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# AURORAN

Aurora's Community Newspaper

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## Briefly

### New column needs name

Seems only fitting that if Aurora's senior citizens have a new home, they should have a new column to go along with it. So The Auroran introduces a new weekly column today, devoted to the seniors, and written by Aurora's best known senior scribe, Brian Warburton. All the column needs now is a name, and so, we're open to your suggestions. Send your ideas to The Auroran, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3, L4G 1G3, and the winner will receive a non-alcoholic dinner for two at Jonathan's Restaurant. Runner-up will receive a pair of tickets to the Friday night seniors' dances. We'll ask members of the seniors' group to select the winning name. First column is on Page 13.

### Rumours run rampant

While Councillor Nigel Kean remains the only person to officially declare his candidacy for the Aurora mayor's chair in the November municipal election, rumours are rampant throughout Aurora this week that there could be as many as five in the race. Rumoured are current mayor Tim Jones, Councillor Phyllis Morris, former councillor Don Constable and "a high-profile person from the Aurora Optimist club". Meanwhile, three people - Aime Martin, Bob McRoberts and Stan Rycombel - have officially declared they'll go after one of the eight available seats on council. You can follow who's running on the Town of Aurora website: www.e-aurora.ca.

### Sneak preview

Wanna have a look at Aurora's new recreational complex before it officially opens next month? No problem. The public is invited to attend a pre-opening "sneak preview" and brunch event, Saturday, March 4, with proceeds going to a fund set up to support the Complex. The event features pre-opening tours, a "Taste of Aurora" brunch provided by several local Aurora restaurants and businesses, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony to launch a sponsorship and fundraising campaign. Several local restaurants and businesses are contributing to the brunch. The event will be held at the Wellington Street East complex, beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets at \$25 are available by calling 905-726-3825.



Another colourful Aurora Aerials Mardi Gras was held in Aurora Saturday night at DiNardo's Mansion and the evening was an overwhelming success. Taking part in the festivities were Michelle Krug and Cassandra Coulthard, both of Aurora. Guests were entertained by the Juno Award winning Jack Dekeyzer's band and several displays by members of the Aerials competitive dance team, part of Jaymor School of Dance. Auroran photo by David Falconer

## Swim coach fights back

At a recent general committee meeting, although the committee agreed to the naming rights for the rooms and components for the new recreation centre, members expressed disappointment and frustration to Reg Chappell, a member of the aquatic fundraising committee, about the lack of action by the committee. Nancy Black, in charge of the Master Ducks Swim Club, retaliated last week. Mr. Chappell earlier had advised the committee the kick-off for the fundraising campaign was scheduled for March 4 when the pool was ready to open. He said tours of the facility would be held to make the public more aware of naming rights and wall plaques that would be available for sale. Ms Black, head coach of the Master Ducks, appeared before last week's council meeting to Please see page 12



Ironically Aurora resident, Laura Snape, was doing a school project on Black History Month and decided to focus on Mike "Pinball" Clements. Her project took a definite turn for the better when Clements showed up in Aurora last week and took time out for photos. The football coach attended last Wednesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon as a guest speaker. Auroran photo by David Falconer

## "Pinball" wows Chamber crowd

In addition to Michael "Pinball" Clemons being renowned as one of pro football's most electrifying players and being the CFL's all-time, all purpose yardage leader, his ability to captivate an audience was evident Wednesday at an Aurora Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting. More than 200 members and guests, including 39 secondary school students sponsored by Aurora businesses, attended the meeting at DiNardo's Mansion on Industrial Parkway South. Pinball is best known for his ability on the playing field and as coach of the Toronto Argonauts, but his involvement in many charitable causes is making him well-known as a motivational speaker and community leader. If the secret of eloquence is believing in what you're talking about, then Pinball is an eloquent speaker. At times his words are slow and measured and then they flow as he leaves the podium to speak directly to the audience. He recalled the relationship of the Argos with Aurora and St. Andrew's College back in the 1960s and early 1970s when they carried out their pre-season training at the college and he felt comfortable here. He told about his years as the child of a single mother living in a poor neighbourhood and her influence on his life. He said he was the first black man to be on a team to win a Grey Cup and that it was possible to do many things. In a humorous vein, he said he was a glorified coward as he was always running from people. He stressed the need to be passionate about what you did and used Wayne Gretzky as an example. He spoke about the need for teamwork and working towards a common goal as "I am you and you are me" so that what Please see page 11

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## COMING EVENTS IN AURORA

### CONTINUING

During the month of February the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall is featuring the artwork of the husband and wife team of Joan Chalmers and John Walmsley. Viewing hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
\*\*\*\*

Winter parking restrictions are now in effect until April 15th from 2 to 6 a.m. for snowplowing activities.  
\*\*\*\*

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

Aurora Agricultural Society (organizer of the Aurora Fair & Horse Show) meets on the second Tuesday of every second month, at 7 p.m., at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 14. For more information, call 905-713-6773 or info@aurorafair.ca, or visit www.auro-rafair.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 welcomes new members throughout the year for monthly meetings with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.  
\*\*\*\*

Dancing at the Legion, 8 p.m. every Friday night.  
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Bid Euchre at the Legion 1 p.m. every third Sunday.  
\*\*\*\*

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

### FEBRUARY 22

Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society's guest speaker is Jason Gray, 8 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora.  
\*\*\*\*

First interim property tax installment is due.  
\*\*\*\*

Aurora's Marquee Productions family musical "Beauty and the Beast" opens at the Newmarket Theatre and continues February 23, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and February 25 and 26 at 2 p.m. Call 905-953-5122 for tickets.  
\*\*\*\*

Public Planning meeting in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. with four planning applications dealing with official plan and zoning bylaw amendments and a plan for a retirement home at John West Way and Hollandview Trail.  
\*\*\*\*

Boat Operator Accredited Training course, sponsored by the Lifesaving Society from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Fee is \$52.50. Call 905-841-7529 to register.  
\*\*\*\*

### FEBRUARY 23

Aurora Optimist Club 11th annual Student Chess Tournament to be held in the Aurora Legion for Grades 1 to 12 with several Aurora school chess clubs participating starting at 9 a.m.

### FEBRUARY 25

Aurora Seniors' Centre membership drive/open house, at 5 Municipal Drive, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
\*\*\*\*

ORMTA music teachers present their annual recital "Pianoplus" at 2 p.m. at New Hope Methodist Church, Queen Street, Newmarket. Performers are piano and vocal teachers from Aurora and area and their guests.

### FEBRUARY 26

Special behind the scenes tours focusing on the "structural archaeology" of 144-year-old Hillary House, 15372 Yonge Street. Regular admission \$3 but reservations necessary. Call 905-727-4015.

### FEBRUARY 28

3rd Aurora Scouting Group annual community Pancake Supper from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., in the social hall of the Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street. Tickets \$6 per person or \$20 per family (maximum five) available at the door.  
\*\*\*\*

Free workshop to create handmade cards or scrapbook pages that will be treasured for years to come as meaningful memories at Thompson Funeral Home, Industrial Parkway South, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Call 905-727-5421 to reserve as space is limited.

### MARCH 1

Aurora Chamber of Commerce presents its New Member Trade Show from 6 to 8 p.m. at 52 Victoria Street. Free admission and everyone is welcome.  
\*\*\*\*

Aurora Seniors will journey to Stage West Dinner Theatre to see "Forever Plaid". Cost is \$75 for members and \$80 for non-members. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

### MARCH 4

Olde Time Square and Round Dance at Aurora Seniors Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, from 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets now available. For more information, call 905-727-2816.  
\*\*\*\*

Aurora Minor Ball Association will hold in person registrations at the Aurora Community Centre, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The AMBA has programs for boys and girls ages five to 19. First time T-Ball players can enroll for the summer for \$50. For more info call registrar Gary Drodge, at 905-727-8461 or visit www.auroraminorball.ca.  
\*\*\*\*

York Chamber Ensemble salutes youth in its Third Annual York Region Youth Concert, "Swells of Spring." The concert, conducted by Aurora's Tony Browning, will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 and \$10, and are available at the door.  
\*\*\*\*

Aurora Ladies Softball League fund-raising progressive euchre night at 7.30 p.m. at the Aurora Legion. Cost is \$10 per person, includes cash and door prizes as well as a light lunch.  
\*\*\*\*

Optimist Hockey League registration for boys and girls born in 2000 and 2001 interested in learning hockey in a non-competitive environment. New Rec Centre from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Cost is \$250 for the season. Further information at 905-726-2998.

### MARCH 5

Aurora Legion Seniors' Club bid euchre tournament, 1 p.m. Cash prizes. \$5 per person.

### MARCH 7

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Luncheon meeting. Speaker is Michael

Kergin, special advisor to the Premier of Ontario for United States border issues, and former ambassador of Canada to the United States. King's Riding Golf Club, Bathurst Street at 12.30 p.m. Showcase begins at 11.45 a.m.  
\*\*\*\*

Special general committee meeting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to receive input from the public regarding possible future uses of the old library and former seniors' buildings on Victoria Street.

### MARCH 8

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at McAlpine Ford Lincoln, 15815 Yonge Street, 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

### MARCH 15

General meeting of the Aurora Historical Society at 8 p.m. at Hillary House. Guest speaker is Ivan Harris, curator of the CBC Museum.

### MARCH 21

Aurora Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast at Costco Wholesale, 18182 Yonge Street in East Gwillimbury, 7.30 a.m.

### MARCH 23

The Aurora Youth Soccer Club presents "Women in Coaching - Engaging Female Coaches" with Women in Coaching consultant Sheilagh Croxon in the Holland Room of the Town Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. No charge for AYSC members, \$10 for non-members.  
\*\*\*\*

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Lunch and Learn seminar in the chamber office with lunch provided for all attendees. The topic is "Open Source Tools for your Business". No charge to Chamber members, a \$10 charge for potential members. Call the Chamber office at 905-727-7262 to register.  
\*\*\*\*

York Symphony Orchestra presents "Virtuosic Showpieces", Trinity Anglican Church, 8 p.m. Guest Artist

is Joanna Tang, Violin.

