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Exhibitors and guests alike were impressed with something last week as the Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual "new members trade show" at Alutron Modules Inc. Scores of new members set up booths to show their wares to veteran Chamber members. To find out what all the applause was for, see Page 3.

Auroran photo by Rob Schuetze

Booths snapped up for festival

There may still be snow on the ground, but that hasn't stopped vendors from snapping up spaces in the 10th annual Aurora Chamber of Commerce Street Festival.

To date, according to Chamber spokesperson Mary Lynn Stephenson, more than 140 booths have been reserved for the June event.

That means more than 20 per cent of the available space, between Wellington Street and Murray Drive on Yonge Street, has already been reserved.

Officials expect more than 500 booths will be utilized the day of the sale, this year set for Sunday, June 5.

The night before, however, the street festival committee will organize a huge street dance to celebrate the event's 10th anniversary.

Yonge Street, between Murray and Henderson will be closed for the evening, live music will be featured, and residents 19 years of age and older are being invited.

Attractions to please people of all ages are being arranged for the Sunday street festival, which last year drew more than 40,000 people.

They're charged with providing power

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

Other than the occasional black-out, people take hydro for granted.

Flip a switch and the light comes on. When you go out on the streets at night, the streetlights are on.

The mandate of Aurora Hydro is to provide electric power to Aurora residents as efficiently and economically as possible.

Aurora became a hydro town in 1943 with Ross Linton, Nixon Fisher and Charles Sparks as members of the first Aurora Hydro

Commission.

Charles Copland of Harriston, Ont., was hired in 1944 as hydro foreman at \$40 per week.

The number of customers was relatively static at about 900 from 1943 until 1958, but by 1966 there were almost 2,900 customers and the numbers have been growing ever since.

Originally the hydro office was in the former town hall at Yonge and Mosley Streets. In 1951 a hydro building was constructed on Mosley Street and an addition added in

1968.

With the growth of Aurora, the Mosley building became too small and a new building was constructed on the Industrial Parkway for \$1.3 million.

It was officially opened in June, 1988, and is still in use.

Aurora Hydro has faced many challenges over the years and more are still to be faced as the provincial government tries to find its way through the chaos created by deregulation and privatization of what was once Ontario Hydro.

At a recent Aurora Council meeting, a resident asked why a potential Aurora Hydro rate increase was noted in the Toronto press but not reported locally.

According to John Sanderson, general manager of Aurora Hydro, in order to obtain a rate increase for the local utility it is necessary to apply to the Ontario Energy Board.

The board requires that the intent to increase rates must be advertised in the media with the largest "paid" circulation in the area

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Proposed salary hikes would bring staff in line with others

According to a staff report Aurora has experienced considerable changeover in its full time staff complement because of lack of compensation competitiveness with other municipalities in the region.

In addition, the town has also encountered difficulties in recruiting when attempting to fill job vacancies, resulting in the inability to recruit experienced, qualified individuals to fill the vacant positions.

In response to the concerns, Aurora Council authorized hiring a consultant to review and analyze data regarding the town's monetary compensation competitiveness.

According to his report,

Aurora job rates are below the market average figure by about 10 per cent.

To address the shortfall, staff suggested a phased-in compensation adjustment to provide incremental increases over a period of two years.

It was recommended salaries be increased four per cent April 1, two per cent June 1, one per cent October 1 and five per cent in 2006.

Councillor Nigel Kean noting there was a seven per cent increase in 2005 and a five per cent increase in 2006 asked if the raises could be spread over three years to make it easier on the taxpayers.

Interim CAO Scott

Somerville said the increase was a catch-up in order to assist in the retention and the recruitment of employees and to spread it over three years would defeat what the town was attempting to do.

Councillor Damir Vrancic noted the town had been behind the marketplace salary level for some time and there had been problems in staff retention and recruitment.

He said the report was clear in pointing out there should be fair compensation for the work being done and even with the increase, the town was still below the marketplace average.

Council adopted the report as presented.



Shelley Lundquist, left, and Zahra Dewani of the Women's Centre of York Region in Aurora, take delivery of a supply of Valentine's cookies, baked by members of the North Chapter of the Toronto Junior League at the Aurora United Church last week.

Auroran photo by David Falconer



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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

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During the month of February, the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall features the art of Pete Herlihy. Regular viewing hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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 volleyballs for only a Toonie. Call 905-726-4760 for further information.

Independent Order of Odd Fellow 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@sympatico.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 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 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. February speaker: Gladys Macpherson, 7.15 p.m., Feb. 22, 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 16-20

Aurora's Marquee Productions presents "The Wizard of Oz" at the Newmarket Theatre. Call 905-953-5122 for tickets.

FEBRUARY 18

Refresher driving course for seniors under the auspices of the Aurora Seniors' Centre, in the Leksand Room of the Aurora Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive. 9.30 a.m. to noon. To register, call Kim Hinder at the Aurora Seniors' Centre 905-727-2816.

FEBRUARY 19

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 or Gary Drodge at 905-727-8461.

One Parent Families Association of Canada valentine dance at Aurora Legion. 8 p.m.

It's Mardi Gras time in Aurora as a fundraiser will be held at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and to help fund training, performances and travel for the Aurora Aerials Dance Group. Starting at 5.30 p.m. the event features a multi-course dinner, silent auction and dancing to a 15-piece orchestra. Tickets available from Front Row Centre.

Aurora Council will hold a special meeting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to finalize the draft 2005 capital budget.

It's Bowl for Kids at the Aurora Bowl to raise funds for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of York. Get a team of five or six members together and phone Big Brothers to register and get a game time. Last year a total of \$20,028.98 was raised.

Dinner and a Movie for all 11 to 14-year-olds from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library. The featured film is "50 First Dates" starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. Cost is \$3 per person.

FEBRUARY 20

The Aurora United Church extends an invitation to enjoy an organ concert "Piping Hot" by Thomas Fitches at 7.30 p.m. For further information call 905-727-1935 extension 29.

FEBRUARY 21

Calling all former Rotarians. The Aurora Rotary Club is hosting a wine and cheese evening in the Skylight Gallery of the Town Hall to celebrate Rotary International's 100th anniversary. Call 905-841-1352 for your invitation.

FEBRUARY 21-25

To celebrate "Canada Reads Week", the

Aurora Public Library presents The Great Canadian Book Quiz. Answer questions at the Adult Information Desk for a chance to win a book prize package.

FEBRUARY 22

Chamber of Commerce wine tasting at Aw Shucks. 7 p.m. Register by calling the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 or online at www.aurorachamber.on.ca

First installment of the interim tax levy is due. The interim levy is based on 50 per cent of last year's property tax, with the second installment due on April 15.

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 Star 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 5

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Several members of the Sweet Adelines were on hand to entertain last week as the Aurora Chamber of Commerce hosted its “new members trade show”. Their lively singing brought raves from the crowd.

Auroran photo by Rob Schuetze

Low bidder not selected; Buck upset

The Accessibility Advisory Committee has recommended to council that the Town engage the services of Kim Archer and Associates at a cost of \$3,200 plus taxes and travel costs for the purpose of conducting disability awareness workshops for town staff.

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

Too expensive, said one councillor.

Councillor Evelyn Buck questioned the selection and price of the consultant. She told council she had attended the meeting and learned two other bids had been received with the low bid at \$2,100.

She also questioned the timing of the bid by the successful bidder and noted it had not been signed.

Buck added that she was appalled at the way the committee operated

and withdrew her offer to serve on it.

Councillor John West, committee chairman, defended the work of the committee and the decision made. He told council members that in his opinion the Archer 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 the use of unused funds from the previous year's budget had been used by other departments and if there was any question or concern, he would pay the amount himself as the sensitivity training was needed.

Concern was also expressed about another recommendation that the services of Associated Planning Consultants be engaged at a cost of \$19,700 for the purpose

of conducting an accessibility audit of four town-owned buildings and the funds be allocated from the 2004 budget.

Although there was general agreement that both recommendations were necessary, there was concern about the process, resulting in a decision to defer action for two weeks and to review the three bids at the next general commit-

Town phone survey approved by council

Answer your phone, the town wants to talk to you.

Last December, Aurora Council reviewed a draft community survey questionnaire and expressed concerns about the length of the survey and the time required to complete it.

There were also comments about some of the questions.

Most of the problems appear to have been solved, and the survey

is expected to begin presently.

About 625 residents in Aurora will be contacted.

