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Briefly

Contest winner

One second after noon on Thursday The Auroran phones started ringing, and the first one answered belonged to Darlene Parks.

She, as did everyone else, knew the answer to Sparkle Pharmacy's \$1.38 sale. Canada is 138 years old.

Darlene will enjoy dinner for two at the Grand Table Catering Company at Timberlane.



War veterans were front and centre Friday as Aurora held its annual July First Parade. Escorted in scores of jeeps, veterans greeted the crowds along Yonge St. and were rewarded by salutes, ovations and signs. Above a few of the jeeps get ready to leave, while, at right, The Auroran's Dick Illingworth, 89, waves to the crowd along with fellow veteran Don Dempsey.

Auroran photos by Rob Schuetze and David Falconer



Veterans honoured in July First parade

This is the Year of the Veteran. It has been 60 years since the Liberation of Holland and the end of the Second World War and much has happened since then.

Last Friday, Aurora residents paid tribute to local veterans as they rode down Yonge Street in jeeps as part of the July First Parade.

Children held signs which read "thank you", some adults stood and saluted and most spectators applauded when the veterans passed by.

Numerous jeeps carried scores of veterans from one end of Yonge Street to the other.

But in other parts of the country veterans have been forgotten especially the soldiers who were used as guinea pigs in the testing of Agent Orange at the army base in Gagetown.

Closer to home, Health Minister George Smitherman forgot about veterans when his Ontario Smoke-Free legislation prohibited smoking in Legion halls.

If the Legionnaires want to prohibit smoking in their club rooms, they should be able to do so, but it should be their decision, not the government's.

Smitherman has forgotten, or maybe he never knew, but many members of the Armed Forces started to smoke when they received packages of cigarettes in the "goodie packages" shipped overseas by caring Canadians.

In the four years of World War I, Canada with a population of only seven million raised an armed force of 628,462 including 2,854 women, most of them vol-

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Yonge property topic of meeting

The Yonge and Centre Street development dates back to before 1998 when two investment companies purchased a total of six separate properties clustered around the northeast corner of Yonge and Centre Streets including the Aurora Dairy and Dairy Bar located at the corner.

Today, the property still hasn't been developed, but it's not for lack of trying.

In March, 1998, a public plan-

ning meeting was held to consider an application for a seven-storey multi-use building having more than 4,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor and 72 residential units above.

Access to the 72-space underground parking was off Yonge Street at the north end of the site, with the entrance to a 54-space surface parking lot and loading area off Centre Street.

Staff did not support the application due to the many requested changes to the official plan and zoning bylaw.

Concern was expressed about the height of the building, existing traffic patterns and servicing requirements.

Although there was some support for the proposal as a means of cleaning up the condition of the site, council adopted a staff recommendation that additional work was required.

A second public meeting was held in February, 2000. By this time the applicant had reduced the height of the proposed building to five storeys, submitted a traffic analysis, carried out soil tests and a servicing study.

After listening to all the comments, council approved the project in principle subject to the reso-

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Aurora Council supported the proposal due to the bottleneck at Yonge and Wellington Street. King council opposed the proposal.

It was also opposed by Bathurst Street residents with more than 100 attending a meeting and forming a committee.

The current dispute started in 2000 when the region proposed widening and reconstructing Bathurst Street from two to four

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Noise on Bathurst a long-time problem

The widening and reconstruction of Bathurst Street has been a bone of contention for Aurora residents and council as far back as April, 1973.

At that time York Regional Council petitioned the province to build a Toronto to Newmarket bypass west of Yonge Street to eliminate traffic congestion along the region's central corridor.

The region suggested Bathurst Street as a potential location for the bypass.

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COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

CONTINUING

Aurora Farmers' Market continues every Saturday in the Temperance Street parking lot until Thanksgiving. Event opens at 8 a.m.

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.

During the month of July the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall will feature the artwork of Rosie Schroder. Regular viewing hours are 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The Wellington Gallery on Wellington Street West at Machell features the work of local painter Josie Schwarzli and wood sculptor Bob Staley in an exhibit titled "Hidden Beauty" until July 10. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with other times by appointment, by calling 905-751-0066.

York Region Food Network invites you to join the Aurora Community Garden. Vegetable plots (10' x 20') are available at no charge. Call Catherine Cook, Community Garden Coordinator, at (905) 967-0428 or e-mail at cgcyrfn@bellnet.ca.

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.

Every Friday night from 8.15 to 10.15 p.m. at the Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School gym there will be a basketball and volleyball drop-in for ages 14 to 18. Call 905-726-4760 for further information.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-9205.

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.

Helping Hand: Gently used clothing for women and children, at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Wednesdays 5.30 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 905-727-6101.

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

Towns of York Toastmasters meetings are free and open to the general public. Meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora. For more information see the club's web site at www.townsofyork.org or phone Roy Bannon at 905-853-0859.

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

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

JULY & AUGUST

Primary school registrations continue until August 25, at the admissions office of the York Catholic District School Board, 320 Bloomington Road West from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. On Saturday, August 27, register from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JULY 10

Garden tour hosted by the Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society, noon to 5 p.m. Tour eight gardens. Tickets, at \$10 each, are available at Mary's Flower Shop, Flowers By Terry and R & R Revisited.

Merlin's Hollow English garden final open house operates between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Garden is located at 181 Centre Crescent.

JULY 12

Aurora Council meets in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. This is the only council or committee meeting scheduled for the month of July.

JULY 13

Concert in the Park. Children's entertainment, Kidz Kidding. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society's monthly meeting and rose flower show at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway. 8 p.m. Guests are welcome. \$2 per person.

JULY 18

Aurora Writers' Group monthly meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Holland Room at the Aurora Town Hall. Adult writers of all genres and skill levels welcome. Writing exercises, discussion. Free. For further information call Malcolm at 905-898-5484.

JULY 20

Concert in the Park. Cindy Thompson, old time fiddle music. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

Afternoon tea on the verandah at Hillary House between 2 and 4 p.m. Just drop in! Price per person for tea and a tour is \$5. Hillary House is at 15372 Yonge Street. For more information call 905-727-4015.

JULY 27

Concert in the Park. Hot Rocks and Robert Wotherspoon - Rolling Stones Tribute Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

Afternoon tea on the verandah at Hillary House between 2 and 4 p.m. Just drop in! Price per person for tea and a tour is \$5. Hillary House is at 15372 Yonge Street. For more information call 905-727-4015.

AUGUST 3

Concert in the Park. Huggican Big Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

AUGUST 10

Concert in the Park. Blackboard Blues Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

AUGUST 16

Aurora Council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the Town Hall. This is the only council or committee meeting to be held during the month of August.

AUGUST 17

Concert in the Park. Hotel California, Eagles Tribute Band. Town Park. 7 - 9 p.m.

Afternoon tea on the verandah at Hillary House between 2 and 4 p.m. Just drop in! Price per person for tea and a tour is \$5. Hillary House is at 15372 Yonge Street. For more information call 905-727-4015.

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SEPTEMBER 10

Mark this date for the annual Candlelight Tour of Homes sponsored by the Aurora Historic Society with all proceeds going towards the restoration of historic Hillary House. For more information call 905-727-8991.



Even youngsters are taking advantage of Aurora's Community Gardens at the corner of Allaura Blvd. and Edward Street. Growing their own food are, left to right, Neil Bender, Eric Bender, Hanna Garbig, Jessica Smith, Lauren Cook, Jaime Anderson and Lauren Anderson. The vegetable gardens are organized by the York Region Food Network and 10 x 20 foot plots are available at no charge. Call Catherine Cook, Community Garden Co-ordinator at 905-967-0428 for further information.

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Home Hardware seeks building expansion okay

Aurora Home Hardware wants to move some of its materials inside, but has no room to do so.

That's why they need a bigger building.

S & R Hardware Limited, operators of the Wellington Street East outlet on a 2.8 acre property with frontage on both Wellington and Mary Streets, has a location zoned Service Commercial, which does not include a building supply outlet nor outside storage.

Owners have expressed interest in submitting a site plan application to increase the size of the existing building to allow some of the materials to be located with-

in the building.

A review of town records reveals that in 1986 a site plan application was entered into by the town and building permits issued on the lands.

In order to rectify the issue and not encumber any future development application or building permits, the town sponsored the official plan and zoning bylaw amendment to permit a building supply outlet, including limited outside storage as an additional permitted use.

As it was primarily a local housekeeping issue, the region exempted the application from needing regional approval.

Staff recommended that setback provisions be created to establish a confined area considered to be acceptable for outdoor storage to ensure that building materials are stored on the south side of the existing building and do not infringe on Mary Street.

There were no members of the public in attendance to support or oppose the application, nor was a representative of the hardware outlet on hand.

As it was primarily a housekeeping item initiated by the town, council, without comment or debate, directed staff to prepare the enacting bylaw.

New roof for complex

The roof of the Aurora Leisure Complex was evaluated by Pinnacle Roof Consultants to determine the state of the existing roof system installed in 1986 and recommended repairs and the estimated cost of the repairs.

This resulted in a request to council to include \$250,000 in the 2005 budget to replace the flat roof system.

Tenders were called early in June and seven bids were

received ranging from a low of \$291,300 to a high of \$453,880.

Each bid included options making the range from \$342,400 to \$587,312.

In addition to the flat roof section, the consultant also recommended that work be performed on the skylight built into the roof due to its deteriorating condition.

Since the date of the original report, additional leaks occurred in other sections of the facility and this was included as another option resulting in a total low bid of \$342,400.