### MARCH 25

Winners of the local Optimist Student Chess Tournaments in Aurora, Newmarket, Keswick, Richmond Hill and Markham will compete for the Regional Championship in Grades 1 to 12 at the Aurora Legion starting at 9 a.m.

### MARCH 30

Aurora Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast at L.H. Lind Realty, 15105 Yonge Street, beginning at 7.30 a.m.

### MARCH 31

Deadline for nominations for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business Achievements Awards. Call the Chamber at 906-727-7262 for details.

### APRIL 9

Fifth annual Bob Hartwell Run starting at the Aurora Town Park at 9 a.m.

### APRIL 19

Creative Colours Fashions presents Fashion Plates Fashion Show in support of York Region Food Network. Tickets \$50 and are available at Creative Colours Fashions, Aurora Shopping Centre. Guest appearance by members of the Central York Firefighters, men's fashions provided by Crossing's and Hair by Chimes Hair Group.

### APRIL 21-23

Annual Home Show at the Aurora Community Centre.

### APRIL 24

Second interim property tax installment is due.

### JUNE 4

Eleventh Annual Street Festival on Yonge Street between Wellington and Murray. Booth space available by calling 905-727-7262.

### JUNE 22

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2006 Golf Tournament at the Westview Golf Club in Aurora. Westview can accommodate 200 golfers. Additional information and application in the March newsletter and spaces will be assigned as forms are received.

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Members of the Upper Canada Chordsmen were busy Valentine's Day offering singing valentines to more than 75 households in Aurora and district, but they had time to stop into The Auroran offices and serenade R & R Revisited employee Marg Fleming. Money raised from the annual event goes to Southlake Regional Health Centre's Speech Therapy Program in Newmarket.

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*Ward system*

# Question is closer to election ballot

At a recent council meeting, Aurora resident Stephen Granger proposed that the Town could ask the citizens if they wanted a ward system or not by placing a "Yes" or "No" question on the upcoming municipal election ballot.

He reviewed the history of previous discussions on the ward system in Aurora and the 1992 decision of the Ontario Municipal Board that

the reasons for changing the electoral system had not been shown and council of the day would know when the time had come for a ward system

That time is now, he said. At the time, council received his presentation and took no action.

Tuesday, he appeared before council to repeat his request.

He asked council for their support in having a discussion on the pros and cons of a ward system and the possibility of holding a public meeting to discuss the issue.

Later in the meeting Councillor Damir Vrancic referred to Granger's presentation and suggested the question be put on the ballot as requested.

He noted that considerable interest has been shown on the issue with many letters and comments published in the local newspaper.

Council approved his motion to refer the issue to staff for a report as to process for including the question on the ballot for discussion at a future general committee meeting.

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Not often you'll find a scarecrow in a bowling alley, but Chris Caron was on hand Saturday to participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake events at Gateway Lanes in Aurora. He was on a team led by Newmarket-Aurora Member of Parliament Belinda Stronach. The event raised thousands of dollars, as it does every year.

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## Poor Richard

# Do report cards for town council have a purpose?

*Council has become a schoolroom.  
With attendance records noted;  
It's hard to know the purpose,  
Except to influence how people voted.*

- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Aurora councillors must believe they are back at school as they take home their attendance report for council and committee meetings attended or missed during the past year.

At the last general committee meeting staff presented an extensive 22-page report listing the attendance of members of council at council and special council meetings, general committee, advisory committees and in camera meetings.

There was no indication as to the amount of staff time required to compile the report, or the purpose of the report as it was received without comment or discussion and was prepared as a response to a request by Councillor John West last month.

Every once in a while the question of an attendance report card for council members is introduced, usually by a member of council.

In August, 1986, council received a report on a proposed salary for members of council prepared by a citizen's committee.

The report recommended a salary increase, but it also included a penalty clause for council members who missed more than five meetings in one year.

Councillors accepted the increase but balked at the proposed penalty clause on the basis they were not town employees.

As a compromise it was agreed to try an attendance report card for a six-month period, but that was the end of it.

Early In 1994, Councillor Peter Healy sought council support requesting the clerk's department to maintain such an attendance record.

Councillor Norm Weller said he would support the request if staff could find an easy and suitable method of recording and maintaining such a record.

He pointed out that keeping such a record had been tried previously but required considerable staff time and difficulty when members of council attended meetings other than council or committees but were on town business.

Questions were also asked about vacation time and illness.

On a 4-3 vote the issue was referred to council in committee for further discussion, but at the committee meeting Councillor Healy withdrew his motion due to the difficulties outlined and the issue was put to rest.

Although not listed as an agenda item at a council meeting in December, 2004, a report had been prepared listing the attendance of members at council meetings.

The report was not made public or released to the media.

The only reason the report became known was when Councillor Bill Hogg claimed it was incorrect.

In February, 2005, a heated debate took place as Councillor Nigel Kean referred to the proposed attendance reporting as a witch hunt, pointing out that some council members had to work for a living.

With the absence of Councillor Bill Hogg at the meeting, two votes dealing with maintaining attendance records were lost on a 4-4 vote.

The issue dragged on over the months as one council member or another was absent from the meeting.

Other than a possible tool at election time, there does not appear to be a valid reason for maintaining or publishing attendance records of members of council, unless a penalty is imposed as previously recommended and rejected.

The minutes of all council and committee meetings include the names of councillors present and absent at the meeting, so there is a public record for anyone to see, if they are interested.

Normally, electors vote for their selection of members of council on their track record of achievements rather than attendance records, so it appears that it is a make-work program for an already overloaded staff.

Citizens elect their council members and they soon know if a member of council is frequently absent from meetings and if they are upset, they turf him or her out at the next election.

It's democracy in action.



In 1941, this junior Aurora High School basketball team won the championship and posed for this photo on the steps of the high school and what today is Wells Street Public School. In the front row are, left to right, principal J.H. Knowles, Bill Gilkes, Bill Babcock, Bruce Davis, Ted Johnson, Keith Kyle and coach N.F. Johnson, who would later become the high school's vice-principal. In the back row, left to right, are Doug Nisbet, Earl Rose, Alan Stephenson, Bill Thompson, Craig McKenzie and Bill Griffith. Thanks to Bob McRoberts, current teacher at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, for the loan of the photograph.

### Letters to the Editor

## Tax interest unfair, this reader states

To the editor,

Bureaucracy is said to "run" Ottawa.

It would appear that Aurora is a mini-Ottawa.

Have you checked your tax bill?

The Town of Aurora is insisting that its customers (taxpayers) pay their bill within 10 business days.

Failure to do so will result in interest being applied.

Does The Town pay its bills to suppliers within 10 days?

If the answer is "no" then why are we required to do so?

In mid-January I received a notice from The Town that I owed nine dollars plus interest from arrears on my property taxes.

When I looked at the cheque there were 10 business days from the date (dated before the due date) to the date when it was processed.

I had not received notice in a timely manner, as it was explained to me, by two different clerks in the Taxation department as there were problems with their new computer system.

Therefore, I was being charged four and a half

months interest.

Why am I, and all other taxpayers who were "late" being required to pay the additional money when we were not notified on a monthly basis?

I believe that The Town should have asked for one month, and then those who were still in arrears 30 days later could be charged the regular rate of interest.

If they are worried about revenue, perhaps fewer flower baskets or paved sidewalks in lieu of the interlock would be helpful.

R. Johnston  
Aurora

## Dear Santa, all I want...

Open letter to Santa Claus

As I'm sure you already know, November, 2006, is municipal election time.

So, while you're "in between seasons", I thought I'd send you my Wish List for the Aurora Town Council candidates.

Please find us people who:

- Have some insight into life in Aurora in general. Someone who realizes that we're a growing, thriving community with needs and problems related to growth and quality of life.

- Don't have a personal agenda as their prime motive to be a council member, and are willing to work well with others.

- Are willing to take the time that is needed to attend the multiple meetings, research issues, be on committees, show up at

community events, be punctual.

- Are willing to be accountable for their promises and actions.

- Have a working knowledge of the Municipal Act, the budgeting process, management skills, the corporation itself.

- Have respect. Who know where the town is coming from, where we've been, how we've got to the point that we're at now.

- Respect for other people's opinions, knowledge and experience; respect for the town employees and what they do for us.

- Who are independent thinkers, not one of a clique that makes the decisions for them.

And last, but not least:

- Someone who actually cares about the town, its citizens, our quality of life and our future.

I know that I'm asking a lot from you, Santa, but you've got 10 months to get these people signed up and motivated.

See what you can do for me, I'm sure there are people out there who can do the job!

Virginia  
Aurora

## He wants a contest

To the editor,

I would like to see The Auroran run a letter-writing contest between Evelyn Buck and "The Bethesda Kroon-er".

Talk about your epic battle!