The survey idea came from the Finance Advisory Committee to conduct a Core Services Review as part of the 2006 budget process.


The contract was awarded to OraclePoll Research for \$14,000.

The 100-question survey is estimated to take 10 to 12 minutes.

In addition to the telephone survey, council suggested posting the questionnaire on the website and to let others phone in responses.

Last week, council adopted the recommendations.

Your phone should start ringing soon.



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Poor Richard

We truly need winter holiday

*A holiday is badly needed,
We need a mid-winter break;
With a day off in February,
Life would be a piece of cake!*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

If Aurora Council had its way back in February, 1965, Canadians would have been enjoying a statutory holiday on February 15th to celebrate National Flag Day.

Shortly after the official flag-raising of Canada's new Maple Leaf on February 15, 1965, on Parliament Hill, Aurora Council, on a 4-2 vote, supported my motion to petition the federal government to designate the day as a statutory holiday to commemorate Canada's new flag.

It was believed such a holiday would help to instill some patriotism in Canadians and besides there was a need for a mid-winter holiday, between New Year and Easter.

When Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau visited Aurora in 1971, as the host mayor, I had the opportunity to present a brief to the Prime Minister on behalf of the nine mayors within the newly established Regional Municipality of York. (ED. NOTE: See comment at bottom of column)

The brief, among other items, included a recommendation that the government establish a national holiday on February 15th. Nothing happened.

In February, 1973, New Democratic Party member Edward Nelson introduced a private member's bill to name February 15th as Canada Flag Day and declare it a holiday to show the world 'Canada was strong and indivisible under one flag.'

About the same time York-Simcoe MPP Sinclair Stevens introduced a bill to establish a new statutory holiday to be known as Discovery Day to be held on the last Friday in February every year.

The bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs with two other bills proposing Sir John A. MacDonald Day and Canada Flag Day.

In 1974, a non-profit group called Heritage Canada sought a day to be named Heritage Day to boost awareness of Canada's history.

In January, 1975, the Aurora Optimist Club joined with other Optimist Clubs to petition the government to declare the third Monday in February as a national holiday.

It was to be known as Heritage Day with a different focus each year on an historic event or person.

Monday, February 17, 1975, was proclaimed Heritage Day, but it wasn't a holiday.

Finally in December, 1976, a bill was introduced to add a ninth holiday in mid-February to be known as Heritage Day, but it was not binding on the provinces.

The same legislation changed the name of July First from Dominion Day to Canada Day and the name of the May 24th holiday from Queen Victoria Day to the Queen's, or King's, Birthday.

Then in October, 1977, Secretary of State and York North MP John Roberts announced the government was not proceeding with legislation for a mid-February holiday.

In November, 1979, the battle over a February holiday broke out again in Aurora Council.

Aurora's LACAC recommended to council that it support a Heritage Canada petition to the federal government for a Heritage Holiday in February.

Councillor Earl Stewart argued that another holiday wasn't needed as the existing number of holidays was costing employers millions of dollars a year.

He added that if Aurora employers knew that council was considering another statutory holiday, they would be up in arms.

Other council members supported the LACAC recommendation, but when the vote was taken, the decision was to write to York-Peel MP Sinclair Stevens urging him to oppose a Heritage Day holiday.

The late Lester Pearson as Prime Minister in 1965 said at the flag raising ceremony, "if our nation, by God's grace, endures a thousand years, this day will always be remembered".

How soon we forget!

(ED. NOTE: When Mayor Illingworth spoke in public to Prime Minister Trudeau, he did so in two languages. At least, listeners THOUGHT it was two languages. The Prime Minister smiled graciously as the mayor thoroughly destroyed our other official language. But good on Dick for trying...)



Looking south from Wellington Street muddy Yonge Street seems to have only one dry spot...aboard the northbound radial car which is making its way toward Lake Simcoe. This is the second in a series of downtown Aurora pictures owned by historian Leslie Oliver. Can anyone tell us what year this photograph was taken?

Letters to the Editor

Nervous writer warms to Literacy Day pupils

To the editor,

As a member of the Aurora Writers' Group, I was invited to visit a Grade 8 class on January 27, for Family Literacy Day at Aurora Heights Public School.

Never having taught a class before but agreeing on the phone, I was suddenly terrified at the prospect.

Luckily my interest in writing as a powerful tool to inform, to educate and to amuse, urged me not to bow out.

I wanted to infuse them with the pleasure it gives me and to give them examples of all the different ways you can write.

Three young ambassadors met me at the entrance doors and led me along the corridors to where I could hang my coat, have a drink, etc.

They were very hostile and the boy interviewed me closely about the Writers' Group; how long I had belonged, how often we meet and what we do.

Soon a shy young girl

took me to the room and introduced me to the class.

Spreading my papers out on the desk for easy access I looked up to see a class full of lively 13 year olds, and before fear took over I launched into the different uses of writing: Records: Journals, family history or the impact of a historic event, e.g. The Ice Storm, The Pope's visit, Maple Leafs Victory, and the SARS Crisis.

I told them about the circle of friends I exchange letters with from a 9-year-old girl to friends in their 80s, a woman in prison I've corresponded with for 10 years, poets and artists, interesting friends, lonely friends.

I spoke of appeals for charity, Letters to the Editor, tributes for people living or dead, funny poems, collections of words, writing through another personality e.g. an animal or hero.

I spoke of funny incidents, signs, patterns of fields, rare sightings of birds or flowers, different work or living conditions.

Knowing there was a lot

to cover I kept up the speed, forgot interaction and inserted my examples - when suddenly checking the large clock over the door it said 2.20.

There was another 40 minutes to cover!

Then remembering to give them a 10-minute timed exercise I read out the prompt: "I knew where I should have been on Monday morning at 9 o'clock but...."

When 10 minutes were up there were several volunteers with hands raised to read their pieces and they were action packed and imaginative - some quite gory.

We even had time for another five-minute timed exercise that they entered into eagerly.

When asked, there was only one boy who admitted to keeping a journal.

Family Literacy Day was an event that was very well organized.

Other guests included a children's story author, Mayor Tim Jones, a news reporter and many others. I

hope that the Grade 8's managed to catch something of interest in my helter-skelter through the material because for me the afternoon was a fascinating learning experience.

Dierdre Tomlinson
Aurora

ED. NOTE: And once again, the Auroran editor, invited to the above event, apologizes for being called out of town at the last minute.

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New leash-free park entrance a mudhole

To the editor,

I wish to express my concern and dismay at the experience I have encountered in my access and use of the new leash free dog park on Industrial Parkway North in Aurora.

Although I understand it is in its infant stages, I

question why I, my family and my dog, have to walk through 50 to 60 feet of mud in spring-like conditions to access the gate, so that my dog can enjoy 20 minutes of much needed exercise and enjoyment.

I would like to suggest a wooden boardwalk of the aforementioned

length be put on each side of the gate entrance and also a bin be put at the gate so that responsible dog owners can discard their plastic doggy bags (so to speak) at the entrance when they leave.

Denis Seguin
Aurora



Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

I recently received a letter from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation in which they highlighted some facts about Aurora.

The following is on their web site at <http://www.mpac.ca>. "Each year, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) prepares an assessment roll for every Ontario municipality.

"The roll provides the assessed value of all the properties in a municipality or in the jurisdiction of a school board with taxing authority.

"MPAC also prepares supplementary assessment lists, which municipalities use to add in-year tax revenue from new construction or major alterations to properties.

"MPAC also sends Property Assessment Notices to property owners every year.

"Property owners can call MPAC at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) if they need help understanding their assessed value or any other information included on the notice.

"They can also ask MPAC to review the assessed value through a process called Request for Reconsideration.

"In addition, property owners have the option to appeal their assessed value to an independent tribunal, the Assessment Review Board."

We were advised that as of November, 2004, the total new assessment issued through omitted/supplementary rolls was \$24 billion.

For the Town of Aurora, MPAC added \$271 million of in-year assessment to our assessment roll and they are committed to bringing supplementary assessments up to date for all property types by the end of October, 2005.

Property owners may request MPAC to review the current value assessment and/or the classification for their property up to December 31st of the taxation year for which the assessment applies at no charge.

Letter to the Editor

When can we close the door, reader asks

To the editor,

When you drive up Highway 404 the huge sign on the road says the population of Aurora is 41,000.

However, when you get off and drive across the Aurora Sideroad or Wellington Street, the sign reads 46,000.

I guess we are growing faster than they can change the signs?

