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Barely six months went by between these two pictures. Wellington Street East reconstruction is basically complete. Two shots (top one by Matt Haggerty; bottom one by David Falconer) were taken west of the John West Way/Mary Street intersection, looking east toward Bayview Avenue. Street seems to be functioning well, but the fancy streetlights still aren't operating.

Transit needed on Industrial, employers say

If there's one thing major Aurora employers agree on, it's a transit system that serves Industrial Parkway.

Five of them expressed the same views in an early morning meeting last week, agreeing that hiring new employees was difficult because they have no way of getting to work.

Representatives from Van-Robb Stamping, Torcan Chemicals, Progressive Packaging, Quebecor World Aurora, and Allied International Credit, met with personnel from GO Transit, York Region Transit, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Aurora last Wednesday to discuss transit shortcomings to the industrial area of Aurora.

Aurora's new Economic Development Officer Dino Lombardi arranged the meeting and presented participants with a page full of statistics.

"There are 17,156 people employed in Aurora today, a 34% increase since 1971," he said. "By 2006, that number will grow to 19,000,"

Councillor Dave Griffith, member

Life in the condo...

Motorists travelling along Wellington Street East and many Aurora residents have wondered for many months about the story behind the construction of the condominium building at the northwest corner of Wellington Street West and the Industrial Parkway North.

Month after month they passed by the five-storey, 68-unit condo and saw little or no progress in the finishing touches for the building and wondered about the people who paid a deposit for one of the units and were still waiting.

Finally curtains are starting to appear on the windows, chairs

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of the town's economic development committee and chairman of the meeting said there is no problem finding people to work; the problem lies in getting them to their place of employment.

President and CEO of Allied International Credit, David Rae is the new kid on the block.

"We will open in Aurora in September, 2003, and will employ 400 people on Industrial Parkway," he said. "We need transit."

The firm will locate beside

Sheppard's Bush on a site currently used as a grass parking lot for summer soccer games.

York Region Transit, a relatively new operation, since it merged all local transit services into one, plans to conduct surveys of the employers to determine how to expand the service to accommodate the employees.

And while this wasn't the first meeting on the subject, all in the room agreed it wouldn't be the last.



When photographer David Falconer ventured into Sheppard's Bush seeking autumn colours, he encountered instead the first signs of winter. Here, Aurora's Natalia Bondareva fashions the season's first snowball, but no one seems sure exactly what she did with it.

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NOVEMBER 7

The Town of Aurora Staff Together (TOAST) will hold their 3rd Annual Craft and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Skylight Gallery of the Town Hall with proceeds going to the Children's Aid Society. Call 905-727-3123 extension 270 for details.

NOVEMBER 8

The musical "Guys and Dolls" opens at the Factory Theatre Continues November 9, 13-17 and 20-23. Call 905-727-3669 for tickets.

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Aurora CODA (Codependants Anonymous) 10-year anniversary celebration. 7.30 p.m. Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street. Everyone is welcome.

NOVEMBER 9

St. Andrew's Guild is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Church Hall at Victoria and Mosley Streets, Aurora. Luncheon between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Adults: \$5; Children under 10: \$2.

York Regional Police Male Chorus, will host their 10th Annual "In Harmony With The Community" fundraising concert at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 17955 Leslie St., Newmarket at 7:30 p.m. Police choruses from Ottawa, Halton, Niagara and York, as well as the Voices of Joy, a community choir, will provide an evening of familiar music. Tickets \$10.

Aurora Legion holds their Annual Remembrance Dinner and Dance at the Legion on Industrial Parkway North. Cocktails at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Call 905-727-9932 for ticket information.

Aurora Seniors hold their annual bazaar at the Seniors Centre on Victoria Street from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 905-727-2816 for further information.

Rising Sun Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast and Open House. 8 a.m. to 11a.m. \$3 per person. Aurora Masonic Temple, 57 Mosley Street at Wells Street.

NOVEMBER 10

Aurora Legion holds their Annual Remembrance Day Service at 11 a.m. at the Aurora Cenotaph. Parade forms in at Canada Law Book parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Anglican Church will present "Jazz Vespers" at 7:30 p.m. at the church led by Tim Elliott. The evening is open to all with a free will offering.

Walk parts of the Nokiidaa Trail, the Oak Ridges Trail and Sheppard's Bush. Two-hour hike. Moderate pace. Meet at 10 a.m. at Sheppard's Bush north parking lot off Industry Street and Mary Street in Aurora. Dogs on leash only. Hike leader Bill Roberts 905-898-1707.

NOVEMBER 12

Aurora seniors travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake to see a performance of Noel Coward's comedy "Hay Fever". Depart the community centre at 9 a.m. return about 6:30 p.m. Members \$74, non-members \$79. Call 905-727-2816 to register.

The Federal Electoral Commission will hold a public meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Aurora Room of the Sheraton Parkway Hotel on Highway 7 at Leslie Street in Richmond Hill to receive comment on proposed boundary changes.

NOVEMBER 16

The 7th annual Christmas Fair and Artisans Craft Sale will be presented by Our Lady of Grace Parish Catholic Women's League from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the parish hall, 15347 Yonge Street, north of Wellington. Gifts, a fish pond, raffles, a visit from Santa Claus and a silent auction will highlight the day's activities.

Mary's Flowers on Yonge Street is holding their traditional Open House. Call 905-727-6441.

Opti-Mrs. Club of Aurora bus trip to Rama. 4 p.m. Tickets \$10 includes bus trip and dinner. Club is also seeking new members. Call Lesley at 905-841-5594 for further information.

Life in the condo...

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are being placed on balconies and lights are coming on during the evening hours indicating that some residents have finally taken possession.

The 68-unit condominium has been under construction for the past four years by E. J. Gordon.

By August, 2002, it was still not complete for unit holders to move in.

Earlier this year, several purchasers picketed the Wellington Gates construction site to protest the late closings.

Many of them expected to move in to their \$125,000 units more than a year ago and had to make alternative

accommodation arrangements.

In addition a drywall contractor is suing the Aurora builder claiming unpaid wages amounting to \$13,900.

Gordon was successful in posting security using certified funds to have the construction lien set aside by the courts so he could continue building.

According to Aurora building and fire department officials there have been no serious violations, as the builder has been very fussy in making sure everything was done right.

Gordon blamed difficulty getting trades people and a shortage of supplies for the delay.

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One more time

For about 30 years, Aurora shoemaker Vic Paraninfo has treated the costumed students of Wells Street School in a Halloween march past his Yonge Street store. This year was no exception. Here, Vic gets help from York Regional Police officers Craig Hazlett and Mike Moran.

