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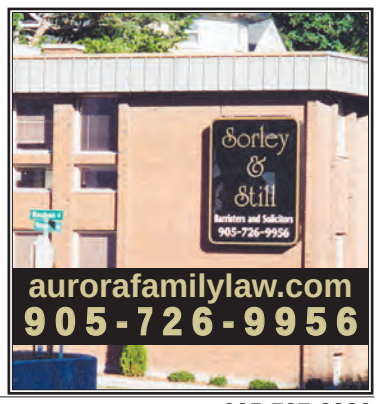

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Repairs "in a nick of time"

Workers busy renovating the historic Church Street School have laid bare the reason the building stands, and at first glance, it looks like it shouldn't be.

The area around the perimeter of the building was dug out to allow workers to shore up the foundation, but what they found didn't look like a foundation at all.

Historian John McIntyre, who says the work is being done in a nick of time, comments.

"When the building was erected in 1886, its builders followed the practice which was standard at the time. They dug down below the frost line and laid a foundation of irregularly shaped fieldstones held together by soft lime mortar," he said.

"The exposed area above ground also was of fieldstones; however, here the builders used a type of "false pointing" to make it look as if they had used regularly shaped stone blocks.

"Ashlar masonry, which consists of carefully hewn blocks of stone, would have been much more expensive. Presumably to save money, architect Thomas Kennedy called for the use of fieldstone, but with decorative work to make it look as if a more expensive technique had been employed.

"There is nothing inherently wrong with a fieldstone foundation as long as drainage does not become a problem. Unfortunately, it did become a problem in recent years. Eavestroughs and downpipes were allowed to deteriorate to the point where rainwater no longer drained away from the building.

"To make matters worse, asphalt paving was laid to the north and east with little thought about drainage. Large quantities of water drained off the pavement into the ground surrounding the foundations.

"Because the mortar which held

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Repairing the foundation of the historic Church Street School may "just be in the nick of time", according to historian John McIntyre. Workers uncovered the rickety foundation last week and are now busy reshoring the foundation to extend the life of the building. Auroran photos by Ron Wallace

Building ready; staff starts move

The dream started to become a reality for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Monday as staffers began moving into their brand new facility at the corner of Yonge Street and Industrial Parkway South.

Sometime in January, the Chamber will hold an official opening for their new headquarters, a far cry from the used subdivision sales trailer they had been occupying.

About the only similarity between the two, is that both buildings sat on the same site.

It was August 29, 1985, when the doors to that sales trailer were officially opened, and June of this year when the structure, battered and beaten, fell to the wrecker's hammer.

The late Councillor Earl Stewart started things rolling when he obtained a developer's sales trailer and had it moved to the Yonge Street site.

On May 1, 1985, the town entered into a lease with the province for the corner property and sub-leased it to the chamber.

In July, 1985, the Chamber hired its first employee, Kim Murray, a 16-year-old Aurora High School student, for the summer months.

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Briefly

It's time to get lit

Don't forget to turn on your Christmas lights Thursday, December 12th. The Selection Committee will be touring the streets of Aurora in search of the top 10 decorated homes.

If you would like to notify the town of your address or if you would like to nominate someone in your neighbourhood call (905) 727-3123 ext. 530 or E-mail jgeering@town.aurora.on.ca, and be sure to leave the address!

Now's the time to get lit.

Greg's moving

Greg Sorbara has had a part-time constituency office in Aurora since he became the MPP for Vaughan-King-Aurora. Once a month, people could visit him on the second floor of the Aurora Community Centre.

Tough getting up the stairs for some people, he learned, so he needed a first floor location.

You may visit Greg January 8th in his new digs, the councillors' lounge, located on the main floor behind the Council Chambers in the Town Hall, 100 John West Way.

Following the January date, his office will be open on the first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. until noon.

Everybody sings

Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School will be the scene of a community concert involving four schools Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Bands, choirs and ensembles from Aurora Grove, Highview and Regency Acres Public Schools, along with talent from Williams, will entertain in the cafetorium between 7 and 9.30 p.m.

Five bucks gets you in unless you're a senior, student or child under 12. Those groups will pay $2.

Proceeds will be shared equally among the schools to benefit their music programs.

Speaking of singing

Not to be outdone by their counterparts, the Upper Canada Chordsmen, the York Highlands Chorus (better known as the Sweet Adelines) presents the Spirit of Christmas Sunday, December 15.

There will be two shows at the Madsen Greenhouse on Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, at matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m. In Aurora, tickets are available at R & R Revisited, 75 Mary Street, Unit 3.

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Five-storey building proposed for Yonge

At a half-hour public planning meeting last week, Aurora Council approved two rezoning applications, which, if completed, will see a new retail/residential complex on Yonge Street and an office building on Industrial Parkway South.

Both projects are still subject to site plan approval.

The Yonge Street development is located on the former Ivan Daniel property on the west side of the street adjacent to the Petro Canada station at Aurora Heights Drive.

It is currently used as a car leasing business and bus storage, as well as for residential purposes.

The property covers more than 11 acres with frontage on Yonge and Aurora Heights. The rear portion of the property borders Tannery Creek and is in the flood plain.

Proposed is a five-storey building containing commercial uses on the first floor with a maximum of 64 dwelling units above.

Andrew Sanderson, operator of a business across the street from the proposed building, was the only member of the public to comment on the proposal and his concern was traffic flow. He was assured it would be reviewed during the site plan process.

Council members expressed pleasure with the proposal as an improvement to Yonge Street and revitalization of the downtown core area.

The second application was much simpler. It was for an office complex on eight acres of land on the east side of the Industrial Parkway South, adjacent to the Aurora Hydro building.

A public meeting was held in March with council approving the rezoning application as a single occupant building to be used by Allied International Credit Corporation.

As a result of changes in ownership/builder arrangements there was a need to make a minor amendment to the zoning bylaw.

The company that owns the building will lease it to Allied Credit, but the owner has requested some flexibility to lease to others if Allied does not require the whole building.

In order to have some control over the number of future tenants staff recommended a minimum floor area per unit, which would restrict the number of tenants to 10.

It is proposed to build a one-storey office building with a floor area of 50,000 square feet in the first phase, with a second building of 30,000 square feet to be located to the rear of the property.

The parking area is designed for 350 spaces for the first phase and an additional 225 for the second phase with two accesses to the site from Industrial Parkway.

Back Pain?

Aurora, ON – According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, 24 hour recorded message

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Poor Richard

Councillor representation is unbalanced

A full review is really needed,
For council members at the region;
Growth has created imbalances,
And leaving Aurora out is legion!
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook

The struggle to gain an additional representative on regional council for Aurora has been ongoing since the creation of the region.

In spite of all council's efforts, Aurora still has only one representative.

The original allocation was loosely based on one representative for a population of between 10,000 and 15,000 persons.

As a result Markham and Richmond Hill received three members, Vaughan, Newmarket and Georgina two each, and one each for Aurora, King, East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Although Georgina had a year-round population of fewer than 15,000, it was granted two members due to its summer population. As a result the original regional council had 16 members plus the chairman.

In 1978 when regional council refused to approve an additional representative for Markham, the municipality did an end-run around the region and went directly to the province and their request was approved.

In 1979 regional council adopted a policy that a municipality be granted a second member when the municipal population exceeded 15,000.

By 1981 Aurora reached the 15,000 level but regional council rejected the request.

In early 1985 when it was learned that Vaughan and Markham had submitted a request to regional council for an additional representative member each, Aurora and the other three municipalities with only one representative opposed the increase unless they were included.

At that time Aurora submitted a proposal that a formula be developed, which would provide a minimum of two seats and a maximum of four seats per municipality.

In April, 1985, Minister of Municipal Affairs Dennis Timbrell wrote to Aurora Council saying there were a number of issues relating to regional representation that he wished to consider. Nothing was done.

In March, 1986, regional council approved the request from Markham and Vaughan for an additional representative each and petitioned the province to amend the legislation accordingly, which was done,

This brought the membership on regional council to 19 plus the regional chairman. Once again, Aurora and the other three municipalities were left out in the cold with only one member.

In June, 2002, with the rapid growth of Vaughan, a request was submitted to the region for yet another representative. It was pointed out that Vaughan had 25.8 per cent of the population but only 15.8 per cent of the representation on regional council compared with Markham with 28.5 per cent of the population and 26.3 per cent of the representation.

At a regional council meeting last month, unanimous approval was given to Vaughan's request. The legislation requires the approval of five of the nine area municipalities.

At the November 26 meeting of Aurora Council, Councillor John West was successful in gaining support to reject the region's request and to petition the province to carry out a complete review of the many imbalances on regional council due to growth over the years.

He added that if growth was to be the only criterion for increasing membership and with the projected growth of the region, the membership would be similar to Toronto with 44 members.

West suggested that the 1985 Aurora proposal of a minimum of two members per municipality and a maximum of four members be reconsidered.

Mayor Tim Jones said he had arranged a meeting with the mayors of the other three municipalities with only one representative each to discuss the whole issue of representation on regional council.

We don't need more regional councillors, only better and less parochial ones, especially from the three southern municipalities.

This gem comes to us courtesy of Norm Stunden and Howard Patrick. The pick-up town league team, seen here, played in the old Aurora Arena on Yonge Street, back in the 1943-44 season. The pair knew most of the players in the photo, but there are three question marks, if anyone can help. Back row, left to right, Tom Spence (remember Spence's Wonders last week…this was the operator of that Supertest Service Station), Frank Caruso, Wim (Wilmont) Ash, George Rose, Doug Nisbet, Jack Bowser, Jr., Howard Patrick, Ross Avis, Stud Patrick and Harold Rogers. Front row, left to right, Albert Patrick, John Mathewson, Ken Rose, Jack Bowser, Sr., Don Holman, ?, ?, Bruce Rose, ?.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Miller letter "turned my stomach" - reader

To the editor,

Re: Letter to the editor "Government has no backbone".

Thank you for turning my stomach today.

I had a terrible headache, with nausea, and not even my migraine medication was working.

All it took was a good, redneck, burn-em-in-hell, whip-em-into-our-shape, rot-their-gods, brainwash-their-children, eradicate-their-languages, annihilate-their-cultures, don't-let-them-spread-over-this-fair-globe-like-a-mildew, righteous rant to initiate that necessary single heave into the toilet, and thus evaporate the migraine.

Ah, Christian science.

And, the saddest thing about your letter, saying you are embarrassed to see an RCMP turban-wearing officer, you missed the only valid point our U.S. neighbour had when he went off in his letter.