If you come up Yonge Street into town the sign says 45,000, but if you take Bayview only 44,000 welcome you to Aurora.

And just to confuse the issue even more, those at Town Hall believe it to be more like 48,000 to 50,000 although the official plan

allows for the maximum around 60,000 some!

With all the construction in the northeast section of Aurora, we might be just about as big as we can get but don't know it?

Why don't we just put up the 'all full' sign now or maybe we will have to negotiate with our neighbours and extend the borders just a little?

Al Wilson
Aurora

ED. NOTE: It has always been the contention of The Auran that people living in the Oak Ridges area of Richmond Hill would rather be part of Aurora.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation update

To date, MPAC has received approximately 592 requests in the Town of Aurora which represents about 4.06 per cent of the properties within our Town.

Another option for resolving assessment concerns is to file a formal complaint with the Assessment Review Board, an independent tribunal of the Ministry of the Attorney General whose main function is to hear complaints from owners who believe their property is incorrectly assessed or classified.

Provincial legislation specifies that complaints can be filed up to and including March 31st of the taxation year for which the assessment applies.

In 2004, there were 484 assessment complaints filed with the ARB for properties in Aurora.

This represents less than 3.32 per cent of all the properties in our Town.

In 2004, MPAC conducted a re-inspection program that was in addition to their regular activity associated with new

growth, requests for reconsideration, appeals, sales investigations and general inquiries.

MPAC visited 1,230 properties in Aurora in this regard.

MPAC advises that they are investing heavily in technology in order to speed up their business and improve their accuracy and information updating and access to municipalities.

It is their desire to provide municipalities with an internet service with real time access to assessment information including general property information, soil data, structure data, and structures image and roll details.

It is their goal to facilitate an electronic exchange of zoning and building permit data.

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



Cathy's Corner



Aurora needs me to be funny...

Occasionally, people tell me they enjoy my column.

At such times, I have a tendency to light up like the aurora borealis and gush all over them.

Because of this, sometimes people back away slowly and other times, they run.

But late last year, I had a disturbing conversation with a reader, Judy. It went something like this:

"Oh, and by the way, I didn't like your column."

Gulp.

Immediately, my eyes flew up and to the left, accessing my right brain, where most of my columns are archived.

Once my search engine located the suspected file, it popped open on my mental screen.

Automatically, spell check initiated post mortem operations, scanning intensely for a "ponch".

Coming up empty handed, my serious stuff security alert kicked into overdrive.

Sex? Religion? Politics? Oh-oh.

Okay, so I have been known to stir the political pot occasionally.

I find it irresistible, partly because I'm opinionated, partly because I'm married to a politician, but mostly because I want Dick Illingworth's job.

On that note, I held my breath and asked: "What was wrong with it?"

"You got serious."

Huh?

I closed the file on my mental screen, totally confused.

I never write about sex or religion, and it couldn't have been politics - I never get serious about Aurora politics.

It's much too much fun to make fun of stuff that isn't funny unless you make fun of it.

"What's wrong with getting serious?"

"Overdose" came the answer. "The whole paper is serious. Aurora needs you to be funny."

I started nodding, as if I had an inkling, which I didn't. "Okay..."

Actually, not okay. I'm so confused.

All my life, my father has been telling me to be serious.

He is always serious when he tells me to be serious.

He expects me to take it seriously. I have issues.

Time and time again, I suffer massive anxiety attacks when I send my column to Ron and realize that every stupid thing I've ever done in my life has either already been published in the newspaper...or it's a work in progress!

I've made headlines walking into glass walls, making a left turn into Lake Wilcox, and shaving my legs with foam insulation.

I've even been caught arguing with Barbie in the grocery store! My father must be so ashamed.

Judy continued: "You've got to give us that chuckle. We need it - we count on it!"

"Okay..."

Actually, not okay...if I'm always in chuckle mode, how will people know what I think? Or if I think?

Aurora has a dysfunctional council, a soaring tax bill and too many post pylon potholes!

And then there's my father. I simply must think! So here's what I think about all that serious stuff:

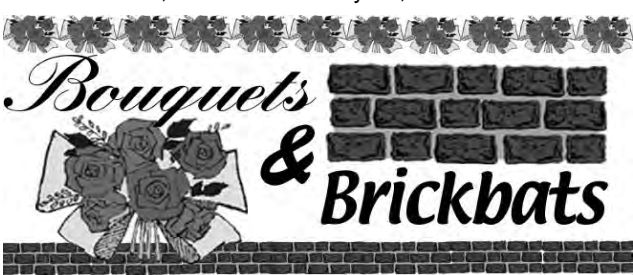
SEX: I think that women should give men what they want in the bedroom, but only after the men give the women what they want. He gave me a fireplace and I gave him a television set. It works! Now we can both sleep.

RELIGION: I think people should pray a lot more often. Especially when walking, driving or moving furniture through the intersection at Yonge and Wellington Streets. It also helps to wear glow-in-the-dark orange and carry a few pylons, a portable stop sign and a rosary.

POLITICS (Other than Aurora): I think Paul Martin should quit. But not while he's ahead, because there appears to be no chance of that.

Sorry, Judy, but I feel so much better now.

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



By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS and an Auroran welcome to Caroline and James Arniotis on the opening of their Aqua Salon and Spa at Yonge and Murray Drive in the Canadian Tire plaza.

BRICKBATS to Justice Peter Wright for issuing a sweeping publication ban in Newmarket court for a person who pleaded guilty to kidnapping, sexually assaulting and threatening a nine-year-old girl. Keeping the girl's identify secret is acceptable, but not the accused. His name must be made known!

BOUQUETS to the staff of Southlake Regional Health Centre for carrying out their duties cheerfully and efficiently in spite of the construction going on all around them.

BRICKBATS to the Paul Martin Liberal government for putting cost benefits ahead of patriotism by obtaining lapel pins emblazoned with the Maple Leaf which were made in China. The government sold the RCMP to Disney and the Remembrance Day coin to Tim Horton's. What's next?

BRICKBATS to the same government for sitting on an \$11 billion surplus, forgiving 100 per cent of debt-servicing charges for the world's poorest nations, plus \$172 million in relief money when they can't help struggling, over-taxed Canadians who can barely pay their bills.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's general committee for setting a new record by not retiring to an in camera session following the meeting. It was new and unexpected and hopefully will establish a trend.

BRICKBATS to the federal Liberal government for dilly-dallying over a contract to replace the 41-year-old Sea King helicopter. The plane broke down repeatedly during a joint exercise in the Arctic designed to assert Canadian sovereignty and ability of the army, air force and navy to work together. The replacement Cyclones won't be delivered to 2008. It's embarrassing - and dangerous!

BOUQUETS to residents of Aurora and York Region for doing something right. Statistics Canada reports that the country's national life expectancy is 79.5 years for both sexes, the ninth highest in the world with Japan in the top spot at 81.4 years. In Ontario the average is 79.7 years, but in York Region it's 81.6 years.

BRICKBATS to Ontario Education Minister Gerard Kennedy for calling "strike" a five-letter word, as he tried to reassure parents not to get too alarmed by the growing number of elementary school teacher strike votes.

BOUQUETS to Wiarton Willie for predicting an early springtime as he failed to see his shadow when he emerged from his living quarters on Groundhog Day.

BRICKBATS to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty for criticizing the Tories during the election campaign for allowing money to gain too much influence in politics and vowed to reform election financing laws. Then he attends a \$1,000 per ticket fundraiser in February in his honour. Another broken promise!

BOUQUETS to whoever can explain how York Region Transit can report an increased ridership of 13.6 per cent to the end of November 2004 with more than 12.6 million passengers when bus drivers in the Aurora area get lonely driving around by themselves.

BOUQUETS to Suzanne Reiner for doing her best to keep the Block Parent program active in Aurora, but after several years, it became difficult to continue as membership dwindled.

Letters to the Editor



Couple of weeks ago, we commented no one had offered any identification of the students in the above photograph. We spoke too soon. Shortly after the comment was made, two people presented IDs on just about everyone in the picture. So, thanks to Jo (Maaten) Buscombe of Newmarket, and Wanda (Ellis) Eveleigh of Cookstown, here's what we know. Top row, left to right, ?, Clifford Heath, Howard Stone, Bruce Collins, Ernie Dunham, Bill McClenny, ?, ?. Row three, left to right, Don Webster (the teacher who taught Grades 7 and 8), Betty Patrick, Vera McGann, Joan Bradbury, Margaret Brodie, Helen Borden, Norva Feren and Anne Barnes. Row two, left to right, Gwen Hill, Ruth Sleeth, Vivian Beech, Eldene Ellis, Joan Seaton, Beverly Borden, Lois Underhill and Betty Saigle. Front row, left to right, Jim Brown, Robert Bruce, Clifford Case, ?, David Crysdale and Don Egan.

