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Briefly

SuperWalk

The Aurora/Newmarket SuperWalk for Parkinson's Disease is slated for Sunday, Sept. 17, at Fairy Lake in Newmarket.

Registration and a Taoist Tai Chi demonstration will begin at 9.30 a.m. at the Water Street entrance to the lake.

The walk begins at 10.30 a.m.

Prizes and a charity barbeque operated by the Rotary Club will follow the walk.

For more information call or e-mail Kim Rouse-Parypa at 905-713-0774 or kimrouse@accessv.com.

Celebration of Life

The announcement of the death of popular Aurora resident Margaret Blouin stunned many in the community last week.

Margaret, with her husband Ray, was on her way to a family reunion in Quebec last month when she suffered an attack in Ottawa from which she never recovered.

She died August 4.

To celebrate her life, a ceremony will be held Sunday, Aug. 20, at the St. Andrew's Golf Club on St. John's Sideroad from 2 to 5 p.m.

A toast has been scheduled for 3 p.m.

Margaret was a former employee of the Aurora Banner and The Auroran.

Ron Simmons

Former Aurora Councillor Ron Simmons died recently at Southlake in Newmarket, in his 77th year.

He was first elected to council in 1963 and two years later topped the polls.

Following the death of Reeve Jean Moffat, Deputy Reeve Stu Patrick moved into that position and Simmons became Deputy Reeve.

In the 1967-68 election, he challenged incumbent Clarence Davis for the mayor's job but was defeated, leaving him off council for two years.

He returned in 1969, and was re-elected every term until 1981 when he decided not to run.

For many years, Simmons ran a butcher store at the corner of Yonge and Tyler.

Survived by his wife, Betty, Simmons lived in the Gifford area of Innisfil.



An estimated 1,500 people took advantage of Aurora's first ever Doors Open event held Saturday at 14 locations in the community. At Baldwin's Mill, above, now a restaurant, Beverley Wood, Dorothy Gummersall and Yvonne Preston peruse a 1935 journal of the former flour mill. More than 100 people visited Baldwin's during the six-hour event. The Auroran will print more photos of Doors Open in next week's edition.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Bloom off the rose after town said okay

Other communities in York Region are in the final stages of preparing for judging in the annual Communities in Bloom Competition, either at the Provincial or National level, but not in Aurora.

It was back in September, 2005, Aurora resident Rebecca Beaton attended a meeting of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee to request that Aurora pursue the Communities in Bloom initiative for 2006.

She suggested the program be community driven, incorporating residential, industrial and commercial participants.

For a start she suggested the town only enter the provincial competition at an estimated cost of \$1,000.

The Canadian-based non-profit program looks at floor displays, landscapes, urban forests, community involvement and tidiness.

She added that sponsors had already been approached and would absorb the cost of the first, second and third place plaques, and requested that a program committee be established as soon as possible.

The committee agreed to recommend to council that the initiative proceed and the town not be required to commit the \$1,000.

With Howard Johnson Hotel offering to accommodate the judges, the cost would be reduced to about \$750.

Councillors John West and Evelyn Buck opposed the request pending more information as to possible hidden costs. Councillor Buck said that other municipalities had spent thousands of dollars on the program and the \$750 would be wasted unless Aurora was prepared to do the same.

Most members of council supported the recommendation to

participate and to approve the expenditure of \$750 to register.

There was another long debate as to where the money would come from as it had not been included in the budget. Councillor Damir Vrancic offered to use his convention allowance to cover the \$750 cost, resulting in council approving the request.

With an active Horticultural and Garden Society in town with an annual Garden Tour and a number of citizens who open their gardens to visitors, like Merlin's Hollow, Aurora should have been a strong contender, but it never happened.

Council gave its approval to enter the 2006 Provincial Communities in Bloom Competition in September, 2005, but there was no follow-up action in open council by members of council, committee members or staff.

Youth killed on Yonge

An 18-year old Aurora man was killed Thursday night as he attempted to cross Yonge Street.

William Lieff was pronounced dead at Southlake Regional Health Centre after successfully crossing three of the four Yonge Street lanes before being hit by a southbound vehicle, driven by a 28-year-old Aurora man.

The accident occurred about 10.40 p.m. on Yonge, north of Ransom Street.

The York Regional Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating.

Members of that unit are seeking witnesses to the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to call 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7703, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

Deadline extended

It would appear response to the Magna "Hoedown Showdown" hasn't been as wild as expected.

The entry deadline, originally scheduled for August 18, has been extended to August 25, with the hope there will be more contestants to participate in the event.

Plans to hold three judging events have not changed.

The competitions, overseen by celebrity judges, will occur at The Graystones Restaurant, Yonge and Royal Road, Wednesday, August 30; Wednesday, September 6; and Wednesday, September 13.

Each competition begins at 8 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend and watch the proceedings.

Winner will sing at Magna's 19th annual Hoedown, scheduled in a huge tent on the Magna property, Wellington Street, Aurora, Saturday, September 16.

The winner will also receive thousands of dollars in gifts and prizes.

If you require further information, or wish to register, visit www.hoedownshowdown.com.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

Voice is a group of aspiring writers ages 12 to 19 interested in developing writing skills, working on a magazine and embarking on creative adventures with similarly minded people. The group meets in the Marjorie Andrews Room of the Aurora Library on the last Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Call the Library at 905-727-9493 for more information.

Aurora Seniors present a movie night every Tuesday from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Admission is \$1 for members and \$1.50 for guests, which includes the movie, a frozen treat and a drink.

Aurora Farmers' Market every Saturday morning at the Temperance Street parking lot until Thanksgiving. Free space is available for non-profit groups. Contact Nigel Kean at 905-751-0790.

Until September 30, water regulations are in effect in Aurora. Watering is permitted from 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. for even numbered addresses on even numbered days and odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days. For further information call 905-727-3123 ext. 4240.

Aurora Community Garden has plots available to grow fruits and vegetables on Allaura Boulevard. For more information call York Region Food Network at 905-967-0372.

Aurora Zen Meditation Group has resumed sitting every Monday evening at Healing Hands Wellness Centre on Wellington Street East at 7.30 p.m.

Weekly barbecues will be held from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday in the Norma Jean Legge Room of the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Call 905-726-4767 for more information.

Aurora Agricultural Society (organizer of the Aurora Fair & Horse Show) meets on the second Tuesday of every second month, at 6.30 p.m., at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6773 or info@aurorafair.ca, or visit www.aurorafair.ca.

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 905-841-1352.

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 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 905-830-9205.

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.

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 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women has monthly meetings at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church with a variety of speakers. There is also a selection of interest groups. Contact Beverley 905-727-2151.

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

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

York Regional Police Male Chorus is look-

ing for members from Aurora and area who would like to volunteer by joining the choir. Men, 16 years of age and older, are invited to visit any Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in committee room B, York Region Administrative Centre, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket. For more information, call volunteer chorus supervisor Lowell McClenny at 905-727-9676.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Town of Aurora 2006 Summer Concerts in the Town Park presents "Appreciate our Canadian Forces" Concert. Hear the Royal Canadian Artillery Band and the Air Force 400 Squadron Pipes, in a military show you won't forget. 7 to 9 p.m.

Join the Aurora Seniors for a cruise of the Toronto Harbourfront with a barbecue lunch. Bus will leave the Community Centre at 9:30 a.m. and return about 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$72 for members and \$77 for non-members. Register at the Seniors' Centre.

