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Building a house at street festival will have to wait

While a wild plan to actually build a house at next year's Aurora Chamber of Commerce street festival may not happen, another idea surfaced last week as the festival committee continued planning for the 11th annual event.

Originally, the idea was to actually construct a Habitat for Humanity house on the day of the festival and later move it to a site.

Chairman of next year's street festival is local realtor Sean Herbinson and he and the committee agreed to ask a Habitat official to discuss the plan at last week's

Executive director of Habitat for Humanity, John Firman, said he liked the idea but didn't believe it could be carried out in time for the next festival.

An Aurora site has not been selected for such a project, and Firman believes it would take more than a year to iron out all the

Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Briefly

"I'm not overly-confident we have the time," he said. "It might work in 2007."

However, he believes that as many as half a dozen children's playhouses could be built by local suppliers and they could be auctioned or raffled off to raise funds.

The playhouses could be introduced at the Chamber's annual home show, and one might be displayed at the street festival.

"Perhaps the first one could actually be built at the Home Show," he suggested.

The playhouses would be either 8 x 8 feet or 10 x 10 feet in size.

Meanwhile, town officials keep looking for a site for a Habitat home, since the last recommendation, a house in a park on Murray Drive, was torpedoed by neighbours.

"We need to do a public relations job in Aurora to explain what this project is all about," Firman said. "It's not what people think."



It was a bit zany Saturday as Aurora's popular Farmers' Market drew to a close for the season. Market originator Nigel Kean, centre, is flanked by two vendors, Lisa Cooper, left, and Linda Lehman, all dressed up for the occasion. Popularity of the event prompted the Market to remain open longer than scheduled this summer. Auroran photo by David Falconer

Local commuters use more parking spots than available

Ever since GO Transit Mary Street did not have sideincreased its service to three trains a day each way four years ago, there has been a shortage of parking at the railway station parking lot.

It's getting worse. This month, GO added a fourth train to its schedule.

In October, 2004, Councillor John West said he had received a number of complaints from residents living near the station about commuters leaving their cars parked on residential streets all day when the GO lot

He suggested staff investigate the possible use of the Sheppard's Bush parking lot accessible from Industry Street.

At a subsequent meeting staff reported that the parking lot had a holding capacity for 75 vehicles and the distance from the parking lot to the station was approximately 460 metres.

Concern was raised about liability issues as the parking lot was poorly illuminated with much of the lot in complete darkness.

Another concern was that

walks and in winter months the roadway is narrower due to snow plowing.

Due to the liability and safety

West proposal 5-3 but on a 6-2 vote directed staff to contact GO Transit officials to discuss the

Please see page 18

Aurora's fire station named after Bolsby

Following a private meeting regarding the naming of fire halls in Aurora and Newmarket, the Joint Council Committee of the Central York Fire Services endorsed the naming of the currently under construction Aurora fire station after the late Fred Bolsby.

Aurora Councillor Ron Wallace made the proposal to council last week.

The new station is located on Wellington Street East, just west of Leslie Street.

It was recommended that Fire Chief John Molyneaux ensure the sign for the new station is designed to incorporate an area for displaying messages.

Before submitting the name, Councillor Wallace obtained consent of family members.

Fred Bolsby died of cancer at age 64 in 2002 after a three-year battle.

He had served on the Aurora Fire Department for almost 30 years starting as a volunteer in December, 1969, and retiring in June, 1997, as full-time Deputy Fire Chief.

He became Aurora's first fulltime Deputy Chief in August, 1985, after serving as Fire Prevention Officer since 1979.

Always ready to assist community organizations and individuals, he was named Aurora's Citizen of the Year in 1997.

Council gave unanimous consent to the naming of the Fred Bolsby Fire Hall.



MacLean in Aurora

all to himself November 16 when he appears in Aurora as guest of the

guest speaker at the chamber's regular monthly meeting, slated for noon

price is \$35, however, everyone must register in advance by calling 905-

at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South.

Without Don Cherry to pick on him, Ron MacLean will have the floor

MacLean, the mild-mannered half of Hockey Night in Canada, will be

If you're a chamber member, it'll cost you \$32; if you'd like to be, the

You recognize the building as the Aurora Town Hall, but is it real? Find out for sure on Page 16.



CONTINUING

"Martha's Table" offers comfort food and a sense of community at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Available are hot soup, sandwiches, and dessert in the hall. Church-sponsored initiative runs every Thursday.

Aurora Agricultural Society (organizer of the Aurora Fair & Horse Show) meets on the second Tuesday of every second month, at 7 p.m., at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. Next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006. For more information, call 905-713-6773 or info@aurorafair.ca, or see our website at www.aurorafair.ca.

Every other Friday Night dances at the Aurora Seniors' Centre from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Main Hall. Singles are welcome. Big band and modern music, prizes, snacks and some light food. Call 905-727-2816 for details.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members welcome. For further information, call 905-

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 councillors' lounge at the Town Hall. Call 1-877-880-6770 for informa-

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 905-830-9205.

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.

Gamblers Anonymous, every Tuesday night, Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, 7.30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night. Aurora Legion. 7.30 p.m. Call

Canadian Federation of University Women welcomes new members throughout the year for monthly meetings with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

Dancing at the Legion, 8 p.m. every Friday night.

Bid Euchre at the Legion 1 p.m. every third Sunday.

Queen's York Rangers Army Cadet Corps, boys and girls, ages 12 to 18. Camping, canoeing, target shooting. Aurora squadron meets every Friday evening. For more information, call 905-726-8600.

Towns of York Toastmasters Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Park Place Manor, 15055 Yonge St. in Aurora. For more information see the club web site at www.townsofyork.org or phone Elena Silaev at 905-726-9750.

Meditation classes every Wednesday evening, 7 to 9 p.m., at Needles & Knit Wool Shop, 15040 Yonge Street.

York Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Aurora's Tony Browning, launches its 2005-2006 concert series at Trinity Anglican Church. Music includes Grieg's Holberg Suite and Mozart's Symphonetta in D major. Concert begins at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, available at the door, are \$15 regular price; \$10 for stu-

Oak Ridges Trail Association hike over the Willow Farm, Lakeview and Wimpey Trail System in Aurora at 9.30 a.m. 10 km, moderate pace, 2.5 hrs. Call Gail Morris at 905-479-4225 for further information.

NOVEMBER 3

Waste Diversion Seminar, Aurora Public Library, 7 to 9 p.m., hosted by the Town of Aurora's Environmental Advisory Committee.

NOVEMBER 4

Aurora Seniors' signing session for the Seniors' Calendar at East Side Mario's on Bayview Avenue between 12.15 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. Proceeds are

for the Seniors Centre.

NOVEMBER 5

York Regional Police Male Chorus host 13th Annual Concert at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Leslie Street, Newmarket at 7.30 p.m. Music by police choruses from York, Halton, OPP, and Ottawa. Guest community choir this year is the "York Region Children's Chorus". Tickets \$10. Contact any member of the YRPMC or call 905-727-9676 to order. Advance sale only.

NOVEMBER 6 Aurora Remembrance Day Parade and Service at the Cenotaph at 10.30

NOVEMBER 9

Aurora Public Library presents "A Stressful Year in the Life of Moose", with ecologist Ed Addison. Slide presentation at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Preregister at the Adult Information Desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

NOVEMBER 9

Probus Club of Aurora celebrates its 10th Anniversary at 10 a.m. at the Aurora Legion.

NOVEMBER 12

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Women's League 10th annual Christmas Fair & Artisans Craft Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall, 15347 Yonge Street.

Annual St. Andrew's Guild Christmas bazaar and luncheon will be held at the Presbyterian Church, Mosley and Victoria Streets. Tables for baked goods, crafts, and treasures open at 10 a.m. Hot luncheon, available from 11 a.m. to p.m., \$6 for adults; \$3 for children, nine and under

NOVEMBER 15

Aurora Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon meeting at DiNardo's Mansion with guest speaker Ron MacLean, host of Hockey Night in Canada. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262

COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

NOVEMBER 19

The Trinity Anglican Church Women will hold their Christmas Memories Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring Christmas Gift Items, Baking, Kitchen Cupboard, Jewellery, Attic Treasures and Granny's Treasures.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region Annual Gala Auction at DiNardo's The Mansion on Industrial Parkway South, Reception starts at 6.30 p.m. with dinner at 7.30 p.m., followed by a live and silent auction and dancing. Reserve tickets by calling 905**NOVEMBER 25**

Theatre Aurora presents "Experiment With an Air Pump" by Shelagh Stephenson. It continues November 26/27 and 30 and December 1 to 4 and 7 to 10. Call 905-727-

NOVEMBER 26 Annual Santa Claus Parade will be held under the stars from 6 to 8 p.m. Deadline for float applications is November 18th. Call 905-727-3123 extension 4218.

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A charred shell is all that remains of a million-dollar home on Aurora's Steeplechase Avenue that burned to the ground last week. Some 34 fire-fighters and 12 vehicles from Aurora, Newmarket and Richmond Hill responded.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Fire destroys home

Firefighters continue their investigation this week attempting to determine what caused a fire that destroyed a milliondollar home in Aurora's south end last week.

While there are no fire hydrants in the rural subdivision, two fire services responded with a total of four water trucks to battle the blaze but it was too far advanced to gain an upper hand.

Firefighters responding from the Edward Street station in Aurora reported seeing the red glow in the sky before they arrived.

Central York Fire Services Deputy-Chief Ken Bone said Friday it was unclear how the blaze started.

"All we know right now is the fire started in the roof area," he said.

Owners of the luxury home, located on Steeplechase Avenue in the posh Hunter's Glen area, had taken occupancy only three weeks earlier.

Active Auroran dies at 86

Aurora's Herbert James Coles was born in October, 1919, and died peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre recently, leaving his wife Aileen "Mickey" of 62 years and his daughter, Valerie Dorie.

During those years he packed more into his life than most with one of his proudest moments his graduation from a four-year course in media, including web design from Ryerson University at the age of 80.

He joined the RCAF at 19 during the Second World War completing 23 bombing missions as a pilot. After the war while still in his 20s, he joined Air Canada, then known as Trans Canada Airlines, as a pilot.