Auroran photo by Matt Haggerty

Finally, activity on Kennedy site

For the past several years, residents of Kennedy Street West in Aurora have had to put up with what appeared to be a derelict property and had become a dumping area for refuse.

It had been planned for a subdivision of approximately 50 lots but had never been developed, even though it had received draft approval back in 1988.

In spite of complaints by citizens about the condition of the property and the delay in development and council receiving vague promises from the developer, nothing happened.

In 1996, at the request of the applicant, the region extended draft approval until October 5, 1997 on the basis the applicant was fulfilling the conditions of draft approval.

Still nothing happened and the citizens continued to complain to Aurora council.

When council threatened to cancel draft approval, the applicant appeared before council and promised to proceed with the development of 51 homes in 2000.

Council agreed at that time to grant a one-year extension on condition that active progress on the development was started within the year. Staff was directed to monitor the site and report back to council.

On May 16, 2000, staff reported that nothing had happened on the property and they had been unable to contact the applicant.

Council directed staff to advise the developer to provide a timetable for the submission of various documents required within two weeks or draft approval would be cancelled.

Obviously it worked as the documents were submitted and the subdivision agree-

ment process was started. Last month, construction equipment was on site and promotional material was being distributed for 52 limited edition homes called the "Estates of Deerborn Crescent".

It was promoted as a rare collection of estate homes on 50 and 60-foot lots con-

ceived to capture the unique flavour of the exclusive community, which surrounds it. There are a select number of creek side and golf course lots.

From a derelict piece of property left undeveloped for almost 14 years it finally appears something is happening.

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*Here is why
we remember*

Next Monday is a day to remember,
Even though the years pass by;
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It was the bravery of men who died.
-Poor Richard's Scrapbook

Eighty-eight years ago on June 28, 1914, a pistol shot rang out in Sarajevo and the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne lay dead.

At that time few Canadians had ever heard of Archduke Francis Ferdinand or the little country of Bosnia, but that shot was heard around the world and had far-reaching effects on Canada and Canadians.

One month later, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.

Russia and France mobilized the next week and Germany declared war on both of them.

On August 4, 1914, the German army marched into Belgium as the easiest route to invade France.

Through a series of treaties, England went to war and called on the Commonwealth for assistance.

In the four years of World War I, Canada with a population of seven million people, fewer than Ontario today, raised an armed force of 600,000 men, most of them volunteers.

Of these, nearly 233,000 were casualties, 59,544 fatal.

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

Canadian soldiers withstood the vicious gas-choked inferno of the Somme, fought with true heroism in the capture of Vimy Ridge, and endured the slaughter and agony of Hill 70 and Passchendale.

In spite of the hell of war, there were some happy times, some offered by the Sally Ann and the YMCA where weary soldiers could relax and gather around a piano and forget the trenches with songs of the day or ribald parodies.

Captain Merton Plunkett, a YMCA entertainment officer, gathered a group of 10 veterans and the famous Dumbells were formed.

The war that was 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. That's why we remember.

To remember is not to glorify, because war is something men and countries only commit themselves to when there is no alternative, but to fight for freedom.

In the 21 years from November 11, 1918, to September 4, 1939, in spite of the pleadings of a few, the world forgot to remember and slid into a war that Hitler planned with scarcely an effort to prevent it.

Once again the men and women of Canada answered the call and joined with other free nations to battle the forces of tyranny and evil.

Canada, by now a nation of 12 million people, lost 42,000 of its finest of which 17,000 were killed in the air.

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

Since then there was Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, innumerable peacekeeping missions and the war against the forces of terrorism in Afghanistan.

Canadians are not a warlike people.

They did not enlist to capture new territories, but to prevent tyrants from subduing the people of the free world and changing their way of life. They believed in freedom and the cause was worth the sacrifice.

Canadians have much to remember and much to be thankful for.

Through the gallantry of these men and women, we live in a free country and enjoy a lifestyle that is the envy of people around the world.

That's why we remember.

There is an old Chinese saying: "Each generation builds a road for the next".

The road was well built for the current generation of Canadians and it is incumbent on all of us to build a strong road for the next.

On Sunday, November 10th Legionnaires across the nation will don their medals and berets and march to Cenotaphs in memory of fallen comrades.

Here in Aurora, Legionnaires will fall in on Edward Street at 10:30 a.m. and march to the Cenotaph for an 11 a.m. service.

As Canadians gather to remember, each and every one should make a commitment to carry the torch of freedom, each in his own way, as bravely and strongly as those who built the road before them.



You're looking at the entire team! This is the Aurora Rotary Bantam hockey team of 1953-54. Six skaters and one goaltender comprised this squad. They are, back row, left to right, Bob McGan, John Morning, Fred Bolsby, Don Patrick; front row, left to right, Ron Egan, Fred Brian and Bob Burnett. The picture was taken in the old Aurora Arena, now a vacant lot beside Park Place Manor. Note the fan protection at the end of the rink, chain-link fencing. John Morning, who now plays in an over-60 hockey league, contributed the photograph. There are many more than six players on his team now.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sad to say, but Aurora is not a small town anymore

To the editor,

When I first moved to Aurora in 1943, I remember its warmth and friendly manner.

When folks took time to stop and have a chat with their friends and neighbours.

I can remember the smell of burning leaves on the roadsides in the fall. And the street dances, when they blocked off Yonge Street.

And, on a cold winter's night, the old arena playing its music so loud you could just about hear it all over town as the skaters twirled about the ice surface.

I remember:

- the dances in the old "Mechanic's Hall" put on by the town's firemen for the young crowd to kick up their heels on a Saturday night.
- the Town Park where the spring and fall fairs were held and the dances held in the Armouries.

- the old trains which blew their whistles as they passed by the town's crossings and the old coal sheds and Sisman's Shoe factory.
- the town clock on top of the post office striking its hour loud and clear.
- and the Tannery whistle blowing at noon for lunch. It also blew whenever there was a fire somewhere, so many long or short toots, so the town firemen (who were at work) would know where to go.

- the old show, the Queen's Hotel, Cousins Dairy, Scanlon's Bakery, the milkman with his horse and wagon. You could hear him early in the mornings making his deliveries.
- and the bread man who always made deliveries to your door.

You had to walk to the post office, which was on Yonge Street in the middle of town, to pick up your mail or post a letter.

At Knowles' Butcher Shop, there was sawdust on the floor and I watched them make sausages.

