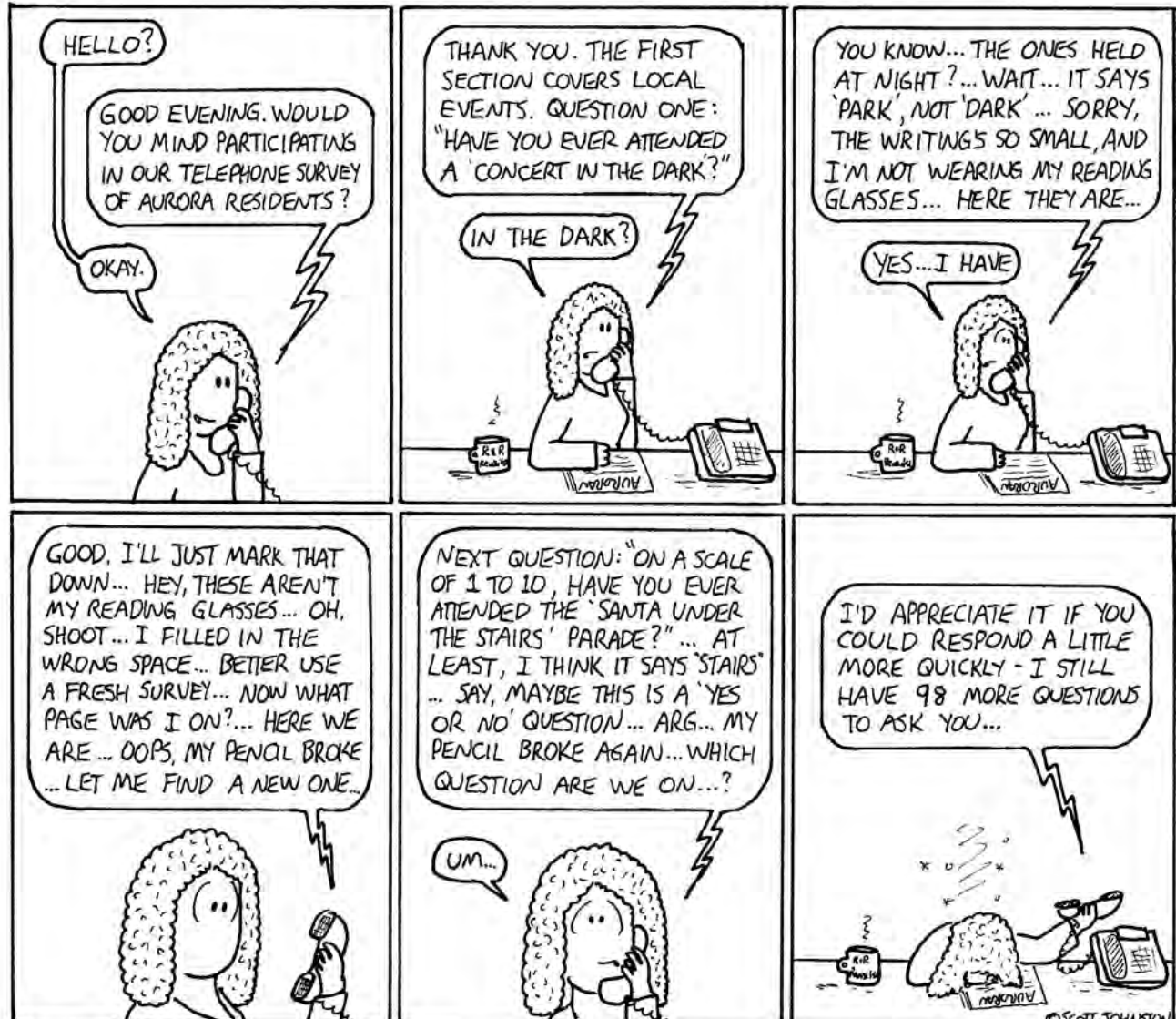
Aurora's portion of the GTA pooling costs has ranged between 3.8 and 4.9 million dollars per year since 1998 for a total of \$33,500,000 in the past eight years.

These funds alone would have allowed us to address all the above with minimal tax increases.

This is an unfair property tax burden on home owners and should be moved to the Provincial Tax bill which is based on our ability to pay. Maybe this time the Province will listen.

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

## Machell's Corners



## Letter to the Editor

# Prayer Day in Aurora set for March 4th

To the editor,

The World Day of Prayer Service for this year will be held at First Baptist Church, 33 Wellington Street East, Aurora, (corner of Wellington and Victoria), Friday, March 4 at 7.30 p.m.

The participating churches of Aurora invite everyone to this inter-denominational service. Refreshments will be served following the service.

The program this year was written and prepared by the women of Poland.

This year's theme is Let Our Light Shine.

Our speaker this year, Laura Price, former administrator for Baptist women, will give the homily.

The organist is Annabel Moore and we will again have liturgical dancers.

Betty Innes  
Aurora



## Cathy's Corner

# The trouble with red underwear

Valentine's Day has come and gone this year, and in its wake are wilted flowers, empty chocolate boxes, and red underwear that will suffer the indignity of being under-worn throughout the year.

There are three reasons for this:

1. Flowers created by our favourite designer, Mother Nature, are not built to last until next Valentine's Day. Sorry, honey.
2. The chocolates were eaten, but the boxes weren't. Unless the dog found them.
3. Red underwear can make quite an impression on Valentine's Day, and the elastic marks have been known to last through Easter.

So, while the romantic spirit of the day resulted in some lucky Aurorans getting wined, dined and showered with everything that a hot tamale needs to sizzle, others got to do the shuffle in red underwear that ruined their day.

There are three reasons for this:

1. The red gitch itches. Furious scratching in the underwear region is generally not considered sexy.
2. The number on the sexy red number is the wrong number. Underwear are sized in Roman Numerals (S, M, L or XL) and should match the wearer's dimensions for maximum enjoyment. If breathing becomes a problem, see your doctor. There is a chance they can be surgically removed.
3. Red lace thongs may be steamy, but 11 out of 10 men still prefer boxers.

Although most women purchased such torturous modern loin cloths for their men entirely without malice, it is possible that some did it on purpose.

The top three reasons a woman might see red are:

1. Last Valentine's Day, she prepared a romantic bath for two, complete with scented candles and aromatherapy bath crystals. He came into the room, sniffed and asked: "What stinks? Did the toilet back up again?"
2. Last Valentine's Day, she asked him: "Honey, should I wear the pink outfit, or the red one?" And he answered: "The red one. The pink one makes you look kind of like somebody rolled you in candy floss."
3. Last Valentine's Day, he gave her a red lace gitch that was so small it disappeared when she put it on, and she's been itching to get him back ever since.

As you can see, red underwear qualifies as cruel and unusual punishment (in some parts, mainly the lower body) and should be removed from the romantic repertoire of all Aurorans (preferably by a qualified professional if it's been there too long).

There are three reasons for this.

1. It is nice to be able to walk without pain.
2. It is nice to be able to sit down without pain.
3. It is nice to be able to breathe without your gitch getting in on the action.

And just in case you're wondering why I chose to reveal the truth about those evil red strings now that Valentine's Day is over, there are three reasons:

1. They're all on clearance at the lingerie shops.
2. They're all on clearance at the department stores.
3. They're all on clearance everywhere, so I feel it's my duty to report the hazards.

Obviously, the retailers are trying to ditch their gitches. There are three reasons why their underwear are stuck...I mean, why they are stuck with their underwear:

1. People opted for flowers instead.
2. People opted for chocolates instead.
3. People didn't fall for it again this year.

Therefore, Valentine's Day has come and gone, and in its wake are wilted flowers, empty chocolate boxes, and red underwear that will suffer the indignity of being under-worn throughout the year.

Thank God!