Later, he left flying for good and established a business with his father creating a highly successful line of baby products with more than 140 employees, 14 salespeople and warehouses across Canada before selling the business in the mid-1960s.

During that period he had time to take up golf and later set a course record at a Markham club.

He took up karate at 48 and at 73 he represented Canada as the senior racquetball champion.

Although Air Canada tried to lure him back, he decided to stay on the

ground and joined the Mutual Life Insurance Company and went on to work for several insurance firms and sectors of the industry including estate planning.

He retired in 2003.

After graduating from Ryerson, he put his knowledge to work by establishing a web site dedicated to military pilots.

The site lists profiles and pictures of more than 200 of Canada's past military aircrew and he was constantly adding to the number.

Bert Coles led a full and interesting life and will be missed by all who knew

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Brickbat for Dick

In a recent edition of The Auroran, Dick Illingworth gave a "brickbat" to Aurora Council for failing to live up to its own policies regarding speed humps on residential streets.

He pointed out that in September, 2003, the fire chief warned council members that the installation of speed humps could delay a response by emergency vehicles.

This resulted in council agreeing that for all future proposals for speed humps, comments were to be received from the emergency services and Illingworth said the comments were not included in the final report for Golf Links Drive and Heathwood Heights Drive and he asked why.

The issue was raised last week.

Councillor John West, a member of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board, replied that the "brickbat" was in error as the comments had been included to a report to council six months ago.

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Poor Richard

Longer hours of daylight start in 2007

Daylight Saving Time is changing, As politicians make up their mind; They could have done the same before, But politically, it was then a bind! -Poor Richard's Scrapbook

In 2007 Ontarians will spring forward earlier and fall back later when daylight saving time (DST) is extended in order to remain in sync with the United States.

DST will then start on the second Sunday in March and end on the first Sunday in November.

Currently DST starts on the first Sunday in April and ends on the last Sunday in October, so the change will mean starting three weeks earlier and ending one week

Ontario is the first province to follow the American example and it is expected that other provinces will follow suit as time falls under provincial jurisdiction.

Saskatchewan is the only province that does not change its clocks. In addition to keeping on the same time as the

United States the change was recommended for energy savings and safety advantages. The Canadian Safety Council supports the move claiming that the extra hour of daylight in the early

evening could reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities. Transport Canada research shows that there are more pedestrian injuries and fatalities in the latter part of the afternoon, especially in the fall and winter as the days get shorter.

Although time was a provincial jurisdiction, back in June 1974, the federal Privy Council Office advised all provinces that the National Research Council (NRC) had developed several new proposals regarding Daylight Saving Time.

As the U.S. was carrying out similar studies, it was suggested that a federal/provincial technical committee be established under the direction of Dr. C.C. Costain of the Time and Frequency Division of the NRC.

As the Director of the Provincial Municipal Affairs Secretariat at the time, I was delegated to represent Ontario on the technical committee and visited Ottawa on several occasions to attend meetings.

Costain pointed out there were obvious advantages of all types of communication and transportation issues in maintaining uniformity in the observance of DST across Canada and with the U.S.

He also noted that the time of sunrise on March 3rd was nearly identical with sunrise on November 3rd and DST should start on the first weekend in March and terminate on the first weekend in November.

His proposal would add more than a billion manhours of useful daylight in Canada, would benefit motorists on the drive home and possibly lead to a decline in traffic accidents and prevention of crime, plus saving the average homeowner one or two dollars a month on hydro bills.

The representatives of most of the provinces supported the principle of uniformity but preferred the status quo of a six-month period of DST instead of the proposed eight-months.

Based on the many perceived advantages of the extended period, I recommended that Ontario make the change to the longer period.

The government commissioned a poll to determine public opinion on the proposed change.

More than 66 per cent opposed the proposed change especially in the rural areas and in Northern Ontario as students would have to catch their school buses in the morning dark.

Farmers also opposed the change claiming they operated on "Cow Time" and as a result no action was taken at that time.

But in government what goes around, comes around. You can thank William Willett, an English builder, for inventing DST.

It was his belief that civilization wasted daylight in the early morning during the summer months and only enjoyed a sort evening.

In 1907 he published "A Waste of Daylight", a pamphlet decrying the waste of daylight hours as valuable

Now Ontarians spring forward and fall back but in 2007 they will do it earlier and later.



enter our latest contest which is very simple. What's the event and where is it? We'll spring for a nonalcoholic dinner for two at the Graystones for the first correct answer received after noon, Friday, Nov. 4. That's former reporter Bob Cooke with the sideburns, and the waiter above him is Bill van Oorschot, today's chairperson of the Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA).

Letters to the Editor

Reader debates value of Aurora ward system

To the editor.

In Mr. Pullano's letter (Auroran, Oct. 18) promoting a ward system he states in his opening sentence that there is now no individual councillor accountable to Aurorans.

In actual fact there are eight councillors who are, or should be, accountable to each Auroran.

In a ward system each councillor would only represent an eighth or a quarter of the population of the town, depending on how many wards there are.

Your individual councillor may or may not choose to be accountable to you.

If he or she is not I suspect that you would have little chance of success with another councillor in a different ward who does not depend on your vote for his or her seat.

In other words you have far more potential for representation or accountability from eight councillors than you would from one.

Accountability has nothing to do with a ward/non-ward system.

It has to do with the individual councillor.

I currently have a problem with one of this council's decisions.

I approached all eight councillors with my concerns and for several months I was ignored by five of my representatives.

Three chose to be accountable, five chose not to

Mr. Pullano questions whether local problems in north Aurora are the same as in the east, west and south.

I would have to say in a Town the size and population of Aurora they are.

In some communities, such as Richmond Hill, that stretches from Bloomington Road to Highway 7, with geographic, demographic and distinct cultural differences a ward system is possibly bene-

Aurora is about one third to one quarter the size of our southern neighbour and is a tighter-knit community.

I believe a ward system would only serve to divide our Town with each ward primarily concerned with their own small corner and less concern

for the town as a whole.

Mr. Pullano states that 99.9 percent of the country has a ward system.

I would certainly challenge this figure and would suggest it is much less. However, regardless of the figure, Aurora has and continues to evolve into the beautiful, promising and strong community it is without the divisive effects of a ward system.

He further states we have the most dysfunctional and utterly ineffective council in history.

If this is the case then we. all the citizens of Aurora, have an opportunity to remove the entire council from power at

Reader seeks a small ramp

To the editor,

Since early June, 2005, I have been in touch with Councillor Evelyn Buck for whom I wish to thank for listening to and addressing my concern with the town

At issue is the current risk of residents of primarily 14924 Yonge Street, (Highland Green) who depend on walkers or heavy shopping buggies.

They must use the busy roadway of Golf Links Drive, rather than the sidewalks.

This has been compounded by the extra lane of traffic to support the busy Tim Horton's location.

My request was to have a small ramp built with the sidewalks to allow crossing at the bottom of our driveway, rather than walk on the road.

To date any efforts to gain any meaningful response by the town council have been futile.

I trust that this letter will help spur the appropriate actions.

Please support the needs of my fellow residents and taxpayers.

M. Tadman **Aurora**

In a ward system this would not be an option.

Graham Wride

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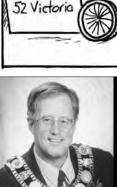
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Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

Aurora wins youth award

On September 28th, I was asked by our Youth Program Director to attend a ceremony in Burlington sponsored by the Ontario Partnership for Active Youth to receive an award as one of nine Ontario municipalities being recognized for their youth services.

I found this experience to be particularly gratifying given the concerns expressed by specific individuals on the level of Aurora's youth services.

The 'Play Works' Partnership is a group of organizations concerned about the future of our youth and who have joined forces to bring back the power of play to Ontario's vouna people.

Play is defined as any non-school activity that has elements of choice, leads to satisfaction, and encourages progressive learning and enjoyment.

Activities can include, but are not limited to, recreation, sport, leisure, arts, drama, dance, civic engagement, youth activism, volunteerism, social clubs and youth leadership.

A youth friendly community is one that actively supports and provides opportunities for the growth and development of youth (13-19) through play.

Criteria was established among the partners in this program which included:

- * community support for public youth events;
- * options for youth for play in their community;
- * youth able to feel comfortable in their own community;
- * community ability to celebrate and recognize youth;
- * community support for positive youth development;
- * facilities dedicated to youth play;

Province unable

to ensure safety

MPP

Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

Tory,

(Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-

Grey), stated that there is a

need to find out the full story

behind the Legionnaires'

outbreak through a public

inquiry and "do everything

possible to prevent this from

According to an article in

the Toronto Star on August

1, 2000, 'Legionnaires' dis-

happening again".

* adults to champion the need for youth play;

- * school support for a youth friendly approach;
- * community commitment to fund youth play;
- * nurturing youth activism and advocacy for play;
- * access for youth to play programs;
- * community having effective community partnerships;
- * community support for youth volunteerism and leadership development;

being easy for youth to find information about play activities in the community.

A community where youth have the space, support and freedom to play tends to be one with less crime and more post secondary graduates.

Fewer people use social services and more people use bike paths.

A community where opportunities for recreation, culture and civic responsibility bloom is one that is healthy, compet-

It was stated in their description that "without play, youth are in danger of 'being cancelled until further notice'. Being active and engaged in the community is a vital part of the development of youth. It is crucial for their social, physical, intellectual and emotional development."

I was pleased to be joined at these ceremonies by our Youth and Community Development Co-ordinator Chris Catania and our Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator Kristen Yemm along with Michael and Trevor, two representatives from our Youth Advisory committee.

It was a proud moment when Trevor took the podium, the first of nine youth community representatives to speak on how Aurora has addressed our youth activities challenge.

Other recipients of this award included the Cities of Burlington, Peterborough, Pickering, the municipalities of Chatham-Kent, Port Hope and South Huron, as well as the Towns of Ajax and Markham.

My congratulations to the work and dedication of our staff and of the Youth Advisory Committee. Now our challenge is to build on this success!

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



Aging gracefully

Friday, my husband turned 50.