Game Day at Hillary House, presented by the Aurora Historical Society, for children. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission, at \$7, includes crafts, stories, games and a snack. Call 905-727-8991 for more information.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Nordic Walking session. Aurora Family Leisure Complex beginning at 9.15 a.m. and continuing until 10.15 a.m. Call 905-726-4764 to sign up.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Marie and Gordon Barnes host the 3rd Annual Tomato Tasting at 11 Catherine Avenue from 1 to 5 p.m., rain or shine. The \$10 ticket price - only 200 will be sold - is a donation to the Aurora Community Arboretum. Tickets are available at Mary's Flower Shop, 15210 Yonge St., at Injoy, 15263 Yonge St. and on Saturday mornings at the Aurora Farmers' Market.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Town of Aurora 2006 Summer Concerts in the Town Park presents the ultimate Janis Joplin tribute experience. Join the party at this final summer concert, with a tribute to this great singer. 7 to 9 p.m.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Last day to register your child for the 2006-2007 school year for the York Catholic District School Board at the Admissions Office, 320 Bloomington Road West Monday to Thursday from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Chuckwagon dinner and dance at the Aurora Legion. 6 p.m. \$12 per person. For further information call 905-727-9932.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

The last yard waste collection for the season. Yard waste must be put out to the curb by 7 a.m. and be in brown kraft paper bags or clean, open, rigid, reusable containers clearly identified as yard waste. For more information call 905-727-3123 ext. 3447.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District Annual Barbecue and Corn Roast at Simeon Park at 3.30 p.m. The park is located on Woodbine Avenue just south of Bloomington Road. Call 905-898-3000 for details.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Aurora Public Library, in partnership with Aurora Cable Internet, presents "Internet Explorer and Outlook Express", the first of a 10-part monthly series of free computer workshops. Magna Room, 7 p.m. Register on-line, at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

It's the "Battle of Yonge Street" between the Aurora Tigers and the Newmarket Hurricanes at the Ray Twinney Complex in Newmarket at 7.30 p.m. M & M Meats is sponsoring the tailgate barbecue from 6 to 7 p.m. The event is hosted by Belinda Stronach with proceeds for the Regional Cancer Clinic at Southlake. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.

SEPTEMBER 8 TO 10

Plan to attend Aurora's first annual Ribfest at Machell Park. A beer garden is included.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Aurora Historical Society Candlelight Tour of Homes.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Probus Club of Aurora's guest speaker at this month's meeting is Diana Baggett. Club meets at the Aurora Legion the second Wednesday of every month, beginning at 10 a.m.

Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual barbecue at which the seven playhouses, including that People's Choice Award "The Castle" by Aurora Cable, will be raffled. Tickets are available at the Chamber office and at The Auroran at \$4 each or three for \$10 with proceeds for Habitat for Humanity.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Aurora Public Library hosts a free "creative writing workshop" led by local author and instructor, Marnie Maguire. Marjorie Andrews Room. Limited seating. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Theatre Aurora opens its 49th season with the comedy "Educating Rita" at the Factory Theatre. Other productions in the fall/winter line up include "Crazy for You", "Dr. Cook's Garden" and "Blythe Spirit".

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

An evening with Katherine Govier hosted by the Aurora Public Library. She will read from her book "Three Views of Crystal Water", followed by the sale and signing of the book. Magna Room, 7 p.m. Pre-register at the adult information desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Official Opening of the State Farm Insurance Canadian Headquarters Office Complex on Wellington Street East, near Highway 404. Entrance off Leslie Street.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

York Regional Police Male Chorus host the 14th annual 'In Harmony With The Community'

concert at the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Newmarket. Concert features police choirs from Halton and Durham Regions and York Regional Police Male Chorus. Guest community choirs will be York Region Children's Chorus and 'Vivace' from Newmarket. Tickets are \$10. Call 905-727-9676 to order.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Celebrate Business Excellence in Aurora hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce.

Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church will feature Rev. Canon Tim Elliott performing "Two by Eight", a selection of inspirational jazz by one of the pioneers of incorporating jazz into sacred space. For ticket information call the church office at 905-727-6101.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Aurora Seniors travel to the Stratford Festival for the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" with lunch included for \$107 for members and \$112 for non-members. Call 905-726-4767 to register.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Enjoy "High Society" at the Shaw Festival with lunch at Betty's Restaurant with the Aurora Seniors. Cost is \$96 for members and \$101 for non-members. Call 905-726-4767 to register.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Anglican Church Women will hold their Christmas Bazaar at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a knitting table, sewing table, kitchen cupboard, attic treasures and granny's treasures. For more information call Marilyn Cartmill at 905-737-3337.

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Known as The Inspiration, this protected Magna tree, which was once struck by lightning but refused to die, split in half last week and Magna officials are still wondering what to do about it. It's located behind a fence on Wellington Street East, between Bayview and Leslie on Magna lands.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Film Circuit is ready for September movie

The dog days of summer may still be with us, but before we know it, fall will be in the air and with it, the Aurora Film Circuit's new season.

The group has announced that its September film will be "Live and Become".

A crowd favourite at the 2005 Toronto International Film Festival and People's Choice Winner in Montreal, Vancouver and Boston, the feature film examines a little-known moment in modern history; the migration of the Ethiopian Jews - or Falasha - to Israel in 1987.

Director Radu Mihaileanu draws from his own childhood experiences to create an engrossing and emotionally engaging film about culture, identity and belonging.

The movie will be screened Monday, Sept. 11 at 6.45 p.m. at the Aurora Cineplex Odeon Theatre Complex on Bayview Avenue.

The evening will mark the kick-off for the Aurora Film Circuit's Fall Release, which will include yet-to-

be-announced films Oct. 2 and Nov. 13. Individual tickets for the September screening are now on sale at both the Aurora Public Library and R&R Revisited, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3, and are \$10 each.

A fall release subscription was offered this spring and all 150 were sold. For more information on upcoming offers and events, check out the group's website, <http://afc.library.aurora.on.ca>.



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Proper use of word got Poor Richard in some hot water

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- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Words uttered by politicians or former politicians can often get you into trouble without even trying.

Remember in September, 1990, when then Liberal Leader Jean Chretien said his Liberal government would present themselves as an honest alternative to the Mulroney Tories.

"We must always be above reproach," he said. "We must maintain the highest standard of behaviour."

Remember Dingwall and Gomery?

In 1995 just before the provincial election, Opposition Leader Mike Harris told a Fergus audience; "I disagree with restructuring because it believes that bigger is better. Services always cost more in larger municipalities."

Remember the merger of Toronto municipalities?

Then there were the famous photo op of Premier Dalton McGuinty arranged by the Canadian Tax Federation when he signed the Taxpayers Protection Pledge not to increase taxes.

Remember the health premium and the other tax increases?

My indiscretion had nowhere near the political impact as the above statements but it caused a flurry in the Thunder Bay area and hit the national news.

During my tenure as Director of the Provincial/Municipal Affairs Secretariat of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs at Queen's Park, I was a regular visitor at several municipal association conventions, especially in Northern Ontario, to gain a better understanding of some of the unique problems facing northern municipalities.

I retired from Queen's Park in 1982 and in March, 1990, received an invitation from the Thunder Bay District Municipal League to speak on the topic "The Future of Ontario Municipalities in the Nineties".

After reviewing the past achievements of municipal government in Ontario since the days of the Baldwin Act, I listed some of the current trends of the provincial government.

I mentioned that municipal politicians were in the front line of politics as they see and hear from the electors every day, whereas MPs and MPPs are away in Ottawa and Queen's Park most of the time and don't have to face their electors in the same way.

For many citizens, government is government and they don't care if it's federal, provincial, regional or municipal as they all levy taxes and there is only one taxpayer.

Then I added; "It's going to get worse, so batten down the hatches for the nagging, nauseating, noxious, nefarious and niggardly nineties".

Evidently the use of the word "niggardly" caused a tempest in Thunder Bay as shortly afterwards I was contacted by a reporter from the Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal, a Thunder Bay radio station and the national press due to criticism from some members of the audience and the public as the quote had been published in the paper, that my use of the word "niggardly" was racially-motivated.

After reading the quote in the paper Municipal League officials were requested to demand an apology, as according to the complainant, the use of the word niggardly was "a very dirty, slanderous name", and "was in very bad taste".

Even the local MPP got into the act and demanded that the League seek an apology.

I explained that according to Funk and Wagnall's Standard Encyclopedic Dictionary the definition of niggardly was shown as "1: Stingy, parsimonious. 2: Meanly, insufficient, scanty" and it was in this context the word was used.

But the issue didn't die.

A Thunder Bay resident sent a copy of the quote to Lew Gloin, of Aurora, who wrote a weekly "Words" column in the Toronto Star, and he had a great time with it.