Animal cruelty legislation needs to be passed

To the editor,

Re: Delayed Amendments to Canada's Animal Cruelty Legislation

Cruelty to animals is on the rise in Ontario and across Canada.

Every day, increasing numbers of animals suffer unspeakable cruelty in the form of neglect and physical abuse by people who face no more than a small fine or short period of house arrest.

For more than four years, people who share concerns about the welfare of ani-

mals, have worked hard to have Bill C-22 (formerly Bill C10B) passed by the House of Commons.

Bill C-22 provisions include moving animals out of the property section of the Criminal Code into a new section just for animal cruelty offences and making it an offence to brutally or viciously kill an animal.

Last November the bill died once again with the change of government, having come closer than ever to being passed.

It has been more than 100 years since Canada updated its animal cruelty laws. The time has come to act.

Without amendments to the Criminal Code, deterrents to those who inflict harm and cause needless suffering are indeed minimal.

The good news is that our government is in the process of re-introducing the bill, hopefully by next month.

I encourage you, therefore, to write to your MP and to the Hon. Irwin Cotler, Minister of Justice, asking them to revive Bill C-22 immediately. For more information, including mailing addresses and Bill specifics, check the web-site for the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies:

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Letters to the Editor

Region “characters” have two-sided faces

To the editor,

Every time I read a letter to the editor suggesting I should not write letters to the editor, I have an urge to write a letter to the editor (Auroran, page 6, Feb. 8).

There is always stuff going on behind the scenes that's not obvious to the community at large.

And who is to say I cannot be the one to tell the tale?

Not me, my friend.

Take our recent discourse on York Region's decision to send a charitable donation of half a million dollars from our taxes to the other hemisphere.

It took three news reports in the Toronto Star before the New VR paid any attention to the issue.

No other Toronto media outlet contacted anyone in Aurora for a comment

despite our less than demure opposition to the Region's insufferable arrogance.

First Local, Roger's Cable did three interviews.

An interview generally takes about half-an-hour. The clip that appears on the news might be all of 30 seconds. The first two clips did relate to comments made during the interview.

The third opened with the words "A valiant decision by York Region" and closed with "a sour reaction from Aurora Council".

Now if you don't know anything at all about what's going on behind the scenes you might not think anything at all about that little set of circumstances.

But...here's the deal:

York Region has a man called Casey on the payroll. His job is media relations. I fancy a considerable amount

of his time is spent cultivating friendly relations with the media moguls in and about the region.

It would appear he is effective in his job. It would be interesting to see his entertainment allowance.

There's another snippet of info relevant to this entire issue of throwing the taxpayers' money about in ways that do not sit well with the people who pay the bills.

The Region has \$100,000 in the budget for the second year for a program called Character Initiative.

It preaches a gospel of morality to the community at large. Aurora is a Character Community.

Our stationery lists every virtue known to man towards which we will strive every day in every way.

It encourages all of us to

proclaim to each other's success in this worthy and virtuous endeavour.

The idea has apparently came from the religious right in the United States.

Don Cousens, Mayor of Markham, has been the main protagonist for the program.

Cousens is the chairman of the region's finance committee....which unanimously proposed and supported the donation to the Tsunami Relief Fund...but left all of their fine principles unspoken when it came to casting their vote.

Two weeks after he did that, after opposition from his taxpayers, Don Cousens reversed himself and publicly stated, Markham would not be making a donation.

It would not be right to take money from taxation for that purpose.

Last week, Richmond Hill Mayor William Bell decided this was the year he would take a stand against taking money out of his taxpayers' pockets to help pay Toronto's cost for Social Services and Housing.

Talk about damage control...let's see how long it takes for the rest of the valiant mayors of the Character Community of York Region to fall in line to defend their taxpayers against the encroachment of

the megalopolis into our tax space.

And how long it takes the carefully cultivated media moguls of the region to shout their huzzahs at the courage of their friends and associates in the Character Community of York Region.

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Leisure Complex on its last legs: reader

To the editor,

It was not a happy day last Thursday when I drove out Wellington to view the two ice surfaces being constructed instead of the needed three.

With the Leisure Complex ice surface nearing the end of its useful life without a major repair, there is a silver lining.

The Leisure Complex, to the citizens of Aurora who were here when it opened, remember the name "white elephant".

An employee at the time, I was against the layout and the third rate building site.

My first visit after being elected to council was not a happy occasion. The rink was the only facility being fully utilized.

The three basketball courts lay empty and the only sounds I could hear were my echoes in the large, open space.

As a councillor making an effort to visit every town-owned facility weekly, I soon became familiar with the many problems associated with the complex.

One of the many solutions

I put forward was to convert the basketball courts to a fitness centre, complete with an elevated walking track.

After council was convinced, the fitness centre opened and the whole complex came to life.

Poor design, location and construction soon changed its status back to a black hole, draining taxpayers' dollars for needed changes and continual repairs.

My concern next was the ice plant and ice surface.

The past problems with material and workmanship led me to wonder about the piping in the rink floor.

Reading about past histories of ice surfaces, if top grade piping was not installed when constructed, their days could be numbered.

Replacing the four or five miles of tubing in the floor could cost about \$100,000 a mile.


The ice plant is getting long in the tooth and the fact that it wastes thousands of gallons of water makes its future bleak.

Repairing both could lead to another costly \$1,000,000 repair.

There is a silver lining over the horizon - the two pad rink is designed to add a third ice surface and the saving in shutting down the Leisure Complex ice surface and the saving in eliminating two maintenance shifts, seven days a week, could cover the debenture and cause very little burden to the taxpayer.

Now the icing on the cake: the vacated ice surface at the Leisure Complex would make a perfect home for Councillor Wendy Gaertner's long-awaited youth centre.

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Bayview development gets council agreement

A controversial commercial development proposed for Hollidge Boulevard and Bayview Avenue was endorsed at last week's council meeting subject to a satisfactory review by the Site Plan Committee.

The application was for four commercial buildings on land north of Sobey's on Bayview.

The one-storey development will comprise approximately 34,400 square feet of gross floor area within the four buildings and a total of 150 parking spaces and is to be constructed in phases.

One building will be a Tim Horton's drive-thru fronting on Bayview.

Vehicle access to the site is proposed for two points with a full vehicle entranceway on Hollidge Boulevard opposite the Sobey's entrance and a right-in only on Bayview Avenue.

It was back in

February, 2004, when the public planning meeting was held and residents in the Bayview Avenue/Hollidge Boulevard area left the meeting happy with council's 4-2 vote decision to defeat the planning application that included the drive-thru restaurant.

A petition containing 70 signatures was also presented.

At the February public planning meeting a spokesman for the Chapman Park Ratepayers Association told councillors that during the past month there had been extensive negotiations with the applicant and a compromise had been reached.

It was agreed to restrict the site to one drive-thru restaurant, no parking adjacent to the north property line by the residences, delete the exit to McMaster Drive subject to town approval, and screen

the rooftop mechanical equipment.

A letter was also presented from Tim Horton's listing the changes they were willing to make, including garbage storage, time of delivery, signage, plus control of the volume for the outdoor speaker at the order station.

The solicitor for the applicant said if the revised application was not accepted by council or if there was an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, the agreement reached with the ratepayers would be null and void.

When the meeting was open to the public it was obvious the ratepayers association did not represent the concerns of all the residents, as several opposed the application.

Their concerns included traffic congestion, noise, odours, lighting and depreciation of their

property.

Several residents claimed they had been told the site had been designated for professional offices.

While not supporting the drive-thru, members of council expressed concern that if the application went to the OMB, control of the planning process would be lost. However they voted 4-2 to reject the application.

In April, the applicant filed an appeal to the OMB based on the fact that the uses they sought were in conformity with the official plan, and the council member moving the rejection notice had arrived late at the meeting and had not been in attendance for the association's presentation.

The solicitor for the applicant suggested that as they had reached a compromise with the ratepayers' association, they would be willing to

engage in an OMB-sanctioned mediation if the town and association agreed.

In May, council endorsed a staff request to engage outside legal council and experts as required to support the town's position.