Marshall's Grocery Store was on Yonge Street and they delivered your groceries free.

Thompson's Furniture Store, Steadman's five-cent to a dollar store, Marshall Rank's Jewelry Store and Bowser's Hardware were on the main street.

The two drug stores, which took turns staying open on Sundays, and the two Chinese Cafes (Dan's and Ray's) were there.

There were no stop lights in Aurora, except for the one in the middle of town at the four corners, Yonge and Wellington.

There were no beer or liquor stores either.

And you could walk out of your home and leave your doors and windows open and unlocked, and even a letter.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

High hydro rates causing hardship: reader

To the editor,

Due to the Conservative government's decision to deregulate Ontario Hydro, homeowners and business are experiencing serious economic hardship.

Hydro rates have doubled for some people and many others have had their hydro bills go up by at least 25 to 50 percent in recent months and some have had their electricity bills go up at even a higher percentage rate.

In a local newspaper report, Frank Klees, Oak Ridges MPP, Conservative,

shirks and displaces any responsibility of the Hydro decision from the Tory government and calls this event a "perfect storm".

Klees sees that the increase in hydro rates is due to some forces which come from above and beyond human control, or his government's decision making.

In an interview, Klees said that a "convergence of circumstances...walloped the market".

A supernatural explanation will not ease the shock and the economic burden which

people in Ontario are now experiencing.

Lower and middle income earners pay proportionately more of their incomes for energy than any other social class.

How will these economic groups ever catch up to their cost of living expenses?

It seems that the quest for more profit, not due to any lack of energy supply, has caused the increase in prices.

People now feel that suppliers are gouging their fixed incomes and are taking

advantage of them.

We rely on electricity as the main source of energy in our homes and there are no options for most of us.

Klees mentions that tax rebates may be introduced to ease the jolt of high-ener-

gy bills. This solution, or any equal billing methods, will not really make the problem go away.

High energy bills will remain in our society. We must take control of this resource.

Surely, in a province, which generates a great supply of hydro energy, people could obtain this vital resource at a fair and reasonable price.

Jim Jackson
Aurora

Government has no backbone

To the editor,

Re: "From the US comes this point of view". Auroran, October 22.

Thank God there are people in our two great coun-

tries who are willing to stand up for our heritage and culture.

Our idiot Liberal politicians, and Liberal appointed judges have systematically eroded our Christian heritage in order to obtain the immigrant vote.

I am embarrassed for Canada every time I think about an RCMP officer wearing a turban.

Only Christians should be allowed into our country, or, if Canada does allow Muslims or non-Christians, they should be forced to sign a contract stipulating that they

will not interfere in our culture or traditions.

Our Liberal government has no backbone.

Those who don't like our Christian traditions and values should go home.

T.K. Miller
Aurora.

ED. NOTE: A letter on the same subject last week from Lynda Lister made note of "a male Scot". What she actually wrote was "a mad Scot", and the editor managed to screw it up.



Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

Wendel Clark named Character Champion

Last week, as Vice Chair of York Region's Character Council, I had the pleasure of being part of a press conference at the Region of York headquarters to announce our Character Community Champion and York Region's key Character attributes.

Our Champion is Wendel Clark. I have recently gotten to know Wendel and, given his involvement in Aurora, consider him to be an honorary Aurora resident.

After meeting with him to review the Character Community concept, he willingly agreed to participate and become involved in this initiative.

I was thrilled when he also actively participated in a lengthy session to finalize our attributes with the Character Council.

The Character Council deliberated over feedback received from a newspaper survey across the Region, as well as several local Character Forums held in every Regional municipality.

We chose 11 attributes to focus on as a Region.

This was done deliberately so that if we focus on one attribute a month, it allows for participants in this process to choose an attribute perhaps that is of particular importance to their group or situation as their own for the twelfth month.

The Regional attributes include:

RESPECT - I will treat myself and others with consideration, high regard, courtesy and dignity.

RESPONSIBILITY - I will be accountable for my actions, be reliable and keep my commitments.

HONESTY - I will be sincere, trustworthy and truthful.

INTEGRITY - I will do what is right and ensure there is no difference between what I say and what I do.

COMPASSION - I will invest whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others. I will strive to understand and be sensitive to their feelings.

COURAGE - I will stand up for my beliefs and principles and have the strength to face challenges, fear and difficulty.

INCLUSIVENESS - I will embrace the differences and similarities in my community. I will work to build a community where everyone feels included and is treated without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination.

FAIRNESS - I will treat others as I wish to be treated myself, in a just, equitable and unbiased manner.

OPTIMISM - I will maintain a positive attitude, look on the brighter side of situations and seek opportunities in the face of adversity.

PERSEVERANCE - I will not give up when things get tough. I will stick to my goal and work hard to achieve it, through obstacles and challenges.

INITIATIVE - I will recognize what needs to be done and do it without prompting from others.

If you wish to know more about Character Communities please visit the Character Community website at www.region.york.on.ca/cc/

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

Mayor's column finds 6 members for the Chamber

To the editor,

To be sure, Aurorans read The Auroran.

A recent Mayor's Report column, written by Tim Jones, outlined the advantages of belonging to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and suggested non-members should join.

That column resulted in six new memberships, including one from Michael Bryan and Associates, who said they had been thinking about it for 11 years.

The column made them decide.

Thank you, Mayor Jones, for writing such a positive column, and thank you, Auroran, for getting it out to the people of Aurora.

Rosalyn A. Gonsalves
General Manager
Aurora Chamber
Of Commerce

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to the roomful of Aurora volunteers who gift-wrapped more than 1,000 shoeboxes to be filled with small toys and other items to provide a Shoebox Christmas to children in war-torn or poverty-stricken countries around the world. The project was part of an international program called Operation Christmas Child organized by Samaritan's Purse International Relief.

BOUQUETS and a warm Aurora welcome to Barb McGowan on her return to Our Town after an absence of seven years living in Nova Scotia. Barb was very active in Theatre Aurora and other community activities and it won't be long before she's into the swing of things again.

BRICKBATS to members of council for failing to keep track of issues referred to staff for a report. These include negotiations with GO Transit regarding a town message on the railway overpass at the south end of town referred in June, 2002. Also commercial signs on Wellington Street in the historic core and the proliferation of newspaper distribution boxes referred in May, 2002, to list a few.

BOUQUETS to all homeowners in Aurora who went to considerable trouble to decorate their homes for the ghosts and goblins out for trick or treats on Halloween. A special **BOUQUET** to the Dunning Avenue homeowner who placed three mounds of earth on the front lawn with RIP signs on each.