The Muslim woman had her face concealed for her ID photo, on her driver's licence, and an idiot court of law upheld her claim based on religion.

The court of law, and the original letter writer, missed two very basic points about American society: A. Every driver's licence must have an identifying photograph of the driver's face; and B. that driving an automobilie is a privilege, not a right.

The Muslim woman had two ways to resolve her predicament: reserve her driver's licence when showing proof of identification, or not obtaining a licence at all.

The rest of the U.S. writer's letter was, as my mother says, bull-rot.

I am embarrassed for Canada every time I think about a neighbour who spews that kind of crap about non-Christian customs and lifestyles, and I daresay I have to think about the T.K. Millers a lot more often than the T.K. Millers think about Sikh Canadians who are RCMP officers.

Of those who don't like T.K. Miller's Christian "values" and "traditions" are people who were here long before Christ was born, before he became famous and before he was executed.

They ARE home. T.K. Miller is sitting in it.

T.K. Miller reminds me to be grateful I'm atheist - born and raised. Thanks, Mom and Dad!

Elfie Taylor
Aurora

Hot Spot marks 11th anniversary

To the editor,

Hard to believe, but it's true…Hot Spot, Aurora's social club for upper-level elementary kids (Grades 6 to 9) celebrates its 11th anniversary Friday, December 13.

Hot Spot was founded by Wendy Gaertner as an answer to fill a void recognized essentially by parents who expressed that our town had little to offer their children in the way of safe, organized activities.

Supervised by volunteer parents and friends, attendance on Friday nights has grown consistently along with the growth of Aurora.

Usually held in the Lions Hall, children find friends and fun, games and contests along with their favourite tunes played by the D.J.

Refreshments are available as well.

As a parent who benefits both by volunteering and in witnessing the fun many children, including my own, have enjoyed, I simply want to recognize Hot Spot, thank Wendy and her volunteers for a job well done, and encourage other parents to support this great cause in any way they can.

Your help will be welcomed and appreciated - after all, it's for our children.

Jane Snow
Aurora

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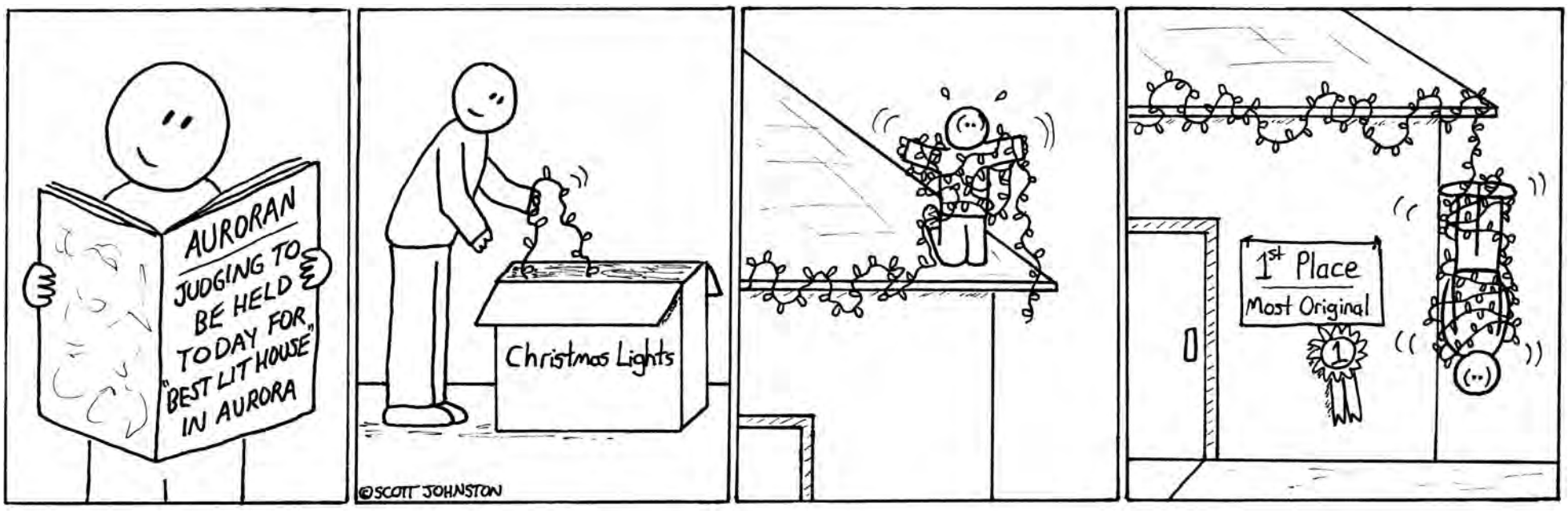

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Balance report with facts, councillor tells columnist

Open letter to Dick Illingworth, The Auroran, Nov. 26

I am surprised and disappointed by your Nov. 26 column, Dick.

As a long time journalist and a regular attendee at council meetings, I would expect far more accuracy than your column demonstrated.

First, let's take up the conflict of interest issue.

I hope that you can back up your statement: "If you have a conflict, you declare it, as Councillor Vrancic does at almost every council meeting due to a solicitor/client relationship."

How often is "almost", Dick? Perhaps it's a matter of perception.

But according to you, perception doesn't matter. Councillor Pedersen agrees with you.

On debating my concern that the public might perceive a conflict of interest in the town's doing business with a newspaper that is substantially influenced by a sitting member of council, she expressed that in some cases, public perception is important.

But, she added that this was not one of those cases.

You are correct, Dick, perception is not written in the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. There are simply those who take the perceptions of the community they serve seriously and those who don't.

You apparently don't have any "perception rules". In one sweep, you suggest that I declare conflicts too often, and compound that error with an unsubstantiated "perception rule".

In another stroke of your pen, you pat the mayor on the back for declaring a conflict because he writes a column in the Auroran. I wonder which one of us has a flawed understanding of the legislation, Dick.

Check the Act and you might realize that, in fact, the mayor has no conflict by virtue of the fact that he writes the column, but doesn't get paid to do so.

He chose to declare one because of "perception". What was the point you were trying to make, exactly?

I find it quite ironic that you accuse me of having a poor understanding of provincial legislation. Given my profession, I got a chuckle out of that.

What I didn't find so amusing is that you blatantly attributed the deterioration of the meeting to me, stating: "Debates on both issues became bitter and personal and it would not have happened if Councillors Vrancic and Kean had a better understanding of provincial legislation, and did not seek evil in everything council does."

Again, your statement is verifiably inaccurate. "Both" debates did not become bitter and personal. I spoke only once on the conflict of interest issue, pointing out that a potential conflict may exist, even though a technical one does not.

At no point did this debate become either bitter or personal. My colleagues did not agree, expressed their views to the contrary and we moved on.

On the highly contentious Code of Ethics issue, my colleagues chose to launch an unwarranted personal attack on Councilor Kean rather than debate the merits of his motion.

Again, I only spoke once, basically to tell them that they ought to be ashamed of their unbecoming conduct.

How exactly does this make me culpable for their behaviour and the deterioration of the meeting which directly resulted, Dick?

Indeed, far from aggravating the situation, my admonishment seemed to encourage my colleagues to exercise some self-restraint.

Clearly, your November 26th column engaged in more "evil seeking" than the accused.

In future, I would appreciate it if you would make an effort to balance your reports with the facts.

In my profession, I am accustomed to being governed by a very stringent Code of Ethics.

Perhaps this is why, unlike some councillors, I do not see red at the mere mention of revisiting such a code.

I hope that you won't see red at my suggestion that your profession has guidelines about informed and accurate reporting, and that you might consider reviewing them.

Damir Vrancic,
Councillor
Town of Aurora

Mayor's Report
By Tim Jones

Combining services just good business

Several weeks ago, concern was expressed by some members of council about Regional Government and the number of services that are being moved from the Town's responsibility to the Region.

As I sit on both Aurora Council as well as the Regional Council, I offer you my viewpoint.

In quick overview, the Region operates on an economy of scale and efficiency.

Their services primarily include those that cross municipal boundaries.

Core services include policing, social assistance, housing, family and children's services, emergency medical services, long term care, public health, regional planning and economic development.

Shared services with the municipalities include transportation road services, water and waste water, and solid waste management.

Recently, at the request of the municipalities, the Region has assumed responsibility for transit and is developing a consolidated approach to emergency service dispatch, to include ambulance and fire dispatch services.

In 2002, 42.6 per cent of our tax dollar went to the Region to fund these services.

The perception can easily be seen as the Town losing control to the Region when we see transit and waste disposal services go from the Town to the Region but my read would be that the Town is simply making good business decisions on the provision and cost of services as they affect our tax dollar.

The Region had nothing to do with starting the transit and fire mergers in Aurora.

It was the Town of Aurora Council that implemented the first transit merger with partnerships with Richmond Hill and then Newmarket for both cost and service level efficiencies.

Other municipalities saw the financial and service level benefits in this and followed our example by asking the Region to merge all transit at the Regional level.

In the short time that this service has operated as York Regional Transit, we have seen an increase in both ridership and service in Aurora as well as intermunicipally.

With fire, again it was Aurora Council, not the Region, that successfully facilitated a merger with Newmarket Fire Services to create the Central York Fire Service.

Quite frankly, I am a lot more concerned about the speed and ability of the Fire Service responding to a fire and the efficiency of the Transit both in Town as well as around the Region along with the cost to my pocket book, than I am with who operates it.

The same might also be said about upcoming issues like waste disposal and water quality.

The Region has assumed the responsibility for waste disposal costs, simply as it is more efficient to do so.

This won't likely save us much money as it is simply a transfer of who pays for the same service, however, if this was expanded to waste collection, there might be savings there.

As well, as a result of the huge water safety issues resulting from Walkerton, and as York Region is one of a very few two-tier municipalities that still shares water responsibilities with the municipalities, there is merit to considering having one entity responsible for water safety and delivery.

As long as my water is safe and flowing through the taps, my needs are being met.

But, as in the other services, we need to objectively examine the pros and cons of such a move before making a decision.

To most residents, as long as the service is being provided, there should be no obvious effect on our perception of Aurora, our Town and our quality of life.

Running a good business involves outsourcing and partnerships where it can be demonstrated that it is good for the business.

What is important to our business, the Town of Aurora, is that we maintain the quality of life and the sense of community that our Town has.

This sense of community is not something that can be bought or outsourced, it is inherent among our residents and ourselves.