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at: laughingmatters@aci.on.ca



# Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

**BOUQUETS** to Hugh Allen for his recent letter to The Auroran questioning the town's need for a new logo at this time. He asks about the undisclosed cost to the taxpayers, especially when both the regional and local budgets are out of control, with no thought of families on a fixed income.

**BRICKBATS** to members of Aurora Council, especially Councillor John West, for interrupting other speakers when they have been recognized by the chairman and have the floor. There are parliamentary rules which should be followed!

**BOUQUETS** to former Councillor Norm Weller for continuing his plans to bring square dancing back to Aurora, even when he's recovering from a stroke that occurred while he was holidaying in Florida.

**BRICKBATS** to whoever is responsible for placing the cement barriers on the south side of the St. John's Sideroad immediately east of Old Yonge Street. Northbound motorists on Old Yonge Street can't see westbound vehicles as they come up the grade on St. John's. It's an accident waiting to happen and corrective action should be taken.

**BOUQUETS** to former Councillor Evelina MacEachern for submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the pre-grading contract for the Seniors' Centre which was originally awarded for \$239,000, but six weeks later following an in camera session, the contract was awarded to the third low bidder at a price of \$312,000, an increase of \$73,000 without any explanation. Taxpayers deserve an answer!

**BOUQUETS** to York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge for attending community events across the region, like the kick-off for Big Brothers and Big Sisters Bowl for Kids. When does he have time to stay home?

**BRICKBATS** to federal NDP Leader Jack Layton for ordering his NDP colleagues to support the same sex marriage legislation. Members of Parliament are elected to represent the people, not a party dictator!

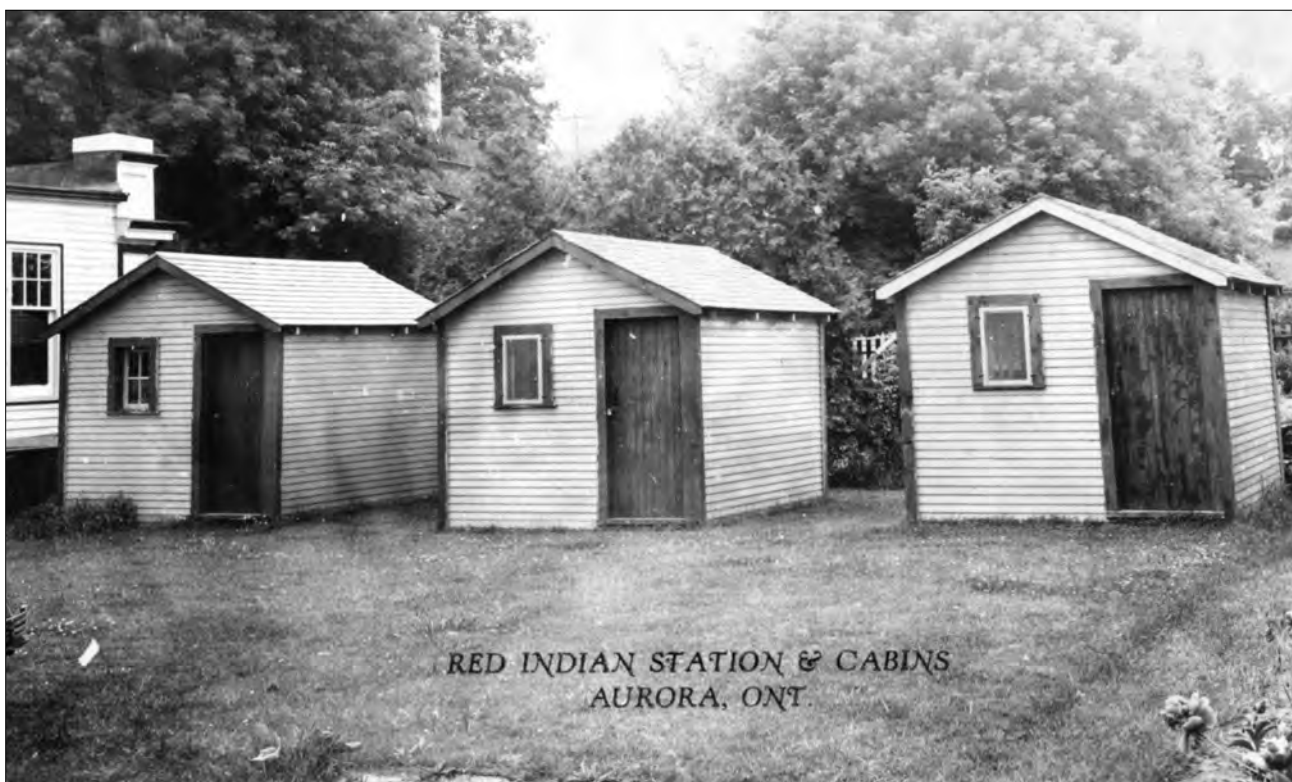
**BOUQUETS** to the Aurora Tigers Novice AA team on winning the Preston International Tournament in an overtime game. This was the third time the team has participated in the tournament and they lost out in the finals of the two previous tournaments.

**BRICKBATS** to the persons responsible for the selection of artists for the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall as the artists are selected by a draw without any knowledge of the quality of their work or suitability for public viewing. The recent removal of nude paintings is at least the second time that has occurred, so there should be a lesson for the future.

**BOUQUETS** to Newmarket/Aurora Member of Parliament Belinda Stronach for being completely impartial in her support for local hockey teams. When she dropped the ceremonial puck for the final regular season game between the Aurora Tigers and the Newmarket Hurricanes, her hockey jersey was partially white for the Tigers and black for the Hurricanes.

**BRICKBATS** to the McGuinty Liberal government for opposing GTA pooling for Toronto's social assistance and social housing when the Mike Harris Tory government introduced it, but after a year in office has done nothing to get rid of it, but has increased it.

**BOUQUETS** to Rev. Nicola Skinner and Trinity Anglican Church Aurora for the innovative program every Wednesday night from 5.30 to 7 p.m. called "The Welcome Table", a community kitchen serving heaps of fellowship and free warm meals for anyone in need.



The above photograph caused people at the Aurora Historical Society annual meeting last Wednesday night to almost swoon. No one had ever seen anything like it and all were amazed it even existed. It is a postcard with the words "Red Indian Station and Cabins, Aurora, Ont." printed on it. Red Indian was a popular service station of the day, like Esso, Shell or Petro Canada today, and the cabins, historians believe, were located on Yonge Street, just south of Jonathan's Restaurant on the east side of the street. How would you like to spend your summer holidays in one of those buildings? The postcard was provided to The Auroran by Neil Sisman. We'd be happy to hear if anyone has further information about this incredible picture.

## Letters to the Editor

# Reader opposes big box stores

To the editor,

This year Aurora Council will be asked to approve the rezoning of lands on the north side of Wellington Street between Leslie and the 404.

This area is currently zoned Business Park and in its Five Year Official Plan Review, members of the committee agreed that these lands should remain Business Park with the hope of attracting to Aurora prestigious com-

## More power to councillor, reader says

To the editor,

I don't think Aurora realizes what a precious gem we have in Evelyn Buck.

Her refreshing, enlightening and straight to the point comments in The Auroran are invaluable. For too long we've needed someone on that council to keep in check the Jones's Wests, et al, who have been on council so long they have lost sight of why they are there.

More power to Ms Buck. She is a gem.

Bob Graham  
Aurora

panies such as Magna and State Farm (among others).

A covered world class shopping mall is not what the developers are proposing for the gateway to our town; rather, three box stores with some office space of a lesser area.

It has been said by some members of council that this development will bring jobs to Aurora, but at what cost?

The biggest percentage, more than 75 per cent, will be minimum wage and that is not what is needed for the future of our town.

Aurora has a uniqueness about it.

Think of this: unlike many regions in York, we have a six-storey ceiling limit on buildings, a number of designated Heritage Sites within our borders and a large conservation area with hiking trails available to all.

There is a Walmart in Newmarket and one in Richmond Hill and I feel, as do many, that a third one is not needed in our town.