The increase in the bid over the estimated \$250,000 budget was primarily due to the continued deterioration of the roof system as well as the increased costs of material and labour since the original budget estimate.

Staff pointed out that the state of the roof represented

a potential safety and structural issue and no feasible alternative was available.

It was recommended the low bid of Solar Roofing and Sheet Metal Limited be accepted and the additional funds be made available from the Municipal Capital Reserve.

Councillors expressed concern about the additional cost and suggested in future an inflationary factor be built into the estimate for budget purposes.

A question was asked about Green Roof technology and it was pointed out that a Green Roof was a heavier roof and the Leisure Complex had not been built for Green Roof technology.

In view of the ongoing deterioration of the roof system council agreed to award the contract as recommended on the basis any delay would increase the costs.

Resident wins stop sign wish

Sometimes it's possible to beat City Hall as Aurora resident Don Coleman did last week.

He appeared before council to seek an all-way stop at McClellan Way and Tradewind Terrace.

He had appeared at the Traffic Safety Advisory Board meeting and presented a petition of parents in the area seeking the all-way stop.

Although a motion was made at the TSAB meeting that the all-way stops be approved, there was no second to the motion causing its defeat, which resulted in Coleman's appearance before council.

He told councillors the signs were needed at the three-way major intersection as it fed Highview Public School with 600 to 700 students and there was no crossing guard on weekends as children went to the school grounds and adjacent park area.

On learning that staff had recommended the installation of the stop signs, council was quick to reject the committee report and approve the stop signs with directions that they be installed as soon as possible.

In the same TSAB report there was a recommendation that the region be advised that council does not support the request to reduce the speed limit on Yonge Street to 50 km/hr from the St. John's Sideroad to a point 800 metres south of the St. John's Sideroad or to the vicinity of the entrance gates to St. Andrew's College.



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Poor Richard

Respect for politicians is waning

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-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Never in recent history has the honesty, integrity and accountability of politicians plunged to such a low level, below that of used car salesmen, especially at the federal and provincial levels of government.

The common perception is that people run for elected office, not so much for what they can do for their community or country but for what the community and country can do for them.

The many scandals involving political figures and appointees, the lack of accountability, freeloading at the public trough, conflict of interest and personal agendas have all led to the deterioration of public trust.

This is a disservice to the many honest politicians, who continue to serve their constituents and their community and country.

But due to party discipline and loyalty and the threat of being expelled from the party, even respected federal and provincial politicians are tarred with the same brush, as they refuse to break party ranks and remain quiet.

The only answer is education and greater public awareness of politicians and the process of government at all levels.

At one time most federal and provincial politicians gained experience at the municipal level of government, the grass roots level of democracy, with a real grounding in procedure and process with respect for their council colleagues.

In those days, people served for the honour of serving, to be able to pay something back to their community or country with no thought of reward.

While no one expects them to serve for nothing, politics was never considered a full-time job. Politicians set policy and full-time staff carried it out. Today it has become a full-time job with severance pay and pensions.

Back in the 1960s before county or regional school boards, trustees of the Aurora Public School Board served without any thought of remuneration.

Municipal councillors were paid an honorarium based on populations.

The Municipal Act at that time set the maximum salary for municipal councillors at \$4,000 per year in municipalities of more than 300,000 people down to a maximum of \$350 per year for municipalities with fewer than 5,000 people.

Aurora councillors in the mid-1960s received \$275 per year with the mayor receiving twice that amount.

With the advent of county school boards and regional governments, municipal politicians objected to bureaucrats at Queen's Park setting their salaries and petitioned the government to let them set their own salaries.

Then Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough agreed on condition that the municipal treasurer would issue a public statement by March of the following year, listing the salary and expenses of all members of council.

One of the most controversial salary debates in Aurora took place in 1971.

At that time the mayor received \$3,500 from the town and \$500 from the hydro commission and members of council received \$2,000 each.

As Aurora was the lowest paid council in the region, in February, 1971, Councillor Illtyd Harris recommended the mayor's salary be increased to \$7,500 per year and councillors receive \$3,600 per year.

On December 1, 2003, the salary paid to the mayor was \$40,642 and \$17,851 for members of council with a further adjustment of 1.5 per cent December 1, 2004, and December, 2005, for the mayor, and six per cent increase on both dates for members of council.

At the regional level councillors received \$6,000 per year in 1971 for two council meetings plus two committee meetings per month in addition to what they received at the local level.

Today they receive more than \$40,000, plus all benefits, for one council meeting and two committee meetings or about 20 hours a month.

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Ah, the good old days. This poster tells it like it was in the food markets in Aurora in 1935. Bob Demaline of Ross Linton Drive dropped off the original to The Auroran last week. The bottom indicates Aurora was the closest Dominion store which also offered delivery service. The phone number had as few digits in it as some of the food prices.

From the Editor

Another perspective why French numbers were low

To the editor,

From this latest musing and earlier ones, it seems to me that your reader R.W. Hanes, is no fan of Quebec, the French language, nor French Canadians.

(By the way I am not French Canadian, nor speak French).

I recall an earlier rant objecting to French immersion courses.

He is correct that the participation of French Canadians in World War II was disproportionate to the Francophone population.

Between 1939 and 1945 the proportion of Francophones in the services was estimated at 20 per cent.

There was good reason for this.

After the First World War, the famous Royal 22 Regiment (vingt-deux) was maintained.

However, nothing was done to advance the presence of Francophones and the French language, including

constructing additional facilities.

Early in the war, serious consideration was given to creating a Francophone army brigade, for which ample strength was available.

This was not done and ultimately, the Francophones were dispersed throughout the forces.

Virtually all training material was in English.

Unilingual Francophones wishing to fight for their country were given no choice but to join the infantry.

Those volunteering for armoured or artillery service were sent to the infantry.

The Air Force did establish one Francophone bomber squadron.

As one author put it, "without basic equality it was hard to exact the equality of sacrifice that was called for in both 1914-18 and 1939-45."

And as Deputy Adjutant General, Major General W.H.S. Macklin wrote in 1946 "No one has ever explained to me how the Canadian Army

could have absorbed a satisfactory proportion of French Canadians if compulsory enlistment had been applied in 1939. There were no duly trained officers to properly accommodate these elements and we should never have been able to resolve the difficulty in the midst of conflict".

So by the Forces refusing to accommodate the needs of Francophones, it lost many recruits.

As a result of greater efforts at accommodation the situation has greatly improved.

Since 1983, and without conscription, the Francophone presence has risen to 27 per cent.

Not bad for a population that supposedly borders on separation.

While I respect your reader's right of opinion, I invite him to resist unfounded notions.

The library or Internet are great places to start.

Guy L. Poppe
Aurora

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Mayor's Report By Tim Jones

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference

Recently, I travelled to St. John's, Newfoundland, to attend the 68th Annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

I have been attending this gathering with more than 1,200 municipal officials from across Canada for several years and I find that it really helps to put our local and regional issues into perspective to those from across the country.

Of common concern to all were the positions of the national parties on topics such as the gas tax, infrastructure and federal recognition of municipal government for what it is and does and could do.

To that end, Prime Minister Paul Martin, as well as the Conservative leader Stephen Harper and the leader of the NDP Jack Layton all addressed those assembled.

I finally believe that the Federal government has started to hear us, especially after the recent announcements of gas tax revenues from which Aurora will realize \$3.26 million over the next five years.

During the course of the four-day conference, I heard speakers on such topics as Habitat for Humanity, (I would still like to see Aurora step up and find a way to implement a Habitat location in our Town), as well as environmental and sustainable development.

I learned more about brown field development, clean air and climate change as well as community energy planning.

It is interesting to note that we are examining the potential of gas to electric local energy generation and have a local gas to energy project right here in Aurora at the Waste Management site.

I also took a study tour on the topic of "Oceans: a learning laboratory" where I toured a world class centre for ocean engineering.

This is a centre funded by Federal, Provincial and private funding and deals with everything from oil rigs to America's Cup yacht design.

Also part of the conference is a large 'Expo' comprised of many municipal service companies, suppliers and organizations. Virtually any information on all municipal service areas was available.

I attended a resolutions plenary where we dealt with positions on issues such as community safety and crime prevention, environmental concerns and sustainable development, municipal finance and intergovernmental arrangements, municipal infrastructure and national transportation policy, and social economic development.

On Saturday night we discovered "George Street" and I had an enjoyable evening comparing notes with five Newmarket councillors who were in attendance as well as with numerous other municipal officials from across Canada.

On the third day after the keynote speakers, I participated in the election of officers for the FCM Board, supporting Regional Councillor Brenda Hogg of Richmond Hill in her successful bid to be re-elected to the Board.

Brenda brings a strong environmental approach to FCM and has been instrumental in making progress in this area with FCM.

After the elections I took another study tour, this time to check out some of the natural wonders of Newfoundland and how St. John's has incorporated them into their urban setting.

We toured the Grand Concourse Walkway, a trail comprised of 120 kilometres that links every major park in three cities.

We also visited Signal Hill.

There were a few other sessions and many opportunities to speak with other municipal elected and appointed representatives on how they handled issues in their municipalities similar to ours.

I am a great advocate of elected officials attending these type of events, if only to help put what we do into perspective with others so that we can be better prepared to address similar issues on the home front.

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

Machell's Corners

by Scott Johnston



Letters to the Editor

Plenty of produce at market: Kean

To the editor,

I am a huge fan of Scott Johnston's cartoons in The Auroran.