The pre-hearing and mediation was held in August and a settlement hearing was held in December.


As part of that decision, the Board stated it would withhold its order

pending site plan approval.

The ratepayers association advised they were satisfied with the proposed site plan and all their concerns had been addressed.

The committee endorsed the staff report and authorized the Director of Planning to execute the site plan agreement respecting the construction of four commercial buildings.

Construction is scheduled to start in the spring.

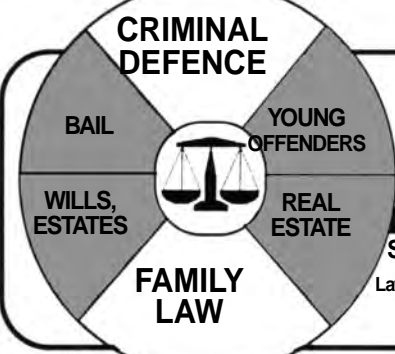



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So here we are today, 6 1/2 years later, making a difference.

We are very proud to have been part of the birth of the York Region Community Safety Village, located at the Bruce's Mills Conservation Area, and our committee's focus this year is on Senior Safety programs. As in the past, we will be holding seminars on fraud and scams. We have re-activated the Neighbourhood Watch program and we distribute a quarterly newsletter called "Eyes on the Community". We also produce

IMPACT, a half hour television program on cable 10, promoting York Regional Police and safe communities. We participate in the Aurora Street Festivals every June, the Santa Claus Parades and we also participate and hosts community forums dealing with specific issues.

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Several restaurants lived in this building

The Filly and the Firkin opened in Aurora January 28, 1992, as an authentic English style pub, the latest to live in a building that has been a restaurant for decades.

Oldtimers may remember La Colony, the Little Village, L'Auberge Normande and La Faubourg.

Long before the Filly arrived, it was La Colony Restaurant, one of the first licensed dining lounges in Aurora.

In December, 1970, Herb McKenzie, a life-long Aurora resident and later an Aurora councillor, took over the management of the restaurant from Ken Stiff, who operated the fur salon next door, where Law Insurance Brokers is now located.

McKenzie planned to change the restaurant into a steak house with live entertainment.

But in July, 1974, William Sarros, of Toronto, purchased the restaurant for \$175,000.

The purchase was the culmination of a 10-year dream as Sarros worked at La Colony in 1965.

He planned to continue the French cuisine menu and add new features such as live lobster and rainbow trout.

His far-ranging plans included an expansion and the introduction of live entertainment.

Somewhere along the way, the 50-seat La Colony became the Little Village.

The Little Village opened in 1976 and patrons of the former La Colony with its French cuisine wondered how the new restaurant would make out serving steak and seafood instead of the French menu.

For many it was worth the wait as the menu offered a wide range of surf and turf items, soups, breads and vegetables.

Then by September, 1979, it became L'Auberge Normande.

The new owner was Serge Roger and the chef was Jacques Delique, both from France, with extensive restaurant experience in Europe and Canada.

A year later, the little restaurant changed hands again. Marjie Caradant, a young Parisian, took over after management problems developed at L'Auberge Normande.

She renamed the restaurant La Faubourg because La Faubourg was a suburb of Paris just as Aurora was suburb of Toronto.

With a variety of French food, music and by decorating the restaurant walls with landscape paintings, she created an intimate atmosphere.

It wasn't long before the

reputation of the food and atmosphere spread and diners from Toronto drove north to Aurora to enjoy the tasteful décor.

By October, 1986, she decided to sell the restaurant to raise a family. The new owner was Ivan Steiner. He continued with the French cuisine and the European atmosphere.

He also offered catering for parties up to 150 in private homes.

By 1989, times were changing and fine dining and leisurely meals were giving way to fast food outlets, resulting in the closure of La Foubourg to the disappointment of many.

Enter the Filly and Firkin.

By definition, a firkin is a wooden vessel for butter, lard, etc. It is also a measure of capacity, equal to about one-fourth of a barrel. It's an English measure meaning nine gallons of beer.

A filly is defined as a young mare, or a spirited young girl, and as Aurora is situated in the centre of horse country, the name for the pub was a natural. All of the pubs in the chain carry the name Firkin.

The Filly and the Firkin was the fourth of the group of restaurants to be

opened in the Greater Toronto Area.

Others are The Fox and Firkin, The Friar and the Firkin and the Pheasant and the Firkin.

When the Filly opened in Aurora, it was managed by Elaine Adelson. She was born in Johannesburg in 1956.

She attended school there and started to work in one of a chain of steak houses operated by her brother, Stanley.

The company operated five of the family style Long Horn Steak House restaurants and 10 were franchised.

While attending school, Stanley worked in a restaurant after school and on weekends so much he decided to open his own restaurant, along with partner Ian Fisher.

Due to the political climate in South Africa at the time, they sold their business interests and immigrated to Toronto in 1986 and opened the Fox and the Firkin at Eglinton and Yonge Streets in Toronto and the other restaurants followed.

When they heard about a site in Aurora and as there was nothing like it in the area, they decided to



This small house-like structure on Yonge Street has served various restaurateurs over the years and is currently home to the Filly & Firkin.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

open the Filly and the Firkin after extensive renovations.

When it opened it had a seating capacity of 64 with a bar and stand-up area accommodating another 30. Like a typical English pub, dart boards were available, as well as four TV screens.

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Aurora Tigers tied after two games

It's probably not what the fans wanted, but they will get at least one more look at the Syracuse Stars this year.

Expected to sweep the first round of their playoffs, the Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockey team finds itself locked 1-1 in the best of seven series.

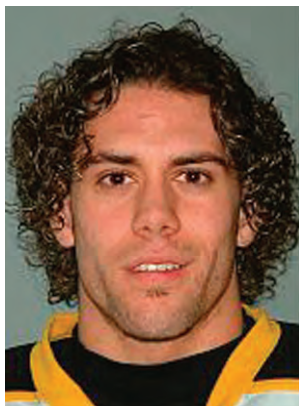
The first place Tigers were expected to blow the eighth place Stars out of the water in four simple games, and opened the series Friday night with that idea in mind.

Following their first

game at the Aurora Community Centre, Aurora emerged with a 5-2 victory, and it appeared the rest would be easy.

Until Saturday night, when, in spite of outplaying their guests, Aurora ran into a hot Syracuse goaltender and came up on the short end of a 3-2 score.

The difference was Jordan Neamonitis, the Stars goaltender, who stopped 44 shots and made several critical saves including a glove save (with the net wide open) with eight seconds left on a shot



Jeric AGOSTA
Hat trick

from Sean Thompson to preserve the victory.

Scoring for the Tigers were Doug Henderson and Jeremy Whelan.

Both players also added an assist.

Friday night, in the series opener, Jeric Agosta picked up where he left off during the regular season and recorded three goals and an assist to lead Aurora to their 5-2 win.

Agosta finished the regular season on top of the Tiger scoring stats with 31 goals and 40 assists, giving him six more points than runner-up Sean Thompson.

Friday, the Tigers started slowly but got their game together in the third period allowing only four shots and recording two goals to seal the victory.

Ryan Dickie, between the Aurora pipes, was solid with some keys saves in the first period.

Also scoring for Aurora were Jeremy Whelan and Cale Tanaka.

Tom Caravaggio and Thompson contributed three assists each.

So now it's off to the States for the locals. They'll play two games in

Syracuse Friday and Saturday before returning to Aurora for Game 5 Monday.

That match, at the Aurora Community Centre, begins at 7 p.m.

Aurora skating results

Following are the Aurora Skating Club competition results from the recent Uxbridge Invitational:

Pre-Preliminary 1B Ladies Freeskate: Flight 1, Hailey Riggs, 3rd; Flight 6, Jihyun Cha, 1st.

Pre-Preliminary 2A Ladies Freeskate: Flight 3, Katie Sutton, 4th.

Preliminary 2B Ladies Freeskate: Flight 2, Emma Slimcowich, 2nd; Flight 8, Allie Sutton, 3rd.

Preliminary 2B Men's Freeskate: Alex Woodward, 1st.

Junior Bronze Ladies Freeskate: Julia Ranson, 2nd.

Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate: Flight 1, Fayme Cockshutt, 3rd; Flight 5, Emma Hayzelden, 3rd; Flight 7, Meaghan Jones, 5th.

Junior Silver Ladies Freeskate: Flight 1, Sarah Gray, 1st; Flight 2, Michelle Wong, 6th.