Instead we should be patronizing our local businesses whose owners have been contributing for years to the unique community spirit which we enjoy here in Aurora.

I have filed a letter of

objection to this development and if you feel as I do, would you please contact the following members of our council: Mayor Tim Jones, [tjones@town.aurora.on.ca](mailto:tjones@town.aurora.on.ca); Evelyn Buck, [ebuck@aci.on.ca](mailto:ebuck@aci.on.ca); Bill Hogg, [billhogg@aurora-council.ca](mailto:billhogg@aurora-council.ca); Wendy Gaertner, [gaertner4council@yahoo.com](mailto:gaertner4council@yahoo.com);

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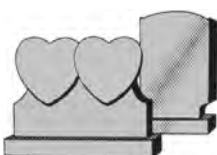
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Carol Cooper and Walter Bauer in front of their Catherine Avenue home.

# Energy evaluation saves them money

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Carol Cooper and Walter Bauer are committed to making changes to improve the environment.

So, when they saw a newspaper notice about reducing greenhouse gases in the home, they contacted the Windfall Ecology Centre and had an Energuide for Houses evaluation done to their circa 1917 Catharine Avenue home.

Windfall Director Brent Kopperson explains the procedure: "The whole thing takes about two hours. We measure the energy efficiency of the home from the basement to the attic. We even depressurize the home during the procedure, to better detect leakage."

After making the recommended changes, which included a new furnace, new windows and weather stripping around doors and electrical outlets, the house was re-tested and the couple discovered they had reduced greenhouse gases in the home by 5.91 tonnes.

"The impact of the changes we made was significant," Walter explains. "And, in an old home, results are even more dramatic."

In fact, they achieved one of the highest reductions in York Region.

And, they received \$1,300 in rebates from the Federal Government. Carol and Walter also have realized significant reductions in their monthly heating and electricity bills.

The Energuide for Houses evaluation is accessible to anyone by calling the Centre at 1-966-280-4431.

As for Carol Cooper and Walter Bauer, they are taking an even more dramatic step to help the environment - they are moving to a much smaller

home in the same neighbourhood.

The new owners will be pleased to discover that their new "old" house is very energy efficient.

# This exhibition "rocks" gallery

The current exhibition at the Wellington Gallery on Wellington Street West at Machell Avenue by Jim Reid is a series of paintings of very large rocks deposited at random across the Canadian Shield.

In addition to the large paintings, some six feet by 10 feet, there are also a few of the working studies painted on site, with the larger works completed in his studio near Terra Cotta, Ontario.

The series of paintings, called "Travellers", depicts the giant boulders that are fragments of the earth's crust, broken from their primordial sites and transported perhaps thousands of kilometres by advancing glaciers.

Inscribed on their sur-

Aurora seniors are still waiting to hear if council will approve a canopy over the entrance to the proposed Seniors' Centre.

The canopy was originally requested last October so that seniors driven to the centre could enter the building under cover, but staff said at the time it was not possible due to parking facilities.

Council considered a canopy from the building entrance to curbside at that time for an estimated \$38,000 and directed staff to consult with the architect for an alternative to provide cover for a drop-off.

Last December staff presented three options: no extension and no additional financial

impact; an extension of the canopy to curbside at a cost of \$38,000; and an extension beyond the curb at a cost of \$120,000.

No action was taken.

Last week Lydia Schuster of the Aurora Seniors appeared before the committee to seek council's reconsideration.

She said the need for an extended canopy was clearly identified and was subsequently included in the original space requirement designs.

As the project developed, parking space requirements and cost projections caused the canopy to be shortened.

When the \$2.4 million contract came in

\$405,000 under the approved budget, reconsideration of the canopy to curbside was sought.

Councillor Evelyn Buck recommended canopy funds be included.

As members of council did not have the previous

reports and background material, the issue was deferred until a complete report was available.

Inclement weather has postponed construction of the building - to be located on Municipal Drive - until the spring.

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In a thrilling final this Aurora Tigers Peewee AE team defeated the stubborn London Wild SSE. Down 4-2, there were 46 seconds left and with the goalie pulled the Tigers scored a key goal to make the score 4-3. Tigers pulled the goalie again with 33 seconds left. Michael McGolrick scored the tying goal, with six seconds left in the game to force an overtime period. The Tigers pumped up by their last minute heroics played some of their best hockey of the season in overtime. It ended scoreless, although Aurora had several chances to score while London failed to get a single shot. This forced a shoot-out. Michael McGolrick, Tyler Tisdale and Jakub Sykora scored while Ryan Ceresino stopped three of the four shooters he faced giving the Aurora Tigers Peewee AE team an unprecedented 4th tournament victory of the season. Team is preparing for the Richmond Hill Stars in the quarter finals of the OMHA playdowns.

## Cahill and his Argonauts trained at St. Andrew's

Today the Toronto Argonaut squad, winners of several Grey Cups, is just another football team asfar as most Aurora residents are concerned, but back In the 1960s and early 1970s, it was an entirely different story.

Aurora football fans were in their glory as the Argonauts took over St. Andrew's College during the month of June for their annual pre-season training camp.

The football scrimmages under the direction of head coach Leo Cahill were played on the Yonge Street

## Skating results

Following are recent results from the Aurora Skating Club:

Preliminary Dance  
Dutch Waltz - Ashleigh Calvert, Maya Malek, Mackenzie Mauder.  
Canasta Tango - Sabrina Brochu, Katrina Thunem, Danielle MacAskill, Rebecca O'Malley.  
Baby Blues - Alicia Alberton, Samantha Duncan, Emily O'Conner.  
Preliminary Skills - Nicole Calvert, Nina Malek.  
Preliminary Freeskate Elements - Samantha Galati.  
Solo - Nicole Relke, Kate Sutton.  
Junior Bronze Dance  
Swing - Zahra Rajan, Austin Bushell.  
Fiesta Tango - Melany Noseworthy, Shelby Olesovkey, Jackeanne Abbey, Marilena Perri.  
Willow Waltz - Kortney Weichel, Tejia Rom-Colthoff, Jihyan Cha.  
Junior Bronze Skills - Kate Sutton, Sophia Perugini, Jihyan Cha.  
Junior Freeskate Elements - Alex Woodward.  
Solo - Allie Sutton.

fields of the college and always drew a large crowd of local spectators.

Although the players and staff lived, ate and worked out at the college, they were familiar figures in town and often participated in town events.

In 1969, Leo Cahill and the Argonauts were presented with the key to the Town as part of the July First festivities.

Originally established by the Argonaut Rowing Club in 1874, the team was sold in 1957 to a group that included newspaper publisher John Bassett.

He assumed full control with a \$2.3 million buyout in 1971.

Since then the team has gone through several owners including William Hodgson (not the North York MPP) in 1974 but after five straight losing seasons, the team was sold to Carling-O'Keefe Breweries in 1979.

The sale didn't help as the losses continued.

Harry Ornest acquired the team in 1988

for \$5.3 million.

He made money in 1989 but lost in 1990, selling the team to Bruce McNall in 1991 for \$5 million.

Labatt Brewing/Interbrew bought the club in 1994 for \$6.5 million and lost \$16.5 million between 1995 and 1999 resulting in the team being sold to Sherwood Schwarz, a New York insurance magnate in 1999.


By July, 2003, Canadian Football League officials announced the league was considering taking over the operation of the team and revoking the Argo franchise from Schwarz for failure to pay the team's bills.

At the time it was one of the teams with the highest expenses but was only averaging 14,686 fans to a home game, the eighth lowest in the nine-team league.

It was believed the team needed an average attendance of 22,000 to 25,000 to break even.

The CFL began advancing money to the Argos before the start of the 2003

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## Aurora Tigers shine

While Monday night's fifth game in the Aurora-Syracuse series had not been played at The Auroran's deadline, there was a strong feeling from the locals that the Provincial Junior A Tigers would by now be into their second round of playoffs.