They are normally right on when describing the events in Aurora from council to everyday happenings.

Two weeks ago, however, I must say that I was disappointed in his portrayal of the Farmer's Market which showed signs of what he saw at the market such as Pizza, Donate to the Food Bank, Aurora Seniors Centre, Bacon

on a Bun, etc.

However the caption "Isn't there any produce at this Farmer's Market?" leaves the impression with people who have not attended the market that this is true.

Far from it.

We have great vendors such as Vanhart Organic Vegetables, Cooper's Veggie Farm, Howard's Farm plus others selling every possible type of produce and fruit that are available at any time of year. Whether you want tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce,

asparagus, squash, onions, potatoes, peppers, corn on the cob, garlic, beets and so on.

These vendors also carry all types of fruit.

We also have Hurst Bakery plus other baked goods at the Seniors' Centre booth.

The market includes meats, fish, jams and jellies.

I also wanted to be sure that the Town Charities are also represented and that is why we give free space to these groups including the Food Bank.

This market is for everyone

in Aurora and I ask that you come out and see exactly what these great vendors sell.

It's also a meeting place for friends and family.

So please come out and, if possible, bring extra non-perishable goods for the food bank.

To Scott, next time you are there, please buy the great produce that the market carries.

Nigel Kean
Farmers' Market
coordinator



Cathy's Corner



The thought of graduation

There I was, in a banquet hall, watching 317 graduation caps fly through the air like super-sized confetti with ocular penetration capabilities, and there it was - a sudden, strange, sadness.

It's over.

Cardinal Carter Catholic High School's graduating class of 2005 has been together five days a week, 10 months a year for the past four years.

And it's never going to happen again.

Graduation night marks the last time the high school crowd will all meet under the same roof.

Funny, I didn't have this thought a quarter century ago, sitting in the gym of Thornhill Secondary School, waiting for my turn to walk the plank - the brief little bridge between high school and the rest of my life, the three-second glimmer of recognition for five years of academic, social and parental insistence on performing, conforming and transforming.

...Or maybe I did have the thought, but overcome as I was with a budding concept of independence, a primal fear of my math teacher, and the unmistakable scent of eau de locker room that filled the air...the thought simply wasn't adequately charged with the sadness of reminiscence to make a lasting impression.

Last Wednesday night, however, I had time to think and feel and remember as I waited nearly three hours for my son's three seconds of graduation glory.

It would have been shorter, but the announcer said his full name.

The sadness arrived unbidden, with the potency of a dentist's needle...numbing all else.

Never mind that I was surrounded by proud, smiling parents, beaming grandparents, fidgety siblings, and relieved teachers.

Never mind that the room spilled out grinning graduates with flushed faces and crushed caps. Never mind that I couldn't find my husband. I was in my own world.

As the crowded room poured into an even more densely packed foyer, somebody stepped on my foot.

It was a big somebody with a correspondingly big foot. I almost cried.

But it wasn't because somebody stepped on my foot. I am a much bigger wimp than that.

It was because my son has big feet. It was because lit-

tle feet grow into big feet.

Through my mind flashed memories of loading a little boy with little feet and a little knapsack onto a big bus, then unloading him with finger paintings and popsicle stick forts twice his size.

I remembered the bedtime stories I read over and over again, and I remembered the lullabies I sang as if I could sing...ah, I wallowed for a moment in the good old days before my kids sanctioned my repeating myself, and banned me from singing.

And I remembered buying little shoes for little feet every September.

And every September, the little shoes got a little bit bigger...just like the little feet.

Now, Tim buys his own shoes, big shoes, so big that their boxes would make nice cottages if Aurora had a lake.

And suddenly, I understood the sadness: I miss the little boy that Tim once was...and will never again be.

Like many parents, my pride in my children's progress through successive chapters of their lives often mingles with a dreadful question: Did I enjoy what came before enough to move on? Did I enjoy them enough?

It occurs to me that when our children graduate, we graduate with them.

Perhaps, Tim being the last of my babies to conclude the high school chapter has evoked this sense of sadness.

Or maybe it's the accompanying realization that just as the time when the Class of 2005 will never again all meet under the same roof is at hand, for me, the time when our family will never again all live under the same roof looms on the horizon.

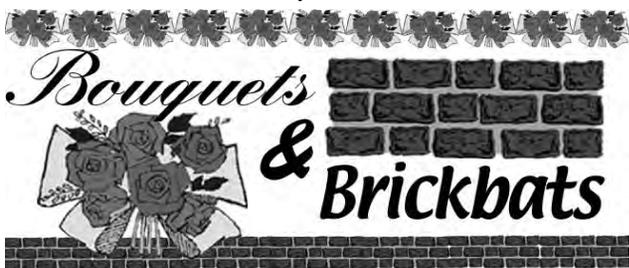
They say that your parents are proof that the world was here before you, and your children are hope that the world will continue after you are gone.

That would make what happens in between a collection of little gems that touches our hearts and assembles the big treasure that we call life.

Congratulations and best wishes to all our Aurora graduates.

May the gems of the memories you have made always touch your hearts.

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:
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By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the members of SOYRA and Aurora's Creative Connections for coordinating the work of 15 local artists who displayed their artwork during Aurora Day at Ontario Place recently. It was as big a job and they are to be commended for their efforts.

BRICKBATS to members of council for wasting the time of council by asking a question during a council or committee meeting that could have been answered in greater detail by a phone call to the department.

More **BRICKBATS** to the chairman of a council or committee meeting who refuses to accept general interest question or comments during the "Other Business" section of the agenda. If members can't ask them then, when can they ask them?

BOUQUETS to Robert MacKay on being selected as the top athlete at St. Andrew's College for the 2004/05 school year. He was a four-sport star taking part in senior football, senior basketball, senior baseball and senior track and field.

BRICKBATS to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation for taking up to 90 days to process a senior's driving licence after all the tests were passed, photograph taken and \$30 paid. According to Ministry officials there's a backlog.

BOUQUETS to Prime Minister Paul Martin for a quick comeback after Richmond Hill Liberal MP Bryon Wilfert started to introduce him to a Richmond Hill audience as "Prime Minister Jean Chretien". Martin came right back with "Thank You, Brian Mulroney!"

BRICKBATS to the hundreds of people who were nearby when a man was shot in a crowded downtown Toronto club and not one of them came forward as a witness. Is it the fear of police or the armed men that stops them from coming forward?

BOUQUETS to Don Lewis, Jr., of Aurora, on his retirement from the York Regional Police after 32 years of service. For the Lewis family, police work was a three-generation family affair. Don Lewis Sr. also served 32 years, retiring in 1989 from YRP and the Aurora Police Force, and his two grandsons, Chris and Jason, are police officers.

BRICKBATS to those responsible for abdicating their legislative authority and allowing non-elected members of the Supreme Court of Canada to set policy and run the country, or at least telling elected politicians how to run it. It's a travesty and nobody seems to care.

BOUQUETS to Lynn Sinclair of Aurora on the publication of her adult fantasy "Key to Aten" published by Brown Barn Books. Two years ago Lynn received a **BOUQUET** for her essay which was published in the Globe and Mail.

BRICKBATS to the producers of commercial TV programs for including the same advertisement on the same program at every opportunity, which seems to be about four times an hour. The ad in question has to do with Canada Health Care Providers. Who pays for the advertisement?

BOUQUETS to Premier Dalton McGuinty for promising to bring more women into the cabinet. This is a promise he had better keep. Male politicians have made a mess of things, so let the women have a turn.

BRICKBATS to the members of the York Region Police professional standards branch for clearing the five officers of any wrongdoing in allegations of improperly investigating a domestic assault in Newmarket, resulting in the Ontario Complaints Commission bringing charges against the five officers. Remember your motto is "To Serve and Protect".

Letter to the Editor

Report from the garden

To the editor,

Well, I'm glad that Bill Hack had a positive experience when he got lost in Aurora delivering pots to Merlin's Hollow.

I would like to thank him and all the many anonymous people who drop off pots and trays for us to recycle instead of them ending up on landfill sites.

Many of these donors wash them, size them and bag them in a tidy stash before delivering them.

We only use pots up to six inches across, the car hasn't been in the garage for 20 years because of all the big ones!

It is pleasant to hear people's impressions on visiting our garden.

This week we received a card from Janis McCallen and Tom Warney to say how they had enjoyed their visits and it was hand painted by Janis.

A man from Toronto spent a long time wandering around the garden with a notebook and then told me he would send his poem when it was written.

It eventually came - all 27 pages of it but it was difficult to ascertain what had stimulated it, evidently not Merlin's Hollow.

One woman clapped her hands together on a visit and declared "the smells remind me of whales." It took me a moment to realize she meant Wales.

There is always much to do in the garden.

David sows on average 1,000 packets of seed a year from all over the world that have similar conditions to us.

We have a plant bible with 15,000 different plants listed yet many of the plants we grow are unknown to us and too

unusual to be found there but our friend Bob Adams sends great descriptions of all the seeds he collects for us.

The main rush of potting up plants is over, and the labeling almost done.

We use Latin names as given by Linnaeus, the first botanist to name plants scientifically (1751).

Each plant is given at least two names, the first being the name of the flower, the second (the specific epithet) being an adjective specific to that plant that may be derived from the colour, e.g. coccinea (red) azurea; a characteristic, e.g. rigida, flaccida, obtusa(?); the country in which it was found, e.g. Wilsonii, Royleana, Delavayii.

