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Three noted people, deeply involved in the Aurora Rotary Club, take time out last week to read The Auroran's special edition created to help Rotary International celebrate its 100th birthday. Left to right are Dick Illingworth, one of the few Aurorans outside the club to receive a Paul Harris award; Rosemary Schumaker, Aurora Rotary's first female member, who joined in 1990; and long-time Aurora Rotarian Eric Smith. More than 100 people showed up at a wine and cheese party to celebrate the moment last week. This year's Rotary convention will be held in Chicago, where Rotary was founded by Paul Harris a century ago.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

You have a say in new tag

You, too, can have a say in the tagline that will appear beneath Aurora's new logo.

After coming so close with a slogan, then discovering another municipality had one almost the

Chris Gist, 19, dies

Chris Gist, the 19-year-old Aurora boy who has been fighting cancer for four years, died early Monday morning in hospital.

Close friend of the family Julie Cox said Chris was at Princess Margaret Hospital when he died about 1 a.m. Monday.

She said doctors last week had discovered yet another tumour, although the family believed he was doing well.

same, Town of Aurora officials recently returned to the drawing board.

More than 20 taglines had been reviewed originally, and since a decision could not be

Chris was the subject of several fund-raising projects as the family battled high medical costs in an effort to provide for a youngster who suffered from more than one form of cancer at the same time.

While funeral details were not available at press time, Ms. Cox said they would be posted at www2.caringbridge.org/ca/christophersfight/index.htm.

made, the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) decided to go public with the idea.

New ideas will be added to the ones already on file.

Deadline for the slogan is 4.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, and consideration will be given to the entries at the EDAC meeting March 23.

Economic Development Officer Dino Lombardi said only one submission per person would be accepted.

Entries should either be mailed to the attention of Lombardi, 1 Municipal Drive, Box 1000, Aurora, L4G 6J1, or e-mailed to dlombardi@town.aurora.on.ca.

Budget increase sliced to 7.9%

Aurora councillors slashed and burned their way through the town's budget for five hours Saturday, and wrestled the numbers down to a 7.9 per cent increase.

But there may be more.

Two proposed street repairs would take another \$800,000 out of the budget if they're postponed, but council did not make a final decision on the project.

Councillors have been meeting Saturdays in order to bring a potential 19 per cent increase under control.

A few weeks ago, they man-

aged to carve the budget down to a 14 per cent increase, and Saturday agreed to lop off another six per cent.

Services are not expected to suffer as a result of the budget.

Most of the savings came by not putting as much money into reserves as was originally hoped.

The public will get another chance to speak about budget issues at a special meeting Monday, March 7th, in the council chambers.

No presentations were made by members of the public Saturday morning.

Briefly

Go ahead, nominate someone

That person living next door to you. Anything special about him or her?

Community Recognition Awards will be made Wednesday, June 1st, but the town needs some applicants.

So if you know someone who has won a championship, volunteered, or made a significant contribution to Aurora, consider a nomination.

There are eight categories including Citizen of the Year, Bob Harman Memorial Award, Johnson's Cultural Achievement Award, Civic Appreciation awards, Outstanding Achievement awards, Volunteer Service awards, Youth Volunteer Service awards, and Community Organization awards.

To find out more, pick up a criteria/nomination package at the Town Hall, Leisure Complex, or visit the town's website at www.town.aurora.on.ca.

If you phone 905-726-4762 a nomination form will be mailed to you. Deadline is April 29.

Anyone get pictures?

Last week we received a number of reports from people who saw a "huge" white bird frolicking in the area of Yonge Street and Aurora Heights Drive.

One said it was so big its head was visible above the roofline of cars as it ambled across the street. Another noted the bird was "tagged".

It hung around the area for a while before flying off like a jet plane.

Anyone get pictures?

Show opens Saturday

Theatre Aurora's Youth Group Presents "A Run For Your Money", a mystery/farce by Pat Cook. Fosdick Floogie's heirs are out for his money and will stop at nothing to get it.

It's a wacky comedy with wacky characters and situations.

Show dates are March 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and March 6 and 13 at 2 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

CONTINUING

On the first Wednesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon, a satellite constituency office for Vaughan/King/Aurora MPP Greg Sorbara will be open in the council lounge at the Town Hall. Call 1-877-880-6770 for information.

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 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@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 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 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.

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 or Gary Drodge at 905-727-8461.

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.

Dinner and a Movie for 11 to 14-year-olds at the Aurora Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m. Film is "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen" starring Lindsey Lohan. Cost is \$3 per person. Call 905-726-4760 for information.

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.

Blood donor clinic, 16 Catherine Avenue, 2.30 to 7.30 p.m.

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.

Probus Club of Aurora's guest speaker is Katlain Brown, dental hygienist. She belongs to and will be speaking about an organization called "Hopes and Dreams". 10 a.m. at the Legion. Guests are welcome.

Towns of York Toastmasters in Aurora annual international speech contest. Speeches are prepared and delivered by club members. If you are contemplating giving a speech and need more confidence, watch how members of the Towns of York Toastmasters have progressed through their speaking programs. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. For more information visit www.townsofyork.org or phone Roy at 905-853-0859.

MARCH 11

Mayor's blood donor clinic, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

MARCH 14-18

March Break. Aurora Public Library has scheduled several events during the week. Free tickets available in advance. Also lots of activities for youngsters at Hillary House. Call 905-727-4015 to register. Public Skating at the Leisure Complex.

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. arriving 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.

Applications close at 4:30 p.m. for the five citizen members to participate on a Task Force to review issues surrounding basement apartments in Aurora. Applications must be submitted to the town clerk.

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 2

Optimist Hockey League registration for girls and boys born in 1999 and 2000 in the arena lobby at the Leisure Complex from 10 a.m. to noon. Games played Saturday and Sunday morning from September to April. Bring child's health card. Call Scott Sutherland for further information at 905-726-2998.

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.

APRIL 15

Last day for entry forms for the Town of Aurora 43rd Annual Juried Art Show and Sale to be held April 29/30 and May 1.

APRIL 22-24

Aurora's Living in Style Home Show sponsored by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Booth space is close to being sold out, so if you want to participate call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to reserve.

JUNE 4


Street dance on Yonge Street between Murray and Henderson, 7 p.m. to midnight.


JUNE 5

Tenth annual World's Longest Street Festival on the World's Longest Street. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Yonge Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Wellington to Murray.

JUNE 11

Annual Farmers' Market opens in Temperance Street parking lot near Yonge and Wellington. Every Saturday morning until Thanksgiving.






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New seniors' building gets its canopy

Aurora's seniors will get their new canopy after all. At a general committee meeting held earlier this month Lydia Schuster, a member of the board of the Aurora Seniors Association, requested committee members to reconsider the extension of the entrance canopy for the proposed Seniors' Centre.

She pointed that the recent work stoppage on the site preparation and the delayed occupancy date, as well as council's decision not to extend the canopy was disappointing to the association's 900 members. The extended canopy is not a new or added objective but was included in the

original request as a sheltered entrance extending to the driveway. As the project developed it was learned escalating costs and parking space requirements required design modifications which resulted in the canopy being considerably shortened to just over the entrance itself.

She noted that as the \$2.4 million contract was awarded at substantial savings of \$405,000, council directed staff to research the viability of extending the canopy. She repeated the association's request for the canopy to curbside at a cost of \$38,000. Councillor Evelyn Buck

recommended funds for the curbside canopy be included at the \$38,000 estimate. As some members of council did not have the previous reports and background information, it was agreed to defer the issue until a complete report was available. When the report came to last week's council meeting

it was recommended by Councillor Nigel Kean that the money for the canopy be approved. It was agreed the addition of the canopy would enhance the use of the facility and was worth the expenditure, and the seniors attending the meeting applauded council's decision.


New Shoppers Drug Mart to replace furniture store

After 36 years at the corner of Aurora Heights Drive and Yonge Street, D-mac Furniture is closing. Plaza owners refused to renew the furniture store lease, and instead accepted a long, substantial offer from Shoppers Drug Mart. Such a move will also result in the closing of Doane Hall Pharmacy, which became a Shoppers Drug Mart several years ago. In a report to council, the Heritage Advisory Committee pointed out that as the development was located at the northern entrance to town's historic core and just north of Hillary House and the Koffler Museum of Medicine, it was recommended Shoppers adopt a more traditional architectural design for its store, more in keeping with the historic core.

Howard Friedman, a planner for the plaza own-

ers, told council members it is planned to upgrade the site with additional landscaping and add an addition to the north of the store. He said he had met with John Williams, the town's urban designer, and as a result were re-submitting their site plan application to take into consideration some of Williams' comments. With the recent comments of the Heritage Advisory Committee there was a need for more time to study the committee concerns, he requested a defer-

ment in order to meet with staff and heritage committee representatives. Councillor Evelyn Buck noted that while it was one of Aurora's first plazas, it was not a heritage plaza and wondered about the involvement of the Heritage Advisory Committee. Other members of council argued that the Heritage Advisory Committee had a mandate to maintain the historical Yonge Street heritage area. The motion to defer the issue for one month was adopted.



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Poor Richard

Only police can enforce speeding laws

*Trying to control speeding,
Is a power councils need;
Aurora has tried everything,
But drivers are unable to read!*
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Over the years one of the major complaints received by municipal councils, including Aurora, is the lack of control over speeding on residential streets.

Delegation after delegation appears before council demanding lower speed limits, more stop signs, speed humps or anything that will slow down motorists.