It involves volunteering, good character and getting involved.

It relies on good planning and local community programs and services for our residents to enjoy.

These are the attributes, services and responsibilities that the Town should maintain.

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

Showcase a success

To the editor,

On behalf of all the members of the Upper Canada Chordsmen, we would like to thank you for supporting our recent Harmony Showcase 2002 Broadway show.

It was a great success, both musically and financially.

We can take some credit for the music; your series of regular mentions of the event in the paper and making tickets available locally contributed to the income.

The income provides operating funds for our chapter and assists children with speech difficulties, both at our local hospital and through the Ontario Harmonize for Speech fund.

All we can say is "thank you" with a big tip of the Chordsmen's cap.

John Parker
Aurora

Bouquets & Brickbats

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Aurora Councillor George Timpson, all members of the Special Events committee, Julie Geering of the Leisure Services staff, and all the many volunteers and participants for making Aurora's annual Santa Claus Parade one of the best ever.

BOUQUETS to all the individuals, businesspeople, schools, service clubs, Boy Scouts and others for the spectacular colour and lighting effects of their floats, which brought gasps of delight from the large crowd of kids of all ages as the Parade Under the Stars moved south on Yonge Street.

BRICKBATS to Aurora residents who complain about the noise from the York Regional Police helicopter flying over their homes at night. The residents don't seem to realize that the police are looking after their safety during the hours of the night and they should be thankful instead of complaining.

BOUQUETS to the Aurora/Newmarket Family Life Centre on their 30th anniversary of strengthening families through low-cost professional counselling, education and support. Counsellors help individuals, couples and families coping with a variety of stresses and relationship problems.

BOUQUETS to Aurora's Mark Heese, a beach volleyball player who won a bronze medal at the 1996 Atlantic Olympics, for his countless appearances at schools and other events on behalf of the Canadian Olympic Committee. He's after a gold medal in Athens in 2004. Best Wishes!

BRICKBATS to Aurora council for continuing to approve large plans of subdivision, especially the loss of agricultural lands along the east side of Bayview Avenue, when Aurora is reaching the population allocation set by the region for water. Save it for infilling in the core area.

BOUQUETS to Aurora residents Sheila and John Clarke on receiving an early Christmas gift from Ab Cox Pontiac Buick GMC. They had just finished signing a deal on an automobile when they netted $2,000 by calling the Ring In & Win hotline.

BOUQUETS to Jamie Ross for once again leading the Aurora Swim Club as his times in the Breaststroke and Individual Medley put him in the top three swimmers in Canada in the 13 and 14-year-old category.

BRICKBATS to parents who take young children to a restaurant and let them run wild between tables screaming and yelling spoiling the peace and quiet for the other diners, while the parents sitting there chatting quite unconcerned.

BRICKBATS to young men who take a young lady to a restaurant and sit at the table wearing a stupid baseball cap, while eating. Whatever happened to manners?

BOUQUETS to the members of the Aurora Xeros Tigers on defeating the Lake Placid Blizzards to win the CamAm Challenge Cup Tournament recently. The 4-0 victory capped a run of five consecutive games without a loss for the Aurora club.

BOUQUETS to Councillor Nigel Kean for taking Poor Richard to task for his comments in a recent column about the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest. No matter what his intent was or council's actions the provincial legislation is the governing factor and council action can't overrule it. Besides, if we all thought the same, it would be a dull world.

Author of the article below, Keith Kincaid, (arrow) is shown here head and shoulders above the rest, as quarterback for the Aurora District High School football team. Others recognized in the photo are Jack Jans, Sam King, Bob (Moose) Andrews, Ted McClenny, Norm Ethridge, Ed Griffith and Steve Mills. Seen at rear are Jim Preston and Lynn (Cy) Easterbrook. Frank Gregoire was the coach.

Female teachers played a major role in my education

Part 3

By KEITH KINCAID

This batch of recollections based on the tattered pages of the 1955 Aurora telephone book might well be titled "In Praise of Older Women".

Nothing salacious, mind you, but who among the 1950s teen-age generation could not remember a perky redhead who taught high school English.

Mary Fletcher, of course. She was a friend, confidante, mentor and role model for many. For whatever success some of us had later in life, Mary should receive generous credit.

I thought about Mary a few weeks ago when the current generation of Ontario teachers was formally advised that they should never be found alone with any of their students, should meet with them always with the door open and should never ever invite them to their homes.

I know, there are lots of reasons why that sadly might make sense today, but if those rules were applied 50 years ago I am not sure what direction many young lives would have taken.

The phone book shows that Miss Mary R. Fletcher lived at 124 Yonge Street South which is the northwest corner of Yonge and Kennedy.

Arriving from out of town she "took rooms" in an apartment on the second floor of that large house.

A constant stream of her high school students were visitors, and many hours were spent just talking, about any subject under the sun.

She certainly inspired my interest in the written word and encouraged me to broaden my horizons and think about attending university. On a more practical side, she also loaned me her car so I could get my driver's licence.

I read with sadness Mary's death notice a couple of years ago. She had moved back to her roots along the St. Lawrence in eastern Ontario.

Mary's teaching peers included many other single women, a leftover from the years when female teachers were expected to quit if they married.

Lois Spooner, who owned a house just around the corner from Mary on Kennedy Street, Genevieve Robinson, Elsie Legge, a wonderful lady named Wilkinson, were among my female teachers who remained single.

It was not until Grade 13 that I counted a married female among my teachers. But I don't recall an unmarried male teacher at any level.

One teacher who didn't stay single, from my early public school days, was Olive Bostwick, who became the well-respected Olive Komar.

She lives today on Woodbine Avenue, now a widow but well-looked after by attentive former students whose lives she enriched.

In her single days Olive boarded at my mother's house on Temperance Street, as well as being my teacher a year or so later.

I don't know what the rules are today on such a situation. Long after she retired Olive would trek to Toronto to visit my mother in her nursing home. She remains a very caring person.

One aspect of high school life 50 years ago was the posting of final exam results in the front window of the Aurora Banner and their publication in the paper a day or two later.

That sort of public unveiling of the smart ones and not-so-smart ones, I suppose, might have been an inspiration to do well, but I'm not sure it wasn't also a blow to the self-confidence of those who didn't do well; a sort of public humiliation that wouldn't fly today.

I recently came across a Banner clip of my Grade 13 marks, and no, I'm not reproducing them here. Once is enough.

Among those "older women" brought to mind by the phone book is Miss Marjorie Andrews, Aurora's legendary librarian.

She was the den mother of youngsters curious about books. I have no idea whether she used the Dewey Decimal system to file away the boy's adventure stories, but she sure knew where every one was located.

"It's on the third shelf at the left end." On top of that she wasn't overly picky if returns were a day or two late.

In the days before television opened a window to the world, Marjorie's love of books rubbed off on many of us, lighting our curiosity and broadening our horizons.

Lest the impression be left that all of Aurora's role models were female, let me mention some of the men who were important, starting with George Morrison.

George was a Sunday school teacher at the United Church and was able to keep together a group of boys who were at the age where church often was not a high Sunday priority.

He had an unique way of teaching the Bible.

There were weekly contests to see who could turn the pages fast enough to find, for example, the first chapter of John, verse 23. The winners of this digital dexterity exercise would receive hockey tickets or interesting books.

Regrettably, George was not long in town. He lived on Kennedy West, but worked for a Toronto accounting firm.

One of his clients was Roy Thomson to whom he provided financial guidance as Roy was launching his newspaper empire.

Ken Thomson attended George's Toronto funeral a couple of years ago. George left Aurora to became a senior financial executive of IBM in Scarsdale, N.Y., but what he really wanted to do was tend to a United church congregation somewhere.

So he abandoned IBM's millions, attended divinity college and fulfilled his dream. However, the church kept diverting him into administrative jobs and ultimately he became the general secretary.

Editor's note: Part 4 next week. Keith can be reached at keithkincaid@attcanada.ca

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A great experience to be a councillor

To the editor,

Being a councillor was a great experience for me. No university provides the opportunity for discovery that serving on a local council presents.

No other level of government involves the personal relationship that exists between citizen and representative.

Other than citizenship and residence, no other qualification is required to be a candidate.

If the voter decided he or she wants someone he can turn to in times of trouble or even just a person to talk to, who will listen, and maybe have some practical advice, that is the voter's choice to make.

Once, we had switched the contract with the Ontario Humane Society to a new operator for animal control.

I received a phone call from the new people. Tom Hughes, manager of OHSA, was not pleased by our action. He was planning a speech which would be critical of the Kennel Inn operation.

I sat down and had a coffee with the partners and considered the problem. The answer to the problem was so simple I could hardly believe it myself.

Take out a membership in the society, go to the meeting, and sit in the front row, I told them.

It must have solved the problem because I never heard from them again.

Sometimes you can be too close to a problem. In an election where we have a contest for the mayor's position, we have half the voters turn out to cast a ballot.

When there is no mayoralty contest, one third of the people make the effort.

It may not be as bad as it seems. Tenants tend not to participate unless they are seniors or former homeowners.

Young people of the age of 18 and up have neither the investment nor the interest in local politics and new homeowners usually feel they are not sufficiently informed.

Once we had an editor...the late Bob Buchanan...who resolved not to write an editorial on the town's affairs until he had lived here for at least a year.

He wanted to make sure he knew what he was talking about before he would attempt to influence anyone else's opinion.

He covered council meetings himself...except for one. He wanted to watch George Bernard Shaw's Joan of Arc on television. He informed us beforehand. I think he was hoping we would change the date of the meeting so that he would not have to miss it.

I've seen a lot of candidates. Some try once to get elected and never again...some get elected and quit after a single term.

Once someone attended meetings for months before he was elected...never opened his mouth and quit after one term.

One candidate said he would cut out pay for councillors.

Obviously he thought that would be a popular idea...it wasn't.

A few years later another man said he was running for the pay...he never did collect any.

Every now and again somebody will decide to bypass a council seat and go straight for the Mayor's chair. How hard can it be, eh? Too hard, that's how.

The first thing a sincere councillor learns is that nothing is ever accomplished by one person alone. Everyone on council doesn't have to be your bosom buddy but if you want to be respected you have to be respectful. Hard to see how you can expect to accomplish anything any other way.

Now having said all that...I can't see how The Code of Ethics ever got into the record. I lied about not getting past the preamble...for dramatic effect.

I scanned it, then I phoned my eight-year-old granddaughter to ask her about the Brownie Promise.