Stewart Ivoll  
Aurora

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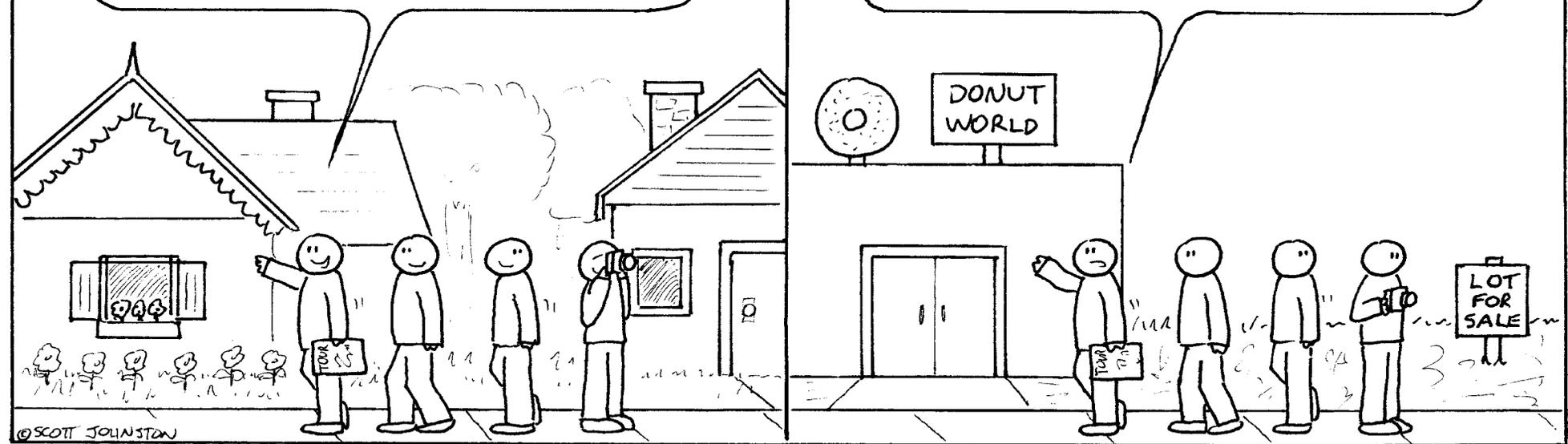
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THE FALCONER HOUSE, TORN DOWN IN THE 1960s, USED TO BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE. I THINK THE AURORA MUSEUM KEPT A PIECE OF TRIM AND A DOORKNOB.



**Mayor's Report**  
By Tim Jones

**York Region State of the Environment 2005**

As your Regional Councillor, I have just received my final copy of the Region's State of the Environment report 2005.

This is a very inclusive report that speaks to the current state of the natural environment in York Region, including Aurora, the progress made in the past five years, and areas for improvement we all must focus on in the future.

Here are some of the key findings that I found of interest.

On the good news side, some key indicators of good environmental health include:

- \* The extent of the Regional Greenlands System, some of which exists in Aurora.
- \* The extent of remaining farmlands.
- \* The quality of municipally supplied drinking water.
- \* The presence of good quality fish habitat in substantial parts of most rivers in York Region.
- \* That concentrations of certain air pollutants meet provincial criteria.

Key indicators where improving trends are seen are:

- \* The amount of land designated as part of the Regional Greenlands system.
- \* Diversity in housing type.
- \* Transit ridership.
- \* The amount of blue box materials and yard waste processed.
- \* The amount of water conserved through the region's water efficiency program.

However there are still areas that we need to improve upon.

Key indicators of poor environmental health include:

- \* The overall rate of diversion of waste from landfill; we all can do more.
- \* Phosphorus loadings to Lake Simcoe.
- \* Phosphorus levels in lakes and streams, although Aurora was recognized last year for positive storm water pond management and phosphorus reduction.
- \* The frequency of "poor" air quality days and number of annual smog advisories.

And finally, we need to know about key indicators where worsening trends are seen:

- \* The number of people driving cars, number of cars and number of trips made by car.
- \* The number of times per year that concentrations of ground level ozone exceed provincial criteria.

Finally, the key challenges identified through this study include:

- \* Balancing the continued high rate of population growth and the related need for services with the need to protect natural systems and the environment.
- \* Meeting reforestation targets.
- \* Meeting transit targets.
- \* Meeting waste diversion targets for solid waste.
- \* Encouraging individual responsibility for the protection and enhancement of our environment.

The importance of this report, although targeted generally at the overall Region, is that it needs every resident in Aurora to do his or her part to protect our environment, whether that means paying more attention to recycling, considering transit instead of the car, anti-littering, planting trees and so much more.

I would encourage you to take a look at the background information and this report in more detail.

It can be found at the Region's web site at

[www.region.york.on.ca/Publications/News/Environmental+Report.htm](http://www.region.york.on.ca/Publications/News/Environmental+Report.htm)

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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@e-aurora.ca](mailto:tjones@e-aurora.ca)



**Cathy's Corner**



**I don't like what you said**

I don't know if Voltaire coined it, but back in the 18th Century, the French writer, deist and philosopher quipped the oft repeated phrase: "Common sense is not so common".

Since Jyllands-Posten published cartoons in Denmark portraying Muhammad as a terrorist, common sense seems to have gone the way of the dodo bird.

To say the cartoons were in poor taste doesn't even need saying - Duh, it's so blatantly obvious!

Voltaire took the position: "I may not agree with what you said, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." (ED. NOTE: Voltaire, apparently, did not say that, rather it was the 'Friends of Voltaire' who came up with the statement in 1906).

Today, freedom of expression is so sacrosanct in the west that we hardly seem to notice when the ideas being expressed are blasphemous.

Recently, a painting was unveiled in New York, showing the Madonna spanking the Baby Jesus. Strangely, the Pope didn't call for the artist to be crucified.

Apparently the Pope understands that the only thing that empowers offence given...is offence taken.

With the exception of a couple of chuckles and a few frowns, the Christian world largely turned the other cheek.

In fact, the blasphemous painting wasn't newsworthy enough for Ron to grab his camera, jump on a plane, and squeeze in a totally tax-deductible visit to his daughter, Aurora - who lives in New York.

And it wasn't inflammatory enough to spark a single letter to the editor!

To say the painting was in poor taste would be to give it more acknowledgement than it deserves.

Therein lies the truly liberating attribute of freedom of expression: the freedom to choose one's response to the expression of another.

No matter what someone says, they say more about themselves than they do about their subject.

Unkind words don't come from truth - they come from ignorance and fear...and so do such paintings and cartoons.

The response, like a picture that speaks a thousand words, tells an animated version of the same story.

The violent reaction of offended Muslims around the world has included death threats, attempted kidnap-

pings, flag burnings, trade sanctions against Danish merchants and...a call for the decapitation of the offending cartoonists.

Ironically, one of the central tenets of Islam is...forgiveness.

What a coincidence - forgiveness is precisely what Christ exemplified!

Voltaire was right: "If we believe in absurdities, we shall commit atrocities."

If people believe that there is an "US" and a "THEM", they will always be at war.

When my daughter, Jennifer, was three, we lived in Thornhill - a predominantly Jewish community at the time.

I wanted her to go to pre-school, and the most highly recommended was operated by the Jewish Community Centre.

Diane (the pre-school teacher) suggested I join the JCC.

For the \$50 fee, she told me, I would get a \$200 discount on the annual tuition. Deal, huh?

I hemmed and hawed, then spat it out: "But we're not Jewish!"

She looked at me as if amazed by my ability to function with only half a brain. "So?"

In a sudden flash of understanding, my dormant brain cells woke up to the reality that we were welcome.

After that, Jennifer came home every Friday singing "Shabat Shalom". Next thing I knew, there was a Menorah parked next to the Christmas tree.

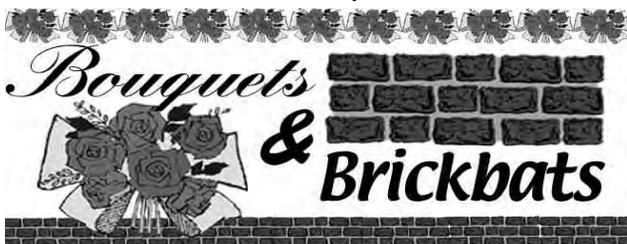
By the end of the school year, I was cooking up latkes like a native.

At Easter, I discovered they make dreidels in the shape of Easter eggs, so I figured we weren't the only Christians to exchange the richness of our differences and the kinship of our similarities with our Jewish neighbours.

As Voltaire so eloquently put it: "Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."

People who believe in appreciation will always be at peace.

Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at: [laughingmatters@aci.on.ca](mailto:laughingmatters@aci.on.ca)



By DICK ILLINGWORTH

**BOUQUETS** to the York Regional Police Male Chorus for donating \$1,000 to the York Region Children's Chorus to help cover the cost of their planned trip to Newfoundland next year.

**BRICKBATS** to King Township Council for taking all possible action to stop Mr. Routledge, the elderly gentleman on the 16th Sideroad, just west of Bathurst Street, from opening his property to dog lovers so they can let their pets run free. Dog lovers should make the township provide a facility!

**BOUQUETS** to the member of council who will request that a report be presented in public session of any decisions made at the in camera meeting held December 6 regarding the disposition of town-owned land. The Municipal Act requires that any decisions made in camera must be ratified in open council.

**BRICKBATS** to the advertising agency behind the Capital One Mastercard advertisements which show a man with his hand in the pocket of several men as they carry out their daily activities, including getting dressed and at a wedding.

**BOUQUETS** to David Emerson, Harper's new Minister of Trade, for making Belinda Stronach's crossing of the floor look like child's play. He was in Paul Martin's cabinet and on January 23rd was elected as a Liberal, switching to the Tories to keep his cabinet position. At least Belinda did it on a matter of principle.

**BRICKBATS** to Prime Minister Stephen Harper for promising to clean up politics and make it more accountable and then appointing David Emerson as International Trade Minister and Michael Fortier as Public Works Minister even though he was not elected. This is a change in government?

**BOUQUETS** to Michael Palauch on his council appointment to the Heritage Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy. His appointment was timely as the last committee meeting had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

**BRICKBATS** to federal politicians and military experts for committing more Canadian troops to Afghanistan, without the consent of Parliament, as it is no longer a peacekeeping mission but a known danger zone. Otherwise, why do we bother to elect MPs?

**BOUQUETS** to Aurora's Alex Ansell on being inducted into the Builder Category of the CARHA Hockey Hall of Fame for his 30 years as a founding member and executive member of the York Oldtimers' Hockey League. He was influential in expanding the league from four to 26 teams.

**BRICKBATS** to the operators of a Quebec government-run daycare for leaving a 13-month-old baby outside sleeping in zero weather for four-and-a-half hours.

**BOUQUETS** to Martha Hall Findlay for being the first candidate to officially enter the federal Liberal leadership race to replace Paul Martin. As the Liberal candidate in the 2004 election, she was narrowly defeated by Tory Belinda Stronach. When Belinda crossed the floor, Martha stepped aside for the last election, but publicly received nothing from the Liberals in return.