BOUQUETS to Councillor Damir Vrancic for expressing concern about the preparation of staff planning reports based strictly on planning principles when council may want action taken in the best interests of the community. Councillors are elected to set policy and staff is appointed to carry it out. If this policy had been in place the fifth floor might never have been built on the building south of the Clock Tower, except that it was built before the OMB approved it. Whatever happened to the court case?

BRICKBATS to a justice system for letting a convicted sex offender with a long record serve time in a Hamilton halfway house and allowed day passes. He failed to return to the facility from his last outing and was back on the streets, no doubt looking for young girls again, before he was re-arrested.

BOUQUETS to Betty and Relph Mitchell of Aurora on their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated recently with family and friends.

BOUQUETS to Ted Rowe, president of Aurora Timberland Wholesale Hardwood Lumber, on being elected second vice-president of the National Hardwood Lumber Association located in Memphis, Tennessee. He is only the seventh Canadian in the 104-year history of the association.

BRICKBATS to Ontario Premier Ernie Eves for failing to demand that MPP John Snobelen resign due to continued absence in the Legislature when he is supposed to be representing the citizens of Mississauga West. But Eves doesn't want to call a by-election!

BOUQUETS to Peter Cellitti of Giampierre's Beauty Centre on Edward Street in Aurora on the celebration of 25 years of business in Our Town. The Aurora Chamber of Commerce honoured the beauty salon at the recent Business Awards event.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader recalls Aurora in the 40s

From page 4
leave your car unlocked anytime. No one would bother trying to steal or break in. Now, everything has to be locked up tight. There are a few places left, Thompson's, the town clock, even Mary's has changed but it's there, but

so much has gone. No warmth and friendliness; it's hustle and bustle, no time for a chat, gotta go, everyone's in a hurry. Can't burn the leaves (pollutes the air). I don't know what they did when people burned coal in their stoves and furnaces for the winter to keep warm.

They'd never heard of pollution. A new arena has been built, no dances for the young crowd on Saturday night (just bars). No tannery whistle (as the new folks who started to move into our quiet little town, complained it was too noisy).

Even our Town Hall is away out of place. Our town is starting to become like a small city. It's not a town anymore; it's bursting at the seams with so many homes.

And they're still building. The folks who have moved here from the city and other places think this is a nice little town, as it is to a point.

But they will never know Aurora as the true little town it used to be.

Only the few who are left who have lived here for so many year, or all their lives, really know.

They say you can't stop progress, the town has to grow, but town councilors, remember our town is no longer a small town (even if you like to think it is); it's more like the beginning of a small city.

Mrs. M. Hare
Aurora

Seniors looking for your stuff

To the editor,

The seniors need what you don't need for their bazaar this Saturday.

Please check your closets, basements, garages, wherever for whatever.

Anything you no longer need, but somebody else can find a use for.

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here will be much appreciated.

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And please, the only items we cannot use are books and clothing.

Brian Warburton
Aurora

The show is gone, now you have to go to Newmarket.

They tore down the Queen's Hotel and built a modern bank.

You do most of your shopping in Newmarket at the mall. There are no free deliveries of groceries, no street dances.

How lucky, we still celebrate July 1st and the Santa Claus Parade.

Everything is so spread out that whatever you want or need you have to take a bus, taxi or a car.

This, I'm sure, is hard on the old folks.



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Born in North York, Jeremy was raised in North Bay.

He studied Economics at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo.

Currently employed by CIBC Wood Gundy as a financial analyst, Jeremy joined Rotary in 1999.

His interests include anything to do with the outdoors.



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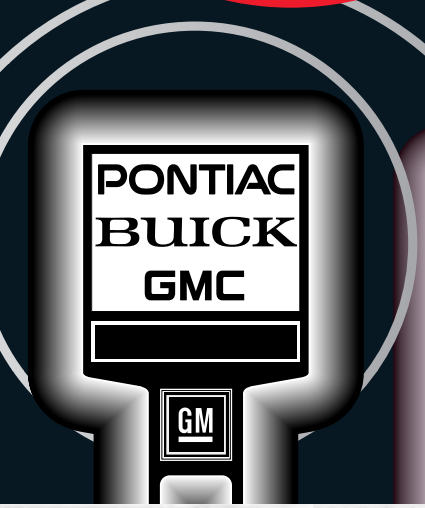
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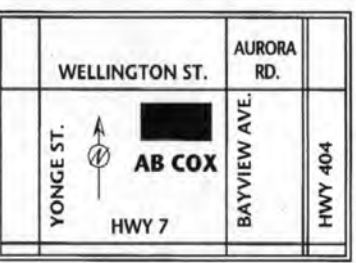


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York Board stopped November 11 holiday

In February, 1981, trustees of the York County Board of Education decided students would no longer have a holiday on November 11th as they had in the past.

It was also agreed that February 15th would be a holiday in lieu of Remembrance Day.

At that time the Ontario Ministry of Education regulations stated that Remembrance Day must be a holiday unless another day was designated in lieu of November 11th.

The York board was one of

1981

the few school boards across the province to decide to keep students in school for the day.

Trustees were concerned that young students were not aware of the significance of Remembrance Day and it was often treated as just another holiday.

The board instructed staff to ensure that school principals and teachers were provided with curriculum aids that could be used to help students appreciate the special significance of Remembrance Day.

The late Bruce Heise, then president of the Aurora Legion branch, said the board's decision not to

grant students a holiday was a great idea.

He added that young people of the day were too young to remember the tragedy and a school program on Remembrance Day would provide a better understanding of what the wars meant to their parents and grandparents, and to themselves.

The following and subsequent years members of the Aurora Legion spread out across the town to visit school classrooms to speak to the students about why Canadians remember Remembrance Day.

Many schools arranged special Remembrance Day ceremonies with the students playing an active role.

In addition, the Legion branch sponsored poster and essay contests for the

students, with branch winners proceeding on to provincial and dominion contests.

Remembrance Day was a

statutory holiday in Ontario until 1982 when the Legion convinced Queen's Park to amend the legislation to keep students in school to

participate in meaningful services.

Now only bankers, civil servants and a few others get the day off.

Barbs lose

The season came to an end Saturday for the Aurora Barbarians Ontario Rugby Union 1st Team (Keenan Division) when they lost a squeaker to the Ottawa Beavers in Ottawa.

The final score was 15-10 for the Beavers.

The winners move on to the consolation final next weekend, while, for the Barbs, it will be time to rest and re-build for next season.