Two games in Syracuse, New York, on the weekend, saw Aurora come away with 7-2 and 6-4 victories and take a commanding three games to one lead in the best of seven playoff.

"A total team effort with contributions from all members working towards a common goal resulted in a big weekend for the Tigers," said Aurora coach Jerome Dupont.

Friday night, Tigers piled up a 7-2 victory, then held on Saturday to record a 6-4 win.

The Syracuse Stars, not officially a Provincial Junior A North Division team, shocked the Tigers last week when they won a game 3-2 at the Aurora Community Centre.

But it was only a hiccup in the Aurora plan.

Aurora finished first in its division while Syracuse only managed to slide into the final playoff berth and was not expected to win anything in this round.

On Friday, playing at the Cicero Twin Rinks, it was the line of Sean Thompson, Michael Tuomi and Sam Skwarchuk leading the way with Thompson recording two goals and three assists, Tuomi three goals and an assist and Skwarchuk adding three helpers.

Other scorers were Jeric Agosta and Cale Tanaka with a goal each.

On Saturday, it was a more balanced offensive contribution with five players recording two points in Doug Henderson (a goal and an assist), Jeremy Whelan (a goal and an assist) and Sean Thompson, Cale Tanaka

and Sam Skwarchuk each getting two assists.

Important goals, late in the game, came from Chad Kennedy joining the rush and converting on a nice feed from Clay Costoff; Michael Tuomi scoring a pretty goal with an out-standing individual effort; and to seal the deal Jake Anderson taking a beautiful feed from Curtis Vickers who had the patience to let a diving defenseman slide by him before feathering the puck to Anderson who had hustled up to create an odd man rush.

Jeremie Dupont played very well in Aurora's cage

suiting up for both games and stopping 26 of 28 shots on Friday and 33 of 37 shots on Saturday to record the victories.

On the outside chance Aurora lost Monday night, the team would return to Syracuse for a game Tuesday, and given another Syracuse win, would play the seventh game in Aurora Wednesday night.

Coach Dupont isn't planning on that, rather he's looking at the next opponent that, failing another hockey upset, should be Huntsville.

That series will open at the Aurora Community Centre Friday night at 8 p.m.



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MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY  
STANDINGS AS OF FEB. 14

TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Law Insurance Brokers	16	2	3	85	49	35
Priestly Demolition	12	6	3	95	70	27
Tom & Jerry's	10	9	2	69	63	22
FPL Aggregates	9	9	3	77	68	21
J.J. Barron Realty	7	9	5	68	80	19
Masterclean Contracting	8	11	2	69	73	18
Highland Chev	7	12	2	86	99	16
Rec Cycle & Sports	5	14	2	57	100	12

MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY RESULTS FEB. 1						
Law Insurance	4		Tom & Jerry's	4		
Rec Sports	3		FPL Aggregates	3		
Masterclean	3		Barron Realty	6		
Priestly Demolition	3		Highland Chev	5		

MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY PLAYER STANDINGS				
PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	Pts.
Jason Muise	Priestly Demolition	35	14	49
Mark Sedore	Priestly Demolition	24	24	48
Pat O'Mahoney	FPL Aggregates	25	13	38
Bruce Chappell	Highlands Chev	11	27	38
Steve Robertson	Highlands Chev	17	21	38
John Yaremko	Law Insurance	19	16	35
Steve Kavanaugh	Barron's Realty	9	26	35
Ralph Berry	Masterclean	10	24	34
Ed Jackson	Barron's Realty	19	14	33
Steven MacDonald	FPL Aggregates	16	16	32
Gerald Briand	Law Insurance	13	19	32
Darren Yaremko	Law Insurance	14	14	28
Ken Rumble	Highlands Chev	12	15	27
Dave Caverley	Law Insurance	10	15	25
Peter Briand	Law Insurance	9	16	25
Mark Lemmon	Tom & Jerry's	10	12	22
Kevin Brown	Highlands Chev	10	12	22
RJ Farnsworth	Highlands Chev	15	6	21
Paul Fujiwawa	Highlands Chev	15	6	21
Jerome Flanagan	Tom & Jerry's	9	12	21
Bruce Ing	Masterclean	8	12	20
Vince Greco	Tom & Jerry's	11	7	18
Doug Adair	Rec Sports	7	11	18
Brad Wilson	Priestly Demolition	8	9	17
Raz Khamissa	Barron's Realty	8	9	17
Mark Swirla	FPL Aggregates	7	10	17
Kerry Heintzman	Priestly Demolition	2	15	17
Dave Skelcher	Highlands Chev	8	8	16
Pat Davies	Priestly Demolition	7	9	16
Mike Nisbet	FPL Aggregates	3	13	16
Chris Neal	Rec Sports	6	9	15
Steve Reswick	Masterclean	6	9	15
Dan Smith	FPL Aggregates	3	12	15
Doug King	Rec Sports	5	9	14
Mike Caicco	Barron's Realty	3	11	14
Hugh Alcorn	Masterclean	2	12	14

Girls' team wins  
skiing honours

Cardinal Carter Catholic High School's girls' ski team won the York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) Ski Championships at Blue Mountain in Collingwood last week.

The victory marked the first time since the Aurora school opened in 1989 that its girls' downhill ski team has won this event.

Team members Megan Blackett (Grade 12), Laura Coward (Grade 11), Brittany Davis (Grade 9) and Brittany Greenwood (Grade 11) have now qualified to compete in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) Championships.

They will take place at Blue Mountain from February 27th to March 1st.

YBH fundraising suffers

Fundraising efforts by Aurora's Yellow Brick House have been impacted by events half a world away and its executive director is hopeful recent generosity exhibited by York Region residents for the tsunami victims of Southeast Asia can also be directed toward the 27-year-old women's shelter.

"Our fundraising results are down so far this year by approximately 35 per cent," says Paulette Senior, Executive Director, Yellow Brick House. "We need to raise more than \$600,000 gross per year to meet the needs of our clients in the fastest growing region in the GTA."

Senior notes that one way to help is to take part in fundraising initiatives currently underway.

Local retailers are supporting the "Fools Rush Out Vacation Get A-Way Raffle" scheduled for April Fools' Day.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 to win a \$3,000 travel voucher to a sun and hotel destination of the winner's choice.

Tickets can be purchased from Yellow Brick House or through local businesses such as Curves, Jonathan's Restaurant, and the Body Shop.

A mainstay in Yellow Brick House's fundraising arsenal has been its annual Harley - Davidson raffle.

One early bird draw for \$1,000 remains, scheduled for March 25 with the bike draw scheduled for April 23.

Bricks can be purchased for \$1,000 (corporations), \$500 (small business) and \$25 (families) through the shelter's Pathway of Peace project that immortalizes the donation during an annual plaque commemoration at the Pathway of Peace park west of Wellington and Yonge Streets in downtown Aurora.

"Charity does begin at home and we really need your help right now," says Senior. "Third party-events, direct donations and corporate philanthropy partnerships are particularly appealing to us in our time of need."

Since its inception more than 25 years ago in 1978, Yellow Brick House (Project Hostel) has grown from providing hospice to abused women and their children in private homes to a 21-bed emergency shelter offering several programs and services to more than 3,000 abused women and their children annually in York Region.

Over the years, Yellow Brick House has expanded from one staff member with a funding base of \$69,000 to 35 full and part time staff members providing support services in eight programs and services with a funding base of \$2.3 million.

Programs provided include Counselling and Legal Support Services (CALSS), Legal/Court Support & Referral Services,

Let's Talk Child Witness Program, Transitional Housing & Support Counselling, When Love Hurts Group Support Program, Reta's Place, Public Education and the Emergency Shelter.

The Ministry of Community and Social Services is the main funder and provides approximately \$1.34 million annually.

United Way of York Region is also a strong supporter and contributes \$120,000 each year to augment and support program areas that are under-funded.