Interpretive - Introductory Ladies: Flight 1, Jennine Brunton, 4th; Flight 2, Janet De Vries, 4th.

Pre-Novice Ladies - Short Program: Flight 1, Carolyn Armstrong, 2nd; Flight 2, Lauren Cooper, 1st; Flight 3, Chelsea Kerr, 5th.

Pre-Novice Ladies - Long Program: Flight 1, Carolyn Armstrong, 2nd; Flight 2, Lauren Cooper, 1st; Flight 3, Chelsea Kerr, 5th; Flight 4, Amy Thompson, 5th.

Park should be named after dad, resident says

Robert Hickson appeared before the Leisure Services Advisory Committee recently to ask that the unnamed park at Conover Avenue and Borealis Avenue be named after his father, Cleveland Hickson.

He suggested the name be Cleveland Hickson Memorial Park.

It was pointed out that Mr. Hickson bought a farm on the property near Bayview Avenue and Wellington Street, which is now destined to become a future park, and the Hickson family lived there until 1989.


The committee noted that a street, located near Bayview Avenue and St.

John's Sideroad had been named Hickson Drive, but the park was about 100 metres from where the Hickson farm was located.

The committee directed staff to investigate the possibility of eliminating the name of the street and naming the future park instead.



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Now that the holiday season is long over and the credit card bills and charge account payments are being paid, people start looking for another source of money.

That wasn't the reason the Aurora Chamber of Commerce got into the money business, but back in 1992 it had plenty of it.

In July that year the Chamber announced it was sponsoring a business promotion designed to encourage residents to shop at home more often and be rewarded for doing so.

The promotion, called "Aurora Dollars", centred on Aurora money in various denominations printed by Prestige Printing of Aurora, which was earned by shoppers when they made qualifying purchases at participating Aurora businesses.

The Aurora money could then be used as legal tender on subsequent purchases at the same or any of the participating merchants.

The Aurora Dollar concept originated with the Chamber's Retail Committee as a follow-up to the success they had achieved with their Christmas "Shop Aurora" program.

The project got underway in September, 1992, with the distribution of a flyer to more than 10,000 homes.

The flyer could be redeemed for an Aurora dollar at any one of the participating merchants.

Participating Aurora retailers gave customers a percentage of their purchases back in Aurora dollars, in



much the same fashion as Canadian Tire money.

The customers could then use their Aurora dollars to purchase other goods in participating stores.

The Aurora Dollar idea received strong support from almost all local businesses with more than 50 merchants participating.

The National Bank was the clearing house for the project.

At the 1993 conference of the Ontario Chambers of

Commerce, the Aurora Chamber received the 1993 President's Award for the Aurora Money project.

Every year the Ontario Chamber sends out nomination forms to all member chambers.

Members were asked to submit details of outstanding and successful projects, which helped the business community and the Aurora Chamber submitted the Aurora Money project.

The citation for the

Aurora Award read: "Working directly with the retail sector of its community, the Chamber initiated a number of programs designed to increase business within the community."

"The program's success can be measured through the demand resulting in a third printing and by inquiries received from North Bay, Elliot Lake, Vancouver and Montreal".

In December, 1994, the Aurora Chamber of

Commerce presented a special recognition award to the Aurora branches of the National Bank for their participation in the Aurora Dollars promotion.

But it wasn't the first time Aurora printed its own money.

In 1963 during Aurora's Centennial Year there were Centennial dollars. Dollar coins as well as leather bills supplied by Collis Leather were produced and accepted by Aurora merchants.

Unfortunately the Aurora

dollars won't help you pay your Christmas bills, but if you have some, hang on to them.

Aurora money became famous according to an article in a 1993 edition of the Canadian Token Magazine titled "The 1992 Municipal Notes of Aurora, Ontario".

Every year, they become a little more valuable as collectors' items, just like the 25-cent paper shinplaster, which is probably worth half a buck today.



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Lukas Prikryl was part of a big crowd attending the LAN Games party held at the old library on Victoria Street last weekend.

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205 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 3: Nicholas Steiner 1G 1A, Callum Forest 2G, Calvin Morache 1A, Francois Bicego 1A, Oliver Jones 1A, Ian Chappell 1A, James Powell 1A. **203 www.mastermindtoys.com 1:** James Johnston 1G, Jason Glionna 1A.

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303 DIAMOND GROUNDSKEEPING SERVICES LTD. 3: Cody Mulhern 1G, Jason Samide 1G, Luke Pizzuro 1G, Scott Wheeler 1A. **301 TILEMASTER 2:** Matthew Roach 2G, Thomas Scougall 1A, Quinn McGowan 1A.

305 ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA 12. 306 CONTINENTAL CUSTOM INGREDIENTS 1: Dylan Sutton 1G, Justin Stevens 1A.

301 TILEMASTER 8: Matthew Roach 4G 1A, Quinn McGowan 2G 1A, Chris Cherubini 1G, Trevor Stevens 1G, Dylan Lyons 2A, Steven Grandin 1A. **304 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 0.**

303 DIAMOND GROUNDSKEEPING SERVICES LTD. 2: Casey Severini 1G, Scott Wheeler 1G, Sammy Fanone 1A, Dustin Partanen 1A. **304 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 0.**

306 CONTINENTAL CUSTOM INGREDIENTS 6: Nicholas Bertrand 1G, Chris Tsianos 2G, Andrew Hall 1G, Dylan Sutton 1G 2A, Justin Stevens 1A, Gavin Mattheson 1G. **302 NACORA INSURANCE BROKERS 3:** Chance Rodin 1G, Connor McQuillan 2G, Jesse Borin 1A, Chance Rodin 2A.

305 ROTARY CLUB OF AURORA 4: Andrew Boehmer 1G 1A, Ryan Dowling 2G, Jordan Duke 1G, William Brogan 1A, Sasha Dajia 1A, Joshua Lawlor 1A. **301 TILEMASTER 4:** Quinn McGowan 2G, Trevor Stevens 1G, Evan Sheridan 1G, Kevan Cress 1A, Chris Cherubini 1A.

403 EMILIO'S PIZZA 4: Eric Feltrin 2G, Zack Pyle 1G, Jordan Caruso 1G, Evan Collict 1A, Graham Joiner 1A, Greg Morihovitis 1A. **406 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 0.**

404 SUPREME COLLISION CENTRE 7: Jeremy Warner 4G, James Poucher 1G, Ali Akbar 1G 1A, John Dinicolantonio 1G. **401 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 2:** Wade McFarlane 1G, Machael Rodrigues 1G, Greg Olejnik 1A, Michael Lounge 1A.

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404 SUPREME COLLISION CENTRE 6: Arun Patridge 3G 3A, John Dinicolantiono 1G, Machael David 2G, James Procher 1A, Jeff Warner 1A. **403 EMILIO'S PIZZA 4:** Mackenzie Lefleur 1G, Evan Collict 2G, Greg Morihovitis 1G, Graham Joiner 1A, Zack Pyle 1A.

401 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 6: Wade McFarlane 1G, Nick Theodoropoulos 3G, Eamon Reilley 1G, Braedon McKenzie 1G, Machael Rodrigues 1A, Greg Olejnik 1A, Matt Haut 1A. **405 PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 1:** Royce Kirby 1G.

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501 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 5: Griffin Slimkowich 2G, Curtis Rose 1G 1A, Alex Thompson 1G, Michael Rielly 1G, James Bleakley 1A, Ryan Maar 1A, Adrian Bulfon 1A, Joel Piovesan 1A, Andrew Luck 1A. **503 AB COX PONTIAC BUICK GMC 3:** Aaron Nusbaum 1G 1A, Chris Bull 1G, Paul Tuck 1G, Troy Gouveia 1A, Thomas Gans 1A, Christopher Follett 1A.

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507 COSENTINO PRODUCE 7: Jonathan Boehmer 2G, Zach Andrews 1G 1A, Cameron Annear 1G 1A, Alexander Payne 1G 1A, Logan Weber 1G 1A, Joey Lombardi 1G, Patrick Dowling 1A, Andrew Cosentino 1A, Jonathon Alcock, shutout. **506 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 0.**

501 MARY'S FLOWER SHOP 4: Alex Thompson 3G 1A, Ryan Maar 1G 1A. **505 INFINITY TECHNOLOGIES 2:** Taran McGowan 2G.

508 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 5: Adrian Tobin 2G 1A, Alex Dunn 1G 1A, Jordan Gerace 1G, Nicholas Sbrolla 1G. **510 THE BACKYARD POOL & SPA COMPANY 3:** Sean Halley 2G, Dylan Jolivet 2A, Ben McConnell 1A, Tyler Stephenson 1G, James Phillips 1A, Marco Campoli 1A.