**BRICKBATS** to the federal government for licensing companies to handle dangerous nuclear materials that have both peaceful and military uses without knowing who ultimately owns the businesses. The federal regulator only ensures that the company is legally incorporated to do business in Canada. So much for security!

## Letters to the Editor



"No Parking" signs have been installed at the end of the 16th Sideroad, (west of Bathurst across from Henderson Avenue) and dog walkers are upset with the move. Letters below reveal some of their thoughts. Area is a popular entrance for part of the Oak Ridges Trail system.

## Dog owners upset land not available

To the editor,

Re: Mr. Allison's letter to the editor, Auroran, Feb. 14.

We thank Mr. Allison for shedding some light on the recent changes that have been enacted with regard to Mr. Routledge's land and its availability for dog-owners and their families.

To Mr. Routledge, (whose name we did not know until reading this recent letter to the editor) we thank you most sincerely for your generosity that has been extended to the dog-owning families in the region.

We always enjoyed our weekend jaunts to "the meadow" and our rambunc-

tious Labrador loved to run and play with the other dogs on your land.

We were blessed with the arrival of a daughter at the end of June and it wasn't too long before Caitlyn joined us on our walks, originally in her stroller, then in her Snugli and now that she is older, in her backpack carrier.

She loved to watch the dogs run, and we had hoped that in time she would grow to play with the dogs in the meadow.

We were, of course, deeply saddened to read the No Trespassing signs when they went up, but understood that all good things must come to an end, and that we had been lucky

enough to enjoy this opportunity while it lasted.

It is regrettable that it is due to pressure from external sources that led to this outcome as opposed to Mr. Routledge's actual desires - though we would by no means pretend to know his personal position in this situation.

We initially learned of Mr. Routledge's acreage following a friendly conversation with another dog-owner, and as we were (at that time) new to the area, the information was happily received.

It is with this in mind that we ask should any of the dog-owners who frequented Mr. Routledge's land know of other options for off-leash

areas (other than the town-owned dog park), we would be thrilled to learn of them and pass along that information to anyone else who cares to contact us.

Perhaps there may even be another kind soul out there with acreage away from busy roads or other hazards who may wish to enjoy the glorious scene of a dozen or so dogs running and playing with each other while their owners and children watch.

Please feel free to contact us at hazemisty@gmail.com

Richard, Misty & Caitlyn Beers  
owners of "Tilley"  
Aurora

## Dog-walker seeks a compromise

To the editor,

I wish to express my agreement with Ian Allison's letter published last week "Generous landowner stopped by neighbour", and add my dismay that one person can ruin what was a wonderful situation for hundreds of dog owners.

Besides exercising our dogs in a safe manner that allowed them to be off

## Reader liked last column

Open letter to Cathy Vrancic

Just loved your article on the Love and Shrimp Cocktail (The Auroran, Cathy's Corner, Feb. 14).

Could you please e-mail this article to me, so that I can e-mail it to my married daughters.

My husband and I are

leash, but not be near anyone who did not want to be around an unleashed dog, hundreds of people got a lot of exercise walking many miles over Mr. Routledge's property.

This was such a wonderful opportunity for exercise, something that many people do not get enough of these days.

Through the use of his property, Mr. Routledge

between the Stage 2 and Stage 3 in life and I thought it was GREAT.

All the best and thank you. Keep up the great work.

Also enjoyed the article on the Mother and Daughter in the February 7th issue.

Shirley Gillies  
Aurora

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# Four parking spots have been removed

To the editor,

Well, it seems that the owners of 1010 16th Sideroad have got their wish.

How one household can move the majority of King Township's council to move so fast is amazing.

Other councils should take note, possibly their work load is too light.

However this morning (Wednesday, Feb. 15) I drove to the entrance of the Oak

Ridges Moraine off of 16th Sideroad, to find that the signage people of King Township had been busy, in that they had put up "NO PARKING" signs all the way along 16th to the actual entrance to the O.R.M.

At the end of the road were two no parking signs in the corners.

All the other signs have the two little arrows, which means you cannot park between the arrows!

However, the last two signs at the entrance only have one arrow each. This usually means you can park on the side of the sign where there are no arrows. So I did.

We had been told, word moves fast, that the Mayor, Margaret Black, was going to give us four parking spots at the entrance to the O.R.M.

It was reported, that she thought that walkers using the walkway came by bus, therefore more than four

spots were not needed.

Nobody I talked to has ever seen a bus at this site.

When I arrived back this afternoon, instead of signs designating the four parking spots, there were two more "no parking" signs, in between the two signs, which were still up.

The new signs both had arrows going both ways.

So how do you park between one sign with no arrow and the next sign with

a no parking arrow...ONLY IN KING TOWNSHIP, I GUESS.

Since I could not figure this out I parked, only to get a ticket #00055, which I am

prepared to take to court and have them explain it to me.

See ya in court.

Ian Allison  
Aurora

## "No Parking" signs are now installed

To the editor

**RE: Access to Oak Ridges Trail west of Bathurst Street closed**

Further to Mr. Allison's letter in the February 14th Auroran regarding dog owners walking on Mr. Routledge's land and access to the Oak Ridges Trail.

This is to let everyone know that on February 14th 'No Parking' signs were installed on both sides of the 16th

Sideroad from Bathurst Street to the entrance to the Oak Ridges Trail closing the area to vehicular traffic.

This action is the result of a petition put forward by the residents of the 16th Sideroad to the Township of King Council on January 24th, 2006 requesting that the whole of the 16th Sideroad be made a No Parking Zone.

The petition was heard at the January 30th, 2006, council meeting and was

approved unanimously by the council.

There was no opportunity for interested parties to mount any opposition to the petition since it was submitted and considered in such a short period and there was no public notice made of the intention of the petition.

Anyone wishing to access this section of the Oak Ridges Trail must now either walk in from Bathurst Street, a 1.4 km. jaunt, or park their car at Seneca

College, which requires a parking fee, and walk the trail from Dufferin Street.

The majority of dog owners are responsible people who have control of their dogs and pick up after them.

The privilege of walking on Mr. Routledge's land has provided an opportunity to socialize our dogs with others and enjoy the fellowship of other dog owners while appreciating the woodlots and nature around us.

It is truly regrettable that a small number of individuals has been allowed to stop the enjoyment of Mr. Routledge's land and close access to this section of the Oak Ridges Trail for the large number of people who enjoy the out-of-doors whether they have a dog or not.

Marilyn Cartmill  
Aurora

## ACI changes rules on sending e-mail attachments: reader

To the editor,

And The Stupid ISP Decision of the Year So Far goes to aci.on.ca for no longer allowing their users to attach .zip files to outgoing e-mails.

That's right, my ISP in their wisdom has decided that .zip files might be hiding nasty little viruses, so we can no longer attach them to our outgoing email.

When I called the tech support desk to ask how I was supposed to send multi-file compressed archives (otherwise known as zip archives) his sugges-

tion was to "change the file extension!"

Yeah! That's a STELLAR idea. That won't cause any problems at all.

Except maybe:

- Causing the recipient's anti-virus software to alert on the fact the file content doesn't match the file extension.
- Having the attachment automatically deleted because the receiving server won't accept any attachment EXCEPT .zip files.
- The attachment gets deleted because the recipient didn't read your message about your having to

change the file extension and then can't open the file, and then panics thinking their computer might be infected with a virus.

change the file extension and then can't open the file, and then panics thinking their computer might be infected with a virus.

- etc. etc. etc.
- Yep.

Great idea, aci.on.ca! A real winner.

Let's keep our users from being able to use the industry standard file compression system as an email attachment. Then, when they call the tech support desk to complain, we can tell them it is for their protection.

Oh, by the way, they did all of this without bothering to tell anyone about it.

One day I could send .zip files just fine. The next: "Error: Your e-mail message was unable to be sent because your mail server rejected the message. 553-5.7.1 Your message has been refused due to content filtering rules" (1003,11)".

Thanks, aci.on.ca. You've made my day.

Charles R. Kaiser  
Aurora

## Reader wonders about long-winded letters to the editor

To the editor,

Are we to be subjected to the long-winded letters from Brian Warburton, Conservative propagandist, in every other edition of The Auroran until the end of the Conservative mandate?

Is this individual paying your paper to print his views?

Does this person reflect the views held by your editorial staff?

Is his the only national political view that is submitted to your paper?

I, for one, would like to hear from the editor of your paper on all of the above

on this individual.

Goland Trevize  
Aurora

**ED. NOTE: Answering the questions in the order they were asked. 1: if Mr. Warburton continues to submit letters that are not libellous, yes. 2: No. 3: No. 4: Anyone who submits a letter to the paper will get printed, as long as the letter won't send the editor to jail. In case readers haven't noticed, we like Letters to the Editor. To resurrect an old quote: "we may not agree with what you say, but we will defend to the death your right to say it."**

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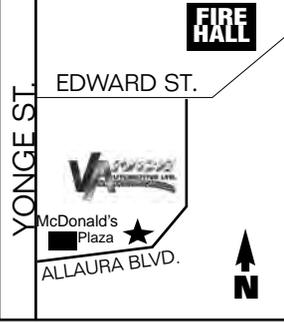
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# Committee policy will affect youth, VP says

To the editor,

Where will the kids play?

That was the question I was asking myself as I sat and observed the Feb. 9th meeting of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee.

This group will recommend to council the adoption of a Sports Field Use Policy which will limit the use of all town-owned soccer fields.

If this policy is accepted by council, use of any town-owned soccer field will be restricted to once, in a 24-hour period.

This policy could force the Aurora Youth Soccer Club to dismantle many existing rep teams because the town is removing more than 200 game opportunities.

These players will then return to house league where our club already had waiting lists in almost every age group in 2005.

This summer many children may be watching the grass grow on the fields rather than playing on them.