I had this ridiculous picture in my head of the entire council sitting cross-legged in a circle reading the five-page document and solemnly signing two copies, one for the councillor and one for the town clerk.

How would it be known they had read it as required...how would their adherence be monitored...would there be confession...what would be the penalty for delinquency...who would be the judge?

Somehow it seems that Nigel Kean has taken that responsibility unto himself.

He has already stated he will not revisit the issue until a new council is elected. He clearly sees himself in the role of St George prepared to smite at least six infidel dragons.

And speaking of St. George...that reminds me of our George (Timpson).

In his second election, he topped the poll. That put him at the right hand of the mayor in the seating order. It was clear George was looking forward to occupying the mayor's chair.

He had already transported himself mentally to that happy day. Every time a question was directed to the chair, George would answer it.

One day, the mayor said, "Go on, George, you know you are going to be prime minister some day"

"D'you really think so," George asked excitedly.

"No," I said. "But you do."

George laughed good-naturedly along with the rest of us But he kept on answering the questions.

Evelyn Buck
Aurora

A few more Wellington landmarks

To the editor;

Prior to Larry Rubin's ownership, the "General Store" was owned and operated by the Fingold family - mother, father, sons Phil and Harvey and daughter Shirley.

It was a combination grocery and dry goods store with a huge opening in the wall between the two stores.

When I was old enough, my mother would give me a list of things she needed and I would go to the grocery section and I would pick them up.

It was also around this time that they started to print weekly grocery fliers and Phil or Harvey would call me to help distribute them through the town.

They would also ask me to weigh up sugar, raisins, prunes etc. These commodities came in big barrels and I would weigh them into one or two pound paper bags.

No one seems to mention Rolling's Fruit Store right across from the General store or Joe Mitchell's Hardware on Wellington opposite Wells St. or Frank Teasdale's Grocery Store.

For a number of years, he used to deliver with horse and wagon.

Gordon Lee
Lasalle, Quebec

Illtyd would rob choirs to get best

To the editor,

Christmas in Aurora was always wonderful when I was a child and young person.

As a child, I sang in Iltyd Harris's choir at the United Church Christmas concert and service.

He was a great choir master. He passed his love of music on to us and had the knack of making us sing at our best.

He also robbed the other church choirs of the best voices by coaxing us to join him at the United Church.

When I was older I went to the midnight candlelight service at the Anglican church where my brother-in-law, John Willis, was the organist.

I have good memories of walking to church from Kennedy Street with my mother and older sisters on cold, moonlit winter nights, sometimes with soft, white, snow powdering our heads and shoulders.

Then we'd enter the warm, glowing church, greeted by Rev. John Speers and later Rev. Fred Hall to join friends in the joy of the familiar service of Christmas lessons and carols.

"I can't. I can't go on. Oh! oh!. It goes so fast. We don't have time to look at one another." Emily, Our Town by Thornton Wilder, Act III.

Elizabeth Milner
Hampton, CT., USA

Food drive a success

To the editor,

The recent food drive was a great success thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Aurora.

The Aurora Food Pantry appreciates very much the efforts of individuals, service clubs, schools and churches who put much effort into making the food drive successful. The ongoing support of the local fire halls and grocery stores gives us a lot of encouragement.

The use of the Pantry is up by nearly 20 per cent this year.

We thank you for making it possible to meet the growing need.

Lorna Rummenie
Director,
Aurora Food Pantry

More letters on page 15

Rotarian of the Month

Born in Toronto, Vic Priestly relocated to Aurora in 1969. Vic joined the Aurora Rotary Club in 1979, serving as President in 1983/84 and again in 1993/94.

Vic is indeed involved in his community. He has served as President of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, 1983/84; Director of the then York County Hospital for four years; and is currently a director of the Aurora Cemetery Board.

Named Citizen of the Year in 1999, Vic has also received an Excellence in Education award from the York Region District School Board, and was previously named as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Aurora Rotary Club.

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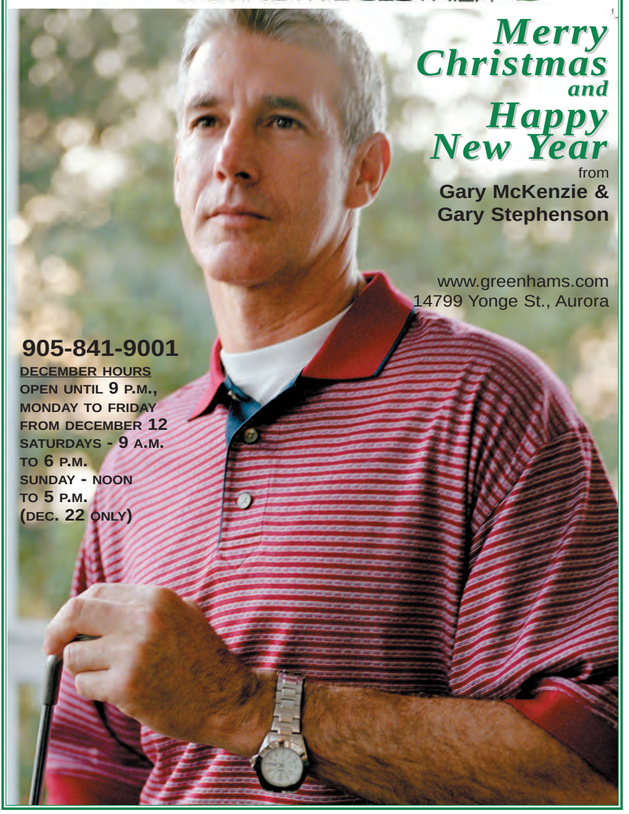

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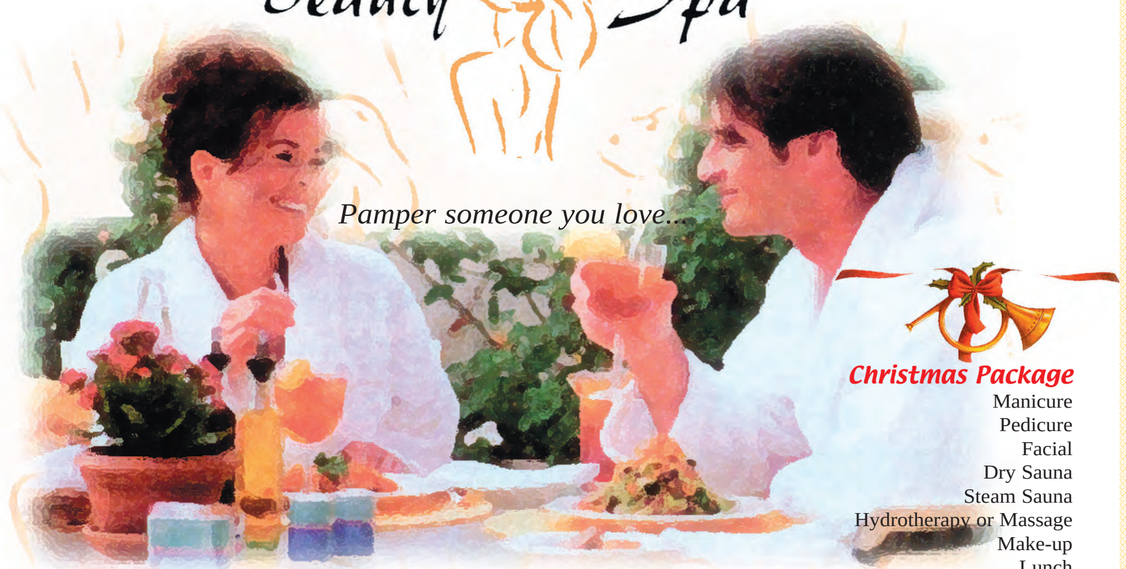

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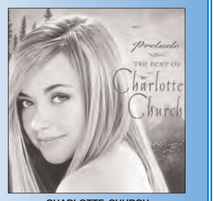
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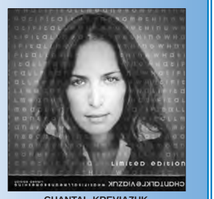
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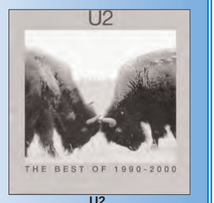
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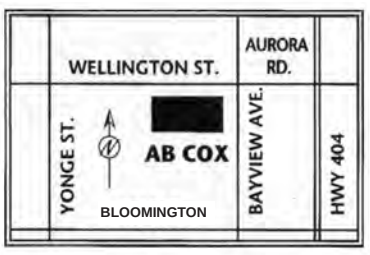

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My dad hardly fits Winnipeg stereotype

To the editor,

An open letter to I.C. Langston.

Jim Taylor is my father. He got a real hoot out of your response to his letter.

You see, the only way he really fits into the Winnipeg stereotype you have drawn so patronizingly is that he's ornery.

When my dad visited Toronto, he was teaching a class for mid-range network systems and, in fact, left Toronto two years ago to stay with my mother, who also worked daily in 416 as well as 905, when she returned to Winnipeg to care for her aging parents.

They both drove to and from their clients' workplaces, and regularly went to TSO and musical performances in the downtown and not-so-mainstream venues.

An avid supporter of the TTC, my dad also found himself returning home well after summer-dark on public transit.

He welcomed his Muslim, Jewish (Russian and Israeli), Christian, Taoist, Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu, and Wiccan neighbours into his Steeles and Bathurst neighbourhood.

He himself is sadly disillusioned with Christianity as a religion, and indeed, most structured religions.

He was teaching his AIX course in San Jose, Ca., when the World Trade Centre was destroyed and while he knows no one personally who was there, he knows people who know people - that's the nature of IT Consulting.

I had a heckuva time trying to get him home to Canada while all the airports were shut down.

As his daughter, I can safely say he would be very disappointed in me if I were to hate a whole group of people just because an organized group of madmen who, by the way, advocate "conversion by the sword" of all other religions to their form of Islam, or would relegate them to a sub-class of humans with no rights, destroyed the building my father was in.

So, as a seven-year resident of Toronto before moving to Winnipeg, and as a seven-year resident of Montreal before that, and a four-year resident of Paris, France, before that - at the height of the Libyan terrorist activity, and during the Action Directs bombings and assassinations (who were white, Christian, French people, I might add), a two-year resident of Toronto before that, a three-year resident of Winnipeg (where I was born), and something of a hippie, Berkeleyan, Californian, American apologist with a thumb and an unfortunate tendency to sunburn, hence his migration to higher latitudes, I can safely say he thinks you're just as bigoted and ignorant and patronizing as T.K. Miller - only you believe your fellow Canadians are naïve, ignorant bumpkins who are not inured to the hardships this uncaring world delivers to those who have the world at their doorstep - and fear it.