People used to call their daughters Lily, Rose, Hyacinth, Primrose, but I labeled a plant last week, *Glumicalyx gaseloides*, and wondered what girl would thank a parent for naming her after that.

Maybe she was called Glumy for short.

Sometimes I think of tending the garden like a parent, with guidance, love and encouragement.

At other times it seems more like a muscled corrections officer decking the thugs and controlling the miscreants to enable the innocent and handicapped to have their place in the sun.

Last year as I was cutting down plants in the fall, I measured a particularly tall one, at 11 feet, six inches, the tallest perennial on record in this garden.

So this week I was staking the tall plants and putting tomato cages in to support the strong growth of the medium sized ones when competing with their neighbours in the beds.

This time last year we

had two wonderful nights with a toad trilling in the pond.

He was big and black and warty, and after that short time we saw him cavorting with his new mate (an even larger black beauty) in the water, at times submerged but holding a strong clinch, a black trail of eggs threading through the water all around them.

I love to see the baby toads emerge several weeks later, as large as a finger nail, trying to hoist themselves over one-quarter inch gravel on the alpine beds.

I don't speak "toad" but wondered what message he broadcast:

* I am upwardly mobile, two cars, large house, investment profile, foreign travel.

* I'm a couch potato, slightly chubby, no ambition - but lovable.

* I'm a poet, don't work, but will put you in tune with the sounds of the universe.

I asked him but he just looked at me.

The garden now holds at least 2,500 different perennials which, in turn, attract a wide range of insects, all of which interest us (barring the mosquito).

We have had 12 different species of butterfly

here this year, several different dragonflies, one newly emerged snake and then a large one caught sunning on the rock garden one day.

Many bird species feed and bathe here, several (Red-eyed Vireo, Northern Oriole, Crow, Mourning Dove, Jay, Cardinal) have built nests in the garden but only the Song Sparrows' nest escaped predation by the many squirrels, grey, black and red, who also inhabit the garden.

But there is one species without which the garden would be less rich - all the pleasant interesting and funny visitors who come to our four free open days annually (from skilled gardeners to people new to this sweet obsession) whose excitement and interest in what they see makes the work well worthwhile.

Dierdre Tomlinson
Aurora

EDITOR'S NOTE: Merlin's Hollow will hold its final open house of the season Sunday, July 10, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The garden is located at 181 Centre Crescent, just west of Industrial Parkway North.

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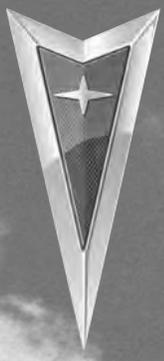
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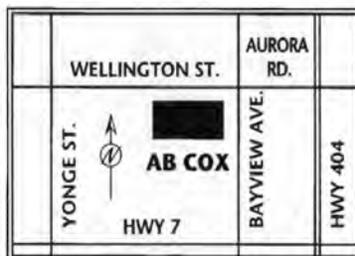
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Active Aurora seniors work on many projects

To the editor,

A few weeks ago, The Auroran printed an article about the "Buy-A-Brick" program at the Aurora Seniors Association.

I want to thank you because that piece reached many Aurorans who had not heard of this part of our fundraising campaign and who came to the Centre to buy bricks.

It gave a big boost to the project.

The bricks may be seen on the walls at the Senior Centre on Victoria Street.

They are made of bristol board and show in large letters the names of the donors.

When we move into our new centre, these names are to be displayed on the walls there, more attractively, we hope.

Bricks have been bought by a variety of people: association members and their relatives, friends, Mayor Tim

Jones and town councillors, and those who buy bricks in memory of loved ones.

Many organizations are shown, too.

Among them are Welcome Wagon, Beta Sigma Phi, CIBC, Graystones Restaurant, East Side Mario's, Harmony Lodge, Automatic Construction, Newmarket Keynotes Senior Choir and Aurora Women's Institute.

Just last week, we got our first "doggie" brick.

Betty Newlands, a member of the Seniors' Book Club, bought bricks for each member of the Berwick family, including their pet "Superdog Bailey".

This doesn't mean we are going to the dogs. Far from it!

Since August last year, the brick project has brought in more than \$17,000.

Thank you to all who have bought bricks or helped our fundraising campaign in other ways.

Aurora Seniors Association has been asked to contribute \$250,000 toward the cost of our new building.

It is being constructed just south of the Aurora Town Hall and we expect to move in this fall.

Our Association has been chosen as one of the 10 organizations to take part in the Magna "Hoedown" in September.

We will be selling tickets to this event, as well as raffle tickets, with first prize being a new model Mercedes, and second prize, a trip to Vienna, Austria.

Another fundraising project underway is the production of a 2006 calendar featuring senior members as "Calendar Girls".

Photographer Rob Schuetze, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, is doing all the photo work free of charge.

He is very enthusiastic and says this calendar is going to surprise a lot of people.

And don't forget to visit the Seniors at the Farmers' Market every Saturday morning and pick up some delicious home baking.

Also on sale are crafts and books.

Sorry, this was going to be a simple, short heartfelt thank you letter, but I got carried away by all the "stuff" we're doing.

Flo Murray
Fundraising Director
Aurora Seniors Centre

Hearing might help "head honcho"

To the editor,

In the June 22 issue of a newspaper there were two items of news.

1. That Bernard Shapiro, federal ethics commissioner, has found the former immigration minister Judy Sgro was in "clear violation" of conflict of interest rules when she doled out temporary residence permits to

applicants in Liberal held ridings.

2. The federal ethics commissioner (Shapiro) was to be grilled tomorrow (June 23) before a Commons Ethics Committee that may recommend his ouster.

These two articles lead me to believe, in my opinion, that the Chief Honcho in Ottawa (aka Paul Martin)

was angered by his commissioner's report branding Ms Sgro in a conflict of interest that he probably ordered his Ethics Committee to put Mr. Shapiro, through, according to the article "an intense grilling" - something like the Spanish Inquisition - following which a vote is expected on whether Mr. Shapiro should go or stay.

It seems to me that our

vaunted politicians of all stripes believe that the "general populace" is unable to put two and two together and see what may result from this case.

Mr. Shapiro's banishment would allow the Chief Honcho to appoint someone more to his liking.

J.A.S. Milne
Aurora

Yonge-Centre property gets another hearing

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lution of the identified issues.

The applicant took no action and staff planned to close the file but the applicant asked for and received more time to finalize the application.

Then in August, 2004, the applicant asked that the 2000 official plan and zoning bylaw amendments be considered for final approval, but length of time required another public meeting.

That meeting was held in December.

Concerns were raised by citizens regarding increased traffic and parking, the height of the building and its proximity to the street and neighbouring homes.

Apart from traffic issues, many residents supported the development hoping to clean up the area.

Council agreed that the application be brought to another public meeting upon resolution of the issues raised including shadowing impact, setbacks, landscaping, traffic and parking study, entranceway off Yonge Street, daylight triangle at Centre Street and compatibility to the downtown core.

At the December meeting the proposal was for 58 residential units with 9,950 square feet of commercial area and 104 parking spaces.

The building featured a six-storey corner tower feature as the main focus and the structure would be tiered back above the second and fourth floors facing Yonge Street and above the third floor facing Centre Street

In January, the Aurora Heritage Committee advised council that committee members had concerns with respect to the overall height and mass of the building.

Last week the applicants proposed a building of six storeys along Yonge Street and five storeys along Centre Street for a mixed use development to accommodate 62 residential units and approximately 3,230 square feet of commercial floor area on the ground floor.

The Historic Core Area Community Commercial designation encourages both commercial and residential justification with residences or offices above the ground floor commercial.

The proposal required exemptions to the zoning bylaw including setback for upper floors and an increase in the permitted amount of residential floor area within a commercial zone from 50 per cent to 95 per cent.

The town's Public Works department requires a three-metre road widening on Centre Street and a 5 by 5 foot site triangle at the intersection.

The building department expressed concern about residential development on the site due to the concentration of lead in a test pit.

Concern was also expressed about the significant 68 per cent decrease in commercial use and the residential intensification.

The Heritage Committee requested modifications to the proposed tower by reducing its height and incorporating it as part of the building design.

A traffic study concludes there is sufficient capacity within the road network to accommodate the proposed development and the parking was adequate to meet the town standards.

While the core area objectives were being met, staff had concerns about the commercial/residential mix and the shadowing plan.

Architect Steve Mark, representing the applicant, requested the opportunity to continue to work with staff to resolve the issues and stressed how development of the land would help to revitalize the downtown area.

Several citizens addressed council and while there was general support for development to clean up the site, they expressed several concerns, including buffering, building mass, the tower, the commercial/residential mix, garbage, lighting and traffic on Centre Street.

A major concern of several residents was the shadowing impact for properties to the north and east and the need to address all the issues as there was concern that some could not be resolved

Members of council

expressed similar concerns especially the potential contamination of the soil, the shadowing impact, and the loss of commercial space from the December proposal.

Finally after more than two hours of questions and answers, council agreed to approve the application for an official plan and zoning bylaw amendment, subject to the applicant meeting with the residents to the north and working with staff to resolve the outstanding issues, including an increase in commercial space.



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Diggers win 4 to capture Barrie ball tournament

The Aurora Diggers Novice ball team made their dads proud recently when they won the gold medal at the annual Barris Bash novice tournament held on Father's Day.

With solid pitching and catching, the Aurora squad outscored their opponents 38-2 in the four games they played.