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The perfect servant, Ron Wake, photo at left, played the role flawlessly last week as the Aurora Historical Society hosted its first ever murder mystery night at Hillary House. At right, guests sit down to a lavish meal before the skulduggery begins. Auroran photos by Ron Wallace



Three vests joined together might have helped

By RON WALLACE

Had the instructions been issued 10 or 12 years ago, I might have complied.

As it was, they weren't, ergo, I didn't.

This was the invitation to the Aurora Historical Society's first ever murder mystery, a delightful frolic that was taking place at Hillary House in 1913, and the Society, wanting to keep everything authentic, suggested the appropriate wearing apparel.

"Women may consider wearing long skirts or dresses, while gentlemen may choose a dark three-piece suit..."

In my closet, a half dozen

three-piece suits. Most dark. Vests, pressed, all buttons intact.

Tried them on...all of them. Uh uh.

Perhaps three of them sewn together might fit. No single vest would encircle the girth.

So, I wore a two-piece dark suit and was the only guy in the room dressed in a 2001 Greenham's creation.

My self-conscious feelings only grew as I looked at the perfect 1913 apparel being worn by most of the guests.

Of particular note was Ron Wake, a server, who not only had the suit but the makeup to match. And,

he had hair...

John McIntyre, dressed to the nines, or perhaps the thirteens, greeted the guests. Pretty little wench Margaret Brevik pinched me.

"We were all very nervous," Wake, speaking of the cast, confided later. Hmm. Couldn't tell.

In a nutshell, I was Charles Lundy, owner of the Aurora Banner, and I was accompanied by my wife Minnie (Rosemary Schumaker) who did find suitable attire for the occasion.

We were, according to the notes, "among the most influential citizens of Aurora", and hey, we were

in some pretty good company.

The likes of William Lyon Mackenzie King (Randall Reid); Mr. and Mrs. Walter Collis (Linda and John Houser); Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fleury (Helen and Ivor Roberts); Mr. and Mrs. T. Herbert Lennox (Linda Stephens and William Nichev); Col. Arthur and Mrs. Nicol (Mary Jeanne and Leslie Oliver); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sisman (Joan and Bill Devins) just to name a few.

Rich Aurora names.

We chatted in the drawing room before settling in to a wonderful meal, served, almost impossibly, from the tiny Hillary House

kitchen.

And, of course, someone got killed, and someone else got sick, and rumours began to fly, and stories grew by the minute.

But the murder turned out to be a good murder, since the result would save Yonge and Wellington from becoming a mine shaft (although considering the shape of the corner today, perhaps a mine shaft might have been a good idea).

And those responsible for the murder made the guests promise to keep the secret; a tough task since the editor of the local newspaper was rapidly taking notes.

All in all, a fine night. The society is to be commended for its efforts, John McIntyre is to be commended for writing the entire plot, and the participants are to be commended for playing their roles so well.

No doubt this won't be the last murder mystery hosted by this group. Rumour has it McIntyre is already hard at work coming up with another plot.

It's unfortunate the locale can't hold more than 30 people, but there is a slight hope.

If I can't find something more decent to wear to the next one, my space will be up for grabs.



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RUMOURS & RUMBLINGS

Council overturns committee recommendation

It's not usual for a committee recommendation to be overturned by council but it happened in Aurora in May, 1997.

The administration and finance committee recommended that the town's policy of charging for the use of the council chambers be upheld, but it was defeated on a 5-3 vote.

A motion by Councillor Norm Weller that the chambers be provided free of charge for a federal all candidates night to be hosted by former Mayor John West and the town advertise the meeting was adopted after considerable debate.

West, then a school trustee, appeared before council during Open Forum and told members he had hosted an all-candidates meeting in the council chambers in 1993. He added that the Town Hall was the political centre and heart of Aurora.

Mayor Tim Jones explained that the town's policy calls for a fee of \$50 per hour for Aurora groups and \$75 per hour for non-Aurora groups.

He said if the policy was to be changed, it should be reviewed.

RESTHAVEN HEARS FROM ROYALTY

In 1982, with the birth of Prince William to the late Princess Diana and Prince Charles, the residents of the Resthaven Nursing Home created an amusing clown, which they sent with their best wishes to the young prince.

Lady-in-Waiting Miss A. Beckwith-Smith wrote on behalf of the Princess and Princess of Wales to Eve Drury at Resthaven to thank the residents of the nursing home for their good wishes and the amusing clown designed by Mrs. Richardson.

The letter with a Buckingham Palace letterhead was dated August 20, 1982.

A FIRE DRILL ACROSS CANADA

A region-wide fire drill might be considered difficult, but on October 9, 1985, the anniversary of the day Mrs. O'Leary's cow is said to have kicked over a lantern starting the Great Chicago Fire, there was a county-wide fire alarm.

At 6 p.m. fire sirens sounded and all residents were expected to leave their homes by a prepared escape plan.

To prepare for the event the Aurora Fire Department hosted its first annual Fire Prevention Awareness Day on October 5th.

The day long event included a parade of antique and modern fire equipment from the south end of Aurora north along Yonge

Street to Machell Park, where several competitions took place.

A LIONS' PARKETTE IN AURORA

It is doubtful if any Auroran truly appreciates the many projects the Aurora Lions Club has donated to Aurora citizens over the years, as there has been so many,

In August, 1976, the Lions put the finishing touches on a parkette located at the northeast corner of Catherine and Yonge Streets, the former site of Aurora's historic Doan Hall, which was demolished to make way for a church parking lot.

The Lions placed park benches, two Lion statues, the Lions cornerstone, and planted yellow marigolds and blue petunias to denote the Lions' colours. A water fountain was so badly vandalized that it was not replaced.

A WARD SYSTEM FOR AURORA

Over the years, especially when new areas of the town are opened up, there are demands from some of the new residents for members to be elected by a ward system rather than elected at large, as they are now.

In 1966, Aurora council turned down a proposal from a special committee that the municipality adopt a ward system. The proposal had been approved in committee by a 4-3 vote.

Seven of the nine members of council opposed the ward system on the basis it would split the town between new and old areas.

CHRISTMAS CAME IN AUGUST

Residents of Wells Street and Harrison Avenue of Aurora were surprised in August, 1971, to hear Christmas carols coming from a big house at the southwest corner of the intersection, decorated with Christmas lights.

They were even more surprised when to see the arrival of Santa Claus dressed in red shorts perched on top of the Aurora Fire Department's historic 1926 pumper with a police escort.

Bob Buchanan, the late, great editor and publisher of the local paper always held a Christmas party for his staff, members of council and his friends.