Words can come back to haunt!



Tell us where this Aurora building is - or was - and we'll treat you to a non-alcoholic dinner for two at Jonathan's. Be the first to call us after noon Friday, Aug. 18, with the correct answer and the prize is yours.

Letters to the Editor

A final plea for Hartman House

To the editor,

I couldn't sleep last night even though I am in the quiet peacefulness of the Malvern Hills in England.

My heart and mind were at the corner of Bayview and Wellington at the historic Hartman House.

I had just learned that the demolition permit was issued on Wednesday: this means that wrecker's bar will soon be there.

Since no one I have met really wants to demolish this house including former owner, Victor Priestly, who raised his children there, could we not think outside the box one more time and try to come up with a solution to save this building which stands as a symbol of pio-

neer life in early Canada?

It was the pride of immigrant John Hartman who purchased the land in 1816 and birthplace of Joseph Hartman who led the fight for equal rights in 1854 in the government of the day.

I know that the Hartmans left Aurora in 1910.

Has it made a difference that the last Hartman to own the house followed the pattern of so many pioneers and moved out west after he sold the house?

He still continued to contribute to Canada's life by becoming mayor in Olds, Alberta, and his son, Clare, who was also born at the homestead became a very important doctor in that town.

This house also reflects

the changes in the way of life in Canada: the change from rural to urban.

The Timbers family last farmed this land as late as 1969.

Should we really be appealing to the generosity of Toyota to save this building?

Thank you for your consideration. I wish I were home to speak to each of you personally.

**Patricia Hartman
Niagara-On-The-Lake**

ED. NOTE: Mr. Priestley, who has been given the demolition permit from the Town of Aurora, said he would do nothing to the building until Wednesday of this week, while other methods to move the building are being investigated.

He fails to understand Vandorf reconstruction

To the editor,

Over a year ago the Town of Aurora saw fit to cut down a significant number of mature and majestic maple trees in order to improve and resurface Vandorf Sideroad.

The excuse for cutting down the trees was that, according to the town, a sidewalk and bicycle/running path, and new water services needed to be installed.

As the end of the project is now in sight and an unbelievable sight it is, I sit and

scratch my head at the utter and total waste of money and more importantly the needless destruction of the natural environment on the moraine.

I live off Vandorf and fail to understand:

1 - Why we desperately need a sidewalk along Vandorf that does not connect at either end to another sidewalk.

2 - Why we need a paved bicycle/running path that is almost as wide as the road on the south side of the street, when there is a sidewalk with a paved border on

the north side.

3 - Why we need street lights every 100 feet on a street with no homes.

4 - Why the services and sidewalk/bicycle path could not have been combined and put on the north side of the street saving the row of maples, and significant cost.

I defy anybody to look at the end result and say that what has been accomplished is either logical or a significant improvement.

**George Semler
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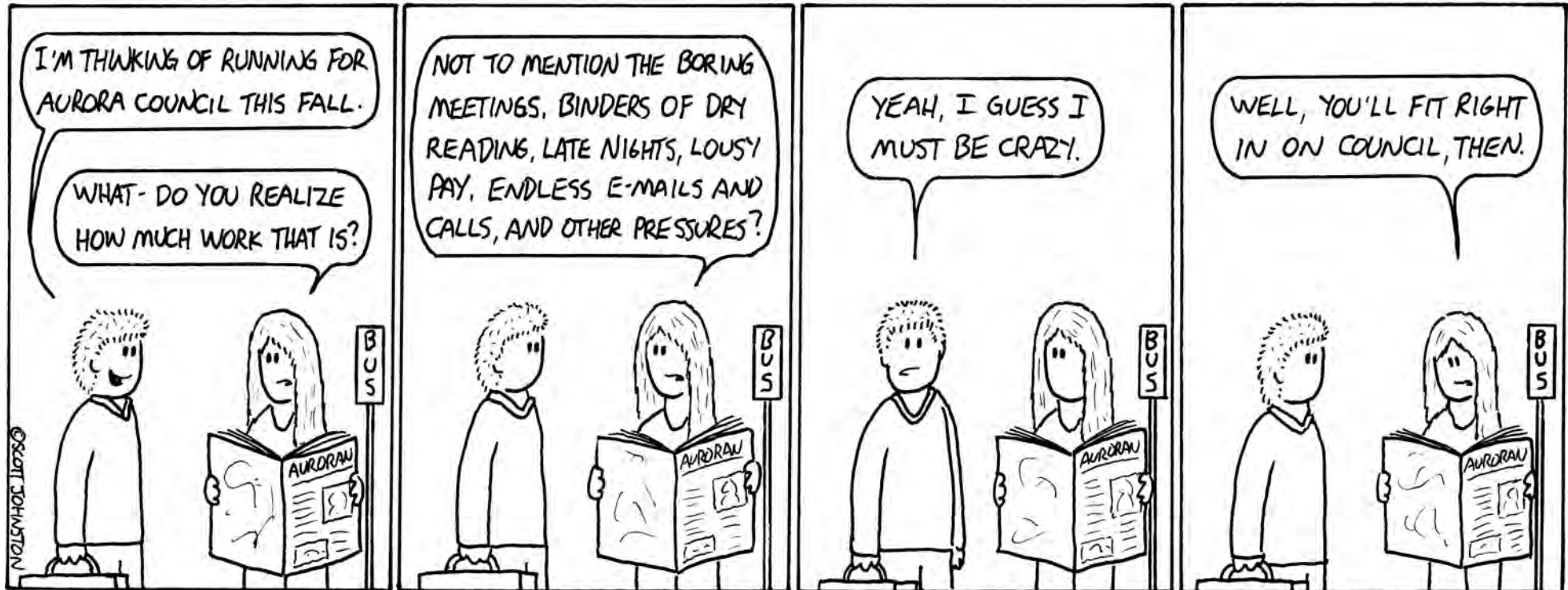
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Inside Aurora

By SCOTT JOHNSTON

ED. NOTE: Stephen Somerville is off for a couple of weeks. Filling in is The Auroran's cartoonist Scott Johnston.

I think Aurora's suffering an identity crisis. Maybe it's the fact that the last remaining bits of green space south of Bloomington that separate us from Richmond Hill have been almost completely swallowed up by development. Or maybe it's because we got second billing when they came up with the riding name of Newmarket-Aurora. In any case, the town seems to be pushing pretty hard for some sort of corporate identity. For years we got by with our town crest. You know; the fancy shield-shaped one, with the Fleury plow symbolizing industry, the sun symbolizing Aurora, the Roman goddess of the dawn, and the acorns, symbolizing all the nuts on council. Appearing on the crest is another piece of town ID, our motto: "Sol meus testis". This is Latin for, "the sun rises on construction". And as if that wasn't enough, we have a town flag. This has our crest overlapping the Cross of St. Andrew. But obviously, all this municipal identification wasn't enough. Perhaps the logo was too difficult for kids to draw, or people were taking the word "testis" the wrong way, because over the past year, the town has adopted both a

new tagline and a logo. The neat thing about this tagline is that we almost stole it. Inadvertently, I'm sure. And whose world class motto did we almost take - that of New York, Singapore, London, or Paris? Actually, it was East Gwillimbury's (no, that was not a typo: East Gwillimbury). Granted, "Our Town, Your Future" has a nice ring to it, but you'd think that if they were going to plagiarize a motto, in this case, E-G's "Our Town, Our Future", they'd pick one that came from a little farther away, so no one would notice. But someone did notice, so after much deliberation, and likely during tax season, they came up with "You're in Good Company." I guess "Home of the World's Most Dysfunctional Council" was already taken. I'd love to know by whom. As for the new logo, it was felt this was necessary to provide a visual symbol to differentiate our town from other local municipalities. Obviously, all the large "Aurora" signs on our borders were deemed too subtle. In any case, \$14,000 in consultant's fees later, we now have a new logo. This shows rolling hills in a vaguely "A" shape with the word "Aurora" underneath it. It certainly has less detail than the crest, but may soon need to be adjusted, as with all the bulldozing and development going on east of Bayview, our rolling hills are rapidly being flattened.