509 DOMINION 5: Brett Richardson 2G, Quinn Tessarolo 2G, Jaret Meron 1G, Stephen Newby 2A, Wes Seminala 1A. **508 MANHATTAN TROPHIES 1:** Jordan Gerace 1G.

702 RECREATION LEISURE SERVICES LTD. 5: Madison Weber 2G 2A, David Yates 2G, Tom Gibson 1G 1A, Michael McGee 1A. **708 PIZZA PIZZA 4:** Steven Foss 2G, Justin Cheong 1G, Jason Durst 1G, Jacob MacDonald 1A, Ryan Hart 1A, John Cardella 1A.

707 ASA ALLOYS 3: James Suddes 2G, Blake Rodger 1G, Michael Seymour 1A, Jake Thompson 1A. **706 OMAR'S SHOES 2:** Graems Smart 1G 1A, Dylan Calvert 1G, Eric Bailey 1A.

701 COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 7: Eric Beveridge 3G, Jordan Brown 3G 1A, Conor Dellar 1G 1A, Connor Sands 2A, Adrian Clarke 2A, Hunter Warden 1A, Kyle Ryan 1A. **704 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES 3:** Colin Moffatt 1G, Kevin Nandall 1G, Jamie Russell 1G, Brian Kearns 1A, Mike Grande 1A, David Staeuble 1A, Stuart Marsh 1A.

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705 SKATERS FIRST 2: Daniel Saccetti 1G, Marshall McQuillan 1G, Daniel Korolnek 1A. **708 PIZZA PIZZA 1:** Jason Durst 1G, Jason Nadeau 1A.

703 CENTRAL YORK FIREFIGHTERS 4: Daniel Filippi 1G, Ryan Logue 1G 1A, Spenser Freeland 1G, Andrew Stroms 1G, Jay Finch 2A, Brendan Harrington 1A. **708 PIZZA PIZZA 3:** Jason Durst 1G, Jay Lamont 1G, Jason Nadeau 1G, Aaron MacDonald 1A, John Cardella 1A, Kyle Partenan 1A.

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708 PIZZA PIZZA 5: Jacob MacDonald 1G 2A, Kyle Partenan 1G 1A, Jason Durst 2G, John Cardella 1G, Justin Cheong 1A. **702 RECREATION LEISURE SERVICES LTD. 4:** Trevor Spence 2G, Tom Gibson 1G 1A, Taylor Bryce 1G, Michael McGee 2A, Madison Weber 1A.

705 SKATERS FIRST 2: Ian Hayzelden 1G, Evan Campbell 1G, C.J. Melichercik 1A, Robert Revington 1A, Daniel Korolnek 1A, Michael Renfer, shutout. **704 FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES 0.**

803 SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 2: Michael Nealon 1G, Derek Smith 1G 1A, Tyler Pratt 1A. **801 Green/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 1:** Dylan Brennan 1G, Darren Giroux 1A.

804 HIGHLAND CHEVROLET CADILLAC 3: Joe Doucher 3G, Charlie Teel 2A. **802 Black/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 2:** A. Brutto 1G, C. Perry 1G, T. C. Di Vincenzo 1A.

1005 AURORA OPTICAL 5: Sean McCartny 1G 1A, Kyle Kaminski 2G, Ryan Gennaro 2G, Ryan Comerford 3A, Nicholas Hamilton 1A, Jessie Eikland 1A, Keon Karamchi 1A. **1001 Green/Gold PIZZA PIZZA 2:** Rob Davies 2G, Spencer Perry 1A, Paul Perni 1A.

1005 AURORA OPTICAL 4: Kyle Kaminski 1G, Sean McCartney 1G 2A, Keon Karamchi 1G, Tim Sotodeah 1G. **1009 Orange/Black PIZZA PIZZA 1:** Graham Gabel 1G, Matt Bloom 1A.

1006 White/Royal PIZZA PIZZA 8: Dennis Jarret 4G 2A, Devin Andrews 1G 2A, Graham Coote 2G 2A, Robert Juffs 1G, Brandon Morton 3A, Sean Devlin 2A. **1004 TWIST MARKETING 1:** Adam Stock 1G, Daryl Clark 1A, Alex Kane 1A.

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208 ORR & FORSTER INSURANCE 5: Blake Wallace 4G, Jake Detoro 1G 1A, Jake Anderson 2A, Michael Roell 3A, Nick Delzotto 1A, Mateo Campea 1A, Daniel Wochenmarkt 1A. **202 ALL PRO SPORTS 4:** Brayden Beswick 1G, Zachary Cowl 2G, Michael Slack 1G, Scott Dunlop 1A, Matthew D'alessandro 1A, Tyler George 2A, Luke Batulis 1A.

201 DELPH & JENKINS SURVEYORS 3: Matthew Heintzman 1G, Michael Liscio 2G, Morgan Walker 1A, Tait Snedden 1A, Thomas McDonald 1A. **206 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 2:** Luc Martineau 1G, Russell Johnson 1G, Joey Stel 1A, Ryan McGoldrick 1A.

205 DR. STEINER'S DRILLERS 0: Francois Bicego, shutout. **204 NORTH YORK HEATING & PLUMBING 0:** Gabriel Oulahen, shutout.

404 SUPREME COLLISION CENTRE 6: Arun Patridge 3G, Brendan Berestord 2G, John Dinicolantinio 1G, Joseph Detoro 1A, JJ White 1A. **406 AURORA HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE 3:** Andrew Curci 1G, JP Huddon 2G.

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401 AURORA CABLE INTERNET 6: Nick Theodoropoulos 4G, David Marsillo 1G, Braedon McKenzie 1G, Matthew Hart 1A. **402 D-MAC FURNITURE 1:** Geoff Ash 1G, Andrew Martin 1A.

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Novice AA 3 Markham 0
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Novice AA 3 Markham 1
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Novice AA 3 Markham 1
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Newmarket 2 Novice AE 1

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NobleKing 3 Minor Atom A 2

Minor Atom A 1 NobleKing 0

Atom AA 3 Georgina 2
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Andrew Papousek 3G, Trevor Best 1A, Dennis Kim 1A, Ryan Hughes 1A.

Orillia 5 Atom A 3
Kyle Spicer 1G 2A, Chris Youtoff 1G, Sean Nishimura 1G 2A, Rory Macneill 1A.

Atom AE 3 Barrie Colts 2
Tyler White 2G, Marshall McGaffey 1A, Dylan Woyslaw 1G, Kevin Lukezic 1A, Daniel Laflamme 1A.

Atom AE 2 Barrie Colts 1
Lukas Leslie 1G, Ty Brochu 1G.

Minor Peewee AA 3 Barrie Colts 2
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Barrie Colts 3 Minor Peewee AA 1
Matthew Miller 1G, Justin Nice 1A, Brett Matthews 1A.

Barrie Colts 6 Minor Peewee AA 0

Minor Peewee A 5 NobleKing 4
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Peewee AA 3 Richmond Hill 0
Luke Macleod 1G, Louis Lamanna 2G 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A, Andrew Whitley 1A.

Bradford 4 Peewee A 1
Dylan Cross 1G, Justin Brown 1A, Evan Casselden 1A.

Peewee A 4 Bradford 3
Shawn Clark 2G 1A, Oliver Boettcher 1G 1A, Dylan Cross 1G, Taylor Nuttall 2A, Derrick Hamner 2A.

Peewee AE 3 Stouffville 2
Andrew McKay 1A, Tyler Tisdale 1G, Matthew Semeredy 1G 1A, Geoff Gianopoulos 1G, John-caleb Ross 1A, Aaron Beally 1A, Jakub Sykora 1A.

Peewee AE 8 Stouffville 1
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Minor Bantam AA 3 Richmond Hill 1
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Minor Bantam A 4 Innisfil 4
Quenton Hunt 2G 1A, Braun Hause 1G, David Iwai 1G 2A, Darrel Evans 3A.

Minor Bantam A 6 Richmond Hill 1
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Newmarket 3 Minor Bantam AE 0

Bantam AA 3 Richmond Hill 1
Ben Sherritt 1G, Ian Middleton 1A, Jeremy Ellison 1A, Kevin Kryshka 1G 1A, Steven Donches 1A, Kyle Scott 1A, Jordan Koen 1G 1A.