In May, 1990, York Regional Police reported that speeding was a contributing factor in 42 per cent of traffic accidents.

As a result, they launched a "Speeding Slows You Down" campaign and targeted the roads where accidents and fatalities had occurred.

In August, 1990, the province increased fines for speeding offences, based on the philosophy that motorists would slow down if they were hit in the pocketbook.

A 1991 study revealed that four-way stops were not effective in slowing down traffic in residential neighbourhoods.

Motorists may slow down for the signs, but speed up between signs to make up for lost time.

By September, 1995, the problem reached such epidemic proportions that council was besieged by angry citizens demanding action, even to the extent of closing roads to traffic.

Council members pointed out that the problem was lack of law enforcement.

Realizing that police officers could not watch all roads all the time, council requested the police to provide off-duty officers for the express purpose of enforcing speed limits on various streets in Aurora, as designated by council.

Former Police Chief Bryan Cousineau recommended a one-month trial but the Police Services Board rejected his request.

The request was repeated in October, 1997, and a pilot project was approved.

The test, although considered successful, was short-lived as when Acting Police Chief Peter Scott assumed command, he said the issue of speeding should be dealt with internally.

It was also pointed out that there was no authority in the Municipal Act to permit a municipality to spend tax dollars to hire off-duty officers to enforce speeding bylaws.

Because of the many requests for lower speed limits on residential streets, council petitioned the province to amend the Highway Traffic Act to empower municipalities to enact a 40 km/hr speed limit for all residential streets in the municipality.

The province replied that the Highway Traffic Act authorizes municipalities to establish speed limits within the municipality, other than the standard 50 km/hr, providing signs are posted at specified distances.

Taxpayers have been required to pay for 40 km/hr signs for many residential streets in the municipality, plus multi-way stop signs at intersections that do not meet provincial warrants in order to placate complaining residents.

Aurora joined other municipalities in a petition to the province to install stationary photo radar units in residential areas and dangerous intersections but this was refused.

When more and more stop signs and lower speed limits failed to slow down motorists, residents started to request speed humps.

They were first tried on Kennedy Street West and while considered successful by the residents, traffic was diverted to neighbouring streets.

The residents of Golf Links Drive were also successful in obtaining council's authority for speed humps on their street, even though it was pointed out that five speed humps on a street can slow down an emergency vehicle by up to one minute.

Now a request for speed humps has been received from the residents of Heathwood Heights and if council isn't careful, there will be speed humps on all streets as there are stop signs and lower speed limits.

There is only one way to stop speeding and that is police enforcement and that is sadly lacking on residential streets in Aurora.

Correction

The telephone number given in last week's Page 7 Auroran story on energy homes was wrong. Correct numbers are 1-866-280-4431 or 905-895-1926.



New contest

This striking building once graced Aurora's Yonge Street and was home to a young girl who grew up to be a rather famous politician. To win a \$50 gift certificate to Aurora's Festa Ristorante, tell us two things: who was she, and what building now sits on this property? We'll take the first correct answer AFTER noon Friday, March 3. We will tell you the young girl still lives in York Region. This picture is the fourth in a series of photos relating to the 210-year-old Yonge Street. It was provided by Les Oliver of Aurora.

Letters to the Editor

Commendation misplaced for this Aurora councillor

To the editor,

In response to a letter last week given the title, 'More power to councillor', I am surprised, if not disappointed, that anyone could commend an elected representative - Evelyn Buck - for the behaviour demonstrated during this term.

Watching the debates, and I certainly use the term in the broadest sense, it has become personal far too often with the focus on the issue often lost.

While I respect the councillor's contribution over the years to our town, the performance this term cannot be a role model for observers especially the younger generation in our community.

Councillor Buck's approach may be enlightening but it is certainly not respectful to the position.

Never before has a councillor hit another member and never before has a councillor been removed from the chamber for conduct unbecoming to members.

While I would agree that her comments are some-

times straight to the point, those made in The Auroran are often questionable at best.

It is the councillor's duty once a decision has been made to uphold that decision and not carry on the battle in the media.

That's exactly why we have a code of ethics!

I would agree that the benefit of having new members on council brings a check and balance on things.

However, today's challenges call for an approach by both the tenured and new members that will bring the community together, not divide us.

Councillor Bill Hogg recently stated that 'this council has accomplished virtually nothing other than complete many of the outstanding projects of previous councils'.

He's not far off with that position.

The real legacy of this council will not be providing new services or designing new buildings, but rather managing the costs and ensuring that the taxpayer gets the best value for each

and every dollar.

It calls for a management approach that is creative not combative.

It demands a style that can provide constructive input not constant criticism.

Healthy debate will contribute to this goal however first the team needs a goal.

Again, Councillor Hogg tried to move the strategic planning process forward early in the term but failed in convincing the majority that this would contribute to solid results.

This still needs to be done and without further delay.

We are facing a 15 per cent increase in taxes along with the continual increasing of property assessments.

The impact will be devastating to young families, seniors and, yes, even those living in the 'big houses'!

The real power of this council is to examine the proposed budget with a microscope and bring to the table some real improvements in the way our taxes are spent.

This is not the time to entertain us or read from the municipal act.

This is the time for real RESULTS!

Al Wilson
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Aurora Council, last Saturday, got the budget increase down to 7.9 per cent with possibilities of cutting it further next week.

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She identified the teacher

To the editor,

On a recent visit my son brought me a copy of your paper dated January 25.

I noticed your picture "60 years ago".

The teacher in this picture was Donald Webster. He taught Grade 7, the class shown in the photograph.

Mac McDonald was the principal and taught Grade 8.

I remember one year they had double classes in one

grade and I presume Mr. Webster was moved up one to accommodate them.

I was a year ahead.

Although many faces look somewhat familiar, I don't have names for them although it would be interesting to me to see their names again.

Lois Bishop (Steadman)
Proton Station, Ontario

ED. NOTE: The Auroran

has sent Mrs. Bishop a copy of the Feb. 15 edition where many of the students were identified. Mrs. Jo Buscombe (Maaten), of Newmarket, who named most of the people in the photo has added two more to the list. They are: top row, left, Russell Warlow and front row, fourth from left, Bruce Dunstall. That leaves only two people, two boys in the back row, far right, unidentified.



Machell's Corners

by Scott Johnston

Branding the Town

For years, the Town of Aurora has used its crest as a feature in Town promotion.

Our crest is proudly represented on our Town pins and on the cover of numerous publications as well as town documents, letterhead and legal matters.

As the Town developed a need to market itself primarily for economic development, it became apparent that the logo, our heraldic, well-respected and traditional icon was seen as more suited to official municipal and legal documents.

We needed something different to promote our Town.

A new logo and tag line will form part of a brand description that can help Aurora provide a strong foundation for consistent communication across many Town functions.

It is expected to reflect the pride and promise of our community, it should help outsiders think differently about our town, to see its true spirit and envision the town in real and compelling terms and, to support our economic development strategy.

In 1999, this need was identified in an updated communications policy and, in 2003, it was seen as a recognized need in our Economic Development Strategy, endorsed by the Councils of the day.

In 2004, staff contracted "Communications That Work", a company specializing in communications, branding and logo development.

Their mandate through which the logo was developed stated that the logo must build on Aurora's prevailing perceptions, strengths and values, that it supported the objectives of our communications plan and that it would encourage consistent expression.

The staff involved, primarily our Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator and our Economic Development Officer worked with Communications That Work representatives and reported to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

In creating a logo, the committee looked for a visual symbol that differentiated Aurora from other municipalities, that communicated something important about Aurora's true essence and that enabled easy recognition.

Five focus group meetings were held involving elected officials, staff, large and small business operators, community group leaders as well as some officials from outside Aurora.

Input from these meetings indicated that Aurora values its small town character, its cultural and natural heritage, its high quality in municipal services and facilities and that Aurora is a great place to live.

When comparing the logo to our heraldic crest, there are similarities that express many of the values that have been expressed.

The sun rising over the hills that surround our town, with the obvious hill in the middle and not so obvious hills that are represented by the two A's in Aurora, expresses these values.

The Town's motto, "Sol Meus Testis", is graphically represented, "As the Sun is my Witness" and also depicted with 'Aurora', "The Goddess of the Dawn".

Tradition is graphically represented in a modern way, and inclusive and interpretive of many of those values that were highlighted in the focus sessions.

The next challenge for the Economic Development Advisory Committee and Council, is to develop and agree upon a tag line that can be used with the logo.

Council has endorsed a recommendation that the Town solicit submissions from residents and businesses in Aurora as part of the selection of a new marketing tag line with a deadline of March 15th. The Economic Development Advisory Committee will consider all submissions at their regular meeting March 23rd, and forward their preferences to Council March 29th.

I always find it a huge challenge to work on projects such as this, as in any form of art or expression, beauty and meaning is in the eye of the beholder.

To be able to arrive at a consensus on a project such as this is not always an easy thing to do, but in my opinion, your council has made great progress.

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



Letters to the Editor

Here's how we can honour Fred

To the editor,

Just a follow up to an idea I had a few weeks ago regarding the naming of the new community centre or fire station.

I could give you a flowery detailed story of Fred Bolsby's life but I'm sure everyone who knew him knew what a super human being he was.

The man deserves this type of memorial more than anyone else who could possibly be considered.

We've named streets after much less deserving people.