And inevitably, this logo has also been turned into a flag. So now Aurora has a logo, a crest, two flags, and mot-tos and taglines in two languages. But I don't think this is the end. The next logical step is to adopt a town mascot - some cute character whose costumed presence can make appearances at special events like Canada Day. Although I'd not want to be the one stuck in that suit when the humidex hits 45 degrees celsius. If we are to have a mascot, what could it be? Aurora soccer has the Stinger, which is a bee. The baseball players have both jays and mosquitoes. The swimmers are known as ducks. And, of course, we associate our hockey teams with tigers. So with bugs, birds, mammals and wildlife in general already taken, we have to think of something inanimate that everyone associates with Aurora. The Fleury plow? Not contemporary enough. Magna auto parts? The costume would be too heavy. A construction pylon? Hmmm. They're everywhere in town...universally recognized...colourful...good shape for a costume... I think we have a winner.

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Cathy's Corner



I love Virginia Beach. At this very moment, I am sitting at a desk that just happens to overlook a beach that just happens to have an ocean at the end of it. The ocean beckons - oh, how it beckons! So, why am I sitting at this desk, you wonder? Yeah, me too... There are no rocks on the beach, so they must all be in my head. If I didn't have rocks in my head, I would have had Ron put a little blurb in the paper under my severely outdated mug-shot. It would have said something like: Cathy's Corner will return...next week. Or maybe the week after? Or the week after that... Or whenever Damir manages to hog-tie me, load me into the car, and drag me back to Aurora. Because...well, I love Virginia Beach. I could stay here forever. Not that I don't love Aurora. Of course I do! In fact, Virginia Beach and Aurora have a lot in common - no wonder I love them both! See, Virginia Beach has a boardwalk that runs for more than 40 city blocks...along the Atlantic Ocean. Aurora has a boardwalk too - on the McKenzie Marsh. So what if there isn't any ocean...for thousands of miles... Crashing waves that you can surf are over-rated, don't

you think? Besides, Aurora's boardwalk is way longer than 40, um, feet! So Virginia Beach can keep their whales and dolphins! Aurora has, um, tadpoles and ducks! And we have Sheppard's Bush. Virginia Beach only has a State Park. Okay, so Virginia's State Park is a lot bigger than Sheppard's Bush, but that isn't necessarily a good thing. For one thing, Virginia doesn't do any kind of Maple Syrup Festival. They can't grow any Maple trees in this moderate climate that only has a mild winter that only lasts two months. How tragic. These poor Virginians have to settle for palm trees. Real ones! And their bike trails are ridiculously long. They're open year-round. Way too long, huh? This morning, Damir and I saw colourful butterflies, heard the songs of cicadas and didn't meet a single mosquito as we made our way along a beautiful, naturally canopied bicycle trail that ended at a Visitor's Centre. A Visitor's Centre? What are these Virginians thinking? I had told Damir earlier that I heard the magnificent State Park even has a freshwater lake (a little over the top, wouldn't you say?), and since we had already biked about eight kilometers without finding the lake, he went inside the Visitor's Centre to ask.

I love Virginia Beach

A few minutes later, he came out with a trail map and said: "The good news is: you heard right, there is a lake! The bad news is: you can't get there from here!" Not on bicycle. You can only hike to the lake, so we had to settle for biking to Chesapeake Bay, where we walked along the water's edge and sent crabs scurrying as we gasped at the breath-taking vista...and news that you can fish without a license here. How outrageously civilized, huh? It was a gruelling experience. So traumatic that we biked back to the hotel for a total of 15 kilometres of joyful communion with nature and...collapsed on the beach. And when we came to, the dolphins were frolicking at 12 o'clock and as I dug in my bag for the binoculars, I ran across last week's Auroran. My column was beckoning. And oh, how it beckoned! So I rearranged the rocks in my head to make some space for the stress that I've been missing for the past few days and...well, here I am...sitting at a desk that just happens to overlook a beach that just happens to have an ocean at the end of it. And it beckons - oh, how it beckons!

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

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

 **BOUQUETS** to the residents of Calmer Crescent for organizing a second successful street party last month with all proceeds donated to the Southlake Regional Health Centre. It was a successful street party on Richardson Drive in 1967 and 1968 that led to the annual July First Civic Festivities in Aurora.

 **BRICKBATS** to the driver of a blue van who recently used the centre lane of Wells Street North clearly marked for left turns onto Wellington Street East and then abruptly making a right turn almost hitting the motorist making a right turn from the right turn lane.

 **BOUQUETS** to Aurora resident Claudine Foong on being named to the Canadian Junior Golf Association's squad for the Stephen Ames Cup to be played in Trinidad. The tournament pits top junior golfers from Canada against their counterparts from Trinidad. Canada won the inaugural event last year.

 **BRICKBATS** to Toronto City Council for going ahead with three sole-source contracts worth millions of dollars for new ambulance equipment, despite objections from some members. After the controversial computer inquiry, the McGuinty Liberal government is blind in awarding more powers to this dysfunctional council.

 **BOUQUETS** to Robert Brissenden, a long time member of the Aurora Youth Soccer Club, for organizing the recent visit of the youth soccer team from Mexico to Aurora to play in the recent Cam Am tournament.

 **BRICKBATS** to those who are responsible for Canal Road in the Bradford area for failing to take safety measures to prevent motorists from sliding off the road into the canal, as last February a mother and her four-year-old son were drowned and there have been accidents since and still no action.

 **BOUQUETS** to the members of the Aurora Horticultural Society for their on-going work to beautify Aurora, especially for the planting and the clean-up of locations on Yonge Street for which they get little credit.

 **BRICKBATS** to Premier Dalton McGuinty for making a big issue of banning soft drinks from Ontario's elementary schools out of concern for the children's health and then partnering with Pepsi Cola in developing a website aimed at getting kids to visit provincial parks with the company logo on every page.

More  **BRICKBATS** to the same Premier for cutting 226 summer jobs for students and seasonal workers in the parks this year, down 19 per cent since 2005.

 **BOUQUETS** to Colin Simpkin for his letter to The Auroran suggesting making Church Street a one-way street going east from Yonge Street and permitting angle parking on the street for the library rather than tear down needed buildings. It's worth looking at.

 **BRICKBATS** to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario for initially not imposing any disciplinary charges against former Toronto treasurer Wanda Liczyk who was harshly criticized in the judicial computer inquiry, and then later flip-flopping and ordering an outside opinion on their ruling.

 **BOUQUETS** to the 14 businesses and organizations who participated in the first Doors Open Aurora, and welcoming the curious to their facilities. It was well organized and planned and hopefully will become an annual event.

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Letters to the Editor

Hall Findlay campaign needs financial boost

To the editor,

I am running for the leadership of the Liberal Party because I believe, simply, that good, strong leadership is important for the country.

Things are going extremely well, but we do need to focus on the nuts and bolts of funding.

This is my personal appeal for your financial support for our campaign.

If you can help, that would be fantastic.

We have run an extremely successful, but very frugal campaign so far. The Big Red Bus (far less expensive than jets and hotels) has struck a real chord with many, many people across the country.

Having already crossed the country once, coast to coast, it has quickly become a symbol of positive action.

Many people talk about renewal—well, we're out there 'doing' it, visiting as many of the 308 ridings across this country as we can.

In town after town, I have been asking Canadians for their thoughts on the future of the Liberal Party, on the future of this great country, and how we can achieve that future together.

The discussions have been engaging, enlightening and encouraging. I have discovered a tremendous appetite, all across the

country, for a renewed belief that we can once again do more for our future than we have for our past.

We have made incredible progress in just a few short months.

We have gone from Martha "Who Who", and comments like "she's great, but she's a dark horse"----- to the following excerpts from recent media:

"Martha's The One to Watch", headline from the Toronto Star, July 14. "Quite possibly the most intelligent of the Liberal leadership candidates", headline, Toronto Star, July 14.

From The National Post: "The 46-year-old Toronto lawyer's buzz is building...In what little spotlight has been focused on this race, she shines the brightest.