I know, I know...he doesn't look a day over 49, but it's true: he has crossed over to "the other side" of his theoretically allotted century. Officially, legally, and without

It's got me thinking...red lights flashing, sirens blaring -

Caution: Birthdays in fifties are closer than they appear!!! Soon, I won't need to drag my mother out to get the "seniors' discount" to which she has incurably addicted me.

If the sad truth be known, soon I won't have to drag body out...hmm...let's not go there...

Oh, if only I didn't have to go there!

But age is more than a collection of gray hair, a concentration of wrinkles, and a new prescription for bifocals...isn't

I must confess, every once in a while, I toy with the idea of turning back the clock.

I stand in front of the mirror - when nobody is around, of course - and pull my forehead up.

Being gifted with long fingers and a manual dexterity inspired by desperation, I "correct" every little sag and bag I can stretch.

At the end of it all, I look so ridiculously ridiculous, I know I'll never do it. It's ridiculous, right?

It's nice to dream about aging gracefully.

If only it didn't come with the nightmare of a surgeon's

And maybe it doesn't.

I don't know who or what it was, but someone or something convinced us that "aging gracefully" means "aging

But how many times have you looked into the aging faces

of your parents or grandparents or great-grandparents, or an Aurora senior you've met for the very first time...and seen what aging gracefully really means?

Just let the ancients speak their wisdom and your whole concept of aging gracefully might get turned on its hearingaid implanted ear.

Been there, done that, learned a helluva lot!

Aging gracefully means defying - not gravity, but atrophy. Gravity might keep us down, but I think atrophy grinds us into the ground long before the seal on our last will and testament is cracked.

Atrophy dictates we do the same thing we have always done, even though it either stopped working a long time ago, or never worked in the first place.

Maybe atrophy is the enemy, not age.

So maybe aging can't be fought with a box of Miss Clairol or a jar of Estee Lauder.

My father has a friend, Charlie. Charlie always says: "At my age, it's a risk to buy green bananas." He's been saying that for 15 years now.

Charlie's wife says she needs a boot lacer to pull up her panty hose. Charlie says: "Honey, those aren't your panty hose!

I'm thinking aging gracefully means laughing more easily, more often at more and more things.

In an Aurora restaurant, there's a picture of an old couple sitting on a bench.

I always smile at that picture because it says a thousand words about aging gracefully.

It says age can't take away beauty. It can only enhance it.

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

ease outbreak investigated; Coroner probes 2nd occurrence in six vears: [Ontario Edition],' a number of deaths occurred at Brantwood Lifecare Centre Burlington from Legionnaires' disease.

The province's deputy coroner at that time stated, Part of the role of our office is to review deaths for what we can learn to prevent it from happening again."

Considering that it has happened again, this time resulting in the tragic unnecessary premature deaths of 21 residents at the Seven Oaks Home For the Aged in Scarborough, it is difficult for families who have loved ones in nursing homes to believe that there won't be other lethal environmental outbreaks in other long-term care facilities.

Families already aware about the abuse and neglect of residents in long-term care facilities, now have issues about the air and water quality in these institutions to be concerned about.

Clearly, the province is not able to ensure the safety of residents in provincially legislated nursing homes.

> **Ellen Watson** Aurora

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Legionnaire Don Dempsey, an active member of the Aurora Legion and past Branch Service Officer for many years helping Veterans and their families, on being awarded The

Meritorious Service Medal, the legion's highest honour.

BRICKBATS to members of Aurora Council who miss the general committee meeting, which is not televised, but attend the council meeting, which is televised, to rehash decisions made at the general committee meeting. Watch for it and remember at election time.

BOUQUETS to Giovanpietro Cellitti, owner of Kalampierre's Beauty Salon in Aurora, on being honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Hair Arts and Science, which he received recently. .

home delivery system, as leaving the paper at BRICKBATS to to the Toronto Star for their atrocious the end of the driveway or on the lawn is not home delivery and calls to the Star's circulation department

BOUQUETS to Margaret Moore for her letter to The Auroran regarding motorists visiting the Medical Centre at the corner and park and block driveways on Kennedy Street East. Members of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board take note, as the problem is Kennedy not Gurnett!

BRICKBATS to the arrogant federal Liberal government and Prime Minister Paul Martin for doing everything possible to hide government business from Canadians. Federal officials signed a \$132,000 contract with a consultant that specifies the firm must not leave a paper trail. After all their scandals, you'd think they'd

BOUQUETS to Rod Leonard, a former physical education teacher at Aurora High School, who was primarily responsible for initiating the Terry Fox Run in Aurora in 1980, one year before the national run was started. Rod recently participated in his 25th Terry Fox

BRICKBATS to CTV Newsnet for their TV coverage of news events from Parliament Hill in Ottawa when the speaker uses the French language and the off-screen English interpreter speaks over the French speaker so that all listeners get is a babble that can't be understood in either language. There must be a better way!

BOUQUETS to 10-year-old Nicolle Weaver on raising \$460 for the Canadian Cancer Society and donating 10 inches of her hair to make wigs for children suffering from cancer.

BRICKBATS to the Ontario Liberal government for failing to live up to their promise to remove the clawback they take from Ontario Works payments for federal child tax credit, which was designed for low income families. Just another broken promise!

BOUQUETS to the little Town of Thornbury, near Collingwood, for using processed old tires to mix with asphalt used to pave a section of a roadway within the town. A large sign proclaims that 1,500 tires had been used to pave a section of the roadway. PS to Aurora and York Region, it's worth investigating!

BRICKBATS to Canada's justice and parole system which allows hard core criminals, including a murderer and sex offenders, to obtain travel permits so they could spend a day at Canada's Wonderland, What about the victims?

BOUQUETS to the Governor General, Prime Minister Paul Martin, Stephen Harper and Jack Layton for their excellent performance at the annual Press Dinner in Ottawa.



Santa parade marshal is removed from duty

To the editor,

You may be aware that I have been the head marshal for the Santa Claus Parade now for the past seven or eight years.

It is a job I have enjoyed doing, even in the years when it was cold and wet.

I also have been a member of the Aurora Optimist Club for all those years. I started a new business

about two years ago and I have struggled and only now am starting to see some Well, due to the lack of

money I was unable or could not afford to pay my membership dues for

Optimist Club so they kicked me out.

I am a past president of the club and was involved in a lot of other activities within the club but they kicked me out anyway.

I was okay with that and knew it may be coming so I talked to town employee Julie Geering, in charge of Aurora's special events, at the time and told her I may be leaving the club and she talked to her boss and came back to me and said they would still like me to be the marshal of the parade because I knew how everything worked.

Suddenly, Julie no longer worked for the Town of

When I first started with the parade it was a disorganized event.

I made a lot of changes over the years to make the parade run more smoothly.

I tried to make it look its best by putting the right floats together and made it a safe running event.

This year I am told I cannot be the marshal of the because Optimist Club does it and I am no longer a member so people who have never had anything to do with the setup or running of this parade are now in charge.

I was born and raised in Aurora and have always

done a lot volunteering with the Optimist Club, Aurora Minor Hockey Association and others.

Working all those years on the Santa Claus Parade in the cold, the rain and the snow has always been rewarding when I would ride down the street behind Santa and see all those happy kids.

That made it all worthwhile.

But now the town turns its back on me and says everything I have done over the years was for naught and the town just doesn't care!

Tom McGhee Aurora

need Jackie", reader says

o the editor,

Readers of The Auroran will all know by now that "Stuart Resigns" (Auroran, Oct. 18).

This is indeed important community news broken by this paper, with its demonstrated ability to write head-

lines that catch the eye. But behind the headline, as usual, there is a wonderful

story, a story of immense love and concern for community and its public good, as well as of human understanding and professional commitment - typical of Jacqueline Stuart - a level of In my many years of work in

the call of duty.

commitment well beyond

the private, public, as well as the volunteer sectors, I have never encountered anyone with such steadfast commitment to professional conduct, to a body of professional practice and to an

My 20 years of work with Jackie have earned her my undying respect.

And now the Society moves confidently into the future with the establishment of its Aurora Heritage Centre, launching it from a platform of public trust and respect that Jackie has been largely responsible for building for

I look forward to her continued professional involvement in the work of the Society and the new Centre, this time on a parttime basis, possibly providing much needed professional support services through a home-based business - whatever works for her in her personal plans for the future.

I need Jackie, the Society needs Jackie, and she, in turn, needs the Society as part of her future.

Leslie Oliver Aurora

ED. NOTE: Mr. Oliver is a long time member of the **Aurora Historical Society Board of Directors.**

Chamber award belongs to customers, employees

To the editor,

Re: Auroran article Oct. 25 "Businesses Honoured Sixth at Chamber Gala"

Just a note to say

We are honoured to be in business in Aurora.

Last week The Hurst Bakery received an award from the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for Small Business of the Year (under 20 employees).

We are also honoured to have tied in this catagory with The One & Only Clothing Accessories Company.

Congratulations to all the winners.

We would just like to thanks to the Chamber, the judging committee, and to

everyone involved, in putting together this great event.

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tunate to have been in business in Aurora for 19 years.

The babies who were brought into our store with their parents are now old enough to work for us! Some of them do.

We have employed hundreds of students over the years. Youth is a wonderful thing. Their energy is conta-

We've been very fortunate to have loyal full time and part time staff.

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How come volunteer work mandatory: reader

To the editor,

High school students know that to graduate you need to complete 40 hours of volunteer work.

I find it strange that we have to do MANDATORY volunteer work.

One thing I don't under-

stand is why there are so many rules around it. For instance, not being able to do work that someone would normally get paid for.

Why would it hurt the owner of the student?

Yet we are able to

Yet we are able to baby-sit for free.

It's kind of a contradiction in itself. It is also odd that we are allowed to assist in sports teams, but we aren't allowed to volunteer for activities in personal recreation.

Some things are in both the "yes" and "no" categories.

I find it interesting that it is called "volunteer" work.

At Cardinal Carter, 10 hours are advised to be done every year.

Mind you, you can do all 40 at once, but it's not looked upon as a good choice The odd thing is that if you pass everything in school, but you didn't finish your service hours, you cannot graduate!

Volunteer work shouldn't be a "by the book, mandatory" activity.