I know the good feelings many people had for Fred, and I also know what kind of gentleman he really was and

how he felt about this town.

Not only does Fred deserve this, his family deserves to see this happen. Fred was a real hockey nut in his day and was very involved.

He wore that old Leksand, Sweden, track suit until the day he died.

Doreen, his wife, was involved with the Aurora Minor Hockey Association as their bookkeeper and executive secretary.

If you feel there is merit in this idea, please let me know how I can continue to bring this idea to a head.

Either the new complex or the fire station named after him would be acceptable but I believe the arena is more appropriate.

Please don't let them name a park after him.

I look forward to hearing from the community on this project.

Paul Cooke
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Fred Bolsby was Aurora's fire prevention officer for many years, was deputy chief when he retired, a Citizen of the Year, and was probably the town's number one volunteer.

Neighbour responds to anonymous letter

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter in response to an anonymous letter received by this Aurora resident.

Dear Neighbour!

Please get in touch with me at my home so we can discuss

the very disturbing letter you left anonymously at my front door.

We are all human beings and I admit we have a 13-year-old senile dog that does not know any better.

Mrs. Khan,
Luxton Avenue
Aurora



Ten commandments - part one

A year and a half ago, when I started writing Cathy's Corner, I made a pact with the devil.

That would be my editor, Ron.

On pain of death (a.k.a. getting fired), I agreed to pen the word "Aurora" in every edition.

That has been the hardest part.

Some say it's because Aurora is too small to give a columnist enough raw material to weave a good weekly chortle.

Others theorize that I don't do enough silly, "funtastic", profoundly Auroran things to keep up with Aurora's demand for guffaws, chuckles and blushes.

Hey, I have a day job.

I think it's because my family went on strike, refusing to supplement my need for harmless typically Auroran bloopers and blunders that might make hilarious headlines on Page 5.

I will never forgive them for the wealth of potential blushes they have grudgingly withheld.

My kids argue that I have gotten more than my rightful entitlement already, and two of them promptly left town last September, effectively putting "super-She Dragon Mom" out of business.

The pursuit of higher education has bled my super-powers dry.

It has so enlightened, enriched and idiot-proofed my daughters that they no longer do anything worthy of publication.

They don't even bring home their laundry much anymore.

I feel like the Maytag repairman.

I am left with my son and my husband, and all they have delivered to my once rich reservoir of guffaws (a.k.a. the laundry room) in months is two cell phones at the bottom of the washing machine.

In fact, when I called my husband to tell him where I found his, he asked: "Did it get wet?"

I wondered the same thing, so I tipped the phone and when suds dripped out of it, I made an educated guess.

"Um ... I think so."

"Oh. In that case, would you mind tossing it in the dryer for me?"

That's all he gave me.

And I couldn't even work that into my organizational impairment column back in January.

Later, I found out that my boys were taking bets on how long it would take for the cell phone secrets to make headlines in The Auroran.

The joke was on me.

The girls got in on it, too, and they told the boys how I begged them to come home for the weekend and take out the blue box...bump to bumper style.

Now, everyone is laughing behind my back. I even caught the dog snickering.

This simply must change. So I turned to the experts for help.

Every week, a highly specialized assembly of Aurorans meets for lunch.

We eat, drink, talk, and best of all, laugh nonstop for a few hours.

Last week, we even worked on a special assignment, drafting a profoundly important document that will likely go down in Aurora history as the most controversial creation since The Code of Ethics.

Some say we were inspired by the unveiling of Aurora's new logo.

Others speculate that we are "the chosen", whose love for Aurora has moved us to great deeds.

I think it was the blending of minds that only happens when people drink beer together on a Friday afternoon.

Whatever it was, I emerged from my weekly attitude adjustment feeling that I have found my mission in life, met my worthy disciples, and managed to eke out enough material for two columns, and more "Auroras" than Ron can shake a rolled up Auroran at.

Stay tuned next week, when Cathy's Corner will host the presentation of the visionary "Ten Commandments for Aurora".

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

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Ducks Swim Club on being recognized by Swim Ontario as the 14th top club in Ontario out of about 90 swim teams. In order to qualify, the club was required to participate in all championship meets at the senior and junior team levels.

BRICKBATS to York Regional Council for failing to play hardball with the province over the provincial mandate to bail out the City of Toronto on social assistance and social housing costs. They agreed to cap the increase of the payment at \$79.5 million plus 3 per cent, the same increase as Toronto taxpayers, but are collecting the full \$86.6 million they are expected to pay, just in case. What kind of a weak-kneed message is that?

BOUQUETS to Heritage Newmarket and the Newmarket Historical Society for celebrating Heritage Day on February 19th with actor David Morris in a dramatic portrayal of Newmarket's Quaker founder Timothy Rogers at the Old Town Hall. Where was Heritage Day in Aurora?

BRICKBATS to those in the Ontario government for requiring GO Transit to spend \$8.5 million to install French-language signs in places like Toronto, Mississauga and Brampton, while in Quebec no English signs are allowed. It's a waste of money that could be better used.

BOUQUETS to Councillor Damir Vrancic for insisting that the title of subjects to be discussed at an "in camera" meeting be made public. Council normally states the private meeting is to discuss legal, property or personnel issues, which can cover a multitude of issues, when legislation requires the issue be identified.

BRICKBATS to the advertising executives who dreamed up the ad for TD Canada Trust which shows a bouncing basketball in front of a bank branch with a little white dog until a chap comes out and bounces the ball down the street. Explanation please?

BOUQUETS to York Region Transit for receiving \$250,000 in cost-sharing from Transport Canada under the ministry's Intelligent Transportation Systems Deployment and Integration Plan.

BRICKBATS to the McGuinty Liberal government for patting itself on the back with partisan government advertising, and bringing in legislation to ban it, and then falling into their own trap with a health brochure costing \$130,000.

BOUQUETS to St. Andrew's College Saints for completing the regular hockey schedule without losing a single game in two hockey leagues. It was 11-0-1 in the Conference of Independent Schools and 10-0 in the Midwest Prep Hockey League. Well done!

BRICKBATS to Poor Richard for forgetting to list another achievement of the Aurora Rotary Club. In September, 1984, the club introduced the board game "Aurora" as a fundraiser. It was like Monopoly but with local businesses paying a fee to have their names on the squares. About 200 citizens donated money to have their names printed on the board as "Subject of the Realm".

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Vanessa Crone and her dance partner Paul Poirier of Unionville on winning the Canadian Novice Figure Skating Championship. Vanessa got her start with the Aurora Figure Skating Club.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora Rotary Club and The Auroran for the special collectors' edition to honour Rotary International, which the local club celebrated with an Open House for Rotarians and former club members last week.

Letters to the Editor

This plan has an odour to it

To the editor,

Every day we send 400 diesel trucks trundling down the highway and back spewing pollution all the way carrying our garbage to Michigan.

It costs us millions. Now we have a plan to spend more millions to reduce the number of trucks.

We will sanitize our garbage to make it more acceptable to the Michiganites and spend additional millions to "educate" ourselves to recognize the wisdom of this plan.

We will separate the yukky stuff into a green bin...to be collected weekly.

The yukky stuff is referred to in the press as "kitchen organics". The phrase is less than precise.

The green bin will contain disposed of disposable diapers...hygiene products

and whatever other horrendously icky stuff your mind can conjure.

It will be transported to the Halton Recycling plant on the Harry Walker Parkway near Highway 404 in the illustrious town of Newmarket.

Markham's yukky stuff is going there now.

There it will be processed in a system similar to the tertiary treatment system we used to treat sewage in Aurora before the province outlawed the process when the Giant Pipe was installed.

Halton Recycling is private enterprise, as is the system that currently takes our garbage to Michigan.

The Newmarket plant is said to be fail-safe and fool-proof. Yet it is having "start-up" problems.

When it doesn't work properly...the neighbours can tell.

Two things occur to me:

Joggers assist with shovelling

To the editor,

I just want to publicly thank two lady joggers from Catherine Avenue for their help last Monday morning.

I am a senior and people keep telling me I shouldn't be shovelling but I enjoy it and it is exercise.

So I thought I had better put on my medical alert bracelet and prayed that God would look after me, but I should be prepared if anything should happen.

I started doing the front steps when these two girls shouted "hello" to me and I turned to greet them.

Then they stopped and asked if they could help me.

I told them I was okay. They saw my other shovel inside on the veran-

dah and they said they would do the shovelling.

I have a large driveway and the snowplow had just been along and filled the driveway in at the street.

So, all three of us did the job.

They told me their names but by the time I got in the house I had forgotten who they were.

We shook hands and they resumed their jogging.

I was so thankful for their assistance.

They must have come in answer to my prayer.

It is so nice to know that we have people in Aurora such as these and my neighbours who lend a helping hand.

Marjorie McGhee
Aurora

Putting time to Yonge photo

To the editor,

You showed an old picture of Yonge Street, Aurora, in your paper recently.

The presence of streetcar rails together with the absence of the brick building built by J. Whimster of Yonge and Wellington Streets, the absence of my father's initials

on the Willis Drug Store and the absence of the old post office building suggest that the picture was taken some time between 1899 and 1914.

That is all I can tell you. My father was John Francis Willis.

William G. Willis
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if we can be trained like Pavlov's dogs to separate the nasties from the innocuous in our garbage....and Newmarket residents can continue to be convinced that they and not Markham residents should take the risk of having such a plant in their midst...and the Michiganites can continue to be convinced they should accept the garbage from a country outside their own border....it should not be much more difficult to convince the people of York Region that we ought to be looking for a more dependable solution closer to home.