Hall Findlay...is clearly a woman who gets things done." (Don Martin, August 3).

Linda Diebel in the Toronto Star, July 30, says that Dennis Mills "believes that Toronto lawyer Findlay...has the most growth potential and could inspire a little magic".

According to John Ibbitson in The Globe and Mail, June 13: "[Martha Hall Findlay] was the only one who made you think the Liberals might be the party of this century, rather than the last".

From Chantal Hébert in

He liked Cyclissimo Grand Prix

To the editor,

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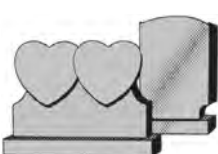


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the Toronto Star, June 12: "[of the women candidates] Hall Findlay is the only one who has both the necessary language credentials and the presence that frontline politicians are made of".

And from Roy MacGregor in The Globe and Mail, June 21: "Hall Findlay's Big Red Bus brings some needed energy to Liberal leadership race". "She's been travelling across the country in a big red bus, and wowing people along the way." (Peter Black, syndicated columnist, Aug 4)

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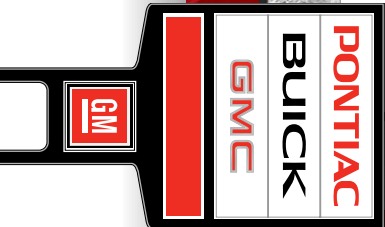
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It has everything: a very strong cast, excellent singers and musical accompaniment, humour, set design, costumes, lighting and sound and is well directed.

It’s a play with a difference as there is just one very plain set which, with the aid of the Mute, is transformed into imaginary scenes depending on the action.

The performers very seldom leave the stage; when not performing, they sit at the back of the stage with their backs to the audience.

Next door neighbours Matt (the Boy) and Luisa (the Girl) fall in love in spite of their scheming fathers, who pretend to feud and build a wall between the two houses to keep the young people apart on the basis if they say “No” their children will do the opposite and fall in love.

They even hire a swashbuckler to stage a phony kidnapping of the girl in which the boy saves her and becomes a hero in her eyes to reinforce their love and set up a happy ending.

But the plot turns sour when the fathers, afraid the children will find out about their scam, hire El Gallo to cover up their tracks, but when the moon turns into the sun, things are seen in a different light.

After a separation and a series of personal defeats, the lovers meet again and their romance is reunited.

Sarah Parkin is Luisa, the Girl, and is studying music at the University of Toronto.

She has a well-trained voice and with her acting and dancing ability lights up the stage when she appears.

Paul-Alexandre Howley is Matt, the Boy, and first appeared on stage while a student at Cardinal Carter High School.

He is also very impressive in his role and the scenes between the two as they sing to each other are well done.

The swashbuckler, narrator and star with the challenging role of El Gallo, is Joe Adams who is on stage most of the time in his black cape with red lining, keeping the action moving and keeping the audience advised of what’s happening.

While many of the songs from “The Fantasticks” are not well known his opening rendition of “Try To Remember That Day In September” was very well done.

Also on stage most of the time was the Mute played by Gillian Moulton, who had no vocal parts, but was kept busy providing the props to the performers and creating the atmosphere for the scene.

The Boy’s father Hucklebee was played by Theatre Aurora veteran Bill White and the Girl’s father Bellomy by Gerry Dimmelow and their scenes

together were a riot, especially in their gardens.

Adding more comedy to the production were Frank Hawkins as the Actor Henry and Chuck Therrien as Mortimer the Man Who Dies.

The play was well directed

by Brenda Weafer, a ballet dancer and choreographer, with strong musical support from pianist Michael Leach.

“The Fantasticks” opened off-Broadway back in the 1950s and ran continuously for about 44 years to become the longest

running musical in the world and Theatre Aurora’s current production will explain why.

Performances continue at the Factory Theatre August 16, 17,18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Call the box office at 905-727-3669 for tickets.



Aurora volunteers led the parade last week as students headed to Toronto to fill backpacks for children in need when school resumes in September. Among those helping were, left to right, JoAnna Pluchino, Grace Pluchino, Samantha Polsinelli and Shannon Williams. Items in the backpacks include paper, pens, erasers, crayons and binders.

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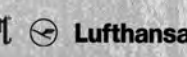
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U8B T/TH - JULY 20 - Forest - Mexico - Kavanagh Roofing 5 (J. Grelet 1, A. Bhasin 1, T. Kuchar 3) vs **Red - England - Flagship Software Ltd.** 3 (M. Menna 3); **Champagne - Germany - Allstars Courier Service** 4 (C. Gonsalves 1, N. Trewern 1, M. Dowling 1, J. Brown 1) vs **Royal - France - Port Royal Mills** 0; **Navy - USA - Core Micro Technology Inc.** 4 (J. Stroz 1, A. Sesto 2, Z. Razak 1) vs **Yellow - Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 4 (C. Theissen 3, L. Verre 1); **Kelly - Italy - Flagship Software Ltd.** 6 vs **Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 2.

U8G T/TH -JULY 25- Royal- France - Freight Brokers International 6 (A. Roy 4, K. MacWilliam 1, J. Petsinis 1) vs **Brazil - Yellow - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (S. Steeles 1, M. Brown 1); **Sky - Portuga l-WOWIT** 5 (N. El-Dassouki 2, T. Roy 1, S. Carmosino 1, A. Ranjbar 1) vs **Red - England - Homemade To Go** 1 (S. Bellerby 1); **Navy - USA - Iliadis** 3 (B. Gibbons 2, C. Piccoli 1) vs **Kelly - Italy** 0.

U8/9G M - JULY 24 - Kelly - Italy - Aurora Landscape Contractors 1 (L. Case 1) vs **Yellow - Brazil - Jaguar Gymnastics Club** 3 (H. Frimeth 1, K. Wood 1); **Forest - Mexico - Brushcut Property Maintenance** 3 (T. Landry 3) vs **Navy - USA - Unipac** 2 (H. park 1, T. Bundschuh 1); **Orange - Netherlands - EMBA** 5 (S. Moody 2, B. Gatzos 3) vs **Sky - Portugal - CMAC Designs** 1 (D. Rumble 1); **Royal - France - Grant Internet & Engineering Inc.** 1 vs **Red - England - Aurora Shopping Centre** 0.

U8/9B W- AUGUST 9- Kelly- Italy- Minuteman Press 3 (I. Reid 1, M. Colucci 1, P. Bourrie 1) vs **Orange - Netherlands** 1 (R. Ouwroules 1); **Red - England** 1 (M. Imseis 1) vs **Forest - Mexico - Brushcut Property Maintenance** 0; **Champagne - Germany** 7 (M. Falzone 3, G. Owen 1, A. Dos Santos 1, J. Maxwell 1, R. Zawada 1) vs **Royal - France - Bell World** 2 (M. Da Costa 1, A. Williamson 1).

U9B M/W - JULY 19 - Kelly - Italy- Midrange 7 (N. Dolewski 1, A. Rival 2, S. Sebastia 1, N. O'Hearn 1, A. Ross 1, M. Perri 1) vs **Yellow - Brazil** 2 (M. Lafromboise 1, J. Ventrella 1); **Navy - USA - Rick LeGrow Agent** 3 (M. Brecht 1, A. Beko 1, E. Powell 1) vs **Forest - Mexico - Roberts Awnings & Signs** 4 (B. White 2, A. Sayedzadeh 2); **Champagne - Germany - Aurora Viking Shrine Club** 1 (B. Bilotta 1) vs **Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 4 (D. Findlay 1, S. Gulesseriam 1, L. Camick 1, M. Neice 1); **Red - England - Priestly Demolition** 2 (M. Caicco 1, D. Keun 1) vs **Royal - France - Summers & Smith** 2 (P. Vas 2).