As he was moving to Ottawa to assume the position of director of communications for the federal NDP party, the party was

held in August.

He loved Aurora and his house on Wells Street and wanted to take something to Ottawa that would remind him of Aurora and Wells Street.

The story can now be told.

Later in the evening or early in the morning Mayor Dick Ilingworth and Councillor Ron Simmons stole away from the party equipped with a stepladder and a claw hammer.

The next morning it was noted that the Wells Street sign on the pole at the intersection was missing and nobody could explain what happened.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES

What is a "Community Safety Zone"?

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- 19% of all collisions are alcohol related

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- Adjust your driving to the weather conditions
- Obey all rules of the road
- Do not assume the other driver can see you
- Limit the use of cellular phones when driving
- Be prepared to stop at all railways crossings; never proceed when these warning lights are flashing, even if you cannot see a train coming
- On multiple lane roads, keep right except to pass
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Two goose eggs for Tigers

By MIKE McCLYMONT

A Friday night Junior A hockey game between two arch-rivals, what could be finer?

The atmosphere at the Aurora Community Centre for the Aurora Tigers and Newmarket Hurricanes game was electric and the game between cross-region rivals drew a large crowd.

"It gets really crazy," said Tiger volunteer Ashley Russell, "the games are really competitive, when (the teams) are on the ice, you can hear how devoted all the fans are."

The game was a defensive struggle but the hometown Tigers pulled out the victory 3-0.

Chris Whitley started in net and finally got that elusive shutout. He would do it again two days later as Aurora blanked the Collingwood Blues 6-0 again before a hometown crowd.

On Friday, both teams struggled to get any shots on goal in the first period. Aurora ended up with six, Newmarket had nine.

The Tigers and Hurricanes seemed to share the same amount of scoring chances but both defenses looked sharp.

It took a lucky goal to start the scoring. With three minutes left in the frame, Sam Skwarchuk took a shot from the blue line, a defender tipped it into the air and it floated into the Hurricane net to give Aurora the early lead.

From that moment on, the intensity picked up on both

sides. Whitley ended the period with numerous big saves to keep Newmarket off the board.

The checking picked up in the second and the dislike between the teams clearly showed.

Newmarket went on the power play a minute into the period. The Hurricanes added pressure but the Tigers managed to kill off the penalty.

Moments later, Whitley barely stopped a Hurricane goal after leaving the net to get rid of the puck.

Newmarket had an open net but Whitley got back in the nick of time to save it.

During the period, there was a delay to fix glass and both teams took that time to get a breather.

Once play resumed, the pace quickened and Aurora scored again as Matt Christie beat the Newmarket goaltender through his pads.

Simon Barg believes that Newmarket brings out the best in the Tigers.

"We know we can't give up any weak goals against them, we play every game (against Newmarket) like it's a playoff game," he said.

The final period was dominated by hard hitting as the Hurricanes attempted to get back into the game, but Aurora closed the door with six minutes left as Barg scored on a power play.

Chris Whitley repeated his Friday efforts Sunday afternoon as the starting goaltender earned his second shutout with a 6-0 win over the Collingwood Blues.

Aurora set a quick pace and Collingwood was forced to play catch-up all game.

"We wanted to play our game and make them chase us," said Tiger Captain Justin Olden.

At first, the Blues seemed to handle the pace well. In the first five minutes, Collingwood led in shots on goal and controlled the puck.

The game was evenly matched until Aurora opened the scoring half way through the first period.

Skwarchuk got the Tigers on the scoreboard a minute after Aurora had a goal disallowed. From then on, the Tigers tested Collingwood's goalie much more often.

Jamie Minchella added to the Tiger lead with a power play goal when he found himself with the puck right beside an open net. Aurora took a two-goal lead into the locker room.

In the second period, the Blues did a good job of keeping up with the Tigers speed, but Aurora's offensive attack never ceased.

Tigers added another power play goal when Jesse Olden squeezed the puck through the Blues goaltender's pads.

Justin Olden explained why Aurora has been so dominant on the power play.

"We practice (power play situations) a lot," he said. "We have a lot of skilled guys that are smart with the puck."

Whitley made countless big saves and kept Collingwood scoreless while his team continued to press.

Minutes later, Justin Olden

gave the Tigers a 4-0 lead.

Derek Doucette showed great patience as he found his teammate by the Collingwood crease.

In the third period, both teams worked hard and had equal amounts of good scoring chances.

Scott Goheen displayed great strength as he split two Blues defenders and scored through the five-hole.

With three minutes left, Minchella scored his second of the night as he single handedly shook past the Blues goaltender.

The Tigers know they're riding a tremendous undefeated streak, yet they continue to play very disciplined hockey.

Tigers meet Couchiching at the Aurora Community Centre Friday at 8 p.m.



Nathaniel Gery

Aurora tennis player picked for Nationals

Watching 11-year-old Aurora youngster Nathaniel Gery playing with the other children in his neighbourhood, one wouldn't suspect he knew a world beyond the suburban norm.

Nathaniel has spent the past four years diligently working toward his dream of becoming a world-class tennis player.

Fresh from a very successful tournament campaign this summer, he is reaping the rewards of his gruelling three hours a day, six days a week training regime.

On the heels of making the semi-finals at the provincial championships in July, Nathaniel received an invitation from the Ontario Tennis Association to play an exhibition evening match at the Masters Championships.

To add to the excitement of being invited to this major event, he played right before the semi-final match between this year's

Wimbledon finalist, David Nalbandian, and one of Nathaniel's favourite players Andy Roddick.

Then, totally unexpected, Nathaniel received a wild card from Tennis Canada to participate at the Under 14 National Championships in Ottawa in August.

His performance during that tournament caught the attention of National coaches.

As a result, he was selected for Team Canada Under 12 to represent the nation next month at the 41st Junior Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship in Coral Gables, Florida.