If the Province of Ontario

can slap an instant freeze on land within a greenbelt area and a kind of a freeze on development in the Oak Ridges Moraine...it seems reasonable to me they could do the same thing for an area to provide for the disposal of minimized and sanitized garbage within the Region of York.

All it really needs is a government with appendages intact in the upper reaches of the space between the lower limbs.

Meaning no disrespect to the ladies...I am speaking figuratively, of course.

Evelyn Buck
Aurora



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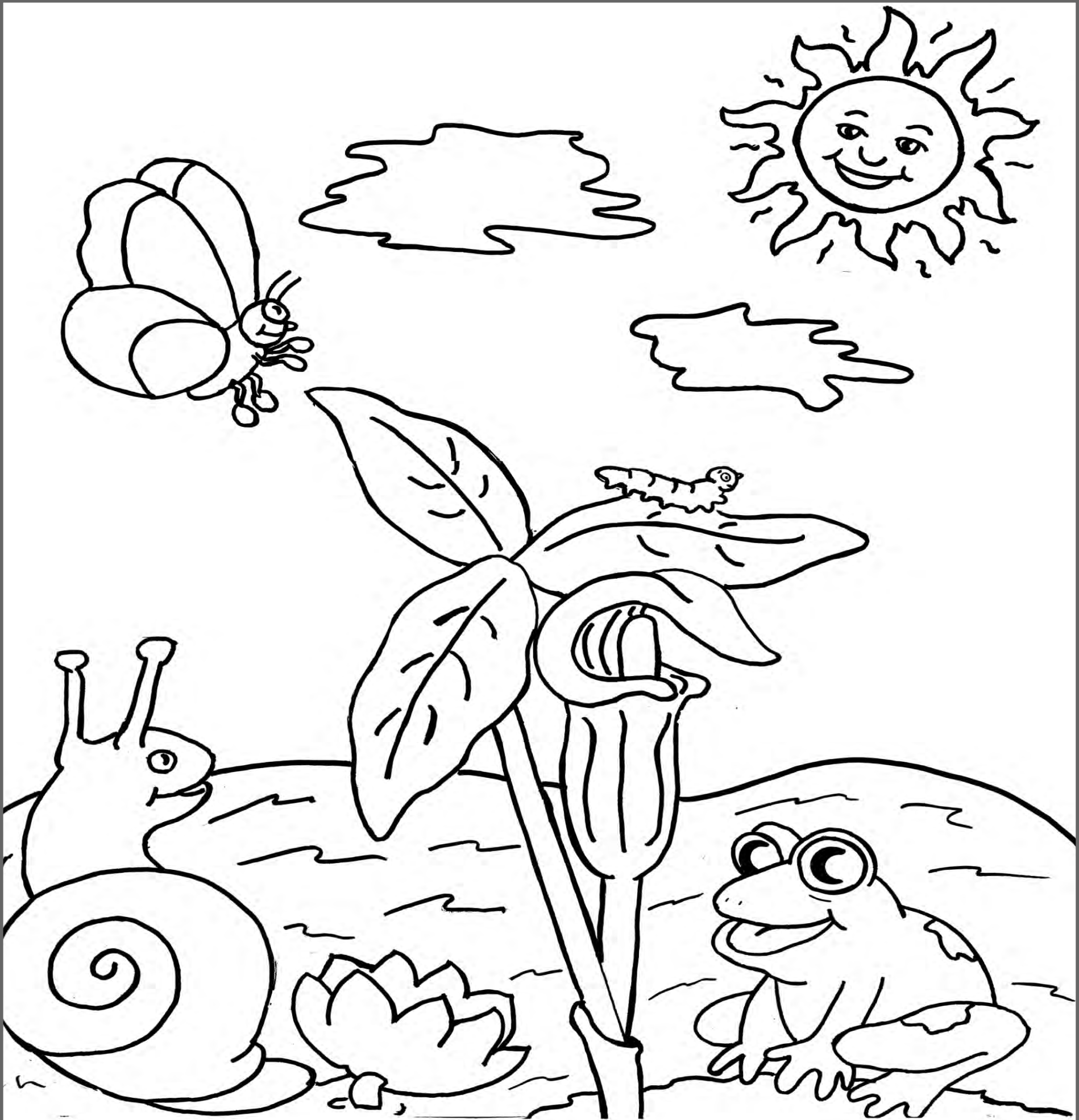
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Letters to the Editor

Our leash-free park is in my back yard

To the editor,

Re: Stop complaining about the Dog Park, Aurora, Feb. 22

With this problem, I can sympathize.

In our little town, we too have an off-leash dog park. My back yard.

The problem is I don't own a dog. Never have.

Didn't really care much for them either. But all my neighbours do like them. And they like them so much they want to share them with me.

And so they let them run around in my back yard. Apparently so I can bond with them or something.

Usually nobody complains about them charging around like their butts are on

fire, howling like banshees and generally making a heck of a mess.

Nobody but me...and my wife...and my kids.

Also my cats, who have been driven from the yard by all the dogs, and are normally found in one of three places: at the top of the tallest tree in the yard (we have the phone number for the kitty rescue squad of the

Stouffville Fire Department on speed dial); under one of the kids' beds, hissing and spitting like a demented steam engine; or attached to one of my legs by their razor sharp claws.

My neighbours say I shouldn't complain so much. It's not like any of them really listens anyway.

They say I get all the benefits of owning a dog without actually having to possess one. Benefits like the exercise I get from having to do all that stooping and scooping. Like the exercise I get from having to put the contents of my garbage cans back in the cans, several times a day, and my neighbours' garbage, which the dogs have thoughtfully dragged into my back yard so I won't have to go so far to get it.

But, like I said, there is no use complaining. So I figured I might as well try to get used to the fact these canine trespassers prefer to use my property as their personal exercise yard and toilet.

So I in an effort to bond with the dogs, I have spent time trying to teach them some necessary life skills.

Even though dogs are conceivably the stupidest creatures on the planet, with the possible exception of Gary Bettman and Bob Goodenow (although that

may be a toss-up), they can be taught a simple trick.

Like chasing things. Most of them will chase anything I throw, anywhere I throw it. Including out on to the concession road where all those dump trucks fly by at break-neck speeds.

Sometimes they even chase it out across the concession road into the cornfield.

Usually when my neighbour Murray is combining, or cultivating, or doing some other activity involving big machinery having huge sharp steel bits.

Now that's bonding.

Unfortunately some of

the dogs must not like those activities much, since some I haven't seen for a while.

While leaning on my shovel out by the freshly disturbed dirt piles behind my shed, I suggest to my neighbours they must have found a better place to play.

Maybe they're in Aurora.

That town likes to spend all kinds of time and money to give them their own park. Probably not by low-bid either.

Them folks up there seem to like dogs. More than some people, I suppose.

**Hugo T. Kroon
Bethesda**

Senior citizens shine at Barrie Winterfest

To the editor,

York Region had several 55+ medal winners at the Ontario Winterfest Games in Barrie recently.

Our seniors represented York Region very well at the event.

Brickbat to Dick

To the editor,

Dick Illingworth published a "brickbat" to Justice Peter Wright for issuing a publication ban on the name of a person accused of sexually assaulting a nine-year-old girl.

Brickbats to Dick for not thinking that by publishing the name of the accused it might actually indirectly identify the victim.

The surname of the accused person might be

In badminton, Carla Sommer and Maureen Huismann won a Silver in the 65+ mixed; Sunny Somayaji and Sergio Dalla Rosa won Silver in the 55+ mixed; John and Moyna Fennell won Bronze in the 65+ mixed;

the same surname as the victim if they were related to each other...father, uncle, etc.

The name of the accused could connect the suspect and the victim by means of indirect identification.

And, of course, generally the name of the sexually assaulted victim is not published.

**Don Oates
Aurora**

and Walter Berg and Sam Somayaji won Bronze in the Men's 65+.

In Nordic Skiing Florence Inkster won silver.

Women's 3KM Prediction Skate Beatrice Ego won Silver.

In Duplicate Bridge, Rose White, Audrey Robertson, Judy Salmon and Barbara Wittner went home with a Bronze.

A big thanks to everyone who participated in the York Region 55+ games. Stay tuned for the 2005 York Region 55+ Summer Games starting on May 24, 2005.

Registration forms will be available shortly.

**Roy Bannon
Newmarket**

CAO's contact gets extension

Agreement has been reached to extend the services of Scott Somerville of S.C. Municipal Solutions Inc. as Aurora's interim CAO on a month-to-month basis until a new permanent Chief Administrative Officer has been hired.

Somerville was engaged as Interim CAO in August on a month-to-month basis for a period not to exceed six months.

Since a permanent CAO has yet to be found, it was necessary to extend the contract.

It was last July when CAO Larry Allison announced his resignation to assume similar responsibilities with the Town of Innisfil, after 22 years with Aurora including five years as CAO.

That move resulted in the temporary employment of Somerville.

With Allison's resignation, a search was started for a permanent replacement but the status of the process is unknown as all negotiations have been held behind closed doors without regular progress reports in open council.


In November, after going through several dates it was finally agreed that interviews with the short listed candidates would be held November 29 providing all members of council were available.

Last month when council agreed to meet in a private session to discuss personnel matters, Councillor Damir Vrancic said the titles of the three

issues should be announced prior to the in camera session.