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## House League League Games

**301 TILEMASTER 6:** Tyler Clement-Croggon 1G, Chris Cherubini 2G, Quinn McCowan 1G, Ethan Cullen 1G, Trevor Rice 1G. **306 CONTINENTAL CUSTOM INGREDIENTS 2:** Dylan Sutton 1G, Ryan Peace 1G.

**703 CENTRAL YORK FIREFIGHTERS 2:** Ryan Logue 2G, Brendan Harrington 1A, Evan Williams, shutout. **706 OMAR'S SHOES 0.**

**705 SKATERS FIRST 4:** C.J. Melicherck 2G 1A, Marshall McQuillan 1G 1A, Daniel Saccetti 1G, Ian Hayzelden 1A, William Ginther 1A. **702 RECREATION LEISURE SERVICES LTD. 1:** David Yates 1G, Matthew Perdeaux 1A.

**704 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES 4:** Mike Grande 2G 1A, Dan Mulroy 1G, Colin Moffat 1G, Mike Hay 1A. **708 PIZZA PIZZA 2:** John Cardella 1G, Jason Cheong 1G, Jay Lamont 1A.

**701 COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 3:** Julian Kercz 1G, James Collett 1G, Peter Martin 1G, Adrian Clark 1A, Jordan Brown 1A, Conor Dellar 1A, Sean Deakin, shutout. **707 ASA ALLOYS 0.**

**702 RECREATION LEISURE SERVICES LTD. 5:** Madison Weber 2G, Simon Esposito 1G, Trevor Spence 1G, David Yates 1G 1A, Tm Gibson 1A, Richard Sendel 1A. **706 OMAR'S SHOES 4:** Dylan Calvert 2G 1A, Ben Slimkowich 1G, Eric Bailey 1G, Jacob Peart 1A, Greame Smart 1A, Chris O'Hara 1A.

**707 ASA ALLOYS 7:** James Suddes 5G, William Burke 1G, Jake Thompson 1G, Ken Horner 2A, Taylor Buxton 1A. **704 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES 5:** Mike Grande 3G, Kevin Nandlall 1G, Zac Simonas 1G, Jamie Russell 2A, Dan Mulroy 2A.

**703 CENTRAL YORK FIREFIGHTERS 3:** Jay Finch 1G, Andrew Storms 1G, Nathan Weir 1G 1A, Devin O'Kelly 1A, Liam Braithwaite 1A. **705 SKATERS FIRST 3:** Marshall McQuillan 2G, C.J. Melicherck 1G 1A, William Ginther 2A, Robert Revington 1A, Cody Benson 1A.

**803 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 2:** Geoffrey Harrison 1G, Brendan Murphy 1G 1A, James Floros 1A. **804 HIGHLAND CHEVROLET CADILLAC 1:** Brandon Simon 1G Taylor Tripp 1A.

**902 OPTIMIST CLUB OF AURORA 6:** Morgan Mittlestaedt 2G 1A, Bryan Dunjko 2G 2A, Ryan Joynt 1G, Alex DiSera 1G, Ethan Lebovic 1A, Harrison Brook 1A, Jake Teel 1A, Jason Markovich 1A. **905 Gold/Black PIZZA PIZZA 5:** James Weber 1G 1A, Ryan Cane 2G, Jamie Fenyes 1G, Andrew Kines 1G, Ryan Smyth 2A, Tom Horner 1A, Jesse Barker 1A.

**905 Gold/Black PIZZA PIZZA 3:** Jamie Fenyes 1G 2A, Andrew Kines 2G 1A, Tom Horner 1A. **904 HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 1:** Liam McNeely 1G, Kevin Michie 1A.

**906 White/Red PIZZA PIZZA 4:** Taylor Jefferies 2G, Cam Harris 1G 1A, Brad Wilkens 1G 1A, Justin Torma 1A, Alex Ginther 1A. **901 AURORA CANADIAN TIRE 3:** Dan Kupraty 1G 1A, Dan Coates 1G 1A, Evan Magill 1G, Paul Magill 1A.

**1005 AURORA OPTICAL 5:** Kean Karamchi 2G 1A, Sean McCartney 2G 1A, Terrance McCourt 1G 1A, Ryan Gennaro 1A, Brendan McDermott 1A. **1010 CHEVALIER CHRYSLER 3:** McKenzie Kemp 1G, Christopher Govan 1G, Mike Laprocino 1G, Michael Smyth 1A, Rocco Smeriglio 1A.

**1006 White/Royal PIZZA PIZZA 4:** Andrew McGee 1G, Erik Burrow 1G, Robert Juffs 1G,1A, Sean Devlin 1G,1A, Alex Gilliver 1A, Graham Coote 1A. **1002 IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 3:** Adam Saunders 2G, Ian McCrone 1G, Stephen Facca 1A, Andrew Onorati 1A, Neil Irvine 1A.

**1002 IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 9:** Jamie Marton 3G 2A, Patrick Bowie 1G 3A, Colin Hullah 2G 1A, Stephen Facca 1G 1A, Adam Saunders 1G 1A, Corey McPherson 1G. **1005 AURORA OPTICAL 5:** Sean McCarthy 3G 2A, Mickey Stoddedeh 2G 2A, Kean Karamchi 1A.

## House League Playoff Games

**204 NORTH YORK HEATING & PLUMBING 9:** Matthew Sanita 3G, Alexander Gouthro 1G, Neil Duggan 1G 2A, Gabriel Oulahan 1G 2A, Adam Petit 1G 1A, Matthew Pelkola 1G, Mitchell Arnold 1G, Mitchell Srouji 1A. Christopher Sanita 1A, Kevin Willert, shutout. **202 ALL PRO SPORTS 0.**

**206 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 3:** Ryan McGoldrick 2G, David Gonder 1G, Joey Stel 1A, Russell Johnson 1A, Riley O'Brien 1A, Alexander Cicchino 1A. **208 ORR & FORSTER INSURANCE 2:** Blake Wallace 1G 1A, Alexander McDonald 1G, Matteo Campea 1A.

**207 PHARMASAVE 4:** Adam DeRoos 1G 1A, Sian Powell 1A, Erica Barnes 1G, Kevin Siery 1G, Charlie Sandler 1A, Nathan Sinclair 1A, Carson Elliott 1A. **205 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 4:** Nick Scott 2G, Tyler Abushinov 1G, Callum Forrest 1G, Mitchell Arnew 2A, Oliver Jones 1A, Nicholas Steiner 1A, James Powell 1A, Ian Chappell 1A.

**201 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 3:** Victor Chadarov 2G, Morgan Walker 1G, Carson Dupuis 2A, Michael Liscio 1A, Adrian Ramirez 1A. **203 www.mastermindtoys.com 3:** James Johnston 1G, Barker Baile 1G, Robin Creighton 1G, Alexander Harrison 1A, Jason Glionna 1A, Nelson Hossack 1A, Tyler Futterer 1A.

**207 PHARMASAVE 3:** Adam DeRoos 1G, Kevin Siery 1G, Lucas Brutto 1G, Nathan Sinclair 1A, Charlie Sandler 1A, Sian Powell 1A, Erica Barnes, shutout. **208 ORR & FORSTER INSURANCE 0.**

**204 NORTH YORK HEATING & PLUMBING 5:** Christopher Sanita 2G, Neil Duggan 1G, Gabriel Oulahan 1G, Matthew Sanita 1G. **203 www.mastermindtoys.com 1:** Mac Cawfield 1G.

**205 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 4:** Callum Forrest 3G, Alex Stewart 1G, Matthew Reynolds 1A, Nicholas Steiner 1A. **206 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 2:** Billy Haddock 1G, Luc Martineau 1G, David Gonder 1A, Derek Capone 1A, Joey Stel 1A.