If this policy, as it is written, is adopted by town council Feb, 28th, all four lit standard fields in town will

never need to turn their lights on because once a 7 p.m. game is played, the town will not issue a permit for the second game.

Compound this with a stipulation that allows only game play on town owned standard fields and even if there is space to play the games, where will the teams practice?

With more than 1,000 youth players playing on standard fields, in house league alone, it will be impossible to plan practice time for everyone on the two high school fields and the two fields at Magna.

With parks like Craddock and Summit restricted to one use a day, even on weekends and not allowed to be used for a practice, the town is making it almost impossible for the AYSC to provide a reasonable soccer program.

While the committee proposed a two-year delay on the implementation of the once a night game restriction of the lit field, this does little to solve the underlying problem, lack of fields.

Without the generous support of Magna and a close working relationship

with St. Andrew's College, our club would be severely limited in programs offered to the youth of our community.

The town's master recreation plan called for a new standard lit field to be constructed in 2005.

Not only did this not happen but there are no plans to build this field and the field proposed by the plan for 2008 is in jeopardy because, according to Al Downey, head of the Leisure Services Department, the town has no land currently designated for this project.

What a sad situation we face when more than 600 volunteers, who spend countless hours to provide a healthy alternative to our youth, cannot provide this service.

As a club all we ask from the town is a flat piece of grass, cut and maintained, on which to play.

But it now looks like not only will the town not provide us with new fields to use but they want to take away access to the ones we currently have.

I would urge each councillor to take a long, critical look at this new Sports Field Use Policy.

Read it carefully and ask questions about its implications.

When 500 children find they cannot play soccer this year I predict that the councillors may find themselves being asked a lot of questions.

**Judy Janzen**  
VP House League  
AYSC

# President says youth soccer threatened by 2 town issues

To the editor,

Most of our Aurora citizens probably think that it is an enormous amount of "work" to organize 600 volunteers, schedule more than 3,500 soccer games and three large tournaments and make sure we have trained, volunteer coaches and adequate numbers of qualified referees to run our soccer programs.

Some might think the job of providing soccer to 4,000 participants from ages 4 to 50 in both genders and also provide specialty programming for special needs participants is extremely complicated and difficult.

Some might even think running a Rep Competitive Program with about 28 teams from the age of eight to 18 who must travel all over this province is a big responsibility.

It is not...the volunteers who direct this "work", love it...look forward to it, and it is why they "work" together to make it happen for the children of this Town.

What is difficult is dealing with issues that limit our opportunity to provide healthful, socially acceptable, physical activity to these kids. Issues that are outside of our control.

On Feb. 28th, our Town Councillors may be voting on two recommendations brought forward by the Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC), a Committee comprised of Councillors Wendy Gaertner, Nigel Kean and Damir Vrancic, plus local citizens.

One recommendation is to adopt a field use policy

that will restrict participation below current levels on the fields the Town owns.

The second is a recommendation NOT to enter into a field use agreement with the School Board. Both recommendations will cause the Soccer Club to cut programs.

Less than one month ago, well after the Aurora Youth Soccer Club had done its budgeting, set fees, had the AGM to announce fees and begun registration for the 2006 outdoor season, members were told the Leisure Services Department was recommending the Town NOT enter into an agreement with the York Region School Board so the Town could in turn permit these to the soccer Club (as has been the practice for many years).

This meant that the AYSC would not have access to these fields.

Their programs would have to be cut and about 850 kids would not be able to play the game...just like that! Why?

The Town was being asked by the School Board to improve the level of maintenance to these fields and it would cost them more to do so. They also cited control issues and liability problems.

The rent is free...they are being asked to maintain the fields to a standard level.

They say they can't afford this, even though the AYSC has paid on average each year for the last five years more than \$57,000 annually to the Town for field permits.

It costs money, sure, but what worthwhile endeavour such as fire protection, police protection, hydro,

water, sewage and road maintenance doesn't? It is about priority and responsibility.

In my opinion, LSAC has let the citizens of this Town down by recommending these regressive proposals.

With these recommendations they have told us that the availability of fields for use by our Club and the children who play on them is not important and further they have told us to go and make our own way.

We have done so, and, until we know the outcome of our proposal to the School Board until the Trustees meet in March, the programs we offer remain in jeopardy.

I urge the Town Council to send a message to LSAC that they have to do better.

My burning question is this...what is the cost of NOT providing high-quality sports and recreation programs for our youth and citizens?

With the incidence of health problems related to inactivity hitting epidemic proportions, with concerns over the rising rate of gang-related crime...our councillors are being asked by LSAC to sit back and squander the extensive volunteer

efforts of our citizens as they try and provide sport to the community.

They are also being asked to tell many children that this Council can't support their soccer participation in Aurora.

More questions beg answers...why has this Town Council allowed Aurora to fall behind on the recommendations of the Recreation Master Plan?

Why was there no field built in 2005 as was proposed in the Plan? Why is there no land apportioned for another field in 2008 as is recommended in the Plan? What good is a Recreation Master Plan if it is not to be followed?

The sport service groups of this Town don't need barriers...they need support.

The job is big enough. They don't ask the Town to do the "work" that they love to do...they merely ask for an opportunity to let them provide for the children by giving them the space they need to do the job.

It is their responsibility to do so. Why is that so difficult?

**Ron Weese,**  
President,  
Aurora Youth Soccer Club

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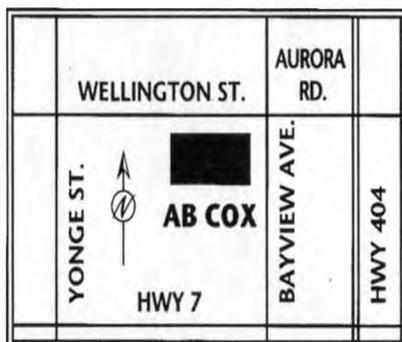


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## Tigers sweep Hawks, now face Collingwood

As predicted, Aurora will not see the Bancroft Hawks back in town this year.

The Aurora Tigers, playing in their first round of Provincial Junior A hockey playoffs, swept the opposition away in four straight games.

After two solid victories in Aurora last week, the Tigers ventured into Bancroft country on the weekend, and put together a second pair of victories.

Saturday night, led by the stalwart goaltending of Jeremie Dupont, Aurora breezed to a 3-0 win, then followed that with a 4-1 victory Sunday.

Next on the list of challengers will be the Collingwood Blues, a team that Aurora knows well, since it is part of the Provincial North Division in which Aurora plays.

In Game Three, Dupont stopped all 24 shots to record the shutout.

Scoring for Aurora were Chad Kennedy with the game winner, Brandon Roshko and Josh McNair.

Aurora scored once



**JEREMIE DUPONT**  
**Shutout**

in each of the three periods, enough to nail down the victory.

Sunday, Aurora may have had second thoughts about the competition as the Hawks

opened a 1-0 lead after 20 minutes of play.

However, Aurora got back on track with three goals in the middle frame, and an insurance marker in the third period to record the win and take the series.

Brandon Walker scored the game winning goal in leading his team to victory.

Also recording two points were Josh McNair, with his second marker in as many games, and Doug Henderson.

Each had a goal and assist.

Josh Diamond scored the other Aurora goal.

Ryan Dickie was in net stopping 13 of 14 shots, as Bancroft attempted to

find a Tiger weakness, but could not.

The Collingwood Blues made it to the second round after easily disposing the Couchiching Terriers four games to one.

Aurora has met the Blues on five occasions throughout the season, and has won every game.

The last time they met, Aurora blanked the Blues 7-0, in Aurora in January.

The first game of the second series will take place at the Aurora Community Centre this Friday, February 24th.

Game time is 7.30 p.m.

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# MONDAY

## NIGHT HOCKEY

Standings as at Monday, Feb. 13

TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Masterclean Contracting	15	6	0	100	66	30
Highland Chev Cadillac	14	6	1	113	83	29
Priestly Demolition	12	7	2	93	59	26
Tom & Jerry's	11	7	3	90	78	25
J.J. Barron Realty	8	8	5	82	82	21
Law Insurance Brokers	7	9	5	76	97	19
FPL Aggregates	4	14	3	66	103	11
Rec Cycle N' Sports	3	17	1	56	108	7

### Results, Feb. 13

Masterclean	6	Law Insurance	5
FPL Aggregates	3	Rec Sports	3
Barron Realty	4	Priestly Demolition	7
Tom & Jerry's	4	Highland Chev	5

### PLAYER STANDINGS

As at Feb. 13

NAME	TEAM	G	A	TOTAL
John Archibald	Highland	36	23	59
Steve Robertson	Highland	20	29	49
Mark Sedore	Priestly	20	26	46
Tom Hussey	Masterclean	20	18	38
Jason Muise	Priestly	17	21	38
Ken Rumble	Highland	14	23	37
Steve Kavanah	Barron's	13	24	37
John Yaremko	Law Insurance	12	23	35
Steve McDonald	Tom & Jerry's	16	18	34
Ralph Berry	Masterclean	16	14	30
Bruce Cheppell	Highlands	8	21	29
Pat O'Mahony	Barron's	13	14	27
Gerry Briand	Masterclean	10	16	26
Ed Jackson	Barron's	10	16	26
Scott Thomas	Tom & Jerry's	11	14	25
Dean Iwai	Tom & Jerry's	10	15	25
Darren Yaremko	Law Insurance	9	15	24
Pat Davies	Priestly	7	16	23
Phil Goodenough	Barron's	8	14	22
Frank Balkovec	Law Insurance	3	19	22
Brad MacMillan	Tom & Jerry's	10	11	21
Cam Mitchell	FPL	10	11	21
Darryl Iwai	Highlands	6	15	21
Vince Greco	Rec Cycle	9	11	20
Darryl Thompson	Tom & Jerry's	9	11	20
Glen Bince	Law Insurance	8	12	20
Les Nip	Barron's	6	14	20
Charlie Steenhorst	FPL	6	14	20
Phil Podstatski	Priestly	12	7	19
Jerome Flanigan	Masterclean	9	10	19
Ed Kilroy	Rec Cycle	9	10	19
Bruce Ing	Priestly	8	11	19
Mike Nisbet	Priestly	7	12	19
Dave Holden	Law Insurance	10	8	18
John Leeder	Highland	10	8	18
Kevin Brown	Highland	5	13	18
Ron Theisson	Barron's	9	8	17
Angelo Nasto	Masterclean	7	10	17
Dave Libari	Barrons	7	8	15
Hugh Alcorn	Masterclean	4	11	15
Larry Preston	FPL	4	11	15
Chris Neal	Priestly	7	7	14
John Sibner	Masterclean	7	7	14
Doug Adair	Rec Cycle	6	7	13
Bob Ince	Rec Cycle	5	8	13

## York Symphony Orchestra

# From Russia with musical genius

By TOM DAVEY  
Special to The Auroran

York Symphony Orchestra boldly reached into the past when it performed Kalinnikov's Symphony No. 1 in G minor recently at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church.