It makes you think,

should we be doing this because it's mandatory or should we be doing it because we want to, and it helps the community?

Shelbi Dippold Cardinal Carter High School student

Veteran thanks Belinda for theatre memories

An Open Letter to Belinda Stronach, MP

A note of thanks to you for personally making it possible for veterans to attend the recent matinee at the Newmarket Theatre and enjoy the performance pre-

sented by The Upper Canada Chordsmen show chorus.

In addition to the chorus, we were well entertained by Marisa Flores; the U.C.C. Andrews Sisters; Backroads; Toronto Saxophone Quartet; AM Dance Force; and Bill

O'Hara who got us all singing by belting out some wartime golden oldies on the piano.

Henry Shannon did a most realistic job of broadcasting the event from a military canteen somewhere in wartime England. Thanks are extended, too, to piper Scott Russell and bugler Constable Randy Leamen of the RCMP.

Not to be overlooked are the local cadets who formed the colour party.

What a great feeling to be able to sit back and sing along with songs that actually have a melody and words that one can understand and are not ashamed to voice (unlike today's so-called music).

Thanks again, Ms Stronach, for helping us to take a "sentimental journey" and renew old memories.

Norm Green Schomberg Ex RCAF

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Reader blames HBC for aboriginals' condition

To the editor,

In a recent newspaper, an article only shows one side of the story of the Hudson Bay Company. The company may well have "laid the foundation for transport and settlement" in Canada with the development of the fur trade.

The company grew from a few canoes, blankets and outposts to be worth about \$4 billion today.

The company had the

A request for mayor

To the editor,

I would like Mayor Tim Jones to use his column to explain how we are taxed.

If our MPAC assessment has gone up 12 per cent in two years, do our taxes go up 12 per cent and when council increases taxes by four or five per cent every year is this on top of the 12 per cent assessment increase?

Are we being double DUPED?

Randy Brown Aurora

Bad game helped me decide

To the editor,

I watched the Toronto-Ottawa game Saturday night on television.

Just think, I was considering buying a package that would let me watch more games!

Bill Hack Aurora absolute authority "to establish laws, erect forts and enter into agreements with the aboriginal peoples", but the HBC used their monopoly control to exploit the First Nation's people.

The HBC set the prices and quotas for the furs and then sold back basic food and living supplies to the First Nation people at extremely high prices for a significant large profit.

The recent airlift of the Kashechewan people from their reserve in northern Ontario is an example of the other side of the coin, or story for the HBC.

The aboriginal people face the harsh reality of unemployment, poor living conditions and poor health due to the HBC shaping their lives for more than the past 330 years.

It is time for the federal and the provincial politicians to stop bickering whose fault it is for the contaminated water on the reserve.

The government and the HBC need to take responsibility to take action to improve the living conditions of the aboriginal people now.

Jim Jackson Aurora







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resolution finds little support

Canadian Municipalities is a national organization representing municipal government at the federal level.

Other than its annual national conference, it distributes discussion papers and proposals dealing with various aspects of local government.

Recently it circulated a sample model resolution designed to increase women's participation in municipal government, but it found little favour in

It pointed out that currently the representation of women in local government is 21.7 per cent and 21.1 per cent for Members of Parliament placing Canada 37th out of 181 countries for the number of women in national politics. The resolution claimed it represented a democratic deficit with half the population underrepresented in political institutions and that Canada and commu-

nities were losing the

insights and expertise of

half their citizens.

The FCM requested council to strive to address the barriers that impede women's participation in government and support the organization's national campaign to increase women's participation in municipal government.

The FCM also suggested municipalities hold workincrease women's participation.

The FCM was brought to Councillor council by Phyllis Morris who sought council's endorsement for

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the model resolution, with or without the suggested workshop.

When asked what was meant by removing barriers, Councillor Morris pointed out that family and children often kept women from running for office and they didn't have the same connections and ability to raise funds as men.

Councillor Ron Wallace moved that the FCM resolution be received and no action taken.

Councillor Evelyn Buck supported his

claiming there were no barriers for women if they wanted to run for office named several and women municipal politicians who had been very successful in municipal politics.

In spite of a request from Councillor Morris to endorse the FCM resolution it was defeated on a 5-3 vote with Mayor Tim Jones and Councillors Morris and Wendy Gaertner opposing the motion to receive.



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Please come into the Branch as soon as possible and reg-

Remembrance ceremonies take place Saturday, Nov. 5, with the Veterans Dinner. Tickets are at the bar.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, a parade starts at Canada Law Book at 10.30 a.m. with ceremonies at the Cenotaph. Participants are welcome to return to the Branch afterwards.

Friday, Nov. 11, a Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at the Cenotaph at 10.45 a.m. where we hope to see local schools represented.

Members, particularly affiliates, if you have changed your address in the last few years would you please inform us at 905-727-9932.

Incidentally, any U.K. veterans who have not received their Veterans Pin, should contact me at 905-727-2244 with your branch of service, Service Number and address, and I will apply for your pin.

BY CLIFF DAVIES

Bowlers note registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 7, for Zone Bowling Nov. 20.





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Team members from Aurora and Tillburg, The Netherlands, joined forces for this photo following their exhibition game played at Aurora's newest ice surface last week. The locals easily won the game, breaking it open in the second period.

Bantams give visitors Canadian hockey lesson

Friday, the Aurora Bantam "A" hockey team had the opportunity to play against a visiting team from the Netherlands and show the group some Canadian hospitality.

The Tillburg Trappers had saved for three years to come to Canada to enjoy the Canadian hockey experience.

They enjoyed it the hard way.

Following a fast paced, end to end first period, both teams were still scoreless.

However, Aurora broke

Fundraiser planned

An HIV/AIDS fundraiser for the people of South Africa will be held at the Aurora Soccer Club this Saturday night, Nov. 5, beginning at 8 p.m.

Acoustic music will be provided by Glenn Marais and organizers have arranged for special guests as well.

Attendees will enjoy traditional South African food and be able to participate in raffles and a silent auction.

The soccer club is locat-

ed at 510 Industrial Parkway South. Tickets are \$10 at the away in the second frame and dominated the rest of the game

When the final buzzer sounded, Aurora held a comfortable 7-2 lead.

A contingent of parents and spectators also got a first hand look at Aurora's newest ice surface, recently opened in the recreation complex on Wellington Street East.

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Canadian National Railways workers finished installing gates at the Engelhard Drive level crossing last week. The crossing was the scene of a GO Train auto collision last year where two people were killed. Auroran photo by Naomi Tobin

Author outlines life in Taliban Afganistan

Deborah Ellis, author of a groundbreaking trilogy about girls' lives in Afghanistan, visited Lester B. Pearson Public School last week.

novels. The Breadwinner, Parvana's Journey and Mud City, have sparked discussion and change around the world and her message was not lost on the Grade 7 and 8 students who attended her presentation.

girl to stand, and then explained how each would be arrested for attending school during Taliban's reign in Afghanistan during the

Boys and women were not exempt.

They also stood and learned their fate if they were unlucky enough to live during this very recent chapter of Afghan history.

The students laughed when they learned their teachers and librarian would have to have had permission from husbands or fathers to be at their jobs that day.

Later, Ms Ellis read a heart-wrenching excerpt from The Breadwinner about a girl who dressed as boy in order to do any menial work to raise money for her family.

The young audience

Ms Ellis has donated the royalties from the books to promote programs for girls and women in the war-torn country.

They have won countless awards and have been the subject of fundraising efforts and international media attention.

The Breadwinner is being considered as a film by the ABC television net-

Tigers add two more victories

The Aurora Tigers Provincial Junior A hockev team continued its torrid pace last week, adding two more victories to its impressive list.

Sunday night, the trio of Jeric Agosta, Josh McNair and Cale Tanaka accounted for all of the Tigers points, eight in total, in a hard fought game that ended in a 3-2 Aurora win over the tough Buzzers at St. Michaels

McNair and Tanaka each had a goal and two assists while Agosta was credited the game winner and an assist.

Jeremie Dupont made 23 saves in net for Aurora.

At home Friday night, Aurora's Cale Tanaka did it all with a natural hat trick that led the Tigers to a 3-1 win over the Collingwood

Ryan Dickie was solid in the Aurora goal, stopping 32 shots.

Also making a big contribution to the win was Agosta with three

Aurora has a busy weekend ahead with three games on tap.

The first, a home against Buzzers is the second game of a home and away series.

Face-off time is 7.30 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre.

On Sunday the team travels to Orillia for a matinee game against the Terrriers and on Monday they face the Vipers in Vaughan.

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unofficial swan keeper, Harry Lumsden, had a frightexperience

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Despite shooing the intruders away immediately, one of the swans succumbed to the stress and exhaustion and Harry found it dead the next morning.

It was one of Harry's long-time feathered residents, which added to the loss.

Harry called Animal Control right away.

"They were no help at all," he said. "After listening to recording after recording, I finally talked to a woman who said I'd have to wait until Tuesday for someone to come out."

The dogs, of course,

were long gone by then. Nearby resident Lowell McClenny heads up the area's Neighbour Watch program.

With his assistance, the lookout for the offending canines.

"There were a couple of sightings, but no one has seen them lately.

We're hoping that the reason is that the owners have kept them locked up," he said. "Perhaps this can serve as a reminder to people soon everyone was on to be responsible with their dogs."

> The dogs described as a light lab wearing a collar and a dark mongrel.



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Oct. 16, 2005 House League

Tim Horton's Blues 7 Tyke HL 2 - James Wyndham-West 1A, Matthew Liscio 2A, Joshua Mills 1A, Patrick Servideo 2G.

Tyke HL 7 106 Tim Horton's Red Wings 2

104 Tim Horton's Sharks 9 Tyke HL 2

Tyke HL 9 102 Tim Horton's Rangers 2 - Bryan Manweiler 2A, Adam Wilson 1A, Connor Braund 3A, Jared Brown 1G Mitchell, Anthony Orlandi 4G 1A, Brendin Ramsay 4G 2A, Louie Kirkos 1A.

Tyke HL 10 105 Tim Horton's Flyers 1 - Charles Bennett 1A, Shaun Broad 1A, Mathew Ciancio 1A, Alistair Johnston 3G, Nicholas Sansalone 1G 3A, Cole Thiessen 6G 1A.