They opened the tournament with an 8-0 victory over the host Barrie team.

Alana Rose kept the opposition off the scoreboard with an amazing catch in right field, while pitcher Lauren Renaud struck out 15 batters and allowed only two hits.

Renaud also accounted for three of the team's seven singles.

Catcher Emily Andrews was the other half of the battery.

In the second game, the offense exploded again as

the Diggers racked up a 17-1 cakewalk over a team from Niagara Falls.

Setting the pace was Meagan Eveleigh who had two doubles and a single. Renaud contributed four singles while Kathryn Barrett, Melissa Richardson and Hannah Hallsworth added a pair of singles each.

It was another walk in the third game as the winners racked up 14 hits in a

7-1 victory over Pickering.

Heather Wilson, Alex Baker-Nevills, Hallsworth and Renaud set the pace for the winners.

That victory sent Aurora to the gold medal game against Palmerston, and the locals fashioned a 6-0 win.

Heather Wilson was the winner tossing a one-hitter and allowing no walks.

Elizabeth Harris led the squad offensively with a double and a pair of singles.

Association completes link

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority offered congratulations recently to the Oak Ridges Trail Association on their achievement of 200 kilometres of continuous hiking trail through the Oak Ridges Moraine connecting with the Bruce Trail.

Assisted with funding from the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, the Oak Ridges Trail Association has completed a system of trails from Rice Lake in the east to Palgrave in the west where the connection is made with the Bruce Trail.

The Moraine extends from the Niagara Escarpment in the west to the Trent River in the east.

Its rivers and streams drain into Lake Ontario, Georgian Bay, Lake Simcoe, and the Trent River.

The Oak Ridges Moraine and the Trail lie along the southern border of Lake Simcoe's watershed.

Hikers on the Oak Ridges Trail enter the Lake Simcoe Watershed within a few kilometres of leaving the western trail head on Highway 50.

For the next 70 kilometres, hikers can follow the Trail through King City, Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville, before finally leaving the watershed in Goodwood.

In Aurora, the Trail passes through Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority land as it winds through the Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area.

Hikers in Whitchurch-Stouffville can use the Whitchurch Conservation Area car park and access the nearby Trail.

Connections with other trail systems provide access to more

Conservation Areas and forest tracts managed by the Conservation Authority.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority works with community, municipal and other government partners.

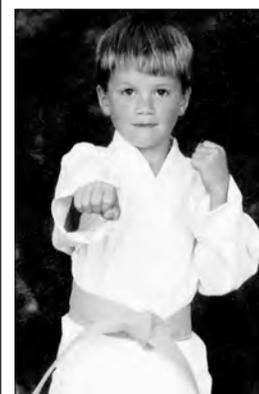
Its area of environmental stewardship, the Lake Simcoe watershed, almost entirely encompasses Lake Simcoe.

The watershed covers an area of 3,576 square kilometres, sweeping north from the Oak Ridges Moraine through parts of York and Durham Regions, the City of the Kawartha Lakes and Simcoe County to cross 23 municipal borders.

The lake, with a surface area of 722 square kilometres, occupies about 20 per

cent of the total watershed area, supports a \$200 million tourism/recreation industry and is a source of drinking water for five municipalities.

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Bathurst Street noise studied

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lanes from Gamble Road in Richmond Hill to Highway 9 in Newmarket.

In June, 2000, more than 60 residents from the Aurora/Newmarket area attended a meeting of the region's transportation committee to object to the proposal on the basis of increased traffic, noise, safety and access.

York approved the plan in October, 2000, with the project beginning with the section between King Road and Wellington Street in 2001, Gamble Road and King Road in 2002 and Wellington to Mulock Drive in 2005.

Due to the many complaints from residents and Aurora and Newmarket Councils, the region agreed to a delay to let both municipalities carry out a study on traffic noise.

The environmental study report of the class environmental assessment was filed in March, 2000, with several requests to the Ministry of the Environment by residents for a bump up to an individual assessment, which was denied.

The engineering firm who carried out the peer review for Aurora and Newmarket issued its report in November, 2001, and found the noise portion of the study acceptable with few exceptions.

In March, 2002, Aurora Council asked York to initiate designs for noise attenuation along Bathurst from Bloomington to St. John's Sideroad with the cost of installation and maintenance to be borne by the region.

In June, 2005, the regional transportation committee recommended the widening of Bathurst and the construction of the Aurora/Newmarket watermain be tendered

prior to the finalization of the Noise Policy update.

Under the region's current noise policy implementing noise mitigation as part of the road reconstruction was not warranted.

The new noise policy, when adopted, could potentially lead to the installation of noise barriers at localized sections of Bathurst Street.

In May, Aurora Council asked the region make a public presentation on the noise policy update and it was carried out by Daniel Kostipoulos.

The existing policy was adopted by York in 1995 and adhered to Ministry of the Environment protocols and legislative requirements, but required an update.

The update study included research of best practices, public and local municipal consultation and technical research.

It also studied problems with existing noise barriers and the legislative and legal responsibilities.

Proposed changes in the noise policy include noise levels compared over longer terms and setting a limit to qualify for noise mitigation, which will only be built if effective.

It is estimated that current capital projects will cost \$20 million over the next 10 years with 76.5 per cent coming from development charges and the balance from the tax levy plus maintenance costs.

The study also makes recommendations for changes under the development category including the use of service roads, use of landscaped berms and establishment of a reserve fund for new noise barriers.

No major retrofit changes are planned as

the existing noise policy and the Municipal Act still apply and qualified retrofit applications will be ranked and implemented based on approved funding.

The proposed noise policy represents a significant improvement over the existing policy as it better responds to community concerns, meets or exceeds minimum provincial requirements, prevents future growth of noise related problems and incorporates best practices.

Councillor Nigel Kean asked if the new policy would cover the Bathurst Street reconstruction and was told the region planned to call tenders for the reconstruction with a commitment to address noise attenuation upon adoption of the updated noise policy.

Questions were also asked about informing the residents and committee members were advised residents had been kept informed and the region would continue to do so.



I met Bud Gilbert, citizen of the year, at Aurora's July 1st activities. Photo by David Falconer



MP REPORT

By Belinda Stronach (Newmarket-Aurora)

The federal budget approved by the House of Commons last month brought some welcome news for the Town of Aurora in the form of gas tax and public transit funding.

Prime Minister Paul Martin came to York Region to announce \$1.8-billion in gas tax funding for Ontario municipalities over a five-year period – part of the federal government's promised New Deal for Cities and Communities.

As part of the agreement, Aurora will receive \$3.26 million in funding. These funds will go toward municipal infrastructure spending on roads and highways.

Residents in our riding have consistently said that transportation and public transit are major issues and they have been a key priority of mine since being elected as your Member of Parliament.

Anyone who commutes to work every day certainly knows that we need to spend more funds on our highways and transportation system to relieve the traffic congestion that is becoming more and more frequent, and we need more public transit options to help limit air pollution and greenhouse gases.

This is a quality of life issue for many residents in Aurora and is another example of how different levels of government working together can bring about improvements that will benefit all Canadians.

It is also one of the main reasons I felt so strongly about ensuring that the budget was passed and that government got on with the business of running the country.

A second agreement announced the same day will provide Ontario municipalities with \$310 million in funding for public transit over the next two years.

York Region will receive \$5.08 million of that amount over the next two years, with a portion of the funds going toward our community.

While in Ottawa, I had the pleasure of meeting students from Foundations Private School, located on Industrial Parkway North.

As part of a school trip to Ottawa, students visited the House of Commons and I spent some time with them discussing life as a Member of Parliament and current issues.

Here at home, it was an honour to welcome participants at the "Relay For Life" held June 24. There were 76 teams involved, 10 of which were from Aurora. This is an all-night event where participants walk the track in relay fashion from 7 p.m. Friday night until 7 a.m. Saturday morning.

Congratulations to Diana Dawson, the Town of Aurora's Acting Seniors' Coordinator.

Diana was the Chairperson of the "Relay For Life" and was in large part responsible for its success. The goal of the event was to raise \$150,000. Diana and her team of volunteers and participants far exceeded this goal by raising more than \$229,000.

Money raised will help the Canadian Cancer Society fund some of the most promising research projects in the country, as well as advocate for public policies that prevent cancer and help those living with it.

Now that Parliament has adjourned for the summer, I look forward to coming home and working in the constituency.

I especially look forward to and spending some time with my kids and meeting residents at various community events over the next few months.