JULY 26 - Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 1 (J. Laird 1) vs **Yellow - Brazil** 3 (P. Hubbard 1, M. Laframboise 1, T. Coletta 1); **Red - England - Priestly Demolition** 1 (M. Caicco 1) vs **Navy - USA - Rick LeGrow Agent** 2 (C. Bile 1, E. Powell 1); **Kelly - Italy - Midrange** 7 (A. Andrisani 1, S. Sebastia 3, M. Perri 2, D. Pierson 1) vs **Royal - France - Summers & Smith** 3 (T. Davidson 2, L. McMann 1); **Champagne - Germany - Aurora Viking Shrine Club** 2 (S. Barnes 2) vs **Forest - Mexico - Roberts Awnings & Signs** 4 (J. Sherwood 2, B. White 2).

U10B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
England	7	1	2	23
USA	6	2	1	19
Argentina	5	4	0	15
Nethrlands	4	3	2	14
Italy	4	4	2	14
France	3	6	1	10
Portugal	3	6	0	9
Brazil	1	7	2	5

U10G - JULY 3 - Silver - Argentina 2 (S. Murray 1, E. Barnes 1) vs **Royal - France - Dr. Mark Weeden** 2 (J. Gragtmans, T. Miller 1).

JULY 24 - Silver - Argentina 3 (S. Murray 2, E. David 1) vs **Champagne - Germany** 2 (N. Fallavolita 2).

U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
England	5	0	1	16
Portugal	4	2	0	12
Brazil	3	1	2	11
Italy	3	2	1	10
USA	3	3	0	9
Mexico	2	3	1	7
Argentina	2	3	0	6
Germany	2	4	0	6
France	1	3	1	4
Nethrlands	1	5	0	3

U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
France	5	0	3	18
Brazil	5	3	1	16
USA	3	2	3	12
Italy	3	2	2	11
England	2	4	1	7
Germany	0	7	0	0

U11G - JULY 13 - Yellow - Brazil - Lotus Interior Specialties 0 vs **Forest - Mexico** 3 (S. Brockington 1, R. Gaudio 1, K. Brock 1) ; **Champagne - Germany** 7 (H. Black 3, M. Churchill 1, M. Baile 1, J. Martin 1, A. Gardener 1) vs **Kelly - Italy - CIBC** 1 ; **Royal - France - Omars Shoes** 0 vs **Navy - USA - CIBC** 1 (E. Thomson 1); **Red - England - Local Knowledge** 1 (E. Pasinotto 1) vs **Orange - Netherlands** 0.

JULY 20 - Forest - Mexico 6 (R. Gaudio 3, K. Dagher 2, K. Brock 1) vs **Red - England - Local Knowledge** 0; **Royal - France - Omars Shoes** 2 (J.Pachis 2) vs **Champagne - Germany** 4 (J. Martin 1, H. Black 2, M. Churchill 1); **Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 1 (K. Salma-Frankes 1) vs **Kelly - Italy - CIBC** 0; **Navy - USA - CIBC** 5 vs **Yellow - Brazil - Lotus Interior Specialties** 0.

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
USA	8	1	0	24
Mexico	7	1	1	22
England	6	2	1	19
Nethrlands	5	3	1	16
Germany	3	4	2	11
France	3	5	1	10
Brazil	1	8	0	3
Italy	0	9	0	0

U12B - JULY 26 - Navy - USA - Laurion law Office 4 (D. Dilena 1, J. Davis 3) vs **Royal - France - Lukezic Inc** 1 (L. Marneris 1); **Red - England** 3 vs **Yellow - Brazil - Envirocar Paint & Collision Service** 1; **Champagne Germany** 5 (E. Cristillo 1, J. Klinowski 3, M. Tenuta 1) vs **Kelly - Italy** 5 (L. Tiano 1, Z. Richards 2, L. Varone 2).

AUGUST 9 - Navy - USA - Laurion Law Office 3 (B. Puskar 1, M. Hart 1,B. White 1) vs **Red - England** 2 (J. Defina 1, B. Kirasack 1); **Champagne - Germany** 2 (N. Farquarson 2) vs **Yellow - Brazil - Envirocar Paint Service** 4 (D. Aleinikov 1, R. Eberlin 1); **Royal - France - Lukezic Inc** 3 (A. Partridge 3) vs **Kelly - Italy** 3 (K. Langdon 1, L. Varone 1, M. Wood 1).

U12B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
USA	5	2	1	16
France	5	2	1	16
England	4	4	0	12
Italy	3	3	2	11
Germany	2	4	2	8
Brazil	2	6	0	6

U12G - JULY 24 - Yellow - Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Group Ltd. 6 (H. Werda 3, J. Goldman 1, K. Wochenmarkt 1, M. Ouwales 1) vs **Navy - USA - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 0; **Forest - Mexico** 1 (E. Danziger 1) vs **Red - England - CGI** 4 (S. Klein 2, M. Diaz 1, R. Knetch 1); **Royal - France - Waits Bathroom Plus** 3 (A. Rustico 1, N. Lawlor 1, L. Janzen 1) vs **Champagne - Germany - Auto- Camping Ltd** 2 (N. Kuria 1, V. Cheung 1); **Orange - Netherlands** 6 (A. Moffat 1, E. Still 1, N. Grande 1, D. Bain 2, O. Pink 1) vs **Kelly - Italy** 2 (D. Alonzi 1, N. Kovacs 1).

JULY 31 - Red - England - CGI 2 (R. Knetch 2) vs **Yellow - Brazil - Hartwell Thayer Financial Group Ltd.** 3 (S. Byron 1, K. Saag 1, H. Werda 1); **Forest - Mexico** 3 (L. St. Germain 1, E. Roitner 1, B. Beswick 1) vs **Kelly - Italy- Twist Marketing** 3 (A. Moffat 1, D. Bain 1, S. Kanen 1).

U12G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Brazil	7	0	2	23
England	6	2	1	19
Italy	4	3	2	14
France	3	3	3	12
USA	3	4	2	11
Germany	3	4	2	11
Nethrlands	2	6	1	7
Mexico	1	7	1	4

U13/14B - JULY 18 - Yellow - Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 3 (G. McInnis 2, T. Braceland 1) vs **Navy - USA - R & J Concepts Inc.** 8 (N. Fattore 2, D. Skelton 1, S. Glasher 3, A. Oliveira 1, B. Strachan 1); **Red - England** 5 (A. Marsillo 3, S. Dinning 1, K. Woods 1) vs **Roya l- France - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 3 (D. Kovacs 1, C. Annear 1, J. Capbell 1); **Forest - Mexico - Casey Transportation Co. Ltd** 3 (M. DiVincenzo 1, G. Iaboni 1, D. Cook 1) vs **Kelly - Italy** 2 (T. Brewer 1, J. Killens 1); **WSSC** 4 (C. Daniels 1, J. McKendrick 2, M. Eeuwes 1) vs **Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 1 (J. Pellarin 1).

JULY - 25 - Red - England 2 (T. Sikura 1, K. Woods 1) vs **Navy - USA - R & J Concepts Inc.** 1 (N. Fattore 1); **Kelly - Italy** 2 (B. Rumball 1, J. Killens 1) vs **Royal - France - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1 (D. Everleigh 1); **Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 1 (J. Pellarin 1) vs **Yellow - Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 6 (A. Colacitti, G. McInnis, K. Powell, D. McConnell, M. Nonnewitz); **WSSC** 0 vs **Forest - Mexico - Casey Transportation Co. Ltd** 1 (N. Watts).

AUGUST 8 - Yellow - Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 5 (A. Colacitti 1, G. McInnis 1, C. Boyce 2, A. Scott 1) vs **Royal - France - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 0; **Red - England** 8 (A. Kerezi 1, S. Dinning 3, A. Marsillo 4) vs **Fores t- Mexico - Casey Transportation Co. Ltd** 5 (G. Marshall 2, K. Blaser 3); **Kelly - Italy** 5 (P. Axiotis 3, C. Freitas 1, A. Durant 1) vs **Navy - USA - R & J Concepts Inc.** 1 (R. McPharlane 1); **WSSC** 6 (C. Daniels 2, J. McKendrick 2, M. Eeuwes 1, N. Holland 1) vs **Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 0.