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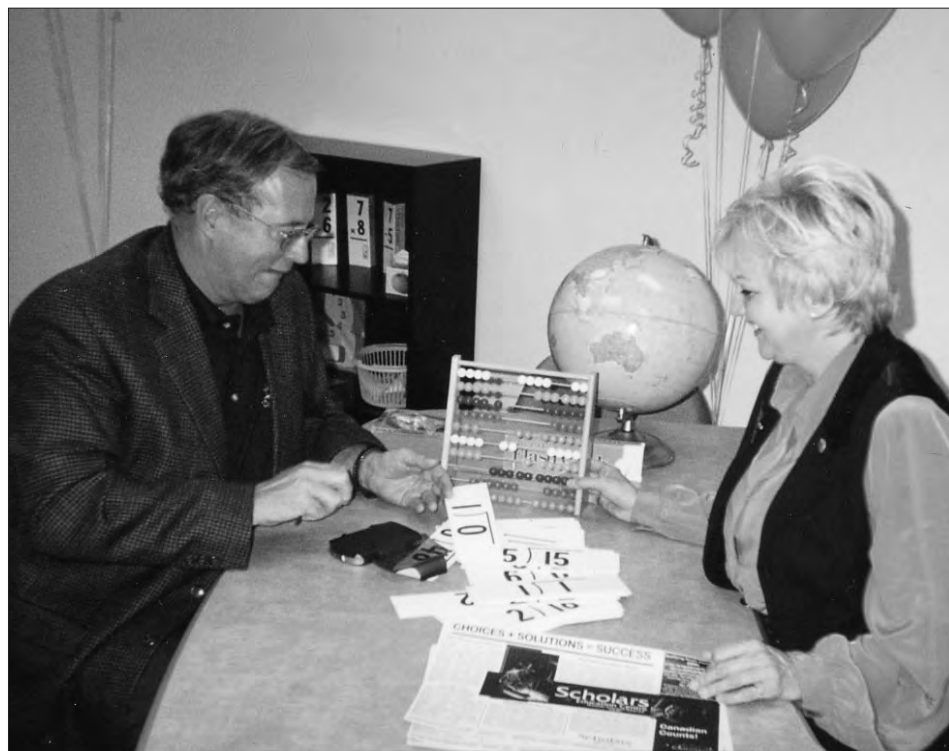
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Minor Bantam AA (6) vs Peterborough (3)
Matt Boyd 1G,1A Kevin Shetler 2G,1A Mike Pantalone 1G Michael Osuszek 1G Chris Blom 1G,1A Michael Englehutt 1A Connor O'Grady 2A Tyler Pettes 1A Anthony D'Agostino 1A Aaron Mansbridge 1A

Minor Bantam AA (2) vs Oshawa (0)
Michael Osuszek 1G Matt Boyd 1G Tyler Virgoe 1A Mike Pantalone 1A Kevin Shetler 1A Jonathan Newby SO

Bantam AE (3) vs TNT (1)
Mike Parkhill 1G Mike Bentley 1G,1A Brent Gallagher 1G,1A Kyle Fitkin 2A

Bantam A (5) vs Georgina (0)
Derek Roldan 2G,2A Sandy Craig 1G,1A Stephen Facca 1G,1A Carson Nimmo 1G Tom Keane 1A Nick Leggieri 1A Tim Gerrits 1A

Bantam A (5) vs Barrie (5)
Sandy Craig 3G,1A Derek Roldan 1G,1A Nick Leggieri 1G Carson Nimmo 1A Graeme Fleming 1A Robert Juffs 1A

Bantam A (2) vs Bradford (3)
Sandy Craig 1G Derek Roldan 1G Keon Karamchi 1A Carson Nimmo 1A

Bantam AA (2) vs Peterborough (2)
Adam Hankins 1G Derek Meyers 1G Patrick Bowie 1A Cal Simmonds 1A

Bantam AA (7) vs Ajax (2)
Cal Simmonds 2G, Brandon Steffan 1G, Peter McNeil 2G, Michael White 1G Adam Hankins 1G Andrew Welch 1A Taylor Dinner 1A Michael Parkhill 1A

Minor Midget A (6) vs Markham (2)
Ryan Kines 3G,1A Bryan Osuszek 1G,1A Chris Statchuk 3A Craig Waites 2A Craig Murphy 1G Corey Hopkins-Straker 1G Jason Zemanovich 1A

Minor Midget AA (6) vs Markham (1)
Daryl Osborne 1G,1A Tyson Dover 1G Tommy Hurley 1G David DelZotto 1G,1A Shawn Beer 1G,1A Jordan Ofield 1G David Martyn 2A Michael Osborne 1A Mike Jack 1A Nathan Rivard 1A Kyle Johnson 1A

Minor Midget AA (4) vs Newmarket (3)
Kyle Robinson 1G Daryl Osborne 1G Ryan Bryce 1G David DelZotto 1G,2A Jordan Ofield 1A Michael Osborne 1A Matt Cleverdon 1A Mike Jack 1A

Minor Midget AA (4) vs Peterborough (4)
Shawn Beer 2G Nathan Rivard 1G Michael Osborne 1G David Martyn 1A Tyson Dover 1A Mike Jack 1A Ryan Bryce 1A

Midget A (3) vs Newmarket (1)
Ryan Angotti 2G Tim Tutton 1G James Morgan 2A Jason Lupo 1A

Midget A (5) vs TNT (3)
Sean McCartney 2G,1A Ryan Angotti 2G Mark Johnson 1G,1A Julian Matamoros 2A Chris Amato 2A Jason Lupo 1A Gary Domanico 1A

Midget A (5) vs Markham (6)
Sean McCartney 2G,1A Chris Amato 1 G,2A Mark Johnson 1G,1A Steve Black 1G Adam Chale 1A Gary Domanico 2A Jason Lupo 1A Trevor Williams 1A Ryan Angotti 1A

Midget AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (1)
Scott Hurst 1G Mike Keon 2G,1A Steve Heikilla 1G Duncan Kluwak 1G,1A Mark Scriver 1A Geoff Campbell 1A Andrew Robertson 1A Mark Smith 1A Joey Leo 1A

Midget AA (3) vs Georgina (7)
Jared Pignataro 2G Joey Leo 1G,1A Marc Oppedisano 2A Peter Nykyforchyn 1A

Midget AA (2) vs Newmarket (8)
Mike Keon 1G Joey Leo 1G Mark Scriver 1A Mark Smith 1A

Midget AA (2) vs Pickering (6)
Stephen Heikkila 1G Duncan Kluwak 1A Mike Keon 2A Scott Hurst 1G Marc Oppedisano 1A

Midget AA (4) vs Whitby (0)
Mark Scriver 1G Ian Gabel 1A Joey Leo 1G Andrew Robertson 2A Jared Pignataro 1G Mike Keon 1G Brian Rae SO

AMHA Information

Coming Events

Tigerware Days	Sat Nov 16, 2002 Sat Dec 14, 2002
Team Photos	Mid November
AHPA Bake Sale	Sat Dec 14, 2002
Showcase Tournament	Dec 27 - 31, 2002
Atom/Bantam Tournament	Jan 2-5, 2003
AMHA TV Auction	Sat Feb 22, 2003
House League Banquet	Mar 29/30, 2003
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Students enjoy garden

Students from Aurora Heights Public School are getting plenty of use out of the recently constructed garden, created at the rear of their school on Tecumseh Drive. Teachers, parents and the community at large joined forces to come up with the project, planned to be used in the future as an outdoor classroom for all grades.