**201 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 6:** Mitchell Palmer 2G, Morgan Walker 2G 2A, Adrian Ramirez 2G 2A, Matthew Heintzman 1A, Melissa Verge 2A, Andrew Walter 1A, Amanda Boonstra 1A, Harris Riopelle 1A. **202 ALL PRO SPORTS 4:** Tyler George 2G, Michael Slack 1G, Zachary Kroll 1G.

**506 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 3:** Greg Lacroix 1G, Michael Takahashi 1G, Christian Davies 1G. **501 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 1:** Curtis Rose 1G, Andrew Luck 1A, Griffin Slimkowich 1A.

**507 COSENTINO PRODUCE 4:** Anthony Selski 2G, Cameron Annear 1G 1A, Logan Weber 1G 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1A, Alexander Payne 1A. **501 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 3:** Griffin Slimkowich 1G 1A, Michael Reilly 1G, Andrew Luck 1G 1A.

**504 CAA CENTRAL ONTARIO 2:** Zachary Marcelline 1G, Chase Riddell 1G, Brandon Lalonde 1A, Alex Hayes 1A. **506 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 1:** Sean Takahashi 1G, Greg Lacroix 1A.

**502 A.D.C. ALUMINUM 3:** Liam McGoldrick 1G, Curtis Stobo 2G, Kevin Tree 1A, Andrew Smitten 1A, Anthony Decesare 1A. **509 DOMINION 2:** Ryan Laird 1G, Stephen Newby 1G, Brett Richardson 1A, Rosario Arcuri 1A, Kevin McCrudden 1A.

**503 AB COX PONTIAC BUICK GMC 5:** Troy Gouveia 2G 1A, Andrew Bolton 2G, Paul Tuck 1G 1A, Gianluca Sampieri 1A, Aaron Nusbaum 1A. **510 THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA COMPANY 4:** Sean Halley 2G, Jarret Lennie 1G, James Phillips 1G, Liam Martin 1A, Phillip Mueller 1A, Patrick Mueller 1A, Dylan Jolivet 1A.

**508 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 3:** Jordan Gerace 1G, Adrian Tobin 1G, Egan Fennell 1A, Alex Dunn 1G, Nick DiVincenzo 1A, Stefan Pagura 1A. **505 INFINITY TECHNOLOGIES 3:** Taran McGowan 2G, Ryan Kennedy 1A, James Wotherspoon 1A, Christian Avolio 1G.

**507 COSENTINO PRODUCE 9:** Joey Lombardi 2G 1A, Jonathon Alcock 2G 1A, Patrick Dowling 1G, Cameron Annear 1G 2A, Mitchell Harris 1G 1A, Anthony Selski 1G 1A, Jonathon Boehmer 1G, Andrew Cosentino 1A, Lucas Cristillo 1A, Robert Anderson 1A. **510 THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA COMPANY 2:** James Phillips 1G, Sean Halley 1G, Dylan Jolivet 2A, Jarret Lennie 1A.

**501 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 1:** Michael Reilly 1G, Alex Thompson 1A, Scott Glaysheer, shutout. **508 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 0.**

**506 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 2:** Christian Davies 2G, Rocco DeBartolo 1A. **502 A.D.C. ALUMINUM 1:** Andrew Smitten 1G, Robert Denault 1A.

**503 AB COX PONTIAC BUICK GMC 5:** Gianluca Sampieri 1G, Aaron Nusbaum 1G 1A, Andrew Bolton 1G, Paul Tuck 1G, Troy Gouveia 1G 1A, Christopher Follet 1A. **509 DOMINION 5:** Quinn Tassarolo 1G, Ryan Laird 1G 2A, Kevin McCrudden 3G, Rosario Arcuri 3A.

**505 INFINITY TECHNOLOGIES 4:** Taran McGowan 3G, Kyle Rojas 1G, Chris Waller 1A, James Wotherspoon 1A, Jake Hindley 1A. **504 CAA CENTRAL ONTARIO 1:** Daniel Whitley 1G, Jeremy Fitkin 1A.

**805 Gold/Black PIZZA PIZZA 6:** Connor Ryeland 1G, Andrew Wilkins 2G, Mark McCrudden 3G, Meaghan Keslick 1A, Chris Porter 1A, Brian Burns 1A, Sean Kipfer 2A, Brooke Dickie 1A, Nick Epworth 1A. **803 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 2:** Michael Nealon 1G, Brendan Murphy 1G, Geoffrey Harrison 1A, James Floros 1A.

**801 Green/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 3:** Raymond Mullins 2G, Matthew Fong 1G, Sam Caldwell 1A, Patrick Rasmussen 1A. **802 Black/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 1:** T. Flanagan 1G, C. Di Vincenzo 1A, D. Puopolo 1A.

**906 White/Red PIZZA PIZZA 4:** Cam Harris 4G, Taylor Jefferies 1A, Brad Wilkens 1A, Jamie Rundle-Sanderson 1A, Derek Hurst 1A, Alex Ginther 1A. **904 HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 4:** Ryan Jones 2G, Kiefer McBride 1G 2A, Bill Spasopolous 1G, Torrey Duckworth 1A, Jon Aleksich 1A.

**902 OPTIMIST CLUB OF AURORA 5:** Morgan Mittlestaedt 3G 1A, Andrew Rowan 1G, Harrison Brook 1G, Byran Dunjko 2A, Chris O'Conner 1A, Ethan Lebovic 1A. **901 AURORA CANADIAN TIRE 4:** Dale McDonald 1G, Dan Lewis 2G, Dan Kupraty 1G 2A, Chris Torresano 1A, Dan Coates 2A, Kevin McCreedy 1A, Eric James 1A, Paul Magill 1A.

**905 Gold/Black PIZZA PIZZA 8:** Jamie Fenyes 3G, Jesse Barker 2G 1A, Steve Horan 1G 1A, Ryan Cane 2G, Andrew Kines 2A, Ryan Smyth 1A, Jacob Evelyn 1A, Joel Stock 1A, James Weber 1A, Greg Youtoff 1A. **903 IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LePAGE 3:** Kurtis Wilton 2G, Curtis Robinson 1G, Nathan Taylor 2A, Jason Tuck 1A, Doug Bainbridge 1A, Mike Rowe 1A.

**906 White/Red PIZZA PIZZA 2:** Jamie Rundle-Sanderson 1G, Justin Torma 1G, Cam Harris 2A. **905 Gold/Black PIZZA PIZZA 2:** Jesse Barker 2G, Steve Horan 2A.

**902 OPTIMIST CLUB OF AURORA 4:** Jake Teel 1G, Andrew Rowan 2G 1A, Ryan Joynt 1G, Morgan Mittlestaedt 1A, Matt Preston 1A, Bryan Dunjko 1A. **904 HS FINANCIAL SERVICES 3:** Ryan Jones 1G, Liam McNeely 1G, Ian Mulhern 1G, Steve Pitts 1A.

**903 IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LePAGE 7:** Peter Walker 3G, Mike Rowe 1G, Mike Mariani 1G 1A, Keith Bradford 1G, Nathan Taylor 1G 1A, Jeff Seymore 1G 2A, Jason Tuck 1A, Kurtis Wilton 2A. **901 AURORA CANADIAN TIRE 3:** Evan Magill 1G, Dan Kupraty 2G, Braden Bonner 1A, Micheal Perretta 1A, Dale McDonald 1A.

## Rep Results

Stouffville Clippers 5 Tyke Select 3

Tyke Select 3 Stouffville Clippers 1

**Novice AA 4 Richmond Hill 1**  
Liam Coll 1G 1A, Sean Foxwell 1G, Connor Graham 1G, Spencer Green 1G 1A, John MacDonald 1A.

**Novice AA 4 Richmond Hill 1**  
Spencer Green 1A, Liam Coll 1G, John MacDonald 1G, Konner McMillan 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1G, Quentin Campbell 1A, Ian Dunlop 1A, Sean Foxwell 1A, Kyle Locke 1A.