U13/14B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Italy	9	1	0	27
England	8	2	0	24
Mexico	7	3	0	21
France	4	6	0	12
WSSC	3	5	2	11
USA	3	6	1	10
Brazil	3	7	0	9
Nethrlands	1	8	1	4

U13G - JULY 17 - NAVY - USA - Bank of Montreal 5 (J. Nerling 1, A. Rulli 1, K. Hauzer 1, M. Hulbert 2) vs **Red - England - Excellon Resources** 0; **Yellow - Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (M. Scully 1, K. Maruno 1) vs **Champagne - Germany - Immersive Media** 0; **Kelly- Italy - Twist Marketing** 2 vs **Royal - France - M & L Photographics** 0.

JULY 24 - Kelly - Italy - Twist Marketing 5 (H. McDiarmid 1, S. Stefan 1, E. Wahab 1, A. James 1, R. Kane 1, J. DiCosmo 1) vs **Red- England- Excellon Resources** 0; **Champagne- Germany- Immersive Media** 2 (C. Nasato 1) vs **Royal - France - M & L Photographics** 2 (J. Kizovski 1, K. Matheson 1); **Yellow - Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 4 (L. McBride 1, K. Brown 1, C. Faiello 1, M. Scully 1) vs **Navy - USA - Bank of Montreal** 3(M. Hulbert 2, N. Gallos 1).

JULY 31 - Kelly - Italy -Twist Marketing 2 (J. DiCosmo 1, B. Cackirovski 1) vs **Navy - USA - Bank of Montreal** 0; **Red - England - Excellon Resources** 5 (D. Gottschald 2, J. Arnew 3) vs **Champagne - Germany - Immersive Media** 1 (D. Cantarutti 1); **Royal - France - M & L Photographics** 0 vs **Yellow - Brazil - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 1 (N. Tribuzio 1).

U13G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Italy	9	0	0	27
USA	6	3	0	18
Brazil	6	3	0	18
England	2	5	2	8
Germany	1	6	2	5
France	0	7	2	2

U14/15G - JULY 19 - Red- England - SSL Group Chartered Accountants 2 (N. Bailey 2) vs **Champagne - Germany** 2 (S. Kastanis 1, D. Crowley 1); **Silver - Argentina** 1 (L. Roberts 1) vs **Yellow - Brazil - Izzi Popat Royal LePage** 2 (C. White 1, M. Goldman 1); **Sky - Portugal** 5 (P. Sidea 2, T. Orser 2, L. Street 1) vs **Royal - France - Power Excellence** 1; **Forest - Mexico** 5 (A. Ing 3, K. Kinzinger 2) vs **Orange- Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 2 (N. Clarke 1, D.

Cardelli 1); **Navy - USA - Strategic Technology Consulting Inc.** 3 (J. Cammisuli 2, S. Dilena 1) vs **Kelly - Italy - Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc.** 0.

JULY 26 - Kelly - Italy - Hunter Lavigne Communications Inc. 2 (K. Uetz 2) vs **Silver- Argentina-** 0; **Yellow - Brazil - Izzi Popat Royal LePage** 1 (J. Rayner 1) vs **Champagne - Germany** 0; **Sky - Portugal** 1 (J. Rayner 1) vs **Forest - Mexico -R & J Concepts Inc.** 3 (K. Kinzinger 1, J. Trevisan 1, K. Camo 1); **Royal - France - Power Excellence** 4 (M. Staniewski 2, T. McKay 1, A. Malone 1) vs **Navy - USA - Strategic Technology Inc** 5 (J. Cammisuli 2, S. Dilena 1, C. Pahn 2); **Orange - Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 3 (L. McMurray 1, N. Clarke 1, D. Cardelli 1) vs **Red - England - SSL Group Chartered Accountants** 6 (N. Bailey 2, J. Davies 2, L. Pitts 2).

U14/15 GIRLS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
USA	6	1	0	18
Portugal	5	3	0	15
Italy	5	3	0	15
Brazil	5	3	0	15
Mexico	4	2	1	13
England	3	2	2	11
Germany	3	4	1	10
France	2	4	1	7
Argentina	1	5	2	5
Netherlands	0	7	1	1

U15/17B - JULY 25 - Champagne - Germany 3 (J. Domanico 1, J. Ugiccioni 1, C. Thompson 1) vs **Yellow - Brazil** 7 (T. Nardi 1, A. Silaev 1, K. Boettcher 1, R. Joynt 1, N. Malloux 2, M. Barbalinardo 1); **Red - England - Excellon Resources** 5 (C. Blom 1, L. Ghegin 1, D. Prezzo 2) vs **Silver - Argentina - Magna International** 1 (D. Roberts).

U15/U17B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Brazil	9	1	0	27
Italy	6	3	1	19
France	5	4	1	16
Germany	3	6	1	10
Argentina	2	6	2	8
England	2	7	1	7
USA	0	0	0	0

U16/19G T/TH - July 13 -Kelly - Italy 2 (S. Machin 1, K. Smith 1) vs **Yellow - Brazi - Omars Shoes** 3 (R. Cowlly 1, S. Stankov 1, G. Hough 1).

U16/U19G T/TH STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
France	9	0	1	28
germany	7	3	0	21
Argentina	4	3	3	15
Brazil	4	5	1	13
Portugal	3	5	1	10
Italy	2	6	2	8
USA	2	5	2	8
England	2	6	2	8

COMPETITIVE STINGERS RESULTS -

U13 G - The U13 Girls ADP team, comprised of six House League teams, was outstanding in their tournament being held in Caledon on July 22 & 23. Tournament organizers and opposing coaches were astonished that this was the first time the girls played together. Not only were they playing up in the U14 Division without their full roster, they were first overall in both loops with the most points obtained and the most goals scored. The girls were exceptional and accomplished many of their goals including advancing directly into the semi-finals UNDEFEATED. They lost the semi-final game 2-1 to Barrie Spirit who scored their winning goal in the last two minutes of regulation time. Congratulations, ladies, on a job well done.

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By BRIAN WARBURTON

The digital camera future has been arriving for some time now, and continues to arrive as camera memory and other features evolve more powerfully.

Recently, Tom Yates conducted an excellent workshop in the seniors' centre, on digital cameras and photography, which was well received.

About 30 members were present, all of whom appeared to be very interested in digital photography, while interest in film cameras is declining rapidly!

Everybody present possessed the ability to obtain a good image, while others judging by comments, were more experienced and skillful, and could do more.

Most could download the camera to a computer and save to a compact disc [CD], while a few could not.

Tom gently coaxed everybody to obtain an understanding of film speed and aperture size and the relationship between the two, which he referred to as the ISO rating.

It transpired that the automatic camera setting is the best route to take, except in extreme circumstances, which normally would be a low light scenario.

A sunset or night sky photography might be a candidate, and the first inklings of an interesting evening of astronomy are spawning as I write.

One of the tips we should all employ, is to take many digital shots and then delete ruthlessly the majority, saving only the worthwhile.

I can download my camera to my computer and then to a CD, and with that accomplished, I delete from both camera and from the computer.

Since a CD can store vast amounts of digital information,

Camera workshop is well attended

I still need to delete the clutter of poor shots, the better to enjoy the good stuff.

Digital images can be e-mailed successfully, although the process tends to be slow and this surprises the novice the first time an image is received via e-mail.

A digital image uses lots of computer memory, which is why it is not advisable to store too many images on a computer.

As a guide, the text in this article will use less memory on the computer, than one low resolution digital image.

Consequently, be aware that under normal operating conditions, it is okay to download a full camera to computer, but if you store digital images on your computer permanently, and keep adding more, you will overload your computer's memory.

Keep your camera batteries charged, and we were advised that downloading is one of the heavier uses of battery life.

When you attempt to take a first exposure, the camera delays taking the shot while it reads the conditions, and after a moment it completes the task, which accounts for the little delay we all experience and wonder about.

Tom has to gauge his audience carefully to present his workshop to maximum benefit.

Lots of good questions were asked and answered, and I believe everybody profited from this workshop.

Also, I think I am accurate in describing a lot of photographers as failing to get the full potential from their cameras, even though they find photography an enjoyable pastime.

And today's cameras offer a lot, which demands time and effort to become an accomplished photographer; so just enjoy your camera!