Bantam AA 5 Richmond Hill 2
Ian Middleton 3A, Johnathan Meikle 1A, Eric Sarracini 1G, Karl Pelan 1G 1A, Ben Sherritt 1A, Taylor Postill 1A, Steven Donches 1A, Steven Keane 1G, Jordan Koen 2G.

Bantam AE 4 TNT 3
Robert Lee 1G, Brandan Hamner 2G, Kevin Wheeler 1G 1A, Jonathan Bince 1A, Ethan Davenport 1A, Patrick McMurray 1A.

Minor Midget AA 5 Markham 2

Minor Midget A 1 Barrie Colts 2
Neil Kileeg 1G, Ryan Kesteris 1A, Bryan Sturges 1A.

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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Colourful pheasants lived in Aurora

Aurora may be known as the home for several characters but back in the 1960s, Aurora was also home to a number of colourful birds.

Aurora resident Irwin Watt had a love for multi-coloured pheasants which he kept in pens behind his Wellington Street home.

He began keeping birds of some description as a child starting with chickens and pigeons.

Later he raised pheasants and other birds for more than 20 years.

He purchased most of his stock including the beautiful golden pheasant from the United States. Over the years, he sold some of his young birds across Canada and used the proceeds to help pay for feed and other supplies for his birds.

He recalled that in September, 1972, a hen pheasant, after laying several eggs, refused to sit on the nest, resulting in the male sitting on the nest for the full 28-day period to hatch one egg.

He later added doves and budgies to his pheasants and started to show budgies in 1967 and won several awards.

During the average year he raised 80 to 100 of the colourful birds and was a true bird lover.

GREAT AURORA PIGEON BATTLE

It was back in October, 1979, when the Great Pigeon Battle took place in Aurora as more than 40 residents filled the Yonge Street council chambers in support of a Birch Street resident who raised racing pigeons in his backyard.

On a vote of 8-1, council refused to hear the resident's presentation on the sport of racing pigeons as he had been taken to court by the town for keeping 65 pigeons in his backyard.

The town solicitor warned that council could be in contempt of court if they discussed the issue.

A complaint had been received and as a warning letter from the town failed to produce results, a summons was issued.

The case went to court in November, 1979, and the charges were remanded until May, 1980, as there wasn't enough time to hear the case that day.

At the hearing, neighbours of the resident testified the birds were a nuisance and after 75 minutes of testimony, the Justice of the Peace asked solicitors for both sides to submit written arguments and he would render a decision in June.

In rendering his decision, the Justice of the Peace ruled that the crown had failed to prove the case that pigeons

were a nuisance and he dismissed the charges.

Meanwhile in downtown Aurora the problem of wild pigeons was getting worse.

Complaints were received in August, 1980. that pigeon droppings on Yonge Street in the vicinity of the old post office made it look like a target zone.

Council agreed to hire Barrie-based PCO Services for a six-month period to trap the birds and take them out of the area.

But the pigeons were too smart for that and the complaints continued.

Then the pigeons, for whatever reason, disappeared from the downtown area, the complaints stopped and the Great Pigeon Battle was over.

JUST IN CASE YOU WONDERED

Good Friday this year falls on March 25 and questions are sometimes asked why Easter is a moveable feast which can occur anytime in March or April.

According to some reports, Easter is legally defined in Canada through the inheritance of the British law of 1750, which records the reason for keeping Easter as a moveable feast.

It follows the decree of the General Council of Nucea, in 325 AD that the celebration of Easter will be held on the Sunday following the first full moon on or after March 21st, the vernal equinox.

Oh.

MLA OR MPP?

What do you call the member you elect to the Ontario Legislature? Is it MLA for Member of the Legislative Assembly or MPP for Member of Provincial Parliament?

If you use the abbreviation MPP, you are correct.

The Ontario Legislature officially adopted this titular distinction in 1938.

The designation had been in use since before Confederation, but many argued it should be MLA.

In Quebec the correct term is MNA, Member of the National Assembly.

In Newfoundland it is MHA, Member of the House of Assembly.

Most other provinces use MLA.

WHEN ROYALTY VISITED AURORA

It was on March 16, 1988, when King Carl XVI Gustaf

and Queen Silvia of Sweden visited Aurora to perform the groundbreaking ceremony for Tetra Pak's \$25 million expansion program during the first ever state visit by the Swedish monarchy to Canada.

Acting Mayor George Timpson noted Aurora's close connection with Sweden, as Aurora and Leksand had been twinned since 1973 and several friendship visits between the two countries had taken place over the years.

The King was presented with a set of prints of historic Aurora by artist Dorothy Clark McClure.


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Hydro: nice to have - tough to get

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and as a result the ad was placed in the Toronto Star.

In hindsight, he said, possibly the ad should have been placed in the local media, in addition to meeting the requirements of the Ontario Energy Board.

Aurora Hydro submitted its conservation and demand management initiatives and if approved by the Ontario Energy Board the rates charged by Aurora Hydro will increase by three per cent effective April 1.

A major problem facing Aurora Hydro and other local utilities in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury is the urgent need for a new transformer site in the area, adjacent to the Markham to Newmarket Hydro One transmission corridor.

Currently electrical power is taken from the grid system at a high voltage at the Clairville transformer station in Vaughan.

Two transmission lines are available to carry the power to the Armitage transformer station on Mulock Drive in Newmarket.

One line is a back-up in the event service is interrupted on the other. That line is now at capacity.

There are four transformers at Armitage which

reduce the high voltage for distribution to the local utilities.

The station was designed so that three transformers could carry the load in the event one was out of service.

A problem developed at Armitage in 2002 with a hot summer and high demand so the load was higher than three transformers could handle if one transformer went out of service.

During the summers of 2003 and 2004 there were no problems due to the cooler weather.

But now with additional growth and the possibility of a hot summer in 2005, the four transformers at Armitage are running at capacity and there is no back-up until a new transformer station is built, which could result in brownouts.

Although it is controversial, there is a need to add an additional line from Markham to Armitage to provide a loop system ensuring an adequate supply of power in the event of a breakdown.

Aurora Hydro is working with Newmarket Hydro and a private firm, Northland Power, to construct and operate a gas-fired peaking generating facility in Newmarket, a system designed to feed power into the grid system under normal conditions but capable of providing a local supply if required.

Details are still being negotiated.

In the meantime, Aurora Hydro General Manager John Sanderson and Board Chairman George Steeves want to assure Aurora residents and businesses they

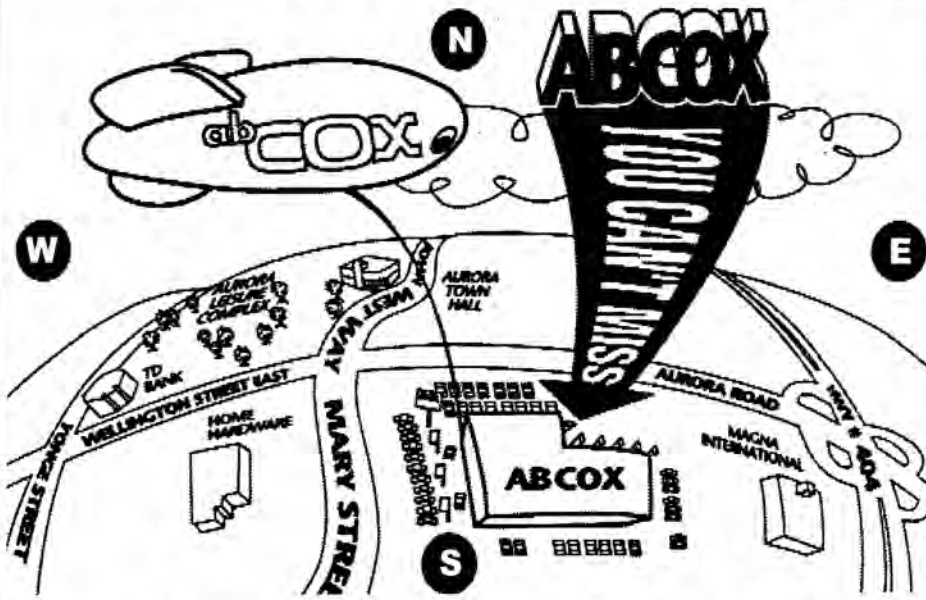
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