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HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

U8B M/W - JUNE 22- Purple 3 (B. Reil 2, E. Powell 1) vs **White- Scott Corbett Royal LePage York North Realty** 3 (J. Weimer 2, T. Litke 1); **Royal-Summers & Smith** 3 (M. Fleck 1, E. Nichols 1, A. Berier1) vs **Orange** 6 (M. Perri 3, S. Sebastia 1, S. Tsianov 1, J. Ellison 1); **Navy-YorkVein Laser** 4 (A. Movrin 2, J. Moreland 1, E. Bortolotti 1) vs **Red-Priestly Demolition Inc.** 2 (M. Bellerby 1, M. Galajda 1); **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 6 (A. Newell 3, K. Olguin 2, A. Grant 1) vs **Sky- Viking Shrine Club** 4 (B. Ruuskanen 1, N. O'Hearn 1, E. Fregonas 2); **Lime** 5 (M. McGloughlin 2, C. Cann 2, I. Reid 1) vs **Black** 2 (N. Papousek 1, D. Semenovych 1); **U8G M/W - JUNE 20- Kelly** 2 (C. Rustico 1, H. Schiafone 1) vs **Royal- Laurion & Associates** 3 (C. Webb 1, R. Glynn 1, A. Abbagnivo 1); **Red** 2 (J. Steiner 1) vs **Purple** 3 (J. Avillo 3); **White** 3 (S. Reynolds 1, C. Dusome 2) vs **Sky** 0; **Silver** 6 (M. Patterson 1, G. Dipede 1, J. Fedec 1, R. Wook 1, L. McTague 1, E. Mittlestaedt 1) vs **Forest** 3 (T. Pearson 1, E. Chouinard 2); **JUNE 20- Teal** 5 (M. Gans 3, A. Kern 1, S. Gibson 1) vs **Yellow- Model Builders General Contracting** 5 (S. Anderson 1, H. Schwarze 1, N. Dungey 1, K. Lang 1, J. DeVries 1); **JUNE 26- JUNE TOURNAMENT- White** 3 (s. Reynolds 2, C. Dusome 1) vs **Yellow- Model Builders General Contracting** 1 (K. Long 1); **Red** 5 (J. Steiner 3, A. Lindsay 1, K. Braunstein 1) vs **Royal- Laurion & Associates** 4 (J. Fracassi 1, R. Glynn 1, I. Sharpe 1, H. Tang 1); **Teal** 9 (S. Gaeta 4, M. Gans 3, K. Lemaire 1, S. Gibson 1) vs **Forest- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd.** 3 (E. Chouinard 2, C. Kenwell 1); **Purple** 0 vs **Silver** 4 (J. Smith 3, J. Fedec 1); **Kelly** 2 (H. Schiafone 2) vs **Sky** 1 (M. Lee 1); **GAME 2: Teal** 2 (M. Gans 2) vs **Royal- Laurion & Associates** 3 (R. Glynn 3); **Silver** 1 (J. Smith 1) vs **Sky** 0; **Kelly** 1 (H. Schiafone 1) vs **Yellow- Model Builders General Contracting** 1 (K. Lang 1); **Forest- Casey Transportation Co. Ltd.** 1 (E. Chouinard 1) vs **Purple** 2 (J. Avolio 1, C. Hull 1); **Red** 3 (K. Braunstein 3) vs **White** 1 (C. Dusome 1); **U9G- JUNE 14- Red- Summit Mechanical** 6 (A. Johnson 2, M. Chick 1, O. Angeleski 1, C. Cheung 1, M. Stewart 1) vs **White** 1 (D. Plestas 1); **JUNE 21- Red- Summit Mechanical** 5 (O. Angeleski 4, M. Stewart 1) vs **Orange** 2 (M. Szwel 1, B. Hobbs 1); **Yellow- Rotary Club of Aurora** 2 (G. McCreesh 1, K. Villumsen 1) vs **White** 1 (C. Kavanagh 1); **Forest- Gringler Iskov Lerner** 2 (T. Lerner 1, L. Seminara 1) vs **Teal** 5 (E. Mosley 1, A. Hunter 1, N. Boyle 1, L. Esken 1); **U10B- JUNE 21- Purple** 0 vs **Red- Dr. Mark Weeden** 3 (J. Buchanan 1, A. Graham 1, B. Hankins 1); **White** 6 (Beebakhee, G. Baskin 2, S. Schmitt 1, D. Lyons 1) vs **Yellow** 8 (Reid 1, Farquahson 1, Nonnewitz 3, Todd 2, Coates 1); **Teal** 6 vs **Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 3; **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 2 (K. McIntosh 1, A. Clark 1) vs **Sky** 4; **Orange** 4 (C. Mulhern 3, M. Sjoln 1) vs **Royal- Highland Chev Cadillac** 2 (J. Defina 1, D. Fisher 1); **STINGER CUP GAME- JUNE 23- Forest- Dr. Paul Steiner Family Dentist** 4 (R. Dowling 1, M. Perryman 3) vs **Yellow** 2 (W. Reid 1, J. Todd 1); **Sky** 4 (G. Plukov 1, V. Ruscica 1, T. Braunstein 2) vs **White** 3 (J. Beebahkee 1, R. Baskin 2); **Teal** 2 (A. Persico 1, K. Fedec 1) vs **Orange** 4 (M. Hudon 1, M. Sjoln 1, C. Mulhern 1, K. Cullen 1);

U10B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	3	1	0	9
Yellow	2	0	2	8
Sky	2	1	1	7
Royal	2	2	0	6
Orange	2	2	0	6
Red	1	1	2	5
Kelly	1	2	1	4
Teal	1	2	1	4
White	1	2	1	4
Purple	1	3	0	3

U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	5	0	0	15
Champa	5	0	0	15
Yellow	3	1	0	9
Kelly	2	2	1	7
White	2	2	1	7
Navy	2	3	0	6
Royal	2	3	0	6
Forest	1	4	0	3
Sky	1	4	0	3
Teal	0	4	0	0

U11B - JUNE 22- Forest 4 (M. Tenuta 2, S. Stevens 1, K. Neice 1) vs **Red- Worldwide Drain Corp.** 1 (S. Siroson 1); **Yellow- Lukezic Inc.** 3 (A. Pitura 1, C. Bamford 1, B. Kirasack 1) vs **Teal** 0;

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	4	0	0	12
White	3	0	1	10
Royal	2	2	0	6
Forest	2	2	0	6
Red	2	2	0	6
Yellow	1	3	0	3
Teal	1	2	1	4
Sky	0	4	0	0

U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Yellow	4	1	1	13
White	4	1	0	12
Red	2	2	1	7
Teal	2	4	0	6
Forest	1	3	1	4
Royal	0	2	1	1

U11G - JUNE 22- Yellow 1 (E. Martin 1) vs **Kelly** 6 (K. Macciocchi 1, R. Kentsch 1, K. Adams 1, S. Seaward 1, V. McCu1lough 1); **Sky** 1 (C. Weatherhead 1) vs **Teal** 5 (R. Hardy 1, J. McNamee 1, N. Grande 1, E. Harper 1, E. Manassis 1); **White- Auto Camping** 3 (R. Funston-Clark 1, J. Seidel 1, K. Nice 1) vs **Royal** 0; **Red- Sleep Comfort Superstore** 4 (C. Masci 1, M. Masci 1, S. Byron 1) vs **Forest- Bayer** 1 (J. Costa 1);

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	4	0	0	12
White	3	0	1	10
Royal	2	2	0	6
Forest	2	2	0	6
Red	2	2	0	6
Yellow	1	3	0	3
Teal	1	2	1	4
Sky	0	4	0	0

U12B- MAY 30- Forest 7 (S. Nagindas 2, L. Ratchev 1, B. Strachan 2, M. Wood 2) vs **Royal** 2 (C. Chatterton 1, V. Grabovskyy 1); **Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services** 4 (J. Peters 2, T. Brewer 1, K. Karamchi 1) vs **Yellow** 1 (M. Smith 1); **Teal** 6 (L. Battison 1, K. McCreedy 2, J. Bletcher 2, B. Lee 1) vs **White- F.R Custom Metal** 3 (A. Reid 1, A. Kerezis 1, D. McConnell 1);

JUNE 6- Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services 6 (T. Brewer 1, J. Peters 2, J. Lennie 1, J. Figueiredo 1, K. Karamchi 1) vs **Forest** 3 (D. Skelton 2, C. Annear 1); **Royal** 5 (A. Durant 1, J. Deleo 1, V. Grabrovsky 1, N. Rolling 1, W. Seminara 1) vs **White- F.R Custom Metal** 3 (D. McConnell 2, J. Staniewski 1); **Yellow** 9 vs **Teal** 1; **JUNE 13- Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Services** 9 (T. Brewer 3, K. Karamchi 2, J. Figueiredo 3, J. Lennie 1) vs **White- F.R Custom Metal** 1 (A. Kerezis 1); **Forest** 3 (C. Boyce 1, D. Skelton 2) vs **Yellow** 2 (D. Kovacs 1, C. Freitas 1); **Royal** 4 vs **Teal** 2; **JUNE 20- Forest** 9 (B. Strachan 1, S. Nagindas 2, S. Dinning 1, C. Boyce 3, C. Annear 2) vs **White- F.R Custom Metal** 1 (B. Rumball 1); **Red- Envirocar Paint & Collision Service** 9 (T. Brewer 4, J. Peters 3, J. Figueiredo 1, M. Veletri 1) vs **Teal** 1 (C. Weese 1); **Royal** 4 (A. Durant 2, W. Seminara 1, J. Deleo 1) vs **Yellow** 3 (D. Kovacs 2, R. Macfarlane 1);

U12G - JUNE 16- Red- Excellon Resources Inc. 3 (N. Martineau 3) vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 3 (K. Tanaka 1, D. Gottschald 1, V. Marshall 1); **White- BMPS** 3 (J. Arnew 3) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 5 (M. Hulbert 2, C. Layton 1, F. Ambrose 1, J. Kramer 1); **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 1 (R. Kane 1) vs **Royal- Magna International** 2 (N. Gallos 1, A. Morisani 1);