After all, he told me so on the phone.

He also wants a copy of your letter for the Winnipeg Free Press - they do love to stir the tempests in their teacups, especially the familiar ones about the East (meaning Ontario and Kwee-bec) looking down their noses at them.

Loving, yes, oh yes.

Compassionate, absolutely.

God-fearing - not your god, but he respects those who fear God - if they respect him.

And, if you think people from Winnipeg are automatically friendly and compassionate towards people who aren't white or Christian, you didn't have a conversation with my baba (grandmother) when I told her my then-boyfriend was bilingual - English and Cantonese!

I'm happy to say she came to the wedding seven years later, and loves all her great-grandkids equally.

I still can't convert her from perogies to wontons, though.

Barb Taylor
Aurora

Slowly but surely, players identified

To the editor,

In the November 12 issue there was a picture of a 1939 Collis Leather Softball Team (see above) and in the November 19 edition there were letters identifying some of the players.

Here's what I think.

Second from right - William A. West, plant superintendent.

Third from right - Stanley C. Walker, chemist.

The fourth from right could be either Wilf White or Ray White, whose brother, Al, writes to you occasionally.

Man in centre, I think, is Pete Harman.

Far left is Jake Pattenden, beside him, Allen Ferguson and beside him Pie Patrick, but these are all guesses.

This picture was taken in the driveway to the tannery, just off Tyler and the hill on the west side of the drive is in the background.

Thank you for dinner at The Trio. Three friends and I enjoyed it this week.

Doris Pringle
Aurora

ED. NOTE: Well, you're right about Al White keeping in touch with The Auroran. Here's his take on the photograph, Left to right, Charlie Southwood or Nels Anderson, Allen Ferguson, don't know, don't know, George Hodgeson, coach Pete Harman, don't know, Ray White, Stan Walker, Bill West, don't know.

Langston letter full of innuendo

To the editor,

Here is my reaction after reading a letter written by I.C. Langston in the Auroran, Nov. 26, titled "Loving letter misses reality of big city life".

When I smell a rat, I feel compelled to open a window.

After reading I.C. Langston's letter, I realized that the paranoia the writer displays about life in Toronto is not only about rude traffic behaviour, but also transcends to bigotry towards new immigrants, specifically Muslims.

The letter is full of innuendo because of the last paragraph.

People like I.C. Langston form a far greater threat to civilized life than any group he projects his narrow-minded focus to.

Racism is insidious, it's like cancer, that, if allowed, will fester and destroy.

9/11 was completely criminal.

So was the holocaust; so was the internment of Japanese Canadian citizens.

So are countless other black pages in history.

Let's learn from history, and not leap backwards.

Thanks for letting me vent.

Annelies Bottenheim
Aurora

Poppy sales

To the editor,

Three out of four of my uncles served in World War II.

The youngest one was not old enough to enlist.

One died during the Dieppe Raid. He was 25 years old and newly married.

Along with so many young Canadian men, my uncle's courage, and for one, his ultimate sacrifice, resulted in freedom.

It seems that one of these freedoms, freedom of speech, is translated by the misguided, as the right to spew forth utter insensitivities.

In my opinion, poppy sales by our war vets should be conducted anywhere at any time.

This is surely a freedom they should not be challenged on.

R. Tudan, this is not some Junior A hockey fundraiser, as you treat it.

Your lack of respect for those who fought for freedom is utterly astounding.

I have three words for you - shame, shame, shame.

Julia Walkley-Sherman
Aurora

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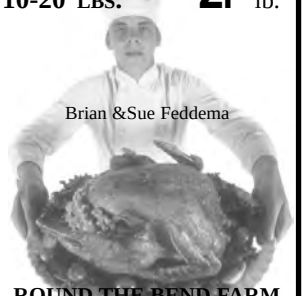

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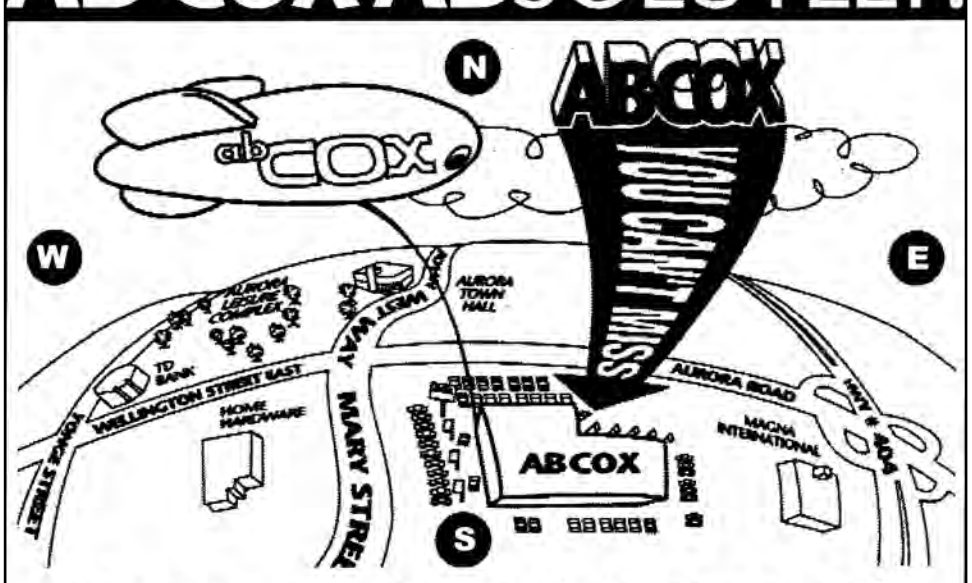

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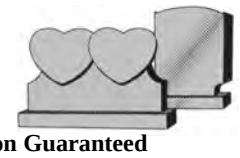

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Soccer club to oppose potential user fee hikes

Aurora councillors can expect a full house at their regular meeting next Tuesday after representatives of the Aurora Youth Soccer Club requested delegation status for the meeting.

At issue is a proposed fee increase for the club that, according to the club, will top 200 per cent.

The hike proposal, in the form of fewer town subsidies, came from the Aurora Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC) but has not received council approval.

"This is a very difficult challenge for the Club," said acting president Ron Weese. "Last year, the AYSC was asked to pay $78,485, a 167 per cent year-on-year increase over the previous year."

This year, the club would pay 220 per cent more, or a total of $173,097, if approved by council, he said.

According to a press release from the AYSC, Leisure Services Director Al Downey said the increase in user fees was necessary because LSAC wanted field users to pay more for the use and maintenance of the Town's fields.

Councillor Damir Vrancic, a member of LSAC, said the hike comes about after the committee struggled for a level of subsidization the town should provide.

As far as soccer was concerned, subsidies were more than 50 per cent, he said, and the committee is recommending that be set at 25 per cent.

"There is no subsidy at all to Aurora Minor Hockey, since they pay their own way, and we won't change minor ball's subsidy because their numbers are declining," he said.

"The soccer club has done the math (getting to the proposed increase)," he said. "I welcome their delegation to council."

"The Town is placing us in an unfair competitive advantage with this user fee," said Gord Marshall, a Special Projects Director for the AYSC. "Because we are a not-for-profit organization, our only choice is to pass this fee on to the parents and children of the Town."

The press release pointed out that fees in neighbouring Newmarket and Richmond Hill are lower than Aurora, and officials fear many players may move there to avoid the higher fees.

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"Wonderful Life" wonderful musical

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

If you liked Frank Capra's original movie "It's a Wonderful Life" starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, you'll love the heart-warming new musical based on the film.

The Aurora Opera Company was successful in obtaining the production rights for the musical in Canada after it had been introduced on Broadway 17 years ago.

The Canadian premiere will be presented at the Newmarket Theatre December 13-15 with a cast of 55 performers from Aurora and area.

It's a classic tale of George Bailey and his Christmas Eve visit with a guardian angel, who tells him life is a gift and each life touches many other lives, and there's a big hole if that person isn't around.

It's a wonderful message at Christmas time as it proves no one is born to be a failure and no one is poor who has friends.

With the addition of music and a talented cast, the total result is the very best in entertainment.

The musical is directed by Sarah Kyle, founder of the Aurora Opera Company with David Kyle as musical director.

The musical starts with George Bailey in the village of Bedford Falls in 1928. He quits his job as a clerk in his father's loan company to see the world and do big things. His plans are changed when his father dies suddenly and he is required to take over the firm

The play has a happy ending but it might be wise to take along an extra handkerchief. During the finale, the audience is invited to join in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

Joe Likuski has the demanding and challenging role of George Bailey and plays it to perfection. He is on stage during most of the performance and participates in many of the musical numbers.

JudithThompson Bouchard plays the role of Mary Hatch, who becomes his patient and understanding wife. Their three children are 10-year-old Jeremy Loughton (Tommy), 8-year-old Caileigh Kyle (Bethie) and 6-year-old Rhiannon Kyle (Zulu).

One of the many highlights is the singing of "Christmas Gifts" by Tommy and Bethie and "Away In A Manger" by Zulu.

Nancy Devine is George's mother and Alan Ribeiro his father. D. J. Demille is brother Hairy and Dave Greig plays the role of the scatter-brained Uncle Billy.

Murray James Bosch is the comical wingless angel Clarence, who returns to earth to help George in his time of difficulty.

Joseph, the Senior Angel, tells him if he does a good job he'll get his wings. A highlight is his delightful rendition of the song "Wings"

Other cast members include Bill Reid as the heartless banker, Brad Fuller as Sam Wainwright as the egotistical college and successful business man, his wife Dorothy Masters played by Diane Cobbold, Robin Toffolo as Mary's mother and Elizabeth Penrice as the town floozie Violet Bick.

There are many more cast members plus the town children who all add to the excellence of the performance and the ensemble work of the musical numbers. Director Sarah Kyle has selected a strong cast of performers with singing and acting ability.

"It's a Wonderful Life" will be performed December 13th at 7 p.m., at 2 and 7 p.m. on December 14th, and a 2 p.m. matinee performance on December 15th. Call the theatre box office at 905-935-5122 for tickets.

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Tigers just keep on winning

It's almost routine.

The Aurora Tigers just keep on winning. They added four more points to their total last week, with a hometown win Friday night against the Couchiching Terriers, and an away victory in Huntsville Saturday.