He announced the three issues which included a status report on the hiring of the CAO.

No report was submitted to the council meeting and no questions were asked when the Somerville extension was approved, so the status of a replacement CAO is still a mystery.



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Low bidder is rejected by council

In spite of a recommendation from the Accessibility Advisory Committee that a consulting firm be hired to provide sensitivity training to town staff at a cost of \$3,200, Aurora's general committee recently supported the low bid of \$2,195.

Catherine Couchman, chairperson of the advisory committee, appeared before council last week to seek reconsideration of the general committee recommendation, claiming the advisory committee had reviewed all three applications and was unanimous in their support of the higher bid.

She said that in the committee's opinion the low bidder did not satisfy the town's requirements and that both bidders were known to some members of the committee, as they had been

involved with sensitivity training.

Councillor Evelyn Buck attended the advisory committee meeting and opposed their recommendation.

She said it was normal to accept a low bid unless there were valid reasons for not doing so, and none had been offered.

She also expressed concern about the way the decision was made at the committee.

Councillor Nigel Kean moved that the recommendation of the advisory committee be adopted rather than the low bid recommendation of the general committee, on the basis that the advisory committee members knew best.

The issue passed 5-2 with Councillors Buck and Ron Wallace in opposition.

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As usual, action was intense last week as the Aurora Optimist Club hosted its annual chess tournament at the Aurora Legion. Students from most area schools participated.

Hogg's back on board despite his resignation

Whether he wanted to or not, Councillor Bill Hogg will remain on the Aurora Library Board.

Last week Aurora Council received a letter from the Aurora Library Board noting the councillor

Fund could help with heating bills

If you can't afford to pay your heating bill, help may be at hand.

At the request of Councillor John West last week, information regarding the Enbridge Gas Winter Warmth Fund will be made available to citizens of Aurora on the town's web site.

He also wanted to know if similar assistance was available from Aurora Hydro.

The Winter Warmth Fund is designed for low-income families and individuals living at or below the poverty line who have exhausted all other sources of financial support.

Eligible households will have the opportunity to draw on the Winter Warmth Fund's pool of direct financial assistance.

The one-time financial assistance offered by the fund may solve some financial heating problems.

The Winter Warmth Fund is coordinated by a network of community agencies and is a joint venture of the United Way and Enbridge Gas Distribution.

Upon a successful application process, the funds will be credited to an applicant's Enbridge Gas Distribution account.

For more information, call Canadian Medical Health Association, York Region, at 905-841-3977.

had submitted his resignation, and it had been accepted with regret.

The board asked council to appoint another person.

In a memo, Councillor Hogg wrote it had been brought to his attention the library board would exercise its privilege to ask a board member to resign if the member missed three consecutive meetings, which he did at the end of last year.

He told council he missed the meetings due to the poor health of his daughter at that time and as a result submitted his resignation.

He said he was disappointed with the board's action.

He said he put his family and job above the requirements of council or the library board.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said the library board had no choice as the Library Act stipulates if a member misses three consecutive meetings, the seat may be declared vacant.

The library board indicated it was willing to consider a retroactive request to excuse past absence, or would declare the seat vacant if that was the councillor's wish.

Councillor Ron Wallace asked if Councillor Hogg wanted to stay on the board after submitting his resignation.

Hogg said it was a difficult question as he was willing to say yes, but wondered about the impact on the board by returning.

As no other council member expressed an interest to serve due to other committee requirements, it was agreed Hogg continue as a member of the library board.

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Week of March 1, 2005



Members of Aurora's Cardinal Carter Catholic High School alpine ski team are, left to right, Brittany Davis, Laura Coward, Megan Blackett, and Brittany Greenwood. They competed in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association's (OFSAA) in Collingwood during the weekend, but results were not available at press time. Earlier, the team won the York Region Athletic Association ski championships, a first for the school since it opened in 1989.

Master Ducks finish second

The Aurora Master Ducks Swim Club has a plan.

Next year, members hope to win the annual Nesbitt Burns Canada/United States Long Course Invitational Swim Meet and place the trophy in their new Aurora swimming pool.

They came oh so close this year.

Some 37 swimmers from Aurora were in London, Ontario, last weekend to compete in the 10th annual event and attempt to improve on their third place finish of last year.

This time out, they came second.

A total of 20 teams participated in the Long Course (50 metre) format.

The event, staged at London's Canada Games Pool, saw Aurora move from a third place finish last year into second place, only a shade behind the winning host team from London, the Silver Dolphins.

"On an individual basis, the Aurora team garnered more points per swimmer (27.1) than both the winning team (25.1) and the third place team from Etobicoke (24.5)," said swim coach Nancy Black.

Last year, Aurora finished behind both London and

Etobicoke.

"Hopefully, we will bring home the trophy in 2006 and display it proudly in the new recreation complex," she said.

By this time next year, Aurora is expected to have a new eight-lane pool as part of a recreational centre that will also feature two new ice pads.



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Tigers grab two-game lead

By SCOTT ZOLTOK

There was a slight setback in the Newmarket-Stouffville series of Provincial Junior A hockey playdowns last week, but Aurora fans still believe an Aurora-Newmarket playoff will be a reality.

Aurora, thanks to a pair of weekend wins, now leads its best of seven playoff round two games to zip, while Newmarket and Stouffville are deadlocked at a game each.

Newmarket Hurricanes opened the series with a win, but Stouffville fought back to tie the series Saturday.

After a convincing win Sunday night at the Aurora Community Centre, the future looks bright for the Aurora Tigers.

Having disposed of the Syracuse Stars in five games, Tigers met up with the Huntsville Otters and expected to open at home last Friday night.

Not so, as the community centre was booked for another hockey tournament.

That sent the locals north to Muskoka, but location didn't matter, as Aurora used its third period to overcome a 3-2 deficit and come away with a 6-3 victory.

Finally back on friendly soil Sunday, Aurora jumped into an early lead and went on to defeat Huntsville 6-2.

Third game was played Tuesday night, but results were not available at press time.

Tigers will play their fourth - and what they hope is final - game in the series Friday night at the Aurora Community Centre beginning at 8 p.m.

Sunday, the Tigers were in control the entire night,

taking the lead early.

Tigers trailed briefly during the first period, but had little trouble securing the win.

Team leaders for the night included Sean Thompson with two goals and an assist, as well as Daniel Michalsky, who had three assists.

Jacob Anderson, Cale Tanaka, Sam Skwarchuk and Curtis Vickers added singles for the winners.

Also having an excellent night was goaltender Jeremie Dupont, who had 43 saves against a powerful Muskoka offense.

In spite of their win, Aurora was outshot 45-28.

Up north Friday, Tigers had to rally in the third with four goals to defeat the Otters 6-3.

Until then, it was a back and forth battle between the two teams.

Most notable for Aurora were Josh Diamond with two goals and Daniel Michalsky and Skwarchuk, each with a goal and an assist.

Friday's game featured an almost endless supply of

penalties as well as some heated moments between the two teams, with fights almost breaking out several times during the night.

In order to get to this round of playoffs, Tigers first had to get by the Syracuse Stars, something they were able to accomplish with ease.

The finale of that series took place in Aurora last Monday when the Tigers took control, winning the game 6-3 and taking the series in five games.

Skwarchuk and Jeremy Whelan contributed two goals each.

Also scoring for the win-

ners were Thompson and Michael Tuomi.

In net for Aurora was Ryan Dickie, who handled more than 30 shots and never let the Stars take the lead.

This upstart Aurora team, lingering in the shadow of last year's national winners, has been a delightful surprise for fans all season.

It finished first in the north division of the league and should be able to handle the tough squad from Huntsville.

That being the case, keep your other eye on that Newmarket-Stouffville series.

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TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Law Insurance Brokers	16	3	3	86	53	35
Priestly Demolition	12	7	3	95	73	27
Tom & Jerry's	11	9	2	72	63	24
FPL Aggregates	10	9	3	83	71	23
Masterclean Contracting	9	11	2	73	74	20
J.J. Barron Realty	7	10	5	71	86	19
Highland Chev Cadillac	8	12	2	90	100	18
Rec Cycle & Sports	5	15	2	58	104	12

MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY RESULTS FEB. 21			
FPL Aggregates	6	Highland Chev	4
Barron Realty	3	Law Insurance	1
Tom & Jerry's	3	Masterclean	4
Priestly Demolition	0	Rec Sports	1

MONDAY NIGHT HOCKEY PLAYER STANDINGS				
PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	Pts.
Jason Muise	Priestly Demolition	35	14	49
Mark Sedore	Priestly Demolition	24	24	48
Bruce Chappell	Highlands Chev	13	28	41
Pat O'Mahoney	FPL Aggregates	26	14	40
Steve Robertson	Highlands Chev	17	23	40
Steve Kavanaugh	Barron's Realty	10	28	38
Ralph Berry	Masterclean	11	26	37
Ed Jackson	Barron's Realty	21	15	36
John Yaremko	Law Insurance	19	17	36
Steven MacDonald	FPL Aggregates	17	17	34
Gerald Briand	Law Insurance	13	19	32
Darren Yaremko	Law Insurance	15	14	29
Ken Rumble	Highlands Chev	12	16	28
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
Jerome Flanagan	Tom & Jerry's	10	12	22
Bruce Ing	Masterclean	10	12	22
RJ Farnsworth	Highlands Chev	15	6	21
Paul Fujiwawa	Highlands Chev	15	6	21
Vince Greco	Tom & Jerry's	12	7	19
Doug Adair	Rec Sports	7	11	18
Mark Swirla	FPL Aggregates	7	11	18
Brad Wilson	Priestly Demolition	8	9	17
Raz Khamissa	Barron's Realty	8	9	17
Dan Smith	FPL Aggregates	4	13	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
Doug King	Rec Sports	5	10	15
Hugh Alcorn	Masterclean	2	13	15
Ron Theson	Barron's Realty	5	9	14
Mike Caicco	Barron's Realty	3	11	14

Skating results

Recent successful Aurora Skaters Club competitors in the COS STARSkate championships included the following:

Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate - Flight 1: Katie Sutton, 1st; Flight 2: Hailey Riggs, 3rd.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies Freeskate - Final: Katie Sutton, 10th.