STINGER CUP GAME- JUNE 21- Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group 0 vs **Sky- The Packaging Group** 1 (B. Cackirovski 1); **Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 3 (N. Martineau 1, S. Harlow 1, B. Nealon 1) vs **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 1 (M. Hulbert 1); **JUNE 26- Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 0 vs **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 0; **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 2 (J. Kramer 1, M. Hulbert 1) vs **Royal- Magna International** 0; **Sky- The Packaging Group** 3 (M. Blom 2, K. Tanaka 1) vs **White- BMPS** 2 (L. Yoon 2); **Game #2- Royal- Magna International** 0 vs **Yellow- Hartwell Thayer Financial Services Group** 1 (J. Rattner 1); **Sky- The Packaging Group** 0 vs **Red- Excellon Resources Inc.** 0; **Kelly- Taylor Stone Masonry Contracting Ltd.** 1 (C. Layton 1) vs **White- BMPS** 2 (L. Yoon 1, M. Nisbet 1);

U12G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sky	2	0	4	10
Kelly	2	1	3	9
Yellow	2	1	3	9
White	3	3	0	9
Red	1	1	4	7
Royal	1	5	0	3

U13B- MAY 31- Yellow- Barb Blaser Remax 4 (O. Boettcher 1, L. Briathwaite 1, D. Eveleigh 2) vs **White- Dial Tone Communications Inc.** 4 (I. Gasic 1, M. Lamanna 1, C. Wessler 1) vs **Forest- Orschel's Drillers** 2 (J. Chappell 1, F. McIlraith 1) vs **Royal- Wallsavers** 6 (T. Sikura 1, R. Stevenson 1, D. Crawthers 1, M. Tuck 3); **JUNE 2- WSSC** 2 (W. Copp 1, J. McKendrick 1) vs **Forest- Orschel's Drillers** 2 (F. McIlraith 2); **JUNE 7- Yellow- Barb Blaser Remax** 2 (B. Crouse

1, A. Heintzman 1) vs **Royal- Wallsavers** 3 (M. Tuck 2, D. Crowther 1); **Forest- Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1 (M. D'Andrea 1) vs **White- Dial Tone Communications Inc.** 3 (S. Van Disk 1, S. Bridges 1, I. Gasic 1); **JUNE 9 STINGER CUP - White- Dial Tone Communications** 3 (M. Zawada 1, M. Lamanna 2) vs **Yellow- Barb Blaser Remax** 1 (O. Boettcher, 1); **Royal-Wallsavers** 4 (C. Lynch 1, M. Tuck 1, D. Crowther 1, R. Bonnicks 1) vs **WSSC** 2 (T. Barber 1, C. Porter 1);

JUNE 16 - White - Dial Tone Communications 1 (I. Gasic 1) vs **WSSC** 2 (C. Porter); **JUNE 21 - Yellow Barb Blaser Remax** 5 (C. Lawrie 1, L. Braithwaite 2, P. Che 1, J. Kitteridge 1) vs **White - Dial Tone Communications** 3 (C. Flynn 2, M. Lamanna 1); **Forest - Orschel's Drillers** 2 (F. McIlraith 1, M. D'Andrea 1); vs **Royal - Wallsavers** 8 (T. Coll 1, E. De Roos 1, M. Tuck 1, K. Woods 1, D. Crowther 2, T. Sikura 1, R. Bonnicks 1); **JUNE 23 - STINGER CUP White - Dial Tone Communications** 3 (J. Davis 1, M. Lamanna 1, M. Zawada 1) vs **Royal - Wallsavers** 3 (R. Bagshaw 1, R. Bonnicks 1, M. Yeatman 1); **JUNE 23 - WSSC** 2 (W. Copp 1, C. Porter 1) vs **Yellow - Barb Blaser Remax** 4 (G. Marshall 2, P. Che 2);

JUNE FESTIVAL - JUNE 25
WSSC 2 (J. McKendrick 1, A. Park 1) vs **Forest - Orschel's Drillers (M. D'Andrea 1)**; **Royal - Wallsavers** 3 (A. Osmond 1, M. Tuck 1, R. Bonnicks 1) vs **Yellow - Barb Blaser Remax** 3 (O. Boettcher 1, P. Che 2); **WSSC** 0 vs **White - Dial Tone Communications** 1 (J. Davis 1) Shutout goes to D. Teacher & D. Naccarato.

JUNE FESTIVAL - JUNE 26
WSSC 3 (J. McKendrick 1, C. Porter 3) vs **Yellow - Barb Blaser Remax** 4 (K. Blaser 2, G. Marshall 1, D. Eveleigh 1); **Forest - Orschel's Drillers** 2 (D. Coley 1, J. Killens 1) vs **White - Dial Tone Communications** 4 (A. Colacitti 1, C. Flynn 1, M. Zawada 2); **WSSC** 3 (T. Barber 1, C. Porter 2) vs **Royal - Wallsavers** 0

U13B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
WSSC	4	2	1	13
Royal	3	1	1	10
White	3	2	1	10
Yellow	2	2	2	8
Forest	0	5	1	1

U13G- JUNE 21- Royal - Strategic Technologies Consulting 4 (M. Hilliard 1, A. Coulter 1, R. Mester 1, M. Goldman) vs **White - Dr. Weaver's Drillers** 2 (S. Saccone 1, H. Wilson 1); **Yellow** 3 (L. Boniface 2, G. Leave 1) vs **Teal - Aegis Engineering** 0; **Forest - Nantucket Woodworking Ltd.** 4 (P. Sidea 1, S. Dilena 1, I. Harrison 1, M. Hart 1) vs **Red - SSL Group** 0

U13G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Royal	4	0	1	13
Yellow	4	0	1	13
Forest	2	2	1	7
Teal	1	2	2	5
White	1	3	1	4
Red	0	5	0	0

U14/U15B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Teal	4	1	0	12
Red	4	1	0	12
White	3	1	0	9
Yellow	2	2	0	6
Forest	1	4	0	3
Royal	0	5	0	0

U14G- JUNE 22 - Royal - Pizza Pizza 1 (J. Trevisan) vs **White - Pizza Pizza** 3 (L. Thiffault 1, E. Lamont 1, N. Bailey); **Forest - Pizza Pizza** 1 - (J. Battiston) vs **Red - Pizza Pizza** 2 (K. MacDonald, T. Kizovski, 1); **Yellow - Pizza Pizza** 2 (E. Hayzelden 1, C. Romano 1) vs **Teal - Pizza Pizza** 1 (A. Nichols);

JUNE FESTIVAL - JUNE 26 - Game #5 - Royal - Pizza Pizza 2 (J. Trevisan 1, L. Rabindranath 1) vs **Teal - Pizza Pizza** 1 (K. Johnstone); **White - Pizza Pizza** 2 (D. MacWilliams 1, S. Pozzebon 1); **Red - Pizza Pizza** 2 (K. MacDonald 1, A. Malone 1); **Yellow - Pizza Pizza** 3 (K. Uetz 1, L. Pitts 2) vs **Forest - Pizza Pizza** 0; **JUNE 26 - GAME #6**
White - Pizza Pizza 1 (E. Boccia 1) vs **Teal - Pizza Pizza** 2 (S. Deacon 1, J. Williams 1); **Royal - Pizza Pizza** 1 (J. Trevisan) vs **Forest - Pizza Pizza** 0; **Yellow - Pizza Pizza** 1 (L. Pitts) vs **Red - Pizza Pizza** 1 (A. Malone)

U14 GIRLS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	3	0	3	12
Royal	3	2	1	10
Yellow	3	2	1	10
Teal	3	3	0	9
White	2	3	1	7
Forest	1	5	0	3

U15/19G M/W - JUNE 22
Forest - Forever Young Hair Studio 2 (A. Juhasz,

M. Annear) vs **Red - Quality Integrators Corp.** 1; **Teal** 6 (M. Druzina 3, K. Hamm 3) vs **Yellow** 4 (M. McCann, G. Letourneau, K. Smith, J. Dezorzi); **White - Sean Herbinson Remax York Group** 2 (M. Coll 1, D. Orsatti 1) vs **Royal - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 1 (V. Dale);

U15/U19G M/W STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	4	0	1	13
Teal	3	0	1	10
Royal	2	2	1	7
Forest	2	3	0	6
Yellow	1	2	1	4
Red	0	5	0	0

U15/19G T/TH- JUNE 28- Forest 1 vs **White- Forever Young Hair Studio** 0;
U15/U19G T/TH STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	3	0	0	9
Forest	1	1	1	4
Red	1	1	1	4
Teal	1	1	1	4
Yellow	1	2	0	3
Royal	0	2	1	1

COMPETITIVE STINGERS RESULTS - U9Girls-JUNE 11-12-Glen Sheilds 1 vs **Aurora Rave** 5 (T. Morning 1, J. Reyes 1, S. Schouten 1, A. Raymond 2); **Unionville** 0 vs **Aurora Rave** 6 (S. Sottile 1, T. Morning 1, S. Schouten 1, A. Raymond 1, J. Reyes 2); **Aurora Rave** 3 (E. Rife 1, S. Schouten 1, T. Morning 1) vs **Ajax Hornets** 0; **Semi-Final- Toronto Nitros** 1 vs **Aurora Rave** 1 (penalty shootout- **Aurora Rave** 3 scored by S. Sotile 1, J. Reyes 1, A. Raymond 1); **Final: Aurora Rave** 0 vs **Glenshields Devil's** 2;

U11Girls- JUNE 25- YRSL cup game between **Collingwood** and the **Aurora Stingers B** was won by **Aurora Stingers** with a score of 6-0 when it was played. **U15Girls Team 2- JUNE 21-** Great game played by the **U15 Girls Team 2** against **Unionville**. **Aurora** won 2-1. Goals scored by **Aurora** were nailed by A. Hoben and A. Ghegin.