Old-timers are hard pressed to remember an unbeaten streak that has lasted this long in the history of the team.

They have now gone 24 games without a loss.

On Friday, Tigers played the second game of a home and home series against the Terriers.

Game one witnessed a closely fought battle with the Tigers coming away with the win only six seconds before the game ended.

Tigers star goaltender Chris Whitley had missed the last two games with a sprained thumb but returned to action in the 6-1 Tiger victory Friday.

After letting the hand heal for 10 days, Whitley decided to give it a go although it felt less than 100 per cent healthy.

"As long as I can help the team, I'll play," he said. "If I can't help the team then I don't want to play."

Thanks to an explosive offense and the always dependable defense, Whitley was tested with only six shots in the first period.

Three minutes into the game, Jeff Gilbert scored the opening goal when his shot went off a skate and found the net.

Aurora added another 90 seconds later as Jordan Brenner scored on a rebound.

Exactly a minute later, Aurora nearly had a third goal. A Tiger shot hit the Couchiching goal post, hit the goalie's back and slid along the goal line.

The final goal of the period was a great display of Matt Christie's patience. Christie took the time to cut across the net with the puck, let the Terrier goalie dive and then finally slid the puck past him.

The second frame showed more of the same Aurora prowess.

Twenty-eight seconds into the period, Matt Bahen one-timed a Brenner pass past the sprawling Terrier goalie. Just over a minute later, Jamie Minchella one-timed a pass from Steve Downie to give Aurora a five-goal cushion.

Couchiching continued to hit and play hard but they rarely had possession of the puck as they managed only eight shots in the second.

Jesse Olden scored the sixth Tiger goal, assisted by Gilbert and Scott MacDonald.

Couchiching's lone marker came on the power play with 7:25 to play in the second.

"They're a hard team to play against," Whitley said about Couchiching. "They're kind of a two-faced team, they come out hard some nights and flat others."

After the game, Whitley shared his feelings about being ranked third best goalie in Canadian Junior A hockey.

"It feels pretty good, it has a lot to do with our winning streak. The defense lets me see every shot, we really take pride in that."

Saturday night, the Tigers made the long treacherous trip to Huntsville for a game against the winless Wildcats.

It was probably not one of the Tigers' best games this season, as Aurora extended its unbeaten streak to 23 games with a 7-3 victory.

Both teams seemed to go through the motions of the game with not a whole lot of excitement throughout.

Aurora opened the scoring early on a goal by Travis Clock but less than a minute later, the Wildcats tied the game, giving them some added boost for the period.

Aurora answered back a minute later on a goal by Jamie Minchella.

At this point, it seemed the game would be a shoot out, but both teams settled into a quiet groove from that point on.

The second period belonged to Aurora when they outshot the Wildcats 15-1.

Matt Bahen gave Aurora a 3-1 lead and Tim Whitehouse pocketed his first goal of the season to increase the Tiger lead to 4-1.

The Wildcats managed a shorthanded goal before Scott MacDonald scored a power play goal with 15 seconds left in the period to give Aurora a 5-2 lead after 40 minutes of play.

The third period seemed to drag on forever, with each team taking a number of penalties and only managing to fire nine shots on each other's goaltenders.

Matt Christie scored a beautiful shorthanded goal on a breakaway to increase the Tiger lead to 6-2.

Huntsville scored their third goal almost halfway through the period before Scott MacDonald scored his second of the game, with only eight seconds remaining.

Results of a game between Aurora and the Vaughan Vipers Monday night were too late for the Auroran's deadline.

The Tigers return home Friday to play host to the Oshawa Legionnaires. Game time is 8 p.m.

With files from Kevin Collins and Mike McClymont.

Student bounces to gold

Fresh off her gold medal trampoline performance at the Ontario Winter Games last year, 11-year-old Samantha Sendel, of Aurora, has been promoted to National Novice category for this season.

The first of four regional qualifiers was held last weekend in Kingston, and true to form, Samantha stood atop the podium once again.

As if that wasn't enough, Samantha has taken up a new discipline, Double-Mini Trampoline, and she won bronze for her efforts. She is the youngest competitor in these categories.

While Samantha has attended and won at the Provincial Championships in artistic gymnastics, she has retired from gymnastics to concentrate full time on trampoline.

Samantha is hoping to represent Canada at the World Age Group Championships to be held in Germany during the fall of 2003.

Positions on the Canadian team for Germany will be selected in Saskatoon during May, 2003.

Samantha is a member of the Skyriders in Richmond Hill, and is a Grade 6 student at Lester B. Pearson Public School, Aurora.

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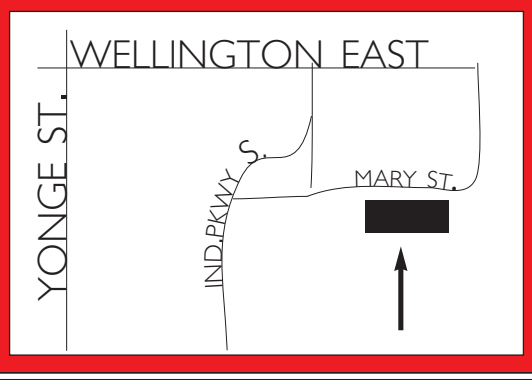

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League Games

Tykes

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THE SHREDDING COMPANY 5 (Jerryd Jensen 3G Connor Moody 1G Ryan Baskin 1G) CASEY TRANSPORTATION 2 (Joshua Lawler 1G Eric Bullock 1G Garth McBride 1A Kevin Casey 1A)

McALPINE FORD LINCOLN 3 (Daniel Antoneil 1G Luke Pizzurro 1G,1A Matthew Roach 1G) BUTTERNUT HOLLOW FARM 3 (Burke White 1G,1A Quinn McGowan 1G Gavin Matheson 1G Tyler Clement-Groggon 1A)

Novice

TIM HORTON'S/timbits 203 6 (Jesse VanRooyen 1G,1A Andrew Papousek 3G Madison Schaefer 1G Stephen Cantarutti 1G Matthew Clarke 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbits 208 1 (Jean Paul Hudon 1G Nick Reinholdt 1A)

TIM HORTON'S/timbits 207 6 (Daniel LaFlamme 4G Ryan DalCin 1G Brandon Farr 1G John White 1A Robert Macdonald 1A Kasey Piper 2A) DBSA CONSULTING INC. 202 5 (Adam Balaban 3G Nicholas Heintzman 2G,2A John Dinicolantonio 1A Eric Feltrin 1A)

TIM HORTON'S/timbits 201 3 (Andrew Buchanan 1G Cooper Riswick 1G,1A Brendan Kirasack 1G Andrew Luck 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbits 205 2 (Adam Kiroff 1G Joshua Klinowski 1G)

TIM HORTON'S/timbits 206 7 (Matt Noseworthy 1G Braydon Dunn 3G,1A Braedon MacKenzie 3G Jeremiah Diaz 1A Samuel Dawe 1A Cameron Whitelaw 1A Tanner Thiessen 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbits 204 2 (Thomas Kerr 1G Andrew Seguin 1G Mackenzie Wooder 1A)

TIM HORTON'S/timbits 205 7 (Dan Delbello 4G Jake Langford 3G Connor Peace 2A Adam Kiroff 1A MikeBainbridge 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbits 204 5 (Anthony Selski 2G, Lukas Leslie 1G 1A, Martin Wood 1G ThomasKerr 1G Graham Loney 1A Dylan Hussey 1A Graham Joiner 1A)

TIM HORTON'S/timbits 206 4 (Braydon Dunn 2G Braedon Mackenzie 1G,2A Matthew Stewart 1G,1A Matt Noseworthy 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbits 201 4 (Andrew Luck 1G Cooper Riswick 2G,1A Dennis Kim 1G Jack Angela 1A Taylor Cooke 1A)

TIM HORTON'S/timbits 207 8 (Taylor Butler 4G,2A Ryan DalCin 1G Michael David 1G Sam Straw 1G Daniel LaFlamme 1G Shane Arcangeli 1A John White 2A Christina DiGiambattista 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbits 203 6 (Andrew Papousek 3G,2A Kyle Coughlin 1G Jesse VanRooyen 1G,3A Madison Schaefer 1G,1A Andrew Gibbs 1A Zachary Cook 1A)

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TIM HORTON'S/timbits 201 6 (Andrew Luck 1G,1A Cooper Riswick 2G,1A Mike Foresi 1G Sean Glynn 1G Dennis Kim 1G Brendan Kirasack 2A Kurtis Lindner 1A Evan Jones 1A) TIM HORTON'S/timbits 207 4

Minor Peewee

PERMANENT PRESS PRINTING 1 (Ian Veloso 1G Andrew Wilkins 1A) EUROPEAN STEEL 1 (C.J. Melichercik 1G)

FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 6 (Ryan Hart 2G Michael Seymour 1G Adrian Clark 1G,1A Aaron Macdonald 1G,2A Nizaam Rehman 1G Kyle Partanen 2A Jason Durst 1A) SKATERS FIRST 2 (Taylor Bryce 1G Jason Nadeau 1G Ian Hayzelden 2A Matthew Perdeaux 1A William Ballard 1A)

SHOPPERS DRUG MART - AURORA 5 (Blair Nimmo 3G,2A Daniel Korolnek 1G Simon Esposito 1G AlexanderMackrell 1A Eric Beveridge 1A) COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 1 (Jay Finch 1G Brendon Harrington 1A)

AURORA CANADIAN TIRE 5 (Tom Gibson 2G Cody Benson 1G,1A Benjamin Slimkowich 1G Michael Hay 1G Robert Revington 1A Neil Hastie 1A) FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 3 (Ryan Hart 3G Michael Seymour 2A Adrian Clark 2A)

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EUROPEAN STEEL 8 (A. J. Ciccarelli 2G 1A Jamie Russell 2G David Staeuble 1G Johnathan Comeau 1G Braun Hause 1G Brendan Forrest 1G Jordan Brown 1A C.J. Melichercik 1A Nathan Miller 1A) SHOPPERS DRUG MART - AURORA 3 (Michael Renfer 1G Trevor Spence 1G Blair Nimmo 1G Julian Kercz 1A)

OMAR'S SHOES 7 (Madison Weber 2G Daniel Sacchetti 2G Christian Hastings 1G 1A John Cardella 1G Dylan Calvert 1G) FRESH WATER INDUSTRIES BOTTLED WATER 2 (Jason Durst 1G Ryan Hart 1G Scott Denotter 1A Nizaam Rehman 1A)