107 Tim Horton's Bruins 10 Tyke HL 1

Tyke HL 8 101 Tim Horton's Leafs 1

103 Tim Horton's Blackhawks 8 Tyke HL 1 - Ryan Coveart 1G.

Novice HL 3 204 North York Heating & Plumbing 0 - Ross Benn 1A, Mark Bonofiglio 1G 1A, Jack Ellison 1A, Connor Kemp 1G 1A, Nolan Smith 1G, Anthony Georgieff 1A.

206 Emilio's Pizza 3 Novice HL 0

Minor Atom HL 2 308 Delph & Jenkins Surveyors 2 - Morgan Walker 1G, Tait Snedden 1G.

Minor Atom HL 2 307 Optimist Club of Aurora 2 - Thomas Finlay 1A, Scott Dunlop 1A, Alexander Jonasson 1A, Michael Liscio 2G.

Minor Atom HI 2 305 All Pro Source For Sports 2

Minor Atom HL 2 306 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 2 - Derek Capone 1A, Adam Deroos 1G, Tyler Hindley 1A, Nelson Hossack 1G.

302 Laurion Law Office 4 Minor Atom HL 3 - Maxwell Brown 2G, Nicholas Steiner 1G.

Minor Atom HL 4 303 Dr. Steiner's Drillers 3 - Kevin Wood 1A, Mac Cawfield 2G, Matt Sanita 2G, Tyler Futterer 1A, James Powell 1A.

501 Chevalier Chrysler 11 Minor Peewee HL 3

Minor Peewee HL 11 502 Supreme Collision Centre 3 - Sam Straw 2G, Anthony Carelton 1G, Matt Noseworthy 2G 2A, Eamon Reilly 1A, John Dinicolantonio 1G, Evan Jones 4A, Matthew Hart 1G 1A, Nick Reinholdt 2G, Jean-Paul Hudon 2G.

Minor Peewee HL 5 504 The Backyard Pool & Spa Company 2

506 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 5 Minor Peewee HL 2 - Brendan Kirasack 2G.

Minor Peewee HL 4 503 Winchurch Environmental Inc. 3 - Micheal David 1G, Jake Langford 2G 1A, Andrew Luck 1A, Nicholas Theodoropolous 1G 1A, Brian Tree 1A.

505 Pizza Pizza 4 Minor Peewee HL 3

Peewee HL 3 601 Orr & Forster Insurance 3

Peewee HL 3 608 Pharmasave 3 - Adrian Bulfon 1G, Michael Wood 1G, Dylan Jolivet 1A, Wesley W 1G.

Minor Bantam HL 3 706 Formtech 3 - Eric DeRoos 1A, Mattheus Vloet 2A, George Marshall 1A, Julian Savosardaro 1G, Dexter Speller-Drews 2G.

Minor Bantam HL 3 704 Aurora Montessori School 3

702 Highland Chevrolet Cadillac 6 Minor Bantam HL 4 - Michael Gray 1A, Daniel Crowther 1G, Scott Parry 1G 1A, Dylan Teacher 1A, David Naccarato 2A, Ryan Bagshaw 1G, Caleb Gould 1G.

Minor Bantam HL 6 701 I.O.O.F. Aurora Lodge 148 F.L.T. 4

Rep Games

Novice AA 7 Oshawa 1 - Jake Appleby 1A, Graydon Gardner 1G, Alex Bernier 2A, Peter Andreakos 1A, Matthew Caicco 1A, Hayden Hassard 1G, Braeden Kublick 1A, Graeme McDonald 3G, Nicholas Papousek 1A, Jesse Wiemer 2G 1A.

Novice A 3 Barrie 1

Novice A 5 Richmond Hill 2

Novice AE 4 Stouffville 2 - Kyle Bryden 1G, Zac Phillips 1A, Jimmy Abels 1A, Conor MacPherson 1G, Garret Wood 1G 1A, Brendan Ruuskanen 1G.

Novice AE 5 Redmen 0

Stoney Creed 6 Minor Atom AA 3 - Kyle Locke 2A, Branden Fennell 2G. Spencer Green 1G.

Minor Atom AA 3 Richmond Hill 2 - Sean Foxwell 1A, Konner McMillan 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1A, Branden Fennell 1A, John MacDonald 3G, Matthew Iwai 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A.

Minor Atom AA 10 Georgetown 0 - Sean Foxwell 2G 1A, Justin Pirie 1A, Liam Coll 2G 1A, Konner McMillan

1G 2A, Jerryd Jensen 1A, Branden Fennell 2G 2A, John MacDonald 2G, Spencer Green 1G, Jack Caldwell 1A. Shutout: Cody Child, Ryan Manson.

Minor Atom A 0 Richmond Hill 0 - Shutout: Matt Heintzman.

Innisfil 6 Minor Atom A 3 - Erik Balkovec 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A, Logan Blaser 1G, Evan Jackson 1G, Scott Kostin 1G 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Alec Ground 1A.

Minor Atom AE 5 Whitby Wildcats 1

Minor Atom AE 6 TNT Tornados 2 - Ben Ashton 1G 2A, Josh Bell 1G 1A, Tyler George 1G, Alex Perez 2A, Graham Robinson 2G, Nathan Nealon 1G 1A.

Georgina 4 Minor Atom AE 3 - Ben Ashton 2G, Tyler George 1A, Graham Robinson 1G.

Minor Atom AE 5 TNT Tornados 1 - Ben Ashton 2A, Josh Bell 1A, Liam Beresford 1G, Tyler George 1G 2A, Ben Goldman 1A, Shannon Murray 1A, Alex Perez 1A, Jordyn Thomson 2G 1A, Nathan Nealon 1G.

Atom AA 3 Uxbridge 3

Atom AA 3 Richmond Hill 1

Atom AA 4 Markham 2

Atom A 4 Oak Ridges 0 - Evan Romano 1A, Quincy Ing 1G, Stefan Lazzer 2G, Bailey Miller 1A, Eric Damecour 1G. Shutout: Taylor Coveart.

Atom A 3 Beeton 2 - Hayden Trask 1G 1A, Graeme Allison 2A, Peter Sandwell 1A, Stefan Lazzer 1G, Bailey Miller 1G.

Atom AE 5 TNT Tornados 1 - Connor Moody 1G 1A,

Jeffery Lam 1A, Matthew Pryse 2A, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Eric Bulloch 3G, Ryan Baskin 1A.
Atom AE 1 Reline Auto Redmen 0 - Vincent Ruscica 1G.

1A, Andrew Papousek 3G, Mitchell Harris 1G 1A, Marco Ghegin 1A, Ethan Benson 1A, Nick Heintzman 1G, Ryan Hughes 2A.

Markham 5 Minor Peewee AA 3 - Reid Sisson 1A.

Minor Peewee AA 5 Peterborough 5 - Tanner Thiessen

Benson 1A, Nick Heintzman 1A, Taylor Butler 1G.

Minor Peewee AE 3 Georgetown Tournament 0 - Jesse
Bentolila 2A, Dylan Hussey 1G 2A, Anthony Selski 1A,

Evan Collict 2G 1A. Shutout: Kevin Langdon.

Andrew Papousek 2G 1A, Mitchell Harris 2A, Ethan

Minor Peewee AE 3 Georgetown Tournament 1 - Lucas Leslie 1A, Jason Lockhart 1G, Anthony Selski 1A, Evan Collict 1A, Kevin Lukezic 1A, Thomas Hagias 1A, Dylan Woyslaw 1G, Brett Wilson 1G.

Minor Peewee AE 6 Georgetown Tournament 3 - Cooper Catt 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1G 2A, Dylan Hussey 2A, Anthony Selski 1G, Evan Collict 2G 2A, Dylan Woyslaw 2G, Ty Brochu 1A.

Minor Peewee AE 2 Redmen 1 - Graham Loney 1A, Jason Lockhart 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Evan Collict 1G, Kevin Lukezic 1G, Thomas Hagias 1A.

TNT Tornados 2 Minor Peewee AE 1 - Jason Lockhart
1A Kevin Lukezic 1G

Vaughan 2 Peewee AA 1 -Tristan Miller 1G.

Peewee AA 5 Pickering 3

Peewee A 4 Gloucester 2 - Kyle McCreedy 2G 1A, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Jamie Hawkins 1G, Gavin Forrest 1A, Chris Smith 1G 1A, Michael Nonnewitz 1A.

Peewee A 5 Whitby 4 - Kyle McCreedy 2G, Jamie Hawkins 1G, Gavin Forrest 3A, Chris Smith 2G 1A.

Brampton 5 Peewee A 2 - Kyle McCreedy 1G, Scott Kimmerer 2A, Michael Nonnewitz 1A, Danny McConnell 1G 1A.

Peewee A 2 NobleKing 2 - Matt Schmitt 1A, Patrick Jones 1G 1A, Gavin Forrest 1G.

Barrie 5 Peewee AE 2 - Spencer George 1G, Brendan Strachan 1G.

Peewee AE 2 Innisfil 0

Minor Bantam AA 5 Uxbridge 2 - Jeffrey Sanderson 1G 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1A, Nathan Brown 2A, Oliver Boettcher 1G, Justin Brown 2A, Derrick Hamner 1A, Shawn Clark 1G, J.J. Lam 1G, Sean Ellison 1A, Taylor Nuttall 1A, Peter Axiotis 1G.

Minor Bantam A 6 Stouffville 5 - Sean Agostino 1A, Tyler Tisdale 1G, Corey Jeffery 1A, Aaron Beally 1G, Jakub Sykora 1G, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Spencer Arkell 1A, Michael McGolrick 1G 1A, Dillon Cappell 2G 1A.

Minor Bantam A 3 Bradford 3 - Tyler Tisdale 2A, Aaron Beally 1G 1A, Darcy Eveleigh 1G, Dillon Cappell 1G 1A.

Barrie 4 Minor Bantam AE 2

TNT Tornados 10 Bantam A 1
Bantam A 3 East Gwillimbury 2

Oakville Rangers 4 Minor Midget AA 3

Orillia 4 Minor Midget A 2 - Robert Lee 2A, Ian Weston 1A, Jeremy Cohen 2G, Ross Pizzurro 1A.