Vasily Sergeyevich Kalinnikov was born to a poor family in Russia yet his inherent talent proved impervious to social background.

By tutoring and conducting local choristers he was able to enroll at Moscow's renowned Conservatory in 1884 at the age of 18.

Regrettably for the music world, he dropped out when he was unable to afford tuition.

Somehow his determination gained him entrance to Moscow Philharmonic's school, graduating in 1892, having composed his first major work, a symphonic poem, The Nymphs, which premiered in Moscow in 1889.

His first symphony was sent to the legendary Rimsky-Korsakov who, ironically, thought it too Germanic but Kalinnikov's perseverance led to its first performance in Kiev in 1897 where it was a great success.

But poor health cut short his prodigious career when it was barely underway, two days before his 35th birthday.

More than a century later, on a snowbound winter evening in Aurora, much like the composer's native Russia, his symphony thrilled an audience.

This emotion, already

carrying over several decades, shows true musical immortality, leaving this audience with great regret that this undeniable genius had all too soon left this world.

Conductor Gregory Burton - who eschews the traditional orchestral baton - used eloquent digital dexterity as his hands coaxed, commanded and blended the soaring strings, melodic woodwinds, precise percussion and triumphant brass sections of the orchestra.

The almost unknown symphony enthralled this modern audience as it must have done a century earlier in Russia.

Beethoven's Overture to Egmont was composed as music for Goethe's Egmont, the great composer saying, "I would have gone to my death, yes ten times to my death, for Goethe."

This blend of literature and music was ably combined at Trinity Anglican by the strings, punctuated by percussion and melodic interpretation of Beethoven's

always challenging compositions, with York Symphony performing with full justice.

In Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer, Chantelle Grant's powerful mezzo soprano was as resonant as any instrument in the orchestra.

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# "Pinball" thrills crowd

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# Master Ducks coach has fund raising plan

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answer councillors' comments.

She pointed out that the \$2 million fundraising target was a voluntary agreement as all financial arrangements for the facility had been approved by council.

In addition, all facility users were to be involved in the fundraising effort but councillors' criticism was directed at the Swim Club,

although they will use only five per cent of the pool time, with the balance for the general public.

She stressed that the pool had not been built for the Swim Club as the need for a pool had been included in the Recreation Master Plan.

She said she was amazed at the reported statement of Councillor Bill Hogg who said the town should not put a drop of

water in the pool until the funds were raised.

She wondered if he would want to rip out the ice from the arenas because the ice users had not raised any funds. Councillor Hogg was not in attendance for the meeting.

Ms Black said she objected to the term "aquatic users" as the Swim Club was a client who paid its way and the fees had increased by 43

per cent.

She asked that council help the Swim Club and not be an obstacle.

She also noted several pledges had been received for naming rooms and components and would be announced March 4th.

Councillor Damir Vrancic questioned the warm-up pool which had been installed at the request of the Swim Club, to which Ms Black replied

that it was a multi-purpose facility.

He questioned the addition of two pool lanes from six to eight which had been requested by the Swim Club in order to bring swim meets to Aurora.

Ms Black agreed that the club had requested the extra lanes and would be able to pay their share of the five per cent use of the \$600,000 cost through their fundraising campaign, as

they had pledged of approximately \$150,000 from the naming rights campaign.

Councillor Vrancic said that when Mr. Chappell had appeared before council, he never mentioned the pledges, which would have made a considerable difference in council's reaction.

It was finally agreed council would wait until the kick-off announcements March 4.

## Aurora Minor Hockey Association Results to 9 AM Sunday, February 19, 2006 Website: [www.aci.on.ca/amha](http://www.aci.on.ca/amha)



### House League

#### Tyke

**108 Tim Horton's Blues 4** - Matthew Tyndall 1A, Jamie Finlay 1A, Max Goldman 2A, David Townshend 1A, Spencer White 1G 1A, Cameron Zinner 3G.

**106 Tim Horton's Red Wings Tyke HL 0**

**104 Tim Horton's Sharks 2** - Bryan Manweiler 1A, Adam Caicco 1G 1A, Mitchell Haak 1A, Riley Walsh 1G 1A.

**102 Tim Horton's Rangers Tyke HL 1**

**107 Tim Horton's Bruins 12** - Christian Arcuri 2A, Charles Bennett 1A, Shaun Broad 1G 1A, Austin Kiraly 4G, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Nicholas Sansalone 3G, Cole Thiessen 4G 1A.

**105 Tim Horton's Flyers Tyke HL 0**

**103 Tim Horton's Blackhawks Tyke HL 5** - Micheal Dowling 3G 1A, Jacob Fenchak 1G 2A, Colin McGoldrick 1A, Jeffrey McKay 1A, Devlin Kauffeldt 1A, Brett Diamond 1G 1A, Jacob Hatton 1A.

**101 Tim Horton's Leafs 3**

#### Novice

**206 Emilio's Pizza Novice HL 3** - Chris Klinowski 1G, Nolan Smith 1G 1A, Kory Wansborough 1A, Anthony Georgieff 1G.

**201 McAlpine Ford Lincoln 2** - Bryn Burbank 1G, Cameron Screech 1G, Torre Litke 1A.

**205 HS Financial Services Novice HL 2** - Patrick Bourrie 1A, Jacob Hagias 1G, Lockart McMann 1G, Keenan Nocon-Willatts 1A.

**204 North York Heating & Plumbing 1** - Matthew Iezzi 1A, John Partland 1G.

**202 Mastermind Toys.Com 5** - Eric Cumiskey 1G, Evan Woodhead 1A, Gregory Rutherford 1G 1A, Joshua Lye 1A, Liam Joiner 3G 1A, Michael Hosmer 1A.

**203 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre Novice HL 5**

#### Minor Atom

**305 All Pro Source For Sports Minor Atom HL 4** - Morgan Walker 1G 1A, Victor Chadarov 2G, Lucas Brutto 1A, Brady Harris 1G 3A.

**308 Delph & Jenkins Surveyors 2**

**306 Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre Minor Atom HL 9** - Thomas Finlay 1G 1A, Wilson Black 1G, Joe Ekstrom 1G 1A, Alexander Jonasson 5A, Michael Liscio 2A, Andrew Roche 1A, Nathan Sinclair 1A, Scott Taylor 4G 2A, Andrew Walter 1A, Owen Woodcock 2G, Jamie Wilson 1A, Brady Wilson 1A.

**307 Optimist Club of Aurora 2** - Adam Deroos 1A, Matthew Walker 1G, Nicholas Scott 1G 1A.

**302 Laurion Law Office 5** - Cameron Staples 1A, Matthew Pelkola 1G, Tyler Futterer 3G, Chris Downs 1G, Jan Coschi 1A, Nicholas Marrelli 1A.

**303 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Minor Atom HL 1**

#### Atom

**403 Dr. Steiner's Drillers Atom HL 4** - Kieran Cullen 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G, Christopher Cherubini 1G, Matthew Iamonaco 1G 1A, Cody Mulhern 1A.

**405 Rotary Club of Aurora 4** - Ryan Byerlay 1G, Scott Wheeler 1G, Quinn McGowan 1G 1A, James Hubay 1A, Eric Staueble 1G.

**401 Nacora Insurance Brokers Atom HL 5** 402 McAlpine Ford Lincoln 3 - Zachary Ferry 1G 1A, Quinn Harris 1G, Casey Severini 1G.

**406 Continental Custom Ingredients Atom HL 4** - Curtis Fordyce 1G 1A, Justin Stevens 1A, Nicolas Bertrand 2G, Matthew Reeves 1G, Trevor Stephens 1A.

**404 Optimist Club of Aurora 2** - Kevin Casey 1G, Sammy Fanone 1A, Massimo Longhin 1G.

#### Minor Peewee

**502 Supreme Collision Centre Minor Peewee HL 2**

**501 Chevalier Chrysler 1** - Marshall McGaffey 1A, John Dinicolantonio 1G, Matthew Hart 1A.

#### Peewee

**601 Orr & Forster Insurance 3** - Michael Reilly 1G 2A, John Zorzit 1G, Michael Wood 1G.

**609 Manhattan Trophies Peewee HL 2** - Ethan Morice 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1A, Stephen Newby 1G 1A, Rosario Arcuri 1A.

**604 CAA South Central Ontario 3** - Scott Sturges 1A, Andrew Bolton 1A, Paul Tuck 1G, Troy Gouveia 1G, Charlie Still 1G.

**607 Cosentino Produce Peewee HL 1** - Jonathan Boehmer 1G.

**605 Mary's Flower Shop Peewee HL 5** - Taran McGowan 3G, Matthew Burns 2G.

**610 ACI 4** - Braydon Dunn 1G, Michael Vance 3G.

#### Minor Bantam

**701 I.O.O.F. Aurora Lodge 148 F.L.T. Minor Bantam HL 5** - Michael Gray 1A, Daniel Crowther 1G, Dylan Teacher 2G 1A, Daniel Sampieri 1G,

David Naccarato 1A, Julian Bionni 1A, Marcel Lamanna 2A, Ryan Bagshaw 1G 1A, Devin Scudds 1A.