COLL AUDIO & ACCURATE ELECTRICAL 5 (Michael Shoesmith 2G Marshall McQuillan 3G Conor Johnston 1A James Collett SO) SKATERS FIRST 0

Peewee

CHEVALIER CHRYSLER 4 (Scott Gray 2G Mike Tufnell1G Tyler Flanagan 1G,1A Ryan Rojas 2A Paul deRoos 1A) SLATER STEELS - STAINLESS 3 (Sam Caldwell 1G Charlie Teel 1G Anthony Pusateri 1G Scott Collier 2A Stephen Dixon 1A)

AURORA CABLE INTERNET 4 (Patrick McMurray 1G Fraser Kegel 2G,2A Joe Doucher 1G,1A Adam Brutto 1A) D-MAC FURNITURE 3 (Matthew Holland 1G Tyler Miskolczy-MacDonald 1G Nick Whelan 1G Bradley Juffs1A Ryan Van Winckle 1A Ray Mullins 1A)

JUNIOR TIGERS 4 (Mike Nealon 1G Mike Roberts 2G,1A Josh Finlayson 1G,1A Alistair Bogart 1A) SLATER STEELS - STAINLESS 2 (Devin Maule 1G Sam Caldwell1G Charlie Teel 1A Darren Giroux 1A Ryan Casseldon 1A)

SMITTY'S PAINTING & DECORATING 5 (Brooke Dickie 1G,1A Sam Millette 1G Derek Smith 2G Jake Deacon 1G,2A Greg Haralampopoulos 2A) CHEVALIER CHRYSLER 2 (Daniel Cress 1G,1A Tyler Flanagan 1G,1A)

EDWARDS-MURPHY PAINTING & DECORATING 4 (Chris MacDonald 3G Christian Di Vincenzo 2A Patrick Murphy 1G Brice Roffey 1A Brendan Murphy 2A) ATLAS SPECIALTY STEELS 3 (Dylan Brennan 1G,2A Chris Porter 1G,1A Joseph Smith 1G Steven Logue 1A)

Minor Bantam

JUNIOR TIGERS 3 (Ryan Joynt 1G,1A Brett Scott 1G Greg Youtoff 1A David Petrosovic 1G) LOCKLEY STAINLESS 2 (Rob Ruuskanen 1G Peter Walker 1G,1A Eric Wakeman 1A)

PHILADELPHIA STAINLESS 2 (Jamie Fenyes 1G Harrison Brooks 1G Paul Magliocchi 1A) IZZI POPAT - ROYAL LE PAGE 2 (Kurtis Wilton 1G Jason Tuck 1G Tyler Cattapan 1A Jeremy Weeks 1A)

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Bantam

CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 0 (Marc Quagliarini SO) AURORA OPTICAL 0 (Jim Szyblowski SO)

AURORA OPTICAL 3 (Rob Juffs 1G John Epworth 1G Chris Wheeler 1G Spencer Perry 1A) IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 1 (Michael Fong 1G Michael Panetta 1A Caitlin Kelly 1A)

TW!ST MARKETING 6 (Brad Finch 2G,1A Nicholas Mikailie 1G,1A Agostino Bova 1G David Zavarise 1G Nathan Vanderwiesen 1G,1A Alex Kane 1A Troy Johnston 1A) ASTECH 3 (Richard Comeau 2G Dennis Jarrett 1G,1A
Spencer Phillops 2A Robert Buchner 1A)

ASTECH 3 (Mike Bellamy 1G Liam Bauer 1G Craig Cook 1G Patrick Haggarty 1A Robert Buchner 1A Michael Paravano 1A Dennis Jarrett 1A) CHEVERIE COMMUNICATIONS 2 (Peter Smith 1G,1A Kevin Moffatt 1G,1A Lawrence Cheverie 2A)

IRVINE ROBINSON INTERIORS 4 (Rocco Smeriglio 1G,1A David Johnson 2G Sean Devlin 1G Corey McPherson 2A Michael Panetta 2A Dan Jolivet 1A Matthew Robertson 1A) ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION - AURORA 1 (Luke Roth 1A Michael Hegarty 1A)

House League Standings

The House League Standings to date are available on the AMHA web site.

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League Games

Minor Atom (6) vs Ajax (1)

Kamran Karamchi 1G,1A Dylan Skelton 1G,1A Jonathan Poulakos 1G,1A Michael Nonnewitz 3G Michael Bar 1A Michael DiVincenzo 2A Tyler Jensen 1A Adam Reid 1A Matthew Miller 2A Scott Sturgess 1A

Minor Atom (4) vs Whitby (5)

Jonathan Poulakos 1G Michael Vance 1G,1A Kamran Karamchi 1G Michael Nonnewitz 1G Matthew Miller 1A Michael DiVincenzo 1A

Minor Peewee (3) vs Whitby (2)

David Iwai 2G,1A Curtis Hough 1G Graeme Smart 1A Greg Buchner 1A Nicholas Dinallo 1A

Minor Peewee (1) vs Whitby (6)

Emilio Nafarrate 1G Andrew Mangialardi 1A

Rep Teams

Sponsors	
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Minor Atom A	Charley FitzWhiskey's Tap & Eatery
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	Scotia Capital
Midget A	B&M Produce
	Dome Interiors
Midget AA	RBC
	Summer's & Smith

League Games

Novice A (2) vs Innisfil (4)

Matthew Roy 1G Graeme Allison 1G Brian Puskar 1A Eric Ludwig 1A Devin Watson 1A Ethan Benson 1A

Minor Atom AA (0) vs Newmarket (2)

Minor Atom AA (3) vs Richmond Hill (0)

Ben Hanlon 1G Kyle McCreedy 1G James Harkin 1G Barclay Goodrow 1A Justin Nice 1A Dylan Kovacs 1A Matthew Burns SO

Minor Atom AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (2)

Barclay Goodrow 2G,1A Ben Hanlon 1G Craig Johnson 1G Ryan Bailey 1G Gavin Forrest 1A Kyle McCreedy

Atom AE (7) vs Orillia (0)

Johnny Haralampopoulos 1G Matthew Pellegrini 2A Sean Agostino 2G Michael McGolrick 3G Tyler Tisdale 2A Darcy Eveleigh 1A

Atom AE (4) vs Bradford (1)

Tyler Tisdale 1G,1A Michael McGolrick 2G Oliver Boettcher 1G Andrew McKay 2A Johnny Haralampopoulos 1A Miles Cutris 1A, Matthew Pellegrini 1A

Atom AE (5) vs Stouffville (1)

Matthew Pellegrini 1G,1A Oliver Boettcher 1G Tyler Tisdale 2G,1A Patrick Lee 1G Johnny Haralampopoulos 2A Andrew McKay 1A Sean Agostino 1A

Atom A (4) vs Barrie (1)

Paul Keilty 1G Aaron Beally 1G Derrick Hamner 1G Dylan Cross 1G Louis Lamanna 1A Justin Brown 1A Jeffery Sanderson 1A Geoff Gianopoulos 1A

Atom A (1) vs Nobleking (3)

Dylan Cross 1G John-Caleb Ross 1A

Atom AA (1) vs Georgina (2)

Kevin Zacharuk 1G Spencer Arkell 1A

Minor Peewee A (9) vs Stouffville (1)

Carter Hassard 1G,1A Anthony Ranieri 1G,1A Andrew McDonald 2G,1A Brett Dutchyshen 2G Matthew Joynt 1G,1A Quenton Hunt 1G,2A Michael Morson 1G,2A TylerRundle 2A Ryan Constable 1A Cory Blom 1A Darrell Evans 1A Ben Mulholland 1A Lucas Boyd 1A

Minor Peewee A (2) vs Orillia (5)

Michael Morson 1G Andrew McDonald 1G,1A Luca Ghegin 1A Ben Mulholland 1A Darrell Evans 1A

Peewee AE (3) vs TNT (2)

Nicholas Epworth 2G Derek Sweeting 1G Mark McCrudden 2A Brandan Simon 2A Ian Weston 1A

Peewee AE (3) vs Schomberg (2)

Derek Sweeting 1G Brandon Simon 1G Mark McCrudden 1A Kevin Wheeler 1A

Peewee AE (2) vs Orillia (3)

Derek Sweeting 1G Brandon Simon 1G Mark McCrudden 1A Kevin Wheeler 1A

Peewee AE (1) vs Oak Ridges (8)

Eric King 1G Mark McCrudden 1A

Peewee AE (4) vs Bradford (2)

Ryan Cain 1G Nicholas Epworth 1G Matthew Wright 1G Brandon Simon 1G,1A Kevin Wheeler 1A Mark McCrudden 1A Robert Lee 1A Brendon Hamner 1A

Minor Bantam AA (4) vs Georgina (5)

Colin McCullough 1G Aaron Mansbridge 1G Jonathan Adams 1G Anthony Simone 1G,1A Anthony D'Agostino 1A Matt Boyd 2A Michael Osuszek 1A Connor O'Grady 1A Chris Blom 1A

Minor Bantam AA (6) vs Pickering (5)

Kevin Shetler 2G,2A Jake MacDougall 1G Anthony D'Agostino 1G Michael Osuszek 1G,1A Chris Blom 1G Connor O'Grady 3A Aaron Mansbridge 2A Tyler Pettes 1A Ryan Fennell 1A

Minor Bantam AA (4) vs Newmarket (4)

Michael Osuszek 1G,1A Kevin Shetler 2G Chris Blom 1G Aaron Mansbridge 1A Matt Boyd 1A Jake MacDougall 1A

Bantam AE (6) vs Stouffville (1)

Scott Daly 3G Brandon Polsinello 1G Corey Berube 1G Sean Fodey 1G Timi Sotoadeh1A Zach Andrews 3A Matt Kerr 2A Tyler Fyfe 2A Mike Parkhill 1A Mark Short 1A Brent Gallaugher 1A

Bantam A (3) vs TNT (3)

Keon Karamchi 2G,1A Corey Berube 1G Sandy Craig 1AMike Couperthwaite 1A Tyler Roffey 1A Nick Leggieri 1A

Bantam AA (6) vs Georgina (4)

Taylor Campbell 1G Adam Hankins 2G,1A Andrew Welch1G,1A Peter McNeil 1G,1A Nolan Rundle 1G Sean Mulroy 2A Vincent Davenport 1A Cal Simmonds 1A MikeParkhill 1A Derek Meyers 1A