**Stouffville 2 Novice A 1**  
Erik Balkovec 1A, Evan Jackson 1G.

**Stouffville 4 Novice A 3**  
Evan Jackson 1G 1A, Jake McKee 1A, Paul Neophytou 1G, Austin Persaud 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Erik Balkovec 1G.

Novice AE 4 Uxbridge 2

Richmond Hill 5 Novice AE 4

**Minor Atom AA 6 Peterborough 1**  
Trevor George 2G, Jody Nonnewitz 1G 1A, Mackenzie Lemmon 1G 2A, Burke White 1G 1A, Stefan Lazzar 1G, Kiefer McIntosh 1A, Cameron Nuttall 2A, Kyle Zacharuk 1A.

**Minor Atom AA 10 Peterborough 4**  
Trevor George 1G 3A, Eric Ludwig 1G, Kiefer McIntosh 1G 3A, Brooke Webster 1G, Cameron Nuttall 3G 1A, Burke White 3G 1A, Mackenzie Lemmon 3A, William Reid 1A, Stefan Lazzar 1A, Kyle Zacharuk 1A.

Newmarket 4 Atom AA 3

Marco Ghegin 1A, Tanner Thiessen 2G, Brian Puskar 1G 1A, Ethan Benson 1A, Andrew Papousek 1A.

**Atom A 4 Orillia 1**  
Jesse Bentolila 1G, Josh Klinowski 1G, A. J. Killens 1G, Rory Macneil 1G, Sean Nishimura 1A, Taylor Butler 1A, Ryan St. Germain 1A, Kyle Spicer 1A, Daniel Moriarity 1A.

**Richmond Hill 5 Atom A 3**  
Matt Noseworthy 1G 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Sean Nishimura 1G, Taylor Butler 1A, Matthew Skoulikas 1G 1A.

**Atom AE 4 Innisfil 3**  
Dylan Woyslaw 1G, Kevin Lukezic 1A, Mackenzie Wooder 1A, Tyler White 1G 1A, Brett Wilson 1G 1A, Thomas Hagias 1G, Daniel Laflamme 3A.

**Innisfil 4 Atom AE 2**  
Lukas Leslie 1G, Ty Brochu 1G 1A, Dylan Hussey 1A, Andrew Buchanan 1A.

**Richmond Hill 5 Minor Peewee AA 2**  
Steadman Dinning 1G, Blair Cuthbert 1G, Chris Piron 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 5 Newmarket 4**  
Kyle McCreedy 3G, Tristan Miller 2G 1A, Spencer George 3A, James Harkin 1A, Gavin Forrest 1A, Jordan Figueiredo 1A, Michael Vance 1A, Jack Steffan 1A.

**Minor Peewee A 4 Orillia 4**  
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Josh Beaton 3G, Brendan Strachan 1G, Daniel Howie 1G 1A, Jamie Hawkins 2A, Mitchell Sziraky 2A, Brandon Thompson 2A, Scott Kimmerer 1A.

**Peewee AA 4 Barrie Colts 3**  
Jordan Tripp 3G, Max Lerner 2A, Dillon Cappell 1A, Andrew Whitley 1G, James Mildon 1A.

Bradford 5 Peewee A 0

**Peewee AE 5 SSE London 4**  
Corey Jefferey 1G 1A, Michael McGorlick 2G, Jakub Sykora 1G, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Shawn Maceachern 1A, Aaron Beally 2A, Tyler Tisdale 1A.

**Peewee AE 6 St. Catharines 1**  
Tyler Tisdale 1G 2A, Patrick Lee 2A, Michael McGorlick 1G 2A, Darcy Eveleigh 1G, Aaron Beally 2G, Jakub Sykora 1G 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1A, Matthew Semeredy 1A.

**Peewee AE 7 Richmond Hill 0**  
Andrew McKay 1G 2A, Jakub Sykora 1G, Michael McGorlick 5G 1A, Evan Jones 1A, Shawn Maceachern 1A, Patrick Lee 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 3A, John-caleb Ross 2A.

**Peewee AE 6 Richmond Hill 3**  
Jakub Sykora 1G 1A, Patrick Lee 2A, Tyler Tisdale 2G, Michael McGolrick 2G, Evan Jones 1G, Aaron Beally 3A, Andrew McKay 1A.

**Newmarket 5 Minor Bantam AE 3**  
Brendon Stenzol 1G, Ethan Shore 2G, Zacharie Roitner 1A, Andrew Mangialardi 2A, Brandon Giniotis 1A, Curtis Hough 1A, Trevor McCartney 1A.

**Newmarket 5 Bantam AA 4**  
Taylor Postill 1G, Eric Sarracini 1A, Nick Yeatman 1A, Steven Keane 2G, Jeremy Ellison 2A, Daniel Curci 1A, Jordan Koen 1G 2A, Ian Middleton 1A, Karl Pelan 1A.

**Bantam AA 5 Newmarket 2**  
Jordan Koen 1G, Kevin Kryshka 1G 1A, Ian Middleton 1A, Ben Sherritt 1G 1A, Jeremy Ellison 1G, Steven Keane 1A, Taylor Postill 1G, Eric Sarracini1A, Kyle Scott 1A.

**Newmarket 2 Bantam A 1**  
Nick Crain 1G, Josh Meron 1A, Jesse Coote 1A.

Minor Midget AA 6 Barrie Colts 1

**Midget AA 6 Newmarket 3**  
Michael Osborne 2G, Adam Hankins 2G, Taylor Campbell 1G, Daryl Osborne 1G 1A, Kyle Robinson 2A, Michael Jack 3A, Nathan Rivard 2A, Sac Pietila 2A, Brandon Steffan 1A.



## RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

# Aurora model hits the big time

After training at the Flare School of Modelling and Self Improvement, Aurora High School student Kim Nikifork appeared in Sears, Eaton's and Holt Renfrew catalogues and modeled at Eaton Centre.

Then in September, 1990, she appeared on the cover of Chatelaine, a national woman's magazine and a whole new world opened up.

During the fall of 1991 she was on her way to meet with magazine editors and high-powered clothing designers in New York and Paris.

### AMO MEMBERSHIP

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) represents about 95 per cent of the municipalities of Ontario and is normally referred to as the Voice of Municipal Ontario.

In 1992, Aurora Council decided to forego its AMO membership as the cost of annual membership had increased 4.6 per cent to \$3,200.

In August, 1992, North York Councillor Howard Moscoe, AMO vice-president, appeared before Aurora Council to point out the many benefits of belonging to the association.

He was successful as council members reversed their previous decision and agreed to pay the annual fee, but it wasn't unanimous as some members of council objected to AMO giving their staff a higher percentage wage increase than Aurora had given its employees.

### AURORA DAY AT THE BALL PARK

Back in August, 1991, the Toronto Blue Jays played host to Aurora citizens as the Leisure Services Department acquired 100 tickets for baseball fans to see the Jays take on the New York Yankees.

Cost of a ticket was \$15 per person which included transportation to and from the game.

The buses left the Community Centre at 5 p.m. returning about 11:30 p.m. and it was a fun night for those who participated.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Do you remember as a kid playing hide and seek at dusk before the street lights came on, or hopscotch on the sidewalk or playing with marbles?

Or maybe you liked playing cops and robbers or cowboys and Indians.

It was an era when people had time to sit on their front porch and relax, when they said "Please" and "Thank You", and when they could buy penny candy or a five-cent ice cream cone.

Running through the lawn sprinkler on a hot summer's day before water restrictions were imposed, catching fire flies in a jar, licking the beaters when your mother iced a cake, and being old, referred to someone over 20, were a few orders of the day.

Perhaps you ripped up a cigarette package and used the cardboard on the wheels of your bicycle, securely held in place by a clothes pin. A what?

### THE LONGHORN

The log building is still there but the name has changed and the Longhorn Inn is no more.

It was opened by Chris Courlas in 1970 as a western-style log cabin specializing in charcoal broiled steaks and it attracted patrons from all over.

It was situated in the rolling farmland of East Gwillimbury on Woodbine Avenue, near the Mt. Albert Sideroad.