Minor Midget A 2 Markham 2 - Robert Lee 1A, Jesse

Coote 1A, Jeremy Cohen 1G, Greg Gianopoulos 1G, Darcy (Bucky) Pelosse 1A, Joshua (Josh) Meron 1A.

Minor Midget AE 3 Parallel Printing Redmen 3

Redmen 6 Midget AA 3

NobleKing 7 Juvenile AA 3 - Matthew Cleverdon 1A, Nicholas Elliot 1A, Ryan Galante 1G, Michael Jack 1A, Adam Wood 2G, Ryan Fabbricino 1A.

Oct. 23, 2005 House League

107 Tim Horton's Bruins 11 Tyke HL 8 - Christian Pearce 1G, Nicolas Pearce 1G 2A, Jack Bishenden 1G 1A, Wyatt Dane 1A, Matthew Liscio 1A, Robert Pickard 3A, Robert Thomas 4G 1A, Patrick Servideo 1G 2A, Connor Reilly 2A, Justin Nisbet 3A.

Tyke HL 11 106 Tim Horton's Red Wings 8 - Christian Arcuri 1A, Shaun Broad 3A, Alex Carter 3A, Evan Cherubini 1A, Mathew Ciancio 3A, Alistair Johnston 1A, Austin Kiraly 2A, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Connor Mulvenna 3A, Nicholas Sansalone 3G, Cole Thiessen 8G 1A.

Tyke HL 7 105 Tim Horton's Flyers 3

Tyke HL 3 108 Tim Horton's Blues 7 - Kaitlyn Carney 1A, Michael Dacostas 2G, Jake Schachter 1G.

103 Tim Horton's Blackhawks 8 Tyke HL 0

Tyke HL 8 102 Tim Horton's Rangers 0 - Giles Miller 2A, Micheal Dowling 1G 2A, Taylor Kauffeldt 2G 1A, Colin McGoldrick 1A, Jeffrey McKay 1A, Matthew Barnett 1G, Eric Shennan 1G 2A, Devlin Kauffeldt 1G 1A, Brett Diamond 2A, Daniel Mettel 1A, Jacob Hatton 2G.

Tyke HL 6 101 Tim Horton's Leafs 2 - Bryan Manweiler 1G 2A, Adam Wilson 1G 1A, Jared Brown 2G 2A, Anthony Orlandi 1G 2A, Riley Walsh 1A, Tyler Wilson 1G, Ryan Simmons 2A.

104 Tim Horton's Sharks 6 Tyke HL 2 - Ryan Coveart 1A, Matthew McDonald 2A, Cameron Morrison 1G, Jordi Severini 1A, Matthew Tanel 1G.

202 Mastermind Toys.Com 4 Novice HL 3 - Denzel Speller-Drews 2G, Nick Armour 1G 1A, Peter McKerracher 1A, Dylan Pyziak 2A.

Novice HL 4 204 North York Heating & Plumbing 3 - Liam Joiner 2G, Ryan Batten 1A, Ryan Ouwroules 2G.

201 ADC Aluminum 7 Minor Atom HL 3 - Joel Gouveia 1G, Jonah Blaser 1A, Daniel Wochenmarkt 1A, Amanda Boonstra 1A, Victor Chadarov 1G, Kristen Grasse 1G.

Minor Atom HL 7 305 All Pro Source For Sports 3 $\,$

Minor Atom HL 6 304 Chouinard Bros. Roofing & Windows 4 - Thomas Finlay 1A, Wilson Black 1G, Scott Dunlop 1G 1A, Joe Ekstrom 1A, Alexander Jonasson 2A, Michael Liscio 1G, Scott Taylor 3G, Owen Woodcock 1A, David Gonder 1A, Jamie Wilson 1A.

306 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 6 Minor Atom HL 4

302 Laurion Law Office 8 Minor Atom HL 3 - Tyler Hindley 1G, Mitchell Arnold 2G.

Minor Atom HL 8 307 Optimist Club of Aurora 3 - Gabriel Oulahen 1G, Christopher Bridgeman 3A, Jason Glionna 3G 1A, Matt Sanita 1G 3A, Tyler Futterer 1G 2A, Chris Downs 1A, Chris Sanita 2G, James Powell 1A

Minor Peewee HL 8 504 The Backyard Pool & Spa Company 0 - Arun Partridge 2G 4A, John Lee 1G 1A, Kasey Piper 1G, Andrew Seguin 1G, Wade McFarlane 3G.

502 Supreme Collision Centre Minor Peewee HL $\scriptstyle 0$

Minor Peewee HL 3 503 Winchurch Environmental Inc. 3 - Sam Straw 1A, Matt Noseworthy 1A, Eamon Reilly 1G, John Dinicolantonio 1A, Nick Reinholdt 1A, Drew Marshall 1G, Jean-Paul Hudon 1G.

Minor Peewee HL 3 501 Chevalier Chrysler 3

Minor Peewee HL 7 505 Pizza Pizza 2

506 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 7 Minor Peewee HL 2

Peewee HL 3 601 Orr & Forster Insurance 1

Manhattan Trophies 3 Peewee HL 1

792 Highland Chevrolet Cadillac 4 Minor Bantam HL 2 - Scott Cunningham 1A, Mattheus Vloet 2G, Julian Savosardaro 1A.

Minor Bantam HL 4 706 Formtech 2

705 Aurora Canadian Tire 4 Minor Bantam HL 2 - Robert Fiorini 1G, Brandon Hurst 1G, Mike Machin 2A.

Minor Bantam HL 4 704 Aurora Montessori School 2

Rep Games

Novice AA 7 Peterborough 0 - Jake Appleby 2A, Alex Bernier 1A, Matthew Caicco 1G, Braeden Kublick 1A, Graeme McDonald 1G 1A, Nicholas Papousek 2A, Austin Riswick 2G, Jesse Wiemer 3G 1A. Shutout: Taylor Lemmon.



Novice AA 10 Barrie 1 - Jake Appleby 2A, Nicholas Baxter 2G 1A, Alex Bernier 1A, Peter Andreakos 2A, Matthew Caicco 2G 1A, Hayden Hassard 2A, Theodora Issaris 1G, Braeden Kublick 1A, Graeme McDonald 2G 2A, Tara Morning 1A, Nicholas Papousek 1G 1A, Ian Reid 1A, Austin Riswick 2A, Jesse Wiemer 2G 2A.

Novice A 3 Beeton 3

Novice A 6 Oak Ridges 1

Novice AE 6 Innisfil 3

Novice AE 8 Redmen 1

Markham 12 Novice AE 7

Minor Atom AA 6 Peterborough 2 - Sean Foxwell 1G, Justin Pirie 1A, Liam Coll 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1G 1A, Branden Fennell 2G 2A, John MacDonald 1A, Matthew Iwai 1A, Spencer Green 1A, Jack Caldwell 2G 1A.

Minor Atom AA 3 Markham 0 - Justin Pirie 1A, Liam

Coll 1G 1A, Branden Fennell 1A, Spencer Green 1G, Quentin Campbell 1G 1A. Shutout: Cody Child, Ryan Manson.

Minor Atom A 2 Orillia 2 - Paul Neophytou 2A, Austin Persaud 1A, Connor Cowl 1G, Brett Thiessen 1G 1A.

Minor Atom A 4 Orillia 2 - Erik Balkovec 1A, Paul Neophytou 1G, Austin Persaud 1G, Evan Jackson 2G, Scott Kostin 1A, Brett Thiessen 2A.

Minor Atom A 7 Barrie 2 - Erik Balkovec 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A, Parker Baile 3G, Austin Persaud 1G 3A, Evan Jackson 1G, Ian Dunlop 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Brett Thiessen 1G 3A.

Atom AA 2 Georgina 2

Ing 1G, Ben Hankins 1G, Peter Sandwell 1A, Stefan Lazzer 1G 1A, Kiefer McIntosh 1A, Daniel Jones 1A, Daniel Antoniel 1A, Bailey Miller 1A. Shutout: Taylor Coveart.

Atom A 4 Richmond Hill 0 - Hayden Trask 1G, Quincy

Atom AE 1 Innisfil 0 - Eric Bulloch 1G. Shutout: Andrew Stobbe.

Atom AE 6 Stouffville 2 - Connor Moody 1A, Jeffery Lam 1A, Eric Archibald 1A, Matthew Pryse 2G, Vincent Ruscica 2A, Eric Bulloch 2G, Ryan Baskin 2G, Zachary Ferry 2A.

Minor Peewee AA 4 Whitby 2

Minor Peewee A 6 Markham 2 - Ryan St. Germain 1G,

Sean Nishimura 1G, Alex Woodward 2G 1A, Christopher Bull 1G, A.J. Killens 3A, Daniel Whitley 1G 1A, Daniel Delbello 1A.

TNT Tornados 7 Minor Peewee A 0

Brett Wilson 1G.

Minor Peewee AE 5 Markham 1 - Mackenzie Wooder 1A, Graham Loney 1A, Jason Lockhart 1A, Anthony Selski 1G 1A, Evan Collict 1G, Dylan Woyslaw 2G 1A,

Minor Peewee AE 3 TNT Tornados 2 - Graham Loney 1A, Jesse Bentolila 1A, Evan Collict 1G 1A, Kevin Lukezic 1G, Thomas Hagias 1A, Dylan Woyslaw 1G.

Barrie 10 Peewee AA 2 - Josh Beaton 1A, Dylan Skelton 1G, Chris Venditelli 1G, James Harkin 1A.

Redmen 5 Peewee A 1 - Chris Smith 1G.

Georgina 4 Peewee AE 3 - Spencer George 1G, Sean Halley 1G, Daniel Howie 2A, Tyler Jensen 1A, Nicholas Silverio 1A, Brendan Strachan 1G 1A.

Jensen 2G 1A, Aaron Nusbaum 1A, Brendan Strachan 2G 1A, Alex Thompson 2A, Michael Di Vincenzo 3A.