Justice Committee offers first-timers rehabilitation

The Young Offenders Act was adopted in 1984, replacing the 1908 Juvenile Delinquents Act, and has been controversial ever since.

Even though the Act was replaced by the Youth Criminal Justice Act in 2003 it remained controversial.

While the former Act did provide for alternatives to court and custody, the new legislation requires the police for the first time to consider a range of alternatives to laying criminal charges for minor, non-violent offences for youths aged 12-17.

These include whether it might be best to let the youth off with a warning, a formal caution or referring the young person to a community program.

Aurora-Newmarket's community program is showing positive results in reducing repeat offences as the process includes the offender, the victim, the families and the community in an effort to rehabilitate the offender while providing closure for the victim.

Known as the Youth Justice Committee it is based on the aboriginal Circle of Justice administered by members of the band for first offenders.

This restorative justice approach is an attempt to deal with as many less serious offenders, getting to them early and for many youths the shame and the need for an apology and restitution are more effective and meaningful than custody.

As provided in the legislation, the Attorney General established Youth Justice Committees in a number of

locations in Ontario including the Aurora-Newmarket area.

In June, 2002, former Toronto Police Officer, Parole Officer and Aurora Councillor Steve Hinder offered to head up a volunteer team to form a youth committee, aimed at steering first-time young offenders away from a life of crime.

The committee got underway in 2003.

Rather than send first time young offenders to Youth Court, a Crown Attorney can agree to send a youth who has committed a minor offence, such as shoplifting, to the Youth Justice Committee.

In order for a youth to be referred to the Committee, the young person must accept responsibility for his or her actions, be willing to participate in the program and be

aware of his options.

Young people who do not agree, or fail to comply with the requirements, are returned to the formal court system.

The volunteer committee members, after a period of training, try to find a balance between the needs of victims, young people and the community and ensure young persons are accountable for their actions.

After listening to all the statements, the committee may impose sanctions such as requiring an apology, community service, a written project, doing tasks for the victim or voluntary participation in counselling programs, such as anger management.

Volunteer Committee members are representatives of the community, subject to a criminal check, approved by

the Ministry of the Attorney General, trained and take an oath of confidentiality.

Offences eligible for referral include theft and possession of stolen property, fraud, mischief, disturbance, minor assaults and credit card offences.

A recent survey lists 116 community justice-related programs currently in effect across Ontario.

According to Hinder the local CJC has worked with more than 200 young people and the volunteer committee members experience a sense of satisfaction by playing a significant role in the life of a young person.

For more information about the Youth Justice Committee of York Region or to volunteer to become a member, contact Hinder at 905-252-1659.

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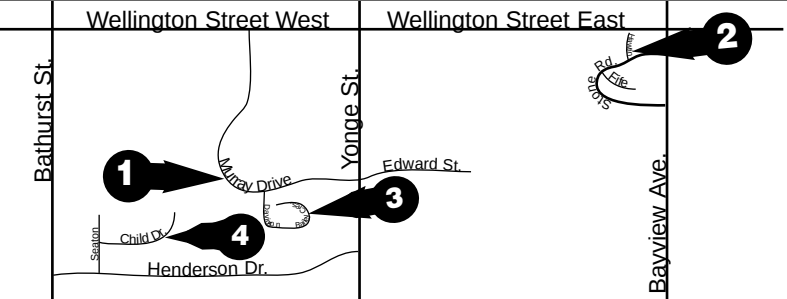
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Police crack down on cyclists

In October, 1983, York Regional Police officials warned Aurora Council that they were going to crack down on youngsters who ride their bicycles at night without lights.

Some members of council expressed concern that a youngster could wind up in juvenile court for such as offence, but others agreed it was better for them to end up in court rather than the morgue.

Parents came under criticism for letting their kids drive around the streets at night without lights.

In response to a suggestion that bicycles be licensed, council agreed that it would be impractical because of the cost, administration problems and enforcement.

It was agreed to proclaim a Bicycle Safety Week to promote bike safety and to distribute red reflector tape to youngsters for their bicycles as part of the safety week.

MORE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

In February, 2003, Frank Klees, Ontario's new Minister of Tourism and Recreation, was on a tour which took him to Thunder Bay and he and a staff of seven were returning to Toronto in a chartered commuter plane.

Klees was looking through the front windshield over the pilot's shoulder as they were flying at 25,000 feet over Lake Superior.

While he watched, two of the three layers of glass of the windshield exploded.

The pilot immediately started to descend and return to Thunder Bay airport after declaring an emergency.

Klees recalls it was 50 degrees below zero outside the plane and there was a fear as to what might happen if the third layer let go.

With emergency vehicles lining both sides of the runway, the windshield remained intact and the plane landed safely.

The incident didn't deter Klees from flying, however, and a few days later he was off to Sault Ste. Marie to announce a tourism marketing strategy.

A LOOK BACK AT 1966

- Aurora made national headlines after council adopted an anti-loitering bylaw and the mayor's wife and son were the first to be told to move on by Aurora police officers as they, along with others, watched a Yonge Street fire.

- In an attempt to get Sterling Drug management and the union back to the bargaining table over a prolonged labour conflict, it was suggested that the mayor act as a mediator but both sides were cool

Aurora resident presides over van key presentation

An Aurora resident presided over the presentation of a new mobility van to the residents at Participation House in Markham earlier this week.

Bob Sherwood, who lives on Kennedy Street, is the Chairman of the Markham Mobility Foundation, and the keys were handed over Monday at a golf tournament in Thornhill.

More than 200 golfers attended.

"The new mobility van for Participation House, Markham, was made possible through the hard work and generosity of dedicated individuals at Don Valley North Lexus Toyota, Toyota Canada and Kino Mobility Inc.," Sherwood said.

The project began when the Foundation learned Participation House in Markham had to take its existing van off the road.

"When we approached Don Valley North Lexus Toyota for their assistance

with a vehicle there was absolutely no hesitation," said Sherwood. The Markham-based dealership worked with Toyota Canada to have its Toyota Sienna Van approved by Transport Canada for the use of transporting clients and their wheelchairs.

Once approvals were received, Kino Mobility was asked to renovate the van to carry two residents in wheelchairs and three additional passengers.

The final cost of the fully retrofitted vehicle was \$75,000.

The Markham Mobility Foundation was started 23 years ago to help raise money in support of specially designed wheelchair accessible transit services.

Originally designed to assist residents in the Town of Markham, the Foundation broadened its mandate to include all of York Region upon the amalgamation of local transit authorities.

to the proposal.

- As Tannery Creek crosses from the west side on Yonge Street to the east side just south of Orchard Heights Drive and then back to the west side a short distance farther north, council suggested a realignment to eliminate both culverts during the reconstruction of Yonge Street, but was unable to get the property owners and Department of Highway officials together.

- Councillor Dick Illingworth raised the ire of Horse Show officials when he suggested the event be moved from the Town Park to the more spacious Fleury Park.

A few years later it was moved to Machell Park where it continues today.

WHAT HAPPENED?

In August, 1969, the provincial government announced that Highway 404, an extension of the Don Valley Parkway, may carry a rapid transit train or high-speed bus down the highway's centre median.

Department of Highways Deputy Minister Cam McNab said part of the 300-foot right-of-way the province had acquired as far north as Davis Drive may be used as some sort of GO North service in the same traffic corridor as auto traffic.

Planners feared that without some form of rapid transit from the Aurora/Newmarket area to Toronto, Highway 404 traffic would clog the Don Valley Parkway, already at capacity.

What happened?

WHEN RECYCLING STARTED IN AURORA

In April, 1978, the Ministry of the Environment in cooperation with selected municipalities, including Aurora, announced the "Divide and Conquer" program to reclaim reusable resources through recycling.

It was pointed out that the average Canadian threw away 4.4 pounds of solid waste a day and newspapers, glass bottles and cans accounted for 25 per cent of the solid waste.

In May, Aurora Council authorized three depots for the collection of newspapers but not magazines, cans and bottles for a six-month trial at the Community Centre, the IGA plaza and the Aurora Shopping Centre

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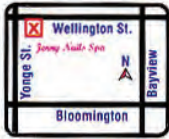
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