Preliminary Ladies Freeskate - Flight 1: Emma Slimkowich, 1st; Flight 2: Jordana Goldman, 4th; Flight 7: Allie Sutton, 4th.

Preliminary Ladies Freeskate - Final: Emma Slimkowich, 12th.

Preliminary Men's Freeskate - Alex Woodward, 2nd.

Junior Bronze Ladies Freeskate - Flight 1: Julia Ranson, 4th.

Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate - Flight 4: Meaghan Jones, 5th; Flight 5: Emma Hayzelden, 2nd; Flight 6: Maya Goldman, 1st.

Senior Bronze Ladies Freeskate - Final: Maya Goldman, 3rd; Emma Hayzelden, 5th.



Five of the three plus dozen skiers who took advantage of the annual Aurora Chamber of Commerce Ski Day last week are shown here. They are, left to right, Stephen Forsey, Shelley Lundquist, Tom Beck, Ron Wallace and Sheila Kovacs. Event was held at Osler Bluffs private ski club near Collingwood.

This 24-hour swimming challenge will aid Heart & Stroke Foundation

By the time this activity ends, you can bet some people will have wrinkled skin.

To raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, the Aurora Master Ducks will complete a 24-hour Swim for Heart challenge, this weekend at Aquadome Aquatics in Newmarket.

The event will start at 1 p.m. Saturday and conclude the next day.

The club has been divided into two teams; the Hearts (females) vs. the Strokes (males).

Each team member will be responsible for swimming laps for about half an hour to cover the 24-hour period.

Hypothetically, the swimmers could reach a total of 144,000 meters swum.

To help ensure partici-

pation, especially in the wee hours of the morning, prizes will be awarded for team spirit, number of completed laps and the most money collected.

The club has 100 members and the participation rate is approaching 80 per cent.

All the money raised will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in memory of Dr. Hui Lee, a former resident of Sault Ste. Marie who devoted his professional life to helping others.

He was instrumental in elevating the standard of care in Sault Ste. Marie for people suffering from congestive heart failure, diabetes, osteoporosis and many other conditions.

Last year at the Masters Provincial

Swimming Championships in Etobicoke, after having completed two races in the early evening, Dr. Lee, 39, collapsed and died.

On April 1, the Ducks will travel to Sault Ste. Marie for the 2005 Championships where the donation to the Heart & Stroke Foundation will be presented to Dr. Anne Lee, in memory of her husband.

Aquadome Aquatics is located at 1215 Stellar

Drive in Newmarket.

Contributors to date to the event include B & B Dixon Automotive and LG Electronics, but the organizers are still looking for companies who can donate prizes to help them reach their goal of \$5,000.

If you are interested in contributing by sponsoring a DUCK, call the Aurora Master Ducks Swim Club at 905-726-DUCK (3825) or e-mail nancy@masterducks.ca.

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1006 White/Royal PIZZA PIZZA 8: Andrew McGee 1G 2A, Erik Burrow 2G, Robert Juffs 3G, Kyle Wilton 1G 1A, Devin Andrews 1G, Kyle Shaw 2A, Graham Coote 2A, Dennis Jarret 1A, Cody Riddel 1A. **1005 AURORA OPTICAL 4:** Jayde Woodruff 1G, Kyle Kaminski 1G, Sean McCartney 2G 1A, Keon Karamchi 1A, Andrew MacDermid 1A.

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101 Green/Gold TIM HORTON'S STARS 7: Darren Iwai 4G 2A, Nolan Smith 2G 3A, Alexander McGovern 1G 1A, Liam Joiner 6A, William Stroud 1A. **109 Orange/Black TIM HORTON'S FLYERS 2:** Cameron Screech 1A, Brendan Ruuskanen 1G, David O'Connor 1A, Savannah Moody 1A.

105 Gold/Black TIM HORTON'S BRUINS 9: Quinten Bell 1G, Jeffrey Stobo 2G 1A, Austin Riswick 4G, Denzel Speller-Drews 1G, Noah Spicer 1G, Benjamin Robinson 1A, Matthew Caicco 1A. **110 Teal/White TIM HORTON'S SHARKS 4:** Griffen James 3G, Michael Ruggerio 1G, Christian MacGillivray 1A.

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102 Black/Gold TIM HORTON'S PENGUINS 12: Nicholas Baxter 6G 1A, Graydon Gardner 4G,

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107 Maroon/White TIM HORTON'S AVALANCHE 5: Austin Insley 1G, Matthew Bellerby 4G, Joshua Capodagli 1A, Eddie Duffy 1A, Matthew Iezzi 1A, Matthew Brecht 1A, Matthew Galajda, shutout. **104 Royal/White TIM HORTON'S BLUES 0.**

106 White/Royal TIM HORTON'S LEAFS 8: Jesse Wiemer 6G 1A, Peter Andreakos 2G 2A, Cole Davison 3A, Joshua Divincenzo 2A. **109 Orange/Black TIM HORTON'S FLYERS 3:** Alex Bernier 2G 1A, Brendan Ruuskanen 1G, Cameron Screech 1A, Ian Orr 1A.

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507 COSENTINO PRODUCE 1: Anthony Selski 1G, Joey Lombardi 1A, Jonathan Alcock, shutout. **504 CAA CENTRAL ONTARIO 0.**

506 McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 3: Greg Lacroix 2G, Christian Davies 1G, Sean Takahashi 2A, Rocco DeBartolo 1A. **503 AB COX PONTIAC BUICK GMC 2:** Aaron Nusbaum 1G, Andrew Bolton 1G.

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Spencer Green 1G, Jack Caldwell 1A.

Novice AA 5 Massachusetts North Stars 0
Quentin Campbell 2G, Connor Graham 1G, Branden Fennell 1G, Liam Coll 1G, Jordan Nanos 2A, John MacDonald 2A, Spencer Green 1A, Sean Foxwell 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A, Konner McMillan 1A.

Bradford 5 Novice A 2
Lucas Pozzebon 2G, Paul Neophytou 1A.

Novice AE 4 Uxbridge 0

Novice AE 4 Uxbridge 2

Novice AE 3 Uxbridge 1

Minor Atom AA 3 Richmond Hill 2
Burke White 1G 1A, Kiefer McIntosh 1G, Mackenzie Lemmon 1G, Trevor George 2A, Cameron Nuttall 1A, Eric Ludwig 1A.

Minor Atom AA 5 Richmond Hill 1
Trevor George 1G 1A, Brooke Webster 2G, Cameron Nuttall 2G, William Reid 2A, Kiefer McIntosh 1A, Jody Nonnewitz 1A.

Innisfil 3 Minor Atom A 2
Hayden Trask 1G, Eric Damecour 1G, Quincy Ing 1A, Daniel Jones 1A.

Atom AA 3 Ajax 2
Marco Ghegin 1G, Nicholas Heintzman 1G, Andrew Papousek 1G, Brian Puskar 1A ,Devin Watson 1A, Johnny Knowles 1A, Ryan Hughes 1A, Daniel Delbello 1A, Adam Balaban 1A.

Atom A 5 Orillia 4
Kyle Spicer 2G, Jesse Bentolila 1G, Matt Noseworthy 1G, Alex Woodward 1G, A. J. Killens 2A, Josh Klinowski 1A, Cooper Riswick 2A, Chris Youtoff 3A, Sean Nishimura 1A.

TBD 3 Atom AE 2
Kevin Lukezic 1G, Jake Langford 1A, Daniel Laflamme 1A, Tyler White 1G, Brett Wilson 1A.

Atom AE 7 Innisfil 1
Tyler White 4G 2A, Dylan Hussey 2G 2A, Mackenzie Wooder 1A, Ty Brochu 2A, Dylan Woyslaw 2A, Kevin Lukezic 1G, Daniel Laflamme 1A.

Innisfil 3 Atom AE 2
Marshall McGaffey 1G, Kevin Lukezic 1G 1A, Ty Brochu 1A.

Innisfil 3 Atom AE 2
Brett Wilson 1G, Tyler White 1G, Dylan Woyslaw 1A, Dylan Hussey 1A. **Minor Peewee AA 4 Richmond Hill 2**

Cody Weese 1G, Eleeza Cox 2G 1A, Steadman Dinning 1G, Kamran Karamchi 1A, Matthew Mears 1A, Justin Nice 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 4 Richmond Hill 0
Justin Nice 3G 1A, Matthew Miller 1G, Steadman Dinning 2A, Brett Matthews 1A.

Minor Peewee A 4 Newmarket 1
Tristan Miller 1G 1A, Kyle McCreedy 1G 1A, James Harkin 1G 2A, Spencer George 1G, Jordan Figueiredo 1A, Michael Vance 1A.