Minor Bantam AA 3 Markham 1 - Jeffrey Sanderson 1G,

Peewee AE 6 Georgina 2 - Daniel Howie 2G 1A, Tyler

Oliver Boettcher 1G, Derrick Hamner 1G, Shawn Clark 1A, Louis Lamanna 1A.

Twin Contracting Redmen 4 Minor Bantam A 2 - Evan Jones 1A, Tyler Tisdale 1A, Spencer Arkell 1A, Max

Lerner 1G, Dillon Cappell 1G.

Minor Bantam A 3 NobleKing 1 - Tyler Tisdale 2G 1A,

Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Spencer Arkell 1A, Matthew

Semeredy 2A, Max Lerner 1A, Dillon Cappell 1G.

Minor Bantam AE 0 Richmond Hill 0

Bantam AA 2 Universal Studios Canada Inc. Redmen 2

Bantam A 4 Oak Ridges 2 - Braun Hause 1G, Carter Hassard 1A, David Iwai 1G 1A, Andrew McDonald 1G 1A. Matthew Scrimes 1G. Conor McQueston 1A.

Minor Midget AA 3 Evergreen Lawn Sprinklers Inc. Redmen 2 - Eric King 1A, Ian Middleton 1A, Eric Sarracini 1G, Kyle Scott 1G, Steven Donches 1A, Jeremy Ellison 1A, Ben Sherritt 1A, Nick Yeatman 1A, Taylor Postill 1G.

NobleKing 4 Minor Midget A 1 - Patrick McMurray 1A, Jake Hurlbut 1A, Jeremy Cohen 1G.

Minor Midget A 4 Stouffville 4 - Robert Lee 1A, Travis Hooper 1A, Jake Hurlbut 1A, Jeremy Cohen 1G 1A, Greg Gianopoulos 1G, Darcy (Bucky) Pelosse 1G, Joshua (Josh) Meron 1G, Ross Pizzurro 3A, Cody Bastarache 1A

Parallel Printing Redmen 6 Minor Midget AE 0



Newest in Aurora eating establishments is the Aqua Grill, located on the west side of Yonge Street, just south of Tyler. In a recent ribbon cutting ceremony, left to right, John Szilva, Aurora Mayor Tim Jones, Stephen Ho and Lori King took part.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Attempt to reintroduce skateboard issue fails

At Aurora's last general committee meeting, attended by Councillor Wendy Gaertner, the issue of a skateboard ramp in the back yard of a Windham Trail residence was fully discussed.

There was an extensive report from staff which pointed out that an on-site visit indicated the skate-board ramp met all the requirements of the current zoning bylaw for an accessory structure.

Staff also monitored noise levels at the site and after investigation found no reasonable grounds to charge the owners.

It was pointed out that even if the zoning bylaw was amended, it could not be made retroactive so the ramp would be a legal non-conforming use.

As a result, council received the staff report as information and took no action.

However, when the committee report came to council, Councillor Gaertner raised the noise issue claiming it had been overlooked.

Mayor Tim Jones pointed out the issue had been included in the staff report.

This didn't satisfy Councillor Gaertner who said the noise was a concern and the homeowner should be charged.

On a point of order, Councillor Evelyn Buck said the issue had been fully discussed in committee and the committee report couldn't be amended as it was a record of what had happened.

Councillor Gaertner repeated her request to lay a charge resulting in a response from staff that the decision to lay a charge was up to council, but proof would have to be submitted that the decibel rating was higher than provincial standards.

Councillor Gaertner changed her motion to have staff investigate and bring back a report which was lost on a 4-4 vote.

Council then adopted the committee report as presented.

After two centuries Mozart still captivates

By THOMAS PETER DAVEY

It was a surreal experience to hear symphonies from such master composers as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Schubert, at York Symphony's first Aurora concert of the season last week.

After a stirring and flawless rendition by the full orchestra of the Overture to La Clemenza di Tito, soloist Stephen Cameron then brought out the mellow tones and richness of the French Horn in Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3.

All Mozart's horn concertos were composed for his close friend the talented Ignaz Leitgeb (c Leutgeb).

Their relationship was a jocular one.

On one composition was scribbled: "W. A. Mozart took pity of Leutgeb, ass, ox and fool on May 27 1783."

A later composition was written in different coloured inks apparently to tease his friend Ignaz. Stephen Cameron clearly did not suffer from such escapades in his demanding solo as he stood, sometimes perilously, right at the front edge of the stage without music stand.

Mozart's legendary ability to compose masterpieces in his head to write them down later - virtually without revision - was dramatized in the Oscar winning film, Amadeus.

Later this remarkable ability was questioned.

More recent findings seem to confirm Mozart's astonishing ability to compose masterpieces with few, if any, revisions.

That his compositions continue to move audiences some two centuries later are time capsules of greatness.

Shubert's 'The Great' Symphony is not a vain adjectival claim by the composer, but so named to distinguish it from another of his works, his 'Little' C-major symphony. Sadly the composer never heard it played.

After his death, the score

languished in a trunk filled with his other compositions until a young Robert Schumann called on Ferdinand Schubert, brother of the late Franz. Schumann was amazed to find a large trunk filled with Franz Schubert's manuscripts including the long forgotten 'Great' symphony.

On March 21, 1839, The 'Great' symphony was played - under Mendelssohn's direction for the first time in Leipzig - a tribute from two legendary musical figures.

While CDs, iPods and other electronic marvels now – sometimes regrettably - convey music continuously, nothing, absolutely nothing, replaces

the ambience, vigour, artistry and sheer pleasure of hearing - and seeing - live performances of a modern symphony orchestra playing the works of the masters.

The masterly role of Gregory Burton, Con-ductor and Music Director of York Symphony, must be acknowledged in what was a memorable musical

evening.
Conducting without a baton, the maestro vigorously - yet sometimes gently - spurred and coaxed his orchestra through this long and musically demanding symphony with a precision and elegance. Mozart and Schubert - truly a great start to a new sea-



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If we wouldn't take it home why would we sell it to you?

Power Stream Inc. seeks reduction

Electricity customers of PowerStream Inc. may soon see benefits from the 2004 merger of the three former utilities which created the company...and Aurora's customers could be among them.

PowerStream, the largest local distribution electricity company in York Region, has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for a reduction in electricity distribution rates effective May 1, 2006

If approved, the average residential or low-volume customer in PowerStream's service territory using 1,000 kilowatt hours in a month will see a reduction of approximately 3.5 per cent on their bill, resulting in a total monthly savings of about \$3.38 beginning in

The average general service customer who consumes 2,000 kilowatt hours in a month will see a 2.2 per cent reduction or a \$4.30 savings in their monthly hydro bill.

"We promised our customers that the merger would enable us to achieve economies of scale and

gain synergies that would, at the very least, help us to reduce the upward pressure on distributio rates," John Glicksman, PowerStream's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, said in reference to the 2004 amalgamation of Hydro Vaughan, Markham Hydro and Richmond Hill Hydro.

"Applying for a reduction in our 2006 rates demonstrates our commitment to that objective."

PowerStream has also made an offer to purchase Aurora Hydro, a deal which is expected to close in the near future.

Distribution charges account for approximately 18 percent of the total electricity bill customers receive from PowerStream.

The remaining charges on the bill are collected by PowerStream on behalf of other market participants such as generators, transmitters and market services.

The reduction in PowerStream's distribution rates is expected to mitigate the overall impact on customer bills when an expected increase in commodity prices takes effect in April.

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Wednesday, November 9th Wednesday, November 16th 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

WHERE:

Town of Aurora Council Chambers
1 Municipal Drive, Aurora

Book your spot now!

Please contact Info Aurora at 905-727-8214 or e-mail info@e-aurora.ca

There is no charge for this seminar



Our new office is now open

As many of you may have noticed, we opened a second constituency office here in town.

It's located at 18 Wellington Street East, just east of Yonge on the north side, right next to the Mac's Milk

A number of residents and public officials, including Mayor Tim Jones, came out to our official opening Saturday, October 15th and signed our guest book.

The new office here in town will give residents more convenient access to the services and assistance provided by our constituency office.

Please drop by or give us a call at (905) 727-7788.

The week of October 17 was Canada Citizenship Week, and I had the honour of serving as presiding officer at a citizenship reaffirmation ceremony held at Aurora Grove Public School.

Teacher Melissa Murray and Principal Margaret Roberts invited members of my constituency office and

All of the Grade 5 students and their teachers at Aurora Grove took part in the ceremony, which included saying the Oath of Citizenship and singing our National

We talked about the rights and responsibilities that come with being a citizen of Canada, and I briefly outlined the duties of a Member of Parliament and the various services that an MP's office provides to residents of the

Holly Piotrowski from my constituency office led another citizenship ceremony at Aurora's Light of Christ elementary school later that same week after receiving an invitation by Grade 5 student Melissa Wright and her teacher Renée McCammon.

If your school is interested in having a citizenship ceremony, please call our office - we'd be happy to come out. The children really enjoy the ceremony and demon-

strate great pride in their Canadian citizenship!

Many residents here in Aurora lead extremely busy lives and it has become increasingly difficult for families to spend as much time together over dinner as they would

That's why I believe Greg and Christina Foster, owners of the Aurora M&M Meat Shops franchise, deserve a big hand for encouraging Aurora residents to take part in the first ever "National Family Dinner Night".

Family Dinner Night takes place this Thursday, November 3rd, and Greg and Christina hope to register at least 1,000 Aurora families who wish to take part in the "sit down to dinner" campaign.

M&M will donate \$1 to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada for every resident who registers.

You can register online at www.mmmeatshops.com and I encourage you to do so.

It's all in support of a great cause and in celebration of something Canadians truly cherish - spending time with their families.

As Remembrance Day approaches, it's heartening to see so many people wearing poppies again this year, which has been officially designated Year of the Veteran.

I will be taking part in the Aurora Remembrance Day a.m. at the Yonge Street Cenotaph. A number of local merchants and clubs are gearing up

for the annual Aurora Santa Claus Parade later this month on Saturday, November 26.

Our town's parade, traditionally held in the evening, is

Model Builders Supply scales hobby industry

By TRICIA HILLS Special to The Auroran

The Canadian market for hobby supplies is limited best and Wendy Hamilton, Vice President of Aurora's Model Builders Supply, knows this well.