Photo by Michael McClymont

School garden brings community together

By MICHAEL McCLYMONT

At this time last year, Aurora Heights Public School was celebrating a freshly renovated building including a new gym, new library and six new classrooms.

The 41-year-old school was not only changed inside but outside as well.

A "Naturalization Committee" was developed and along with parent supporters and the Parent Teacher Association, the idea of an outdoor garden came up.

The plan was to have a multi-purpose garden.

The garden would be used as a play area for students

and an outdoor classroom to keep the kids in touch with nature.

Children love running around in the centre of the garden during recess but it has not yet been used as a classroom.

"Classes can be held out here, but to this point there has been no need for teachers to reserve a period to use the garden," said Debbie Snow, Aurora Heights principal.

The garden was officially opened in the spring, and is located in the playground area behind the school.

The ground is covered with bark chips instead of grass; in the middle are several

boulders used as chairs for the students; and surrounding the area are three separate flowerbeds.

Trees that were planted last October continue to grow, and students planted flowers this spring.

The community played a major role in this project. T. Madsen of Newmarket gave the blueprint of the style for the garden. Parents were in charge of the planting and children volunteered.

Ideas continue to flow as Aurora Heights tries to utilize the outdoor environment as a learning area.

A meadow garden is on the agenda for the future.

The meadow would be

used to give, "first hand observation of plant-animal interaction and life cycles," said Mrs. Snow.

The first winter snow arrived last week, so the school garden is currently preparing for its annual sleep.

With this garden, the school has done a lot to develop its ideas and the students have worked hard to keep their space intact.

Panthers unbeaten in U.S. exhibition hockey contests

The Tax Save Panthers hockey team travelled to upstate New York recently to play an exhibition series against a three highly ranked American universities and came away with three wins and a tie.

Aurora edged Plattsburgh State University, ranked #7 in D3 women's hockey, the first night there. Aurora skated away with a 4-3 victory.

Scoring for the Panthers was Christine Hartnoll with a pair, Trina Hulshof and Leah Merkley.

Former Panther Carly Smith had two assists. Also playing for Plattsburgh are three other Panthers, Melissa Micheli, Christina Kerr and Lindsay McCafferty.

The next morning, the Panthers blanked

Cambridge Int. AA 3-0.

Scoring for Aurora were Natalie Vibert, Laurissa Kenworthy and Brittany Simpson.

The shutout was shared by Meghan Yu and Phallon Hyckie.

Later that day, the Panthers played #1 ranked Elmira University and battled them to a 2-2 draw.

Scoring for Aurora were Leah Merkley and Katie Robinson.

Former Panther Julie Clune currently plays defense for Elmira.

On the final day, the Panthers defeated Cornell 3-2 in overtime.

Scoring for Aurora were Leslie Hurlburt, Leah Merkley and the winner in overtime was notched by Laurissa Kenworthy.



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Rangers arrive Friday

The Queenstown Rangers, a women's hockey team from New Zealand, arrive at Toronto International Airport Friday night to begin an 11-day tour that will be based in the Aurora-Newmarket area.

Sunday evening, the Town of Aurora will officially welcome the team to the area with a reception at the Town Hall.

Newly-appointed Minister of Tourism and Recreation Frank Klees is expected to make a brief appearance at the reception to bring greetings from the province.

During their stay in the area, the team will visit several tourist attractions, play a number of hockey games, watch a Junior A Aurora Tigers hockey game, appear on Dick Illingworth's cable TV show, and go skating at Toronto's City Hall.

For most members of the party, this is their first visit to Canada, reciprocating for several visits made over the years by Canadian

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pose a twinning with Queenstown, adding to its current twin, Leksand, Sweden.

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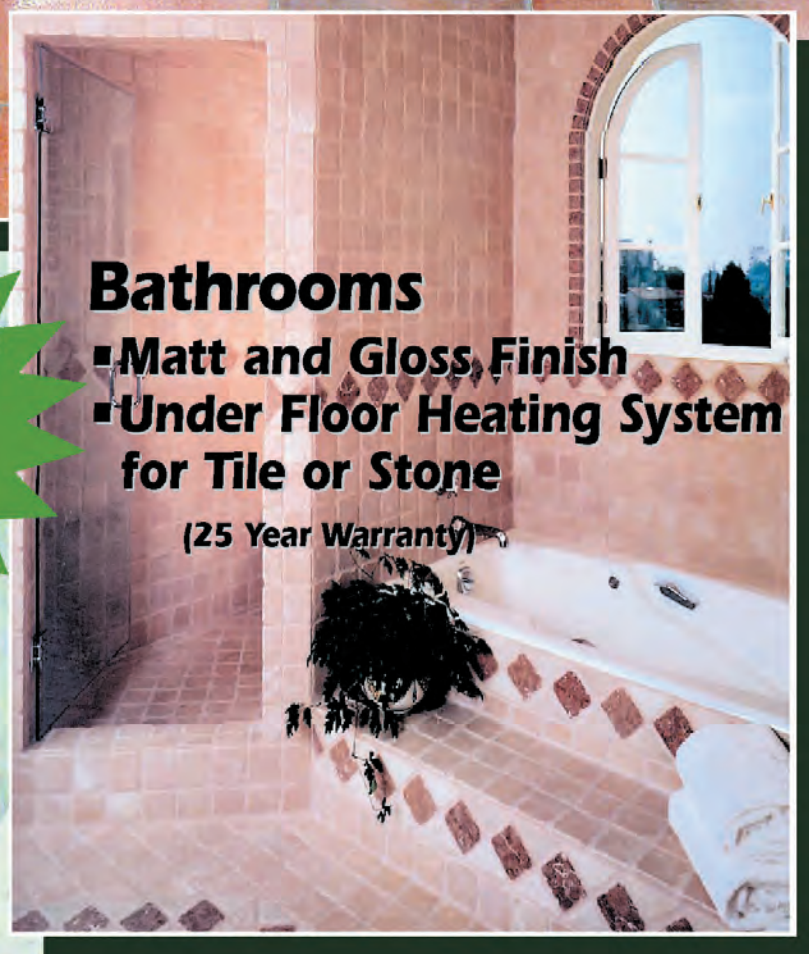
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