Orillia 7 Minor Peewee A 2
James Harkin 1G, Michael Nonnewitz 1G, Kyle McCreedy 1A, Tyler Jensen 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 4 Georgina 1
Josh Beaton 2G, Brendan Strachan 1G, Dylan Skelton 1G, Patrick Jones 2A, Mitchell Sziraky 1A, Nicholas Silverio 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1A, Adam Reid 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 4 Georgina 0
Chris Venditelli 1G, Jamie Hawkins 2G 1A, Josh Beaton 1G, Daniel Howie 3A, Brendan Strachan 1A, Mitchell Sziraky 1A, Adam Reid 1A.

Barrie Colts 5 Peewee AA 2
Max Lerner 1G 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G, Jordan Tripp 1A, Kevin Zacharuk 1A, Tyler Sikura 1A.

Barrie Colts 2 Peewee AA 1
Tyler Smilsky 1G, Jordan Tripp 1A, Max Lerner 1A.

Peewee AA 4 Barrie Colts 2
Kevin Zacharuk 3G, Tyler Smilsky 1G, Luke Stadnyk 1A, Jordan Tripp 1A, Luke Macleod 1A.

Peewee A 6 Saints 0
Dylan Cross 1G 1A, Paul Keilty 1G, Shawn Clark 1G 1A, Evan Casselden 1G 1A, Justin Brown 1G 1A, Derrick Hamner 1G, Taylor Nuttall 3A, Sean Ellison 1A, J.J. Lam 1A, Oliver Boettcher 1A, Jeffrey Sanderson 1A, Stephen Di Nallo 1A.

Amherst 6 Peewee A 4
Justin Brown 1G 2A, Dylan Cross 1G, Derrick Hamner 1G, Shawn Clark 1G, Ryan Jones 1A, Jeffrey Sanderson 1A, Oliver Boettcher 1A.

Peewee A 3 TNT 2
Evan Casselden 1G 1A, Derrick Hamner 1G, Paul Keilty 1G, Shawn Clark 1A, Jeffrey Sanderson 1A.

Peewee A 0 TNT 3

Richmond Hill 4 Peewee AE 3
Jakub Sykora 2G 1A, Aaron Beally 1G 1A.

Peewee AE 6 Richmond Hill 0
Tyler Tisdale 1A, Andrew McKay 1G 1A, Matthew Semeredy 2G, Aaron Beally 1G, Matthew Pellegrini 2G, Jakub Sykora 1A, Michael McGorlick 1A, Geoff Gianopoulos 1A.

Barrie Colts 4 Minor Bantam AA 3

Bantam AA 5 Newmarket 2
Johnathan Meikle 1G, Eric Sarracini 1A, Taylor Postill 1A, Kevin Kryshka 1G, Jordan Koen 1A, Daniel Curci 1G, Kyle Scott 1A, Karl Pelan 1A, Ben Sherritt 1G, Jeremy Ellison 1A.

Bantam AA 2 Newmarket 0
Ben Sherritt 1G, Kyle Scott 1A, Karl Pelan 1G, Jeremy Ellison 1A.

Newmarket 9 Bantam AE 1

Newmarket 7 Bantam AE 2

Minor Midget AA 6 Barrie Colts 1

Minor Midget AA 2 Barrie Colts 1

Minor Midget A 3 East Gwillimbury 2
Connor O'Grady 1G 1A, Drew Jenkins 1G, Neil Kileeg 1G.

Midget AA 5 Newmarket 4

Newmarket 3 Midget AA 1
Taylor Campbell 1A, Vinnie Davenport 1G.

Stouffville 7 Midget A 5
Jordan Williams 1A, Corey Berube 1G, Craig Waites 1G, Andrew Welch 1G, Jordan Ofeild 1A, Scott Daly 1A, Marc Quagliarini 1A, Ryan Kines 2G 1A, Chris Statchuk 2A, Frazer Klein 2A.

Midget A 5 Stouffville 2
Jordan Williams 1G, Craig Waites 1A, Andrew Welch 2G 1A, Scott Daly 1A, Ryan Kines 1A, Chris Statchuk 2A, Andrew Jamieson 1G, Mike Parkhill 1A, Frazer Klein 1G 1A.



Maria Natividad

Aurora woman seeks national Royalty crown

By CHRISTINE WOODLEY

Maria Natividad's friends have always encouraged her to try new things.

So, when she heard that Brampton International Pageants was looking for new faces, she signed up online.

After answering some questions and submitting photos, she was named Ms. Aurora Royalty and will vie for the national title of Ms Canada Royalty April 9th in Georgetown.

As a Delegate-at-Large representing Aurora, where she has lived for 10 years, the single mom of two will be making several appearances to promote her title and the upcoming pageant.

I'm so excited to represent the Town of Aurora," Maria says. "I find the town so friendly, nice and quiet."

Maria works at Bunn-O-Matic Corporation on Industrial Parkway in Aurora.

Outside of work, she enjoys movies, dancing, reading and cooking.

"Almost everything I do revolves around family," she says.

In addition, she is a member of Toastmasters International and has more than 10 speeches under her belt, an accomplishment that

will no doubt come in handy during the pageant.

At the competition, Maria and the other contestants will answer questions on the spot and be presented in business suits and evening wear.

Charity work is the focus of the pageant, and the winner will promote a charity of choice during their reign. Maria has selected the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

So why did Maria enter, aside from the urging of her friends?

"Life is too short, and it's important to have fun and live it to the fullest," and that sounds like a winning attitude.

Tasty history behind famous Granny Tarts

Prior to the opening of Highway 400, Toronto cottagers heading north used Yonge Street through Aurora.

It was traditional to stop at Scanlon's Bakery for fresh bread and goodies, and Cousins Dairy Bar for an ice cream cone, to keep the kids quiet.

Scanlon's Bakery, originally the Dominion Bakery, had been in operation since 1886, and was owned by R. J. Scanlon.

In 1918, Charles V. Peterson joined the firm.

In 1961, Peterson sold the company and Gib Smith became the new owner.

He went on to develop the famous butter tart, which he sold as "Granny's Tarts".

Later, with a large increase in business, Granny's Tarts moved to a new building on Industrial Parkway, a building that today serves as a public storage location.

And Granny's Tarts, regrettably to many, no longer exist.

In the 70s, Bob Paterson, a grandson of one of the store's original founders, took over the old bakery, originally located just south of the Old Post Office clock tower, removed all the old bakery equipment and covered the space with brightly coloured booths for his Aurora Marketplace.

He transformed the 100-year-old bakery into a farmer's market featuring everything from exotic candies to health foods.

The concept was to sell the sort of items that weren't available in a supermarket, like leathercrafts, silk-screened decals, wine making kits, vegetables, home baking and cheese.

Later, the old bakery changed hands and became a used restaurant equipment supply outlet.

The building was allowed to deteriorate and was later demolished to make room for a five-storey

apartment building, with two retail stores on the main floor.

Almost 130 years ago, a young Irish immigrant settled in Aurora and decided the town needed a bakery.

A few months later his younger brother joined him in the business.

Within a decade, Richard and William Scanlon succeeded in making the family name synonymous with good things to eat.

Aurora was a lively town in 1918 and young Charlie Peterson thought it was a good place to take a job for the summer.

He had been working in Northern Ontario running a lumber camp during the winter months.

He returned to Toronto and checked the help wanted ads.

Two bakers were wanted, one in Maple and one in Aurora.

He went to Maple first, but found he would have to bake the bread in the early morning and deliver it in the afternoon, so he tried Aurora.

R. J. Scanlon was getting on in years and as he was lame, he needed help. Peterson stayed for the summer, before returning to the lumber camp.

He came back to Scanlon's the next summer and after one more winter in the woods, he returned to Scanlon's for good.

Bread, buns and cookies were all the products made by Scanlon's prior to 1920, but Peterson soon changed that. He began making pastries and pies, the first to be

sold under the Scanlon name.

Peterson married Annie Scanlon in 1920, the daughter of R.J. Scanlon. R.J. died in 1921 and the running of the business became the responsibility of Peterson. He added one dainty item after another, attracting customers from miles around.

As the number of customers grew, he decided to open branch stores, including a store at Craighurst and Yonge Streets in Toronto.

By 1939, there were eight Scanlon stores in Toronto, with Aurora girls as clerks.

With this growth in business the bakery had to be expanded on four occasions, and the wood burning ovens were replaced with a

new German-designed stem pipes oven, fired by coke.

The Petersons moved to Toronto in 1932, so an eye could be kept on the retail outlets.

Annie Peterson died in Toronto in the early 1940's and Peterson married Mary Scanlon, the youngest daughter of William Scanlon.

The couple moved back to Aurora in 1948, buying the Ough home on Victoria Street, directly behind the bakery.


Then in 1961, the business was sold to Gib Smith and Bill Williams, who carried on many of the Scanlon traditions, but the Scanlon name will always be remembered as a part of Aurora.



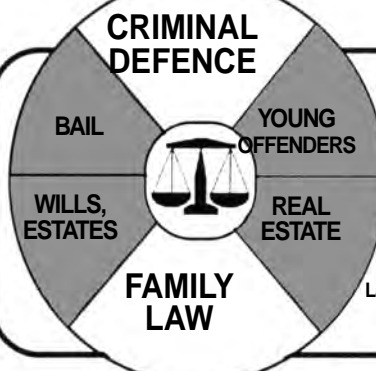
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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Space academy opens in Aurora

It was in April, 1981, when John Syme, a counselor with the Toronto Separate School Board, opened a Space Academy in the Gateway Plaza. It was a unique entertainment and learning parlour combining science and skill.