Like many Aurora-based family businesses, Model Builders Supply, located on Engelhard at Industrial Parkway South, is a friendly, helpful, and Canadian oriented company, but finds the Canadian market just

The Canadian hobby market is almost non-existent; even the local hobby retailers are fading.

Currently MBS targets the market of miniaturists and railroaders, but also spans out to consumers like engineers. architects. inventors, and even movie producers who use its products for special effects or model making.

Because of the small Canadian market for hobby supplies, MBS ships the majority of its products to the United States and is beginning to ship internationally as well.

Consumers don't grasp the fact that the good quality and unique products from MBS are actually manufactured in Aurora.

It appears many, including Canadian retailers, believe they will receive a better deal if they order hobby supplies from the United States.

Pud Hamilton, Production Manager at MBS and Wendy's husband, says even though MBS has some of the best and most realistic products in the market it's hard to convince Canadians it's worth it to buy products from Canada.

"We would actually be 10 times bigger than we are if we just moved across the border into the United States," says Wendy.

said She many Canadian retailers order supplies from a U.S. based company only to find that they are importing products that MBS exported to that U.S. distributor in the first place.

Although business could be booming over the border, Wendy and Pud agree they are proud to be Canadian and support Canada and Aurora, where they work and live.

one of the most picturesque in all of York Region. I'll be in the parade and look forward to seeing many of Being a local Aurora business since their move 130 Davis Dr. Newmarket, PO Box 72, ON LSV 2M1 - Kendellakoffagesrogers.com Tel: 405.830.5570 - Toll Free: 1888.595.0068 - Fax: 1.888.229.8860

from Thornhill in 1990, MBS tries to support and give back to the community.

In 1990, MBS took part in building the Town of Aurora by creating the model of the Aurora town situated Municipal Drive.

Wendy also uses her own resources, creativity and skills from MBS to work on local projects.

For instance, MBS built and donated the model for the Highview Playground for disabled and injured children, located close to Highview Public School, and took an integral role in the playground's design.

MBS has been in business in Canada since 1958 when Keith Day, Wendy's father who is president of the company, started building and selling models.

Day worked on such recognizable models as the Eaton's Centre and the Skydome.

Although model making was the main part of the revenue in the beginning, in the early 1970s the company began selling model parts and in 1983 became Model Builders Supply.

In 1977, Wendy started to work for her father's company as a summer job and eventually helped run the business.

The company began in the Don Mills area, and finally moved to Aurora 15 years ago where MBS became mainly a model parts supplier.

When Day partially retired in 1995, Wendy took over many responsibilities at MBS and made a big change by heading off to hobby trade shows in the United States.

It was important for MBS to gain more American distributors and consumers because the Canadian market was so small.

MBS is continually working on new products that

will hopefully attract more consumers, locally in Aurora as well as in Canada and all over the world, to the hobby industry.

One of the company's newer products includes accessory kits that take only a few hours or a few days to put together rather than something that consists of a year or so of reno-A few of these kits con-

sist of hot tubs, ponds, and jukeboxes, which people can put together as a single display or as an add-on to a long time hobby.

MBS is able to ship worldwide and manufacture

Aurora location.

Wendy and Pud, along with many Aurorans, agree it is important to support local businesses and buy Canadian products in order to keep the economy and country growing.

It is significant "to promote Canadian, to buy Canadian, and to be Canadian," says Pud.

adapted MBS has arown. changed and immensely since its beginning 47 years ago, but the Canadian hobby industry still appears to have a hard time putting trust into the Canadian products.

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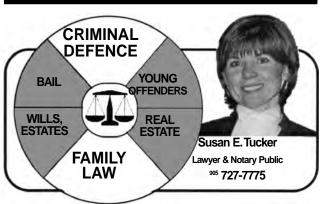
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When Aurora had an honourary mayor

There has been considerable debate in council and the community recently about the appointment of a deputy mayor, but the appointment of an honourary mayor was unanimous.

In 1967, Aurora Council bestowed the title of Honourary Mayor on Major A.A. "Lex" Mackenzie on his retirement from the Legislature as a Conservative MPP serving the residents of York North for more than 30 years.

In accepting the honour, he said he was proud to be honourary mayor such a "fighting council".

In February, 1968, he exercised his powers as honourary mayor, by welcoming visiting Progressive Conservatives to town

When no town official turned up to greet the visitors, "Mayor" Lex extended a warm welcome on behalf of the municipality.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

It is quite normal at York Regional Council and occasionally at Aurora Council when a consultant is engaged at an "upset" limit of so many dollars for a project which exceeds that mark, council approves a cost overrun for unanticipated work

But, believe it or not, back in September, 1973, regional council rejected a consultant's request for an extra \$1,500 as an overrun on a \$15,000 employment forecasting study.

An indignant Aurora Mayor Evelyn Buck waved a copy of the thick bound copy of the study aloft and asked if anyone had read it and made any sense out of it.

She said she tried and couldn't.

The firm of Kates, Peat Marwick and Co. asked for the extra \$1,500 to cover unanticipated work, but Planning Commissioner Murray Pound told council members the work was included in the original terms of reference, resulting in the rejection.

AURORA TEEN WINS LEGAL BATTLE WITH SCHOOL BOARDS

In November, 2003, 15-year-old Nicholas Dodds with the help of his father won a two-year legal battle to force Pepsi

and Coke to reveal details of their exclusive contract with York's two school boards.

It started when he was in Grade 8 and he started asking questions why Pepsi was the only cola available in machines at Aurora Senior Public School.

He was only able to obtain limited information from the school board.

He took his complaint to the Privacy Commissioner of Ontario who gave the school boards until December 1st to make the deals public or seek a judicial review.

School board and Pepsi officials said they would not appeal and the secrecy was not about keeping information from students, but keeping information from competitors.

Dodds was keen to get a look at the contract because he believed it would confirm his suspicions the deal was more for the access to young consumers than any potential profits for the school boards.

Board officials said the board received 30 per cent of the net sales of soft drinks which was used to fund field trips and extra-curricular programs.

GIRL'S FAVOURITE TREE CHOPPED DOWN

August, 1989, was a sad time for 10-year-old Sarah Binding as her favourite tree in Machell Park was chopped down for safety reasons.

She said she played in the park and loved the tree.

Even when she was a tot, it was always there.

In a report to council, the Leisure Services Director recommended the Burr Oak be taken down to ensure the safety of playground users.

He said the tree had several treatments to prolong its life but it had become a hazard.

An arborist had inspected the tree and recommended its removal, but council voted to continue to get professional advice before authorizing it to come down.

While the tree looked healthy from the outside, it was almost completely hollow.

Councillor Norm Weller objected to the \$250 expenditure for the arborist, claiming that staff could have seen the tree had to come down through a visual inspection, and Sarah lost her tree.

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Klees reminds legislature where testing originated

Aurora resident and Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees, Progressive Conservative education critic, told the Legislature last week that his party celebrated the improved results of the standardized tests, and congratulated teachers, principals and students who applied themselves to the business of learning.

He noted that a spokesman for Premier Dalton McGuinty said standardized testing in Ontario is mounting proof the scores are providing schools with the tools to help children

Klees said it was the previous Tory government that implemented the tests, and that the minister and his colleagues, including the Premier, voted against standardized

testina

Although the report is encouraging, Klees noted there were some 53,000 students in Grade 6 who have not reached the provincial standard in reading skills and another 58,000 students who have not reached the standard in writing and mathematics.

He said it was because of the standardized tests that government, schools, principals and parents can focus on where improvements have been made in the education system.

He called on the government to deal with test results in a positive way.



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Downtown commuter parking irks neighbours

From page 1 parking problems. Nothing happened and the complaints continued.

Last month, Marsha Morassutti, a resident of Metcalfe Street, attended a meeting of the Traffic Safety Advisory Board to discuss parking conditions on the streets around the Town Park.

She told members she had witnessed a fire truck responding to a call having to come to a stop on Metcalfe Street due to traffic congestion.

She pointed out that on any given day about 150 vehicles are parked on streets and in the Town Park lots due to commuter traffic

Many of the residents were experiencing problems trying to find a place to park due to the lack of driveways and garages.

She noted they were forced to park on the streets even though the town had allowed them to park overnight in the Town Park parking lots.

She said that she had spoken to GO Transit officials and had been advised they would try to construct a new 50-car parking lot before winter, but didn't believe the safe-

ty issues could wait until winter.

The Advisory Board recommended to council that in addition to the existing parking regulations that No Parking be approved for the north side of Metcalfe Street from Berczy to Larmont, north side of Mosley Street from Larmont to Wells and the west side of Larmont from Wellington Street to Mosley.

Once the additional GO parking lot is constructed, a further review should be carried out by staff with a report to council, the board recommended.

GO Transit has purchased two properties around the station for the construction of a parking lot to hold more than 200 vehicles and it's scheduled to be ready by next summer.

Ms Morassutti appeared before council last week to support the

TSAB report, although she said it didn't go far enough.

She said there was a major safety concern and it was up to council to ensure safety

She suggested there must be better ways such as two to three-hour parking Monday to Friday.

Councillor Damir Vrancic pointed out that the residents were being penalized in an attempt to control commuters. He suggested a decal or permit system for residents to allow them to park in front of their residence.

It was suggested staff investigate the feasibility and cost of implementing a permit system.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said that she had no sympathy for commuters, but more information was required as to the number of available parking spaces and how many residents were affected.

Staff suggested the opening of the new GO station in East Gwillimbury at Green Lane might relieve some of the pressure in Aurora, as currently about 150 commuter vehicles are parked on town streets and around the Town

Councillor Ron Wallace said new station would make little difference as commuters would continue to drive to Aurora to obtain cheaper fares.

Councillor Bill Hogg pointed out that commuters had been encouraged to take GO Transit to get their cars off the road but they had to drive to the stations.

It was agreed the problem to be solved was the rights of the residents and the need for commuter parking until GO Transit opened their new lots.

It was also agreed to refer the whole question of parking and possible permit systems to staff.



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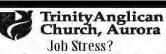
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