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MVP: Nicole Besse

UPCOMING GAMES:
U13B Thurs. July 7, 7:00 @ Fleury Park vs. Unionville

U13G Thurs July 14 @ St. Andrew's vs Etobicoke at 7:00pm
 Complete listings and the **GAME OF THE WEEK** results can be

RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Not always the good old days...

When things get tough there is a tendency to look back and remember things from the good old days, but they weren't always so good.

Back in April, 1970, the debt load in York County had reached its limit and taxpayers were forking out 22 cents of every tax dollar just to pay the interest on the debt.

It was obvious new sources of revenue had to be found for the growing need of capital projects, including a lot levy on all new development.

In addition, local municipalities were also heavily in debt by borrowing funds from the bank to keep the municipality functioning until tax payments started to arrive.

That resulted in interim tax billing.

CAT SETS TRAVELLING RECORD

Hamlet, an Aurora-born cat, was adopted by Paul and Melanie Aspland of Newmarket.

They moved to England back in the 1980s and took Hamlet with them on a British Airways jumbo jet.

When they arrived in London, Hamlet was nowhere to be found.

The animal had escaped from his cage.

For the next 52 days, Hamlet went around the world aboard the jet 26 times, logging an estimated half a million miles.

Finally, near death from hunger, Hamlet managed to meow for help and was found by an airline worker behind the paneling of the jet on a Friday the 13th.

The seven-year-old cat was in an emaciated condition with his eyes sunken into his skull, but he recovered quickly after being found and became an overnight sensation in England with prominent coverage in the newspapers and on TV and was reunited with his owners.

Hamlet was one of a litter of four born to Holly, owned by Julie Wood of Aurora.

She was appearing in a play Paul was directing in Newmarket when she found out that Paul and Melanie wanted a young cat, so she took them Hamlet.

For the black cat, it was one down, eight to go.

INDUSTRIES BAND TOGETHER

Back in September, 1974, representatives of seven Aurora industries employing more than 1,000 people came together to establish a new association to con-

sider issues facing their corporations.

The major issue was the high employee turnover caused, in most cases, by the lack of affordable accommodation, rather than poor salaries.

It was pointed out that fewer than 50 per cent of employees in most companies lived in Aurora due to the high cost of accommodation.

Not much has changed since then as there is still a shortage of affordable accommodation and only about a third of workers live and work in Aurora.

ENFORCE SIGN BYLAW

It is doubtful if any Aurora bylaw has had as many exemptions as the sign bylaw.

At almost every council meeting there is another request for an exemption, especially from a big box store, and invariably it is granted.

Council is quick to take action in those cases but not as quick to take action or follow-up action on other requests dealing with the sign bylaw.

In April, 2002, Councillor Damir Vrancic, chairman of the Economic Development Committee, expressed the committee's concern about the signage within the Wellington Street corridor between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue.

He tabled a copy of the Town of Markham bylaw dealing with signage in a heritage area.

He was successful in gaining the consent of council for staff to review the Markham bylaw for possible incorporation in the town's bylaw.

The following month council adopted a staff recommendation to wait for the designation of a heritage district as envisaged by LACAC and this would allow a full review and assessment of the overall impact of the proposed sign districts.

That was May, 2002, more than three years ago, and it doesn't appear as if anything has been done since then.

WHERE IS THE CASH?

Back in August, 1986, when Aurora Council received an application for redevelopment of the property on Wellington Street East immediately west of the Post Office for apartments, there was a parking problem.

For the 11 new apartments there was a shortage of four parking spaces.

Following a review by the technical committee it was

recommended that council consider a cash payment in lieu of parking for the four spaces.

In June, 1987, staff reported that following a review of land appraisals and recent land sales, it was recommended that the amount of \$5,060 be the evaluation figure per parking space, which was approved along with the building.

The money raised was supposed to acquire land to provide parking in the general area to assist in overcoming the shortfall.

No improvements have been provided in the area, so where is the \$20,240 cash payment and what is being done with it?

An interesting question for a council member to ask.



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Veterans honoured in parade

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unteers.

Of these nearly 233,000 were casualties, 60,661 fatal.

Finally on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the roars of the cannon ceased, weary men laid down their rifles and the larks were heard once more in Flanders Fields.

The war that was supposed to make the world safe for democracy was finally over.

No group of men ever shaped the history of a country as the men of the Canadian Army Corps.

They made the name of Canada respected in the capitals of the world and made of their country something it had never been before. They gave of themselves and created a nation.

In the 21 years from 1918 to 1939 the world forgot to remember and slid into another world war.

Once again the men and women of Canada

answered the call and joined with other free nations of the world to battle the forces of tyranny and evil.

Canada, by now a nation of 12 million people, had an armed force of 1,086,475 including 49,645 females.

Of these more than 53,000 were injured and 41,097 were killed.

The First World War was a battle of men, the Second World War a battle of machines.

Canadians are not a warlike people. They did not enlist to capture new territory, but to prevent tyrants from subduing the peoples of the free

world and changing their way of life.

They went because they believed in freedom and believed the cause was worth the sacrifice. Wherever and whenever there is a need, Canadians pick up the torch to fight for or to maintain the peace.

To honour veterans, Aurora artist and poet Dorothy Clark McClure penned these lines:

*"In the year of the Veteran 2005
The sound of marching feet has become a ghostly shuffle
Memories once so vivid are fading from the television screen to*

black and white.

*Lest we forget
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 2 fully qualified and experienced instructors eager to teach your children how to swim. Instructors have worked at Aurora Leisure Complex and have volunteered throughout the community teaching children how to swim.
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MAP - FREE!
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Advertise your GARAGE SALE FREE

Garage Sales July 9

1) 14 Huron Ct. 9 - 4 Moving-in SALE
 2) Collins Crescent 8 - 12 Multi-Family (Haida/Wellington area)

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Advertise your classes, seminars, workshops and courses in this section for as low as \$7
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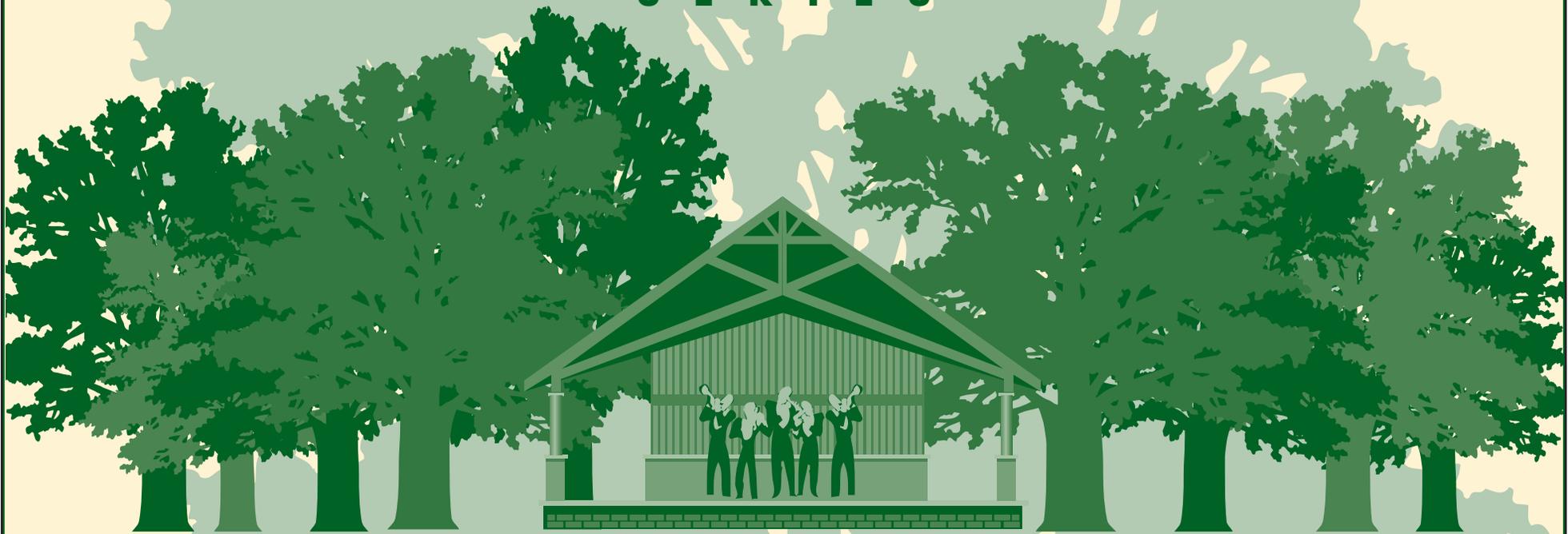


AURORA

2005

CONCERTS

IN THE PARK
SERIES



ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE

- Concert times: 7:00pm - 9:00pm (Weather permitting)
- Location: Town Park (Located at Mosley & Wells)

For your seating comfort, please bring lawn chairs. For more information, please call 905-726-4762 or visit us at www.town.aurora.on.ca and click on Special Events

SUMMER CONCERT LINE-UP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Kidz Kidding - Children's Entertainment

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Cindy Thompson - Fiddler, step dancer & old time fiddle music

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Hot Rocks & Robert Wotherspoon - Rolling Stones Tribute Band

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

The Hurricane Big Band

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Blackboard Blues Band - Soul, Rock, Rhythm & Blues

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Hotel California - Eagles Tribute Band

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