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**Clarington 3**

**Aurora Tigers Tyke Select 1** - Andrew Badali 1A, Ryan Coveart 1A, Cole Thiessen 1G.

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**Aurora Tigers Novice AA 7** - Jake Appleby 1A, Graydon Gardner 1A, Nicholas Baxter 1G, Alex Bernier 1A, Matthew Caicco 1G, Graeme McDonald 1G 1A, Nicholas Papousek 1A, Austin Riswick 1G, Jesse Wiemer 3G 1A.

**Georgina 4**

**Markham 1**

**Aurora Tigers Novice A 0**

**Aurora Tigers Novice A 7**

**Barrie 3**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AA 4** - Sean

Foxwell 1G, Liam Coll 1A, Konner McMillan 1A, Jerryd Jensen 1G, Branden Fennell 1G, John MacDonald 1G, Matthew Iwai 1A.

**Richmond Hill 2**

**Orillia 4**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 2** - Erik Balkovec 1G, Austin Persaud 1A, Evan Jackson 1A, Connor Cowl 1A, Scott Kostin 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 2** - Erik Balkovec 1A, Paul Neophytou 1A, Parker Baile 1A, Evan Jackson 1G, Connor Cowl 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1G. Shutout: Matt Heintzman  
**Bradford 0**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom A 6** - Erik Balkovec 1G 2A, Paul Neophytou 2G, Parker Baile 1A, Austin Persaud 1G, Connor Cowl 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A, Alec Ground 1G.

**Orillia 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 2** - Liam Beresford 1G 1A, Alex Perez 1G, Graham Robinson 2A, Blake Wallace 1A.

**Richmond Hill 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 7** - Josh Bell 3A, Liam Beresford 2G 1A, Shannon Murray 1G 1A, Alex Perez 1G, Spencer Robb 1A, Graham Robinson 1G 2A, Blake Wallace 1A, Nathan Nealon 2G 1A.

**East Gwillimbury 3**

**Richmond Hill 3**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Atom AE 2** - Shannon Murray 1A, Graham Robinson 1G, Nathan Nealon 1G.

**Aurora Tigers Atom AA 2**  
**Markham 0**

**Aurora Tigers Atom A 3** - Hayden Trask 2A, Ben Hankins 1A, Peter Sandwell 2G, Kiefer McIntosh 2A, Daniel Antoniel 1G.

**Bradford 3**

**Aurora Tigers Atom A 4**  
**Barrie 0**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 2** - Eric Archibald 1A, Matthew Pryse 1A, Colton Lee 1G, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Ryan Baskin 1A.

**Richmond Hill 1**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 4** - Connor Moody 1G 1A, William Allen 1A, Conner McQuillan 1A, Matthew Pryse 1A, Colton Lee 1A, Vincent Ruscica 1G, Eric Bulloch 1G 1A, Ryan Baskin 1G 1A.

**Richmond Hill 2**

**Aurora Tigers Atom AE 2** - Connor Moody 1A, Sammy Steenhorst 1A, Jimmy Brookes 1A, Jack Straw 1G, Eric Bulloch 1G.

**Reline Auto Redmen 1** - Ryan Duffy 1G, Justin Foy 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee A 5** - Ryan St. Germain 2G 1A, Sean Nishimura 1G 1A, Alex Woodward 1A, Tyler White 1G, A.J. Killens 1A, Daniel Whitley 1G. Shutout: Daniel Moriarity.

**East Gwillimbury 0**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Peewee AE 7** - Cooper Catt 2A, Lucas Leslie 2G, Jason Lockhart 1G, Jesse Bentolilla 1A, Anthony Selski 1A, Evan Collicot 1G, Thomas Hagias 1G, Dylan Woyslaw 1G 1A, Brett Wilson 1G, Adam Balaban 2A.

**Duff's Tires 3**

**Aurora Tigers Peewee AA 4** - Eleeza Cox 2G, Josh Beaton 1A, Blair Cuthbert 1A, Brandon Pedersen 1G 1A, Chris Venditelli 1G, James Harkin 2A.

**Markham 3**

**Re-stored Sports Redmen 5**

**Aurora Tigers Peewee AA 3** - Josh Beaton 1G, Tristan Miller 1G, Matthew Miller 1A, Jack Steffan 1A, James Harkin 1G.

**Re-stored Sports Redmen 6**

**Aurora Tigers Peewee AA 2** - Eleeza Cox 1G, Josh Beaton 1G, Brandon Pedersen 2A, Chris Venditelli 1A, James Harkin 1A.

**Aurora Tigers Peewee A 5** - Kyle McCreedy 1G 2A, Scott Kimmerer 1A, Gavin Forrest 1A, Chris Smith 1G, Danny McConnell 2G, Kamran Karamchi 1G.

**NobleKing 2**

**Aurora Tigers Peewee AE 3** - Spencer George 3G, Tyler Jensen 1A, Michael Di Vincenzo 3A.

**Bradford 1**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam AA 8** - Jeffrey Sanderson 1G 1A, Anthony Marsillo 1G, Oliver Boettcher 3A, Justin Brown 1G 1A, Dylan Cross 3G, Derrick Hamner 1G, Shawn Clark 2A, Sean Ellison 1A, Louis Lamanna 1A, Peter Axiotis 2G.

**Markham 4**

**TNT Tornados 6**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam A 4** - Sean Agostino 1G, Tyler Tisdale 2G, Darcy Eveleigh 1A, Michael McGolrick 1G 1A, Dillon Cappell 2A.

**Aurora Tigers Minor Bantam A 2** - Evan Jones 1A, Sean Agostino 1G, Tyler Tisdale 1A, Shawn MacEachern 1A, Aaron Beally 1G, Dillon Cappell 1A.

**TNT Tornados 1**

**Aurora Tigers Bantam AE 4** - Chris Burns 1A, Brett Dutchyshen 1G 1A, Darrel Evans 1A, Kyle Henwood 1G, Curtis Hough 1G, Andrew Mangialardi 1A, Tyler Rundle 1A.

**Redmen 2**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AA 4**  
**Evergreen Lawn Sprinklers Inc. Redmen 4**

**NobleKing 3**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 2** - Travis Hooper 1G, Jeremy Cohen 1A, Darcy (Bucky) Pelosse 1G, Joshua (Josh) Meron 1A, Brendan Hamner 1G.

**NobleKing 3**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget A 3** - Travis Hooper 1G, Patrick McMurray 1G, Jake Hurlbut 1A, Jeremy Cohen 1G 1A, Darcy (Bucky) Pelosse 1A.

**Markham 3**

**Innisfil 3**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AE 0**

**Innisfil 2**

**Aurora Tigers Minor Midget AE 1**

**Barrie 4**

**Aurora Tigers Midget AA 1**

**Aurora Tigers Midget AA 4**  
**Barrie 3**



Michael Seaman, Aurora's Community Planner, left, and Dr. Christopher Cooper in front of the full house at the Seniors' Centre Saturday, gave a five-hour presentation on how to care for and repair good older homes.

## Restoration workshop draws 150

"The guys who built these homes are long dead. We who are now living in them, are the guardians for the next generations." This is the story that 150

people heard Saturday from Dr. Christopher Cooper, creator and Editor-in-Chief of Edifice magazine, at the new Aurora Seniors' Centre.

Under the title, "An Old House Restoration Workshop", hosted by the Town of Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee attendees learned that poor

water control is the biggest enemy of any house.

The five-hour flood of ideas, recipes and myth-busters covered how to point brickwork, insulate for effect, paint to preserve and caulk for comfort.

Dr. Cooper and his staff offer individual consulting services and plan Hands-On workshops this summer.

He has more details at [www.edificemagazine.com](http://www.edificemagazine.com) or information is also available from Michael Seaman, Aurora's community planner, at the Town Hall.

### Seniors' Column

## "Open House" Saturday

By BRIAN WARBURTON

The Aurora Seniors' Association (ASA) presents an 'Open House' this Saturday, February 25th between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

This is an opportunity for everybody to take a look and tour at what the new senior centre offers, and how and where you might find your special niche, or home from home, or somewhere between.

Refreshments will be available.

The activities, projects, programs and all things that harmonize and allow the seniors to dance to their own tune are on display.

Questions are welcomed and will be answered.

This is an opportunity for all to view the fabulous new centre that has become home to Aurora's elder population.

The miles of parkway and Arboretum that comprise the senior backyard are still in winter's grip, and remain a promised treat for springtime.

Our neighbour across the parking lot is the Aurora Town Hall. We have a pretty good address I would say, and I am sure you will agree.

We offer activities and

programs that foster interaction which, in turn, fosters friendship.

Getting to know other people and forging bonds of common interest is hugely beneficial to many, many seniors, and will continue to do just that for those who become active members.

The centre is, in fact, a foundation around which many members fashion their weekly routine; active members are never without

friends or of something of interest to pass time in some comfortable manner.

Participation brings a new dimension to the retired years; it allows friendships to develop and offers the comfort that friendship brings.

Being part of a larger group, beyond family, is the way nature designed us to function to best advantage, and we welcome you to visit and join with us.

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# RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Back in September, 1969, Bill Davis, then Ontario Education Minister, visited Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School to participate in a Bear Pit session.

He was joined by John MacKay, Chairman of the York County Board of Education and Eugene Jacobs, Chairman of the York County Separate School Board.

The theme of the meeting was "Education Turned On" and it was sponsored by the York North Progressive Conservative Association with a large crowd in attendance in an effort to find out what county education was all about.

Davis went on to become Premier of the province touting the Progressive Conservative banner, and was back in Aurora a couple of years ago supporting Belinda Stronach as she attempted to get elected to the federal government...as a Conservative.

## WHEN THE TIGERS WERE THE EAGLES

In April, 1992, the Aurora Eagles hockey team was grounded.

The season for the Eagles ended when the Milton Merchants capped off a three-game losing streak in Game 7 of the Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League championship quarterfinal series with a 4-2 victory.