It was sold in 1977 but Chris Courlas bought it back in 1982 and completely renovated and enlarged the dining establishment.

A new wing was added with a sunken lounge featuring a huge stone fireplace and a stage which serves both the dining room and the lounge and featured live entertainment every Friday and Saturday.

It was the place to go for good food, pleasant surroundings, live entertainment and dancing and at that time was one of the few in the region.

Today, it is a Shoeless Joe's outlet.

### IT HAPPENED IN THE 1940's

The country mobilized for the first time as a nation after declaring war on Germany in 1939.

More than one million Canadians served in the Armed Forces.

The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan graduated 131,553 flyers, half of them Canadian.

The Canadian Navy quickly became the world's third largest, assigned to protect fleets of convoy ships crossing the Atlantic with supplies for Britain.

On the home front, rationing went into effect and in 1944, the Family Allowance Program, or baby bonus was introduced to ensure adequate nutrition and clothing.

After the war, 47,000 overseas war brides received free passage and a Canadian cookbook to start their new lives in Canada.

In 1949, the map of Canada was redrawn when Newfoundland joined Confederation.

Concern for the environment increased in post-war Canada with the passage of the National Wildlife Act of 1947 which established a week each year to promote the conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

The first large scale monitoring of urban area quality was started by the Canadian weather service and the miracle war-time insecticide DDT was made available for home use.

During the war years magazines and newspapers featured stories about the Armed Forces, Canadian Red Cross and the women working in the munitions industry while ads exhorted readers to buy Victory Bonds, give blood and save gasoline.

That was Canada in the 1940s.

# Argos trained at St. Andrew's

### From page 10

season after Schwarz made it known he was unable to underwrite the team's losses through a fourth season.

By mid-July the CFL had pumped more than a million dollars to keep the team going.

Schwarz, who paid only \$100,000 for the Argos in early 2000, is believed to have lost close to \$15 million during his first three seasons owning the team.

Other teams were infuriated because they could be on the hook for the Argo's expenses, claiming they were paying the Argos to

beat them.

There were lots of rumours about possible purchasers of the team and other CFL teams indicated they were willing to bail out the team for the balance of the year.

In November, 2003, when it looked like Argos were heading for the Grey Cup, it appeared as if the CFL would have to present the cup to itself.

By May, 2004, Argo owners Howard Sokolowski and David Cynamon looked for a new location to play their 10 home games, rather than in the money-losing

SkyDome and started negotiations with the University of Toronto for a new stadium on the former Varsity stadium site.

The rest is history.

The underdog Argos

defeated the B.C. Lions for the Grey Cup, but Aurora's connection with the team has been forgotten except for a few oldtimers who remember Argo days at St. Andrew's College.

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## Wizard of Oz

Now into the second series of performances, "The Wizard of Oz" is being produced by Aurora's Marquee Productions. Glinda, standing, is played by Cadina Meadus, while others are, left to right, the Lion, Darren Fletcher; Dorothy, Emily Hastings-Speck; Scarecrow, Alex Crowther; and Tin Man, Gord Annear. Currently, the production may be seen at the Vaughan City Playhouse. Earlier, it played at the Newmarket Theatre.

*Auroran photo by David Falconer*

# Unique 'Acclarion' concert earns a standing ovation

By THOMAS DAVEY

The renowned accoustics at Trinity Anglican Church resonated with a unique combination of piano accordion and clarinet recently.

Called 'Acclarion' the concert featured accordionist David Carovillano, and clarinetist Becky Sajo.

David displayed dazzling dexterity on his bass and treble accordion keyboards, his fingers leaping across his three-and-a-half octave pianoforte keyboard to the bass buttons like some musical Cirque de Soleil.

His brilliant finger work was particularly in evidence in Handel's 'Harmonious Blacksmith,' Bizet's 'Carmen,' and Brahms' 'Hungarian Dance.'

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is continually in rapid motion as he pumps the bellows.

But, ergonomics aside, his fingers rippled effortlessly across both keyboards simultaneously.

Bass buttons on accordions usually play a secondary role to piano keys, but, in David's hands he was able to ambidextrously switch between bass buttons and pianoforte for the melodies.

When combined with the virtuosity of Becky's equally fluent clarinet, the duo often sounded more like an ensemble, rather than a duet, especially when she switched over to the stand-mounted bass clarinet.

While the concert featured classics such as The

Marriage of Figaro, their repertoire included tangos and two compositions by David.

Unsurprisingly, both players have had several years of music studies at universities where they attained Masters' Degree levels.

Their studies evolved into their highly unusual per-

formances which resulted in a standing ovation.

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**TIFFIN, Douglas David** - retired North York firefighter. Passed away peacefully February 19th, 2005, surrounded by the love of his family. Loving husband and best friend of 40 years to Bonnie, father of Jonathan, his companion Brie, and Scott and his companion Jenna. Forever in the hearts and memories of sister Sandra (Ian Scott), brother Russell (Pat), sister and brother-in-law Linda & David Watts, mother-in-law Margaret Balkwill, aunts, cousins, nieces & nephews, colleagues, numerous friends especially Chris, Dr. P. and all the "deck day group". Doug joins his parents Audrey & Vic, aunts & uncles, father-in-law John, other firefighters, friends and Terra. Doug will be remembered for his unconditional generosity, love, the sharing of his home, time, his volunteerism, compassion, infectious good humour, and potato salad, by all those with whose lives he touched. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service/celebration of life will occur on Saturday, March 5th, 2005, at Oakview Terrace, 13256 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill from noon to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family wishes that all who knew Doug honour his memory by carrying on his tradition of kindness, gentle nature, generosity and never ending support making all feel welcome in his home inspiring us to live each day to its fullest.  
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**WIMS, James Francis (Frank)** - Peacefully at Cedarvale Lodge, Keswick on Thursday, February 17, 2005. Frank was born on August 21, 1919 to Peter Wims and Elizabeth Curry of Kingston, Ontario. Frank was predeceased by his siblings Mary Wims, Florence Margaret Wims, and Lawrence Wims. Frank was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. Frank graduated from Queen's University in Chemical Engineering and worked for Canada Packers and Collis Leather as a research chemist during most of his working life. Frank was involved in sports his entire life, having played badminton, tennis and golf. Frank's tennis and golf partners throughout most of his adult life were Bill Storey, Stan Walker, Lees O'ram, former president of Collis leather, Keith Nisbet of Westview Golf Club, and Keith Davis, a former professional tennis player and sporting goods proprietor in Newmarket. A private family service was held. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Kingston. Arrangements entrusted to the Thompson Funeral Home, 29 Victoria Street, Aurora.

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Mr. Watts lives in Aurora with his wife and two sons. Email: [LWatts@DundeeSecurities.com](mailto:LWatts@DundeeSecurities.com)  
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EVERYONE WELCOME

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• Date: Wed. Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2005  
• Time: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
• Place: 15140 Yonge St., Aurora  
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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Dec. 15th, 2004

Dear Bryan Keizerwaard  
President of D-mac Furniture

It is with great regret that we must inform you that we will not be renewing your lease at 15408 Yonge St., Unit #1 in Aurora. We have accepted a very long, substantial offer to lease from a AAA retailer. D-mac Furniture has been an excellent tenant for the last 32 years and we wish D-mac Furniture the very best for their future business plans.

We do accept your offer to extend your lease for 60 days so D-mac can conduct a proper Close-out Sale. We know that this Sale will be a huge success and a fitting closing event. Good luck and do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely  
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after 36 years...

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All inventory must be SOLD!

SAVE **30-60%**

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\*Every Mattress Set is on sale\*

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All-leather  
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Leather Sofa  
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Oak Curio  
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**\$475** Reg \$699

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## SALE HOURS

Thursday February 24th 11-9

Friday February 25th 10-9

Saturday February 26th 9 - 6

Sunday February 27th 10 - 5

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