The Space Academy was a respectable update of a pinball parlour but instead of pinball machines, there were 12 micro-computers.

For \$2 per hour a child or an adult could rent a computer to test his/her skills at scores of games, vocabulary exercises, and mathematical and scientific tests.

In addition to the recreational service, students who needed or wanted special tutorial service could be accommodated for \$5 per hour.

It was found that while working with computers often confused adults, it was second nature to the young children.

AURORA STUDENTS PROTEST USELESS PROGRAM

It was in May, 2001, when students at Cardinal Carter High School took to the soccer field to protest a program, which they claimed was a waste of time.

More than 700 students stood outside to protest a new provincial program they say lacked student input.

The Teacher Advisory Program (TAP) or Teacher Assisted Guidance (TAG) was created to give students an opportunity to develop personal and interpersonal skills and obtain career guidance.

Students claimed the half-hour program once a week wasn't working and they saw no benefit in attending when the time was spent on such useless activities as drawing a coat of arms of an animal the students felt best represented them.

Where is TAP or TAG today?

A LOOK AT AURORA IN 1969

Veteran letter writer Sid Britton submitted a few thoughts about the town in a letter to editor.

He wrote that it was distressing to observe the pleasant character and appearance of Aurora rapidly changing.

He listed the decay of the old business area just south of Wellington Street, coupled with mushrooming of super gas stations on Yonge Street south of Kennedy Street.

At the time there was a Texaco station located on the north side of Ransom Street where Country Style is now located and a Shell station on the south side on Ransom where the animal hospital is currently located.

He hoped Yonge Street would not rapidly become a mere battle strip for warring gasoline distributors and snack dispensers, so that visitors would see it only as a brief stopping place for gas and a hotdog.

He stressed the need for businesses and establishments to be encouraged to make their business establishments more attractive and competitive, or they would become hopelessly obsolescent.

A FRIGHTENING RIDE

Back in January, 1976, what began as a teenager's prank ended as a frightening ride for an Aurora youngster at the Aurora Shopping Centre.

A worker left a front end loader unattended for a minute as he was getting it ready to load onto a truck, when the 15-year-old hopped on the machine and took off until he lost control.

The youth hopped off the machine just before it crashed into the glass doors in the Met Store.

No charges were laid as a result of the incident and the youth was not identified.

STARVING TO RAISE MONEY

Today groups are raising funds to assist the victims of the tsunami disaster which occurred in East Asia last December.

But back in November, 1969, more than 150 teenagers participated in a starve-in for the starving children in Biafra, Africa.

The need was stressed by Dianne North, an Aurora nurse at home on leave from her duties in Africa.

Working through the Aurora Ministerial Council, she organized the 40-hour starve-in and set the objective at \$2,500, the price of a Canair relief supply flight to Biafra.

Aurora's Mildred Graham assisted in organizing the event which lasted from Friday night until noon Sunday.

The participants refrained from eating during the period but were allowed three cans of fruit juice.

The Aurora Presbyterian Church was headquarters for the starve-in, but participants were not required to remain there for the weekend, but had to wear badges and refrain from eating.

For those who stayed at the church, a program had been arranged with five folk-singing groups and other activities.

Boys slept in the United Church and girls stayed at the Presbyterian Church.

More than \$6,000 was raised, nearly enough for three relief flights and the kids did it mainly on their own, which shows they can organize themselves and be willing to do without their food to demonstrate they were prepared to experience a little of the people they wanted to help.



Officially known as the "Father of Confederation", this painting, created by Aurora artist Debra Campo, currently hangs in the Newmarket-Aurora riding office of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada. Marking its arrival in the Newmarket office, after it debuted on John A. MacDonald's 190th birthday in January, are, left to right, party candidate Dorian Baxter, Ron Anderson, Dorothy Lienau, Jim Conrad, Alice Patry, artist Campo, Noreen and Sinclair Stevens. The riding office is in Newmarket.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace



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Council will hold a Special General Committee on Monday March 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for the members of the public to obtain information regarding the 2005 Operating and Capital Budget, in the Council Chambers at 1 Municipal Drive.

The Draft 2005 Capital and Operating Budget is available for review at the Aurora Public Library or on the Town website at www.town.on.ca /Notice Board page under the heading of Feb 19/05 Special Budget Meeting

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Staff members, top photo, gather round new equipment installed at the Fitness Clubs of Canada location on Yonge Street in Aurora. They are, left to right, Leo Riccio, Paul Cridland, Monica Nunez and George Psonas. Below, Monica Nunez, who is a trainer at the new club, demonstrates how the equipment works. The fitness centre officially opened in the former Goodwill store two weeks ago. It is located across from the Aurora Shopping Centre, just north of Murray Drive.

Auroran photos
by David Falconer

Former resident slams town for lack of response

For years, John Nimmo lived on Ransom Street, just west of Yonge.

A service station sat on the corner.

When that business closed, the site, with the service station building still on it, was sold to Abbotsford Animal Hospital, and neighbour relations became strained.

Animal Hospital officials renovated the property and added a large windmill, and Nimmo believed the land had not been sufficiently treated and it was affecting his property.

Nimmo, 18 months ago, moved to Keswick, but his debate with the neighbours, which involved the Town of Aurora, continued.

He returned Tuesday night to let the town know things are not that swell in his life.

He complained about the lack of action by the town and letters he had received from his former neighbour threatening a lawsuit over actions he denied taking.

He suggested an inquiry be launched to study the way the town conducts its business. He pointed out he had written to the town and failed to receive a reply.

Nimmo asked to meet with town officials and failed to receive a reply and that he was "sick, sore and tired of being harassed".

He said he had only tried to protect his property and he hoped the media would get the story to make the public aware of the way he had been treated.

He left a letter from an unknown source with the clerk, but copies were not

available to the press.

Mayor Tim Jones did not permit questions claiming it was a legal issue between

two property owners and the letters would be referred to the town's legal department for review.

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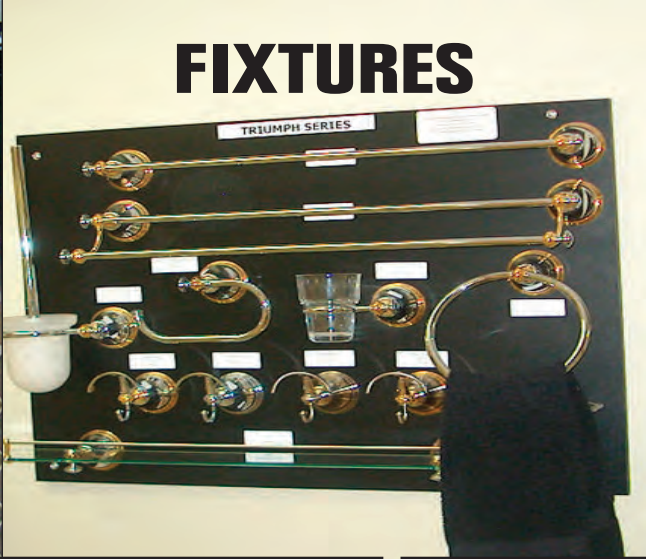
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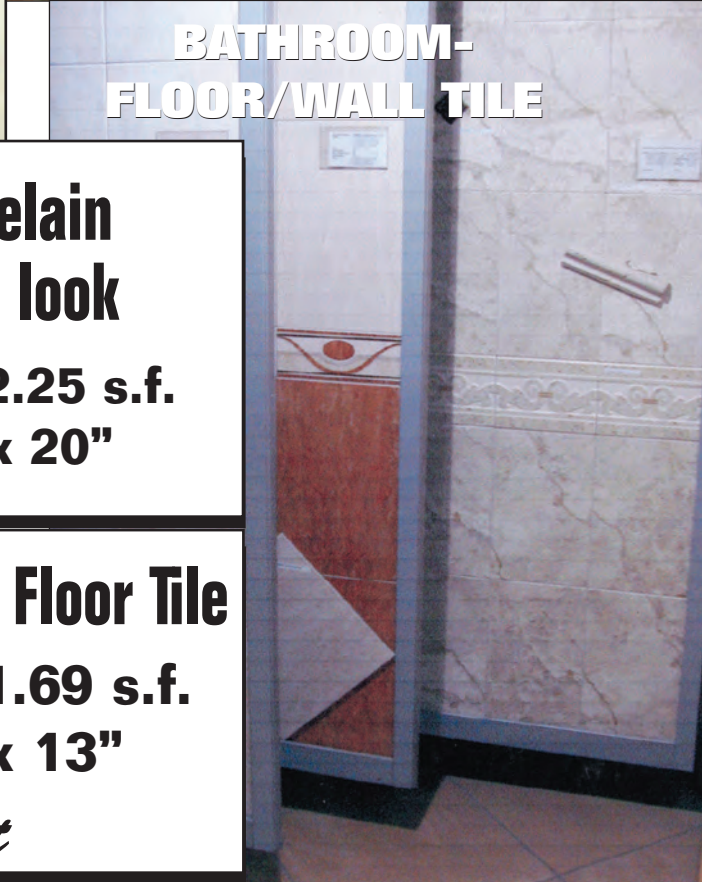
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