The Eagles, the first Aurora team to win a division playoff since 1967, put up a good fight.

In the winner take-all showdown, Milton jumped to a quick 2-0 lead, but Aurora pulled even in the second period.

Then Milton took the lead for good by scoring a few minutes later and adding an insurance goal in the third period.

Jim Ward, along with four other business men, revived junior hockey in Aurora, in 1986, after the Aurora Tigers fell on hard times.

It was difficult at first as some nights the team was only able to attract 100 fans.

## GETTING RID OF LEGHOLD TRAPS

In January, 1991, Aurora Council rejected a request from the Ontario Humane Society to seek permission from the Ministry of Natural Resources to ban the sale of leghold traps.

Instead, council decided to ask the province to adopt legislation that would cover the entire province. Then any municipality wanting to restrict the sale of body-gripping traps could enact a bylaw under the provincial legislation.

The previous summer, Aurora Council had asked the province for permission to ban the sale of traps to anyone but licensed trappers and farmers but the Liberal government

refused.

Humane Society officials said the province's refusal was a cop-out and pointed out that the traps should be banned because domestic pets were easy prey, as illegally set traps killed or maimed a dozen animals, including pets, the previous year.

## REMEMBERING PUMPKIN

Pumpkin was a 21-pound, seven-year-old orange coloured cat who made its home in a pet store in the plaza on Henderson Drive.

Pumpkin was very popular with the customers and people visited the store to pet the cat.

One afternoon in February, 1995, two teenagers, entered the store and stole Pumpkin.

The search was started for the cat as Pumpkin had a medical condition and required medication causing the owners and Pumpkin-lovers to become very concerned about the cat's absence and a reward was offered for Pumpkin's safe return.

Where is Pumpkin today?

# "Pirates" opens to a full house

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

"The Pirates of Penzance", one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular musicals, attacked Theatre Aurora Friday night playing to a full house opening audience.

It is a delightful rollicking spoof of the English establishment presented by an amazing cast of singers and performers who make the most of the excellent songs, hilarious jokes with honour and nonsense familiar to Gilbert and Sullivan fans.

There is a large cast of 22 performers and Director Ken Lloyd, a Theatre Aurora veteran, has pulled together a strong cast of veterans and newcomers to perform this funny operetta.

In his program message, Mr. Lloyd says his first experience in the theatre world was as a sixth-former in North Wales when he played the role of Samuel, one of the pirates, in the school's production of the Pirates of Penzance.

He says he was so terrified that he never went on stage again for 14 years, and here he is directing the same show for Theatre Aurora.

The curtain rises to show a rocky sea-shore on the coast of Cornwall.

The pirates come in for a landing and sing and dance to "Pour, oh pour, the pirate sherry" as their lieutenant Samuel explains in a brief solo that they are celebrating the com-

ing of age of Frederic who that day became a full-blown pirate.

Frederic comes forward and thanks them for their congratulations, but adds he must leave them forever as it was apparent he had been apprenticed to the pirate band in error as middle-aged Ruth explains in her song "When Frederic was a little lad".

It seems that as Frederic's nursery-maid many years before was told to take him to be apprenticed to a pilot, but mishearing the instructions took him to the pirates.

Not willing to go back to face her master, she remained with the pirate band as a maid. Frederic tells the pirates that as a free man he must do his duty and try to exterminate them. They leave him on the Cornish coast with Ruth who wants to marry him.

But Frederic falls in love with Mabel, who is a ward of Major General Stanley along with several other maidens, all wards of the General.

The pirates, led by the Pirate King, sneak back and capture the girls and are about to carry them off and marry them when Major General Stanley arrives, resplendent in his uniform carrying the Union Jack and rescues them from the pirates' clutches.

The setting in the second act is a ruined chapel by the seaside in moonlight. Major General Stanley is seen in the depths of despair surrounded

by his wards as he explains that he told the pirates a lie in saying he was an orphan and had dishonoured his family. His rendition of "I am the very model of a modern Major General" is a highlight.

Frederic has hatched a plan to bring in the police to capture the pirates when the Pirate King and Ruth arrive to tell him that as he was born on February 29th he had not reached his 21st birthday and must return to the pirates.

Playing the romantic leads are two newcomers to Theatre Aurora with Amanda Bell as Mabel and Adam Miceli as Frederic. Both have magnificent voices, as well as acting ability.

The Pirate King is played by Phil Cook who works professionally and appears through the courtesy of the Canadian Actor's Equity Association and Lisa Kyriakides plays the hard-of-hearing Ruth.

Gerry Dimmelow is Major General Stanley and the Police Sergeant is Steve Wolfer, with Frank Hawkins, Kyle Merrithew and Steven Weaver playing the role of pirates and later as police officers.

Pirates include Joe Adams, Andrew Tite, Paul-Alexandre Howley and Brenda Weafer.

The wards are Kim Sartor as Edith, Pattie Holobow as Isabel, Amanda Bartella as Kate and Nicole Morrison,

Brittany Simmonds, Christine Randl and Julia Notarfonzo. The maid-servants are Margaret Hawkins and Linda Henshaw.

Musical director is Michael Leach on piano, accompanied by Phillippa Lazare and Anita Hancock on violin, Allan Shantz on viola and Ruruko Makino on cello.

The striking set was designed by Pauline Lloyd and Trudy Neumeyer and set painting by Joy McHale and Pauline Lloyd with set construction by John Harkins and Peter Kelly. They also decorated the lobby and made many of the props seen on stage.

Brenda Weafer was choreographer and put the large cast through intricate routines. The chorus work was well done especially the police singing "Tarantra! Tarantra!" and the pirates with "A rollicking band of pirates we".

Show dates are February 22 to the 25 and March 1 to 4 at 8 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee February 26. Call the theatre box office at 905-727-3669 for ticket information.

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# LIBRARY SQUARE PUBLIC MEETING

A Special General Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Town Hall**. The purpose of the meeting is to receive input from the public regarding the possible **future uses of the Old Town Library and the former Seniors' Building** both located on Victoria St. north of Church St.

In addition to any feedback from the public, Members of Council will also be considering a number of options related to these buildings including but not limited to the following:

1. Initiate a new review of the expressions of interest utilizing a new decision matrix.
2. Accept the recommendations of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee with appropriate amendments.
3. Declare the land and buildings surplus and sell them on the open market.
4. Undertake a review of the Expressions of Interest utilizing the current decision matrix approved by General Committee.
5. Demolish some or all of the buildings on the property to increase parking for the New Library and Church Street School after assessing the need for parking in the area.
6. Find a primary tenant and lease the buildings to the primary tenant for \$1.00 per year on the basis that the primary tenant would be responsible for all capital repairs including the \$377,000 of renovations determined to be required to bring the buildings up to appropriate standards.
7. Use some or all of the facilities for Town purposes.

The meeting will be conducted in an open forum format; therefore speakers will be permitted to address Committee without the need to request delegation status prior to the meeting. A copy of a report on this subject is available at the Town Hall or on the Town's Web Site in the What's New Section. Any other inquiries regarding the Library Square buildings can be directed to Mr. Al Downey Director of Leisure Services 905-727-1375 or through e-mail [www.e-aurora.ca](http://www.e-aurora.ca).

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 He will be sadly missed by his daughter, Gloria Reszler and by his son, Larry (Alexis), and especially by his grandson, Christian Reszler as well as James McKeigan. Kindly remembered by his sister and brother-in-law, John and Janet Neale of England, and their son, David (Louise) and daughter, Alison (Colin), and their children. Will be missed by the Wade family in England. Fondly remembered by all of Mac's friends at Surf View, Barbados and Apeldoorn, Holland. His little "Tippy" cat as well as Crackers, Bailey and Dudley will miss his many pats!  
 The memorial service was held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at Chapel Ridge Funeral Home in Markham. A reception at Chapel Ridge was held immediately after the service.  
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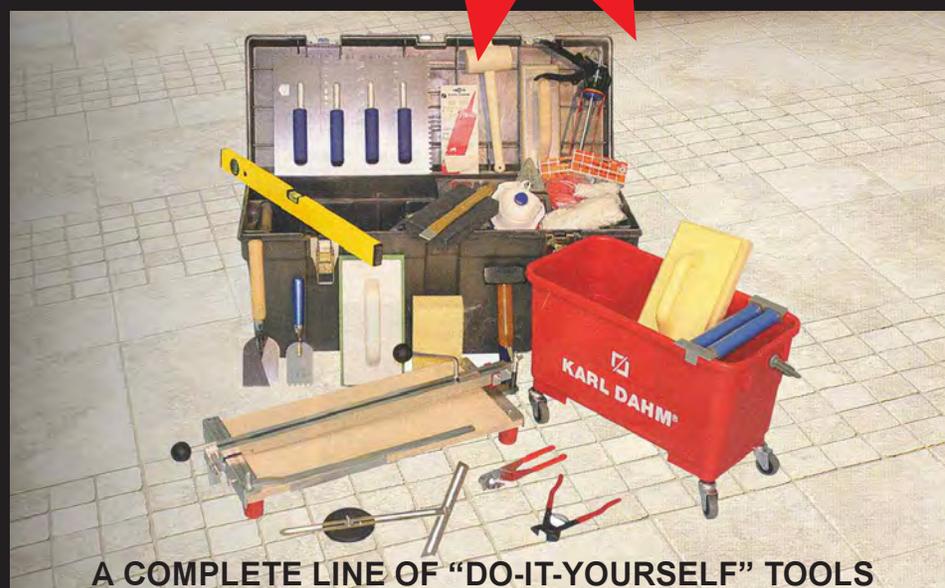
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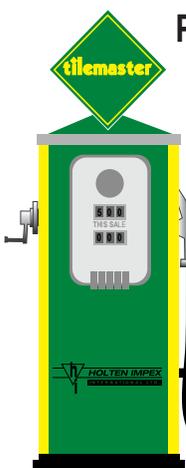
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