Bantam AA (2) vs Richmond Hill (5)

Adam Hankins 1G Vincent Davenport 1G Peter McNeil 1A Andrew Welch 1A Cal Simmonds 1A Taylor Dinner 1A

Minor Midget A (3) vs TNT (1)

Jamie Marton 1G,1A Corey Hopkins-Straker 1G Ryan Kines 1G Craig Waites 1A Ryan Murphy 1A Jason Zemanovich 1A Reed Neagle 1A Craig Murphy 1A

Minor Midget A (2) vs East Gwillimbury (3)

Craig Murphy 1G Jamie Marton 1G Corey Hopkins-Straker 1A Craig Waites 1A PJ Speciale-Plouffe1A Reed Neagle 1A

Minor Midget A (4) vs Bradford (2)

Craig Murphy 1G,1A Ryan Kines 1G,1A Matt Bloom 1G Reed Neagle 2A Jamie Marton 1G Keith Mitchell 1A Bryan Osuszek 1A Ryan Murphy 1A

Minor Midget AA (3) vs Barrie (4)

Shawn Beer 1G Mike Jack 1G,2A David DelZotto 1G Ryan Bryce 1A Matt Cleverdon 1A David Kennedy 1A

Minor Midget AA (5) vs Newmarket (2)

Shawn Beer 3G Daryl Osborne 1G Nathan Rivard 1G Mike Jack 1A David Martyn 1A

Minor Midget AA (5) vs Richmond Hill (3)

Mike Jack 2G,2A David DelZotto 2G,2A Matt Cleverdon 1G Jordan Ofield 1A

Minor Midget AA (3) vs Barrie (2)

Matt Cleverdon 1G David DelZotto 1G,1A Mike Jack 1G,1A Kyle Robinson 1A Shawn Beer 2A

Midget A (2) vs Schomberg (2)

Chris Amato 1G Mark Jarman 1G Trevor Williams 2A Steve Black 1A

Midget AA (4) vs Barrie (2)

Stephen Heikkila 2G Mark Smith 1G,1A Andrew Robertson 1A Mark Scriver 1G Joey Leo 2A Peter Nykyforchyn 1A

Tournaments

Minor Atom AA (7) vs Willowdale (0)

Christopher Smith 1G,1A Dylan Kovacs 1G,1A Gavin Forrest 1G,1A Barclay Goodrow 1G,2A Ben Hanlon 1G Taran McGowan 1G Justin Nice 1A Craig Johnson 1A Scott Bromley 1A Jamie Cherutti 1A Matthew Burns SO

Minor Atom AA (6) vs Oakville (1)

Christopher Smith 2G Taran McGowan 1G,2A Barclay Goodrow 1G Craig Johnson 1G,1A Dylan Kovacs 1G,1A Ben Hanlon 1A Gavin Forrest 1A Jamie Cherutti 1A James Harkin 2A

Minor Atom AA (3) vs Vaughan Panthers (2)

Barclay Goodrow 1G Kyle McCreedy 2G Christopher Smith 1A Gavin Forrest 1A Ryan Bailey 2A Ben Hanlon 1A

Minor Atom AA (6) vs Markham Islanders (0)

Dylan Kovacs 3G Taran McGowan 1G,3A James Harkin 1G,1A Craig Johnson 1G,1A Kyle McCreedy 1A Justin Nice 1A Graeme Goodfellow and Matthew Burns SO

Minor Atom AA (4) vs Vaughan Panthers (1)

Barclay Goodrow 1G James Harkin 1G,1A Taran McGowan 1G Dylan Kovacs 1G,2A Ryan Bailey 1A Jamie Cherutti 2A. Tournament Champions qualifying for Newmarket Silver Stick Finals

Minor Bantam AA (4) vs York Toros (4)

Kevin Shetler 2G,1A Aaron Mansbridge 1G Mike Pantalone 1G Harrison Jones 1A Michael Osuszek 1A Michael Englehutt 1A Neil Kileeg 1A

Minor Bantam AA (4) vs Ajax (4)

Michael Osuszek 2G,1A Matt Boyd 1G Jake MacDougall 1G Ryan Fennell 1A Aaron Mansbridge 1A Chris Blom 1A

Minor Bantam AA (4) vs Willowdale (1)

Ryan Fennell 1G,1A Chris Blom 1G,1A Harrison Jones 1G Aaron Mansbridge 1G Connor O'Grady 1A Tyler Virgoe 1A Tyler Pettes 1A Michael Osuszek 1A

Minor Bantam AA (3) vs Scarborough Bruins (1)

Matt Boyd 1G,1A Michael Osuszek 1G,1A Aaron Mansbridge 1G,1A

Minor Bantam AA (1) vs Leaside (4)

Michael Osuszek 1G Aaron Mansbridge 1A

Bantam AA (3) vs Peterborough (2)

Vincent Davenport 1G,1A Derek Meyers 1G,1A Cal Simmonds 1G,1A Peter McNeil 1A

Bantam AA (1) vs Kanata (3)

Peter McNeil 1G Brandon Steffan 1A

Bantam AA (1) vs Toronto Toros (2)

Vincent Davenport 1G Cal Simmonds 1A

Minor Midget AA (5) vs Humber Valley (2)

Shawn Beer 3G Jordan Ofield 1G Mike Jack 1G,1A Sak Pietila 2A Michael Osborne 1A Clinton McCullough 1A Daryl Osborne 1A David Martyn 1A

Minor Midget AA (4) vs Guelph (4)

Tommy Hurley 1G Shawn Beer 1G Jordan Ofield 1G Mike Jack 1G,1A Matt Cleverdon 1A Kyle Robinson 1A Michael Osborne 1A

Minor Midget AA (6) vs Orangeville (1)

Nathan Rivard 1G Matt Cleverdon 2G,1A Jordan Ofield 1G Kyle Robinson 1G,1A Mike Jack 1G David DelZotto 1A Tommy Hurley 1A Daryl Osborne 1A

Minor Midget AA (2) vs Mississauga Jets (3)

SemisKyle Robinson 1G Shawn Beer 1G Matt Cleverdon 1A David Kennedy 1A Mike Jack 1A Daryl Osborne 1A

Midget A (4) vs Hanover (4)

Sam Battaglia 1G,1A Ryan Angotti 1G,1A Chris Amato 1G,1A Mark Johnson 1G Julian Matamoros 1A

Midget A (2) vs Elmvale (2)

Ryan Angotti 1G Sam Battaglia 1A Chris Amato 1A Trevor Williams 1G

Midget A (1) vs Midland (0)

Chris Amato 1G Ryan Hopcraft SO

AMHA Information

Coming Events	
Tigerware Days	Sat Dec 14, 2002
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
Rep Banquets	Apr 26, 2003

Aurora Minor Hockey/Aurora Canadian Tire/Optimist Club of Aurora

Showcase Tournament December 27 - 31, 2002

Rumours & Rumblings

There is a meaning to leisure complex name

During the recent Aurora council debate regarding a renaming policy for Aurora parks and public facilities, it was suggested that the Family Leisure Complex might be a likely candidate for renaming due to its generic name.

It was obvious that some members of council were not around when the citizen committee that had been established to raise $400,000 towards the $5.4 million project was created.

The committee adopted "It's a Family Affair" as their slogan for the campaign.

The committee wanted to stress that the complex was for all members of the family, young and old.

It was for that reason the facility was named the "Aurora Family Leisure Complex", so the name has some meaning.

FAMILIAR FAMILY SAYINGS

Most families have pet words or phrases that may or may not be in the dictionary. One phrase that was well used by some family members was "My sufficiency has been suffonsified". It was usually said at mealtime.

The words haven't been heard recently but at one time it was a well used phrase as diners pushed their chairs back from the table saying the words indicating they had eaten quite enough and couldn't manage another bite.

YORK ALMOST HAD A LORD MAYOR

Since the introduction of regional government in York in 1971 there have been discussions over the years as to the correct title to call the regional chairman.

From the very beginning the head of council was addressed as "Chairman". This was later shortened to "Mr. Chair", as if he was a piece of furniture.

On September 25, 1986, former Richmond Hill Mayor Al Duffy pointed out the use of the title "Chairman" historically denoted the presiding officer of a corporation and not the head of a municipal government.

He added that as the heads of local councils received the title "Mayor" and the head of regional council should be called "Lord Mayor" in the British tradition.

His motion to petition the government to amend the legislation accordingly was defeated by one vote.

The only Lord Mayor in Ontario is the head of council of Niagara-on-the-Lake as the municipality was the first capital of Upper Canada.

THE CONTROVERSIAL VACANT LOT

Located at the southeast corner of Mary Street and Industrial Parkway South is a town-owned vacant lot. It was in the news recently as one of the possible sites for a Habitat for Humanity home but was not considered due to the current zoning of industrial.

Once upon a time there was a house located there and it too became controversial in August, 1985. The house, like others located on Mary Street, was legal non-conforming.

The owner of the property wanted to fix up his house and started work to replace windows, improve the front and build a deck at the rear.

He later found out that the deck, which was half-built, had not been included in the building permit and a stop work order was issued. In addition the deck encroached on the town's right-of-way.

When he tried to explain his error to council in committee he ran into the wrath of Councillor Earl Stewart, who said the property owner should not receive any consideration as his place was a mess with overgrown weeds and a derelict car on the property.

The owner tried to answer the charges but finally stormed out of the meeting saying he had had nothing but aggravation from the town.

Other members of council rebuked Stewart for his verbal attack on a citizen.

The debate was all for nothing as the town had to acquire the property to improve the intersection.

VISITING LIBRARY SERVICE

Back in 1985 the Aurora Library had a group of volunteers who provided access to library materials to senior citizens, nursing home residents and others who were unable to visit the library.

The Visiting Library Service was organized by the Aurora Public Library in 1976 and was run continuously for many years. Haven't heard anything about the service in recent years, but sounds like a good idea and a needed service.

About the same time there was a group known as Friends of the Library who assisted in raising funds to help sustain the library's services and selection of quality material to fill the needs of Aurora's growth.

Foundation repairs needed

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the foundations together was made up of a lime and sand mixture, in contrast with modern cement, the mortar between the stones was literally washed away over time.

"The fact that there is almost no cracking of the brick walls above attests to the fact that the foundations have continued to do their job well, despite damage over the years.

"The town's current work may be just in the nick of time."

Repairs to the building, including the addition of an outside elevator, are expected to be complete in the spring.

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