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## Harbour

 discussions under wayPickering, feds meet to talk about improvements to bay entrance
PICKERING - City councillors and staff are meeting with federal and provincial officials today to begin work on a plan to improve the entrance into Frenchman's Bay.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland said local councillors and city staff are meeting Friday with Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MP Dan McTeague, Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP Janet Ecker, and representatives from the Pickering Harbour Company (PHC), the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans to look at options for redoing the

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## What about us?

Pickering traffic study must focus on more than cars, residents say

## BY SUSAN O'NEILL

Staff Writer
PICKERING - A traffic study designed to increase safety on local streets has to focus on the needs of residents, pedestrians and cyclists and not just motorists and commuters, community members told City staff Wednesday.

Pickering is in the process of developing a 'safer streets traffic management strategy' in an effort to guide the municipality in its future use of stop signs and traffic lights, as well as the installation of traffic-calming measures like speed humps and setting speed limits.
"Traffic concerns represent the number-one complaint we're receiving from residents," Stephen Brake, Pickering's co-ordinator of traffic and waste management, told a crowd of roughly 50 people gathered in the City's council chambers to provide input on a draft report.
"We want to have a safer system of roads that will allow people and goods to move safely," Mr. Brake said.

However, residents said traffic movement isn't the only factor that needs to be considered.
"The whole focus of the report is on moving cars," Fairport Road resident Gayle Clow told City staff, noting that approach will "keep Pickering as a bedroom community... we need to make it a vibrant community."

Ms. Clow pointed out the City needs to encourage walking by creating pedestrian-friendly streets.
"I encourage you to view the streets as something more than a way to move cars," she said, adding Pickering's approach to her street has turned it into a freeway in recent years.

The creation of the safer streets strategy was in fact sparked by concerns over traffic issues on Fairport when a group of approximately 20 residents submitted a petition to council last year calling for the speed limit to remain at $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$.

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## Pickering station <br> ＇extremely low＇

PICKERING－The from cosmic radiation public＇s radiation expo－ sure from the Pickering Nuclear Generating Sta－ tion during the first quar－ ter of 2001 was＂extreme－ ly low＂，says the Canadi－ an Nuclear Safety Com－ mission（CNSC）．
For the three－month period ending March 31， the dose from the station was 1.1 microsieverts， which is below the regula－ tory limit of $1,000 \mu \mathrm{~Sv}$
per year．（A microsievert is an international unit used to measure radiation doses．）Measurements are recorded on a quarterly basis．
By comparison，a typi－ cal chest X－ray produces about $70 \mu \mathrm{Hv}$ ，while
someone flying to Van－ couver from Toronto and
then back would be ex－ posed to about $20 \mu \mathrm{~Sv}$

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The CNSC reports most people would re－ ceive a lower dose，be－ cause they have different eating habits and live fur－ ther away from the sta－ tion．The amount of radia－ tion significantly decreas－ es as the distance from the station increases．

More than 90 per cent of the radiation dose comes from air emissions． By comparison，the dose from the Darlington station in Clarington for the same period was 0.6 $\mu \mathrm{Sv}$ ，and from the Bruce station it was $0.9 \mu \mathrm{~S}$

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## Nuclear plant falls short in report card

## PICKERING－May wasn＇t a good

 month at the Pickering Nuclear Generat－ ing Station，as five of eight performance indicator targets set by Ontario Power Generation（OPG）weren＇t met．The only targets met or bettered were the number of unplanned reactor shut－ downs，the radiation dose to the public， and the number of preventable spills．

May report card results were as fol－ lows，for the first five months of 2001， except for measurements that are quar－ terly，as indicated：
－In an index reflecting 11 industry standard performance measures set by the World Association of Nuclear Oper－ ators（for the first quarter of 2001）－ 72.2 per cent，worse than OPG＇s target of 76.2 per cent，and short of the indus－ try benchmark of 96 per cent．It＇s a $0.2-$ point decrease over the fourth quarter of 2000．The most significant factor for missing the target was a 24 －day un－ planned outage on Unit 7 in January and

February．The performance index is measured quarterly；
－Public safety levels 1 and 2 events reportable to the Canadian Nuclear Safe－ ty Commission－four，worse than the year－to－date target of two．A Level 2 event is defined as significant．The May events were due to the unavailability of a boiler feed pump and＂impairments＂to an electrical system；
－＇Reactor trips＇or the number of un－ planned automatic reactor shutdowns per 7，000 hours－ 0 ，better than the OPG target and industry standard of one trip per 7，000 hours
－Capability factor or the amount of energy capable of being produced per month as a percentage of perfect perfor－ mance－ 75.1 per cent，worse than the OPG goal of 75.8 per cent and below the industry median of 90.6 per cent；
－Radiation dose to the public from both the＇ A ＇and＇ B ＇stations－ 0.7 mi － crosieverts（ $\mu \mathrm{Sv}$ ），an international unit of

measurement，bettering the first quarter－ ly target of $2.5 \mu \mathrm{~Sv}$ ．The dose is signifi－ cantly below the regulatory limit of $1,000 \mu \mathrm{~Sv}$ ．The radiation dose is mea－ sured quarterly；
－Major and moderate preventable spills－zero，meeting the goal of zero； －Industrial safety accident rate，the number of accidents per 200，000 work hours that result in lost work time，re－ stricted－work injuries or fatalities 0.37 ，worse than the OPG target of 0.30 and above the industry median of 0.1 ；
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## City residents seek broader traffic study

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"Fairport Road is one of the most difficult roads to deal with," said Richard Holborn, the division head of municipal property and engineering, noting the street is classified as an arterial road in Pickering's Official Plan, but has a $40 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ speed limit. The speed limit on arterials roads is usually higher.
"We're hoping to come up with some solutions," he told residents. "We're trying to deal with all the users of roads."

Other concerns raised by residents included the use of speed humps on local streets.

Rougemount Drive resident Simon Hunter said the speed humps installed on his street in 1996 are nothing more than a nuisance for motorists, while Whitevale resident Lloyd Thomas, president of the Whitevale Residents and Districts Association, said the speed humps in his community have been a "tremendous success" in slowing traf-
"There isn't a one-size-fits-all (answer to addressing traffic concerns)," Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner said following the meeting, noting the residents who live in the community often know what's best for their street.

A second public meeting on the traffic study is being held in the council chambers at the Civic Complex at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19. The report will then be submitted to council for consideration in October or Novem-
ber.


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## Basketball player gets nine months in shooting melee <br> Riley, 18 , over a disputed foul. <br> Mr. Riley has pleaded guilty

OSHAWA - A disputed foul during a game of pickup basket ball between teams from Pickering and Scarborough sparked an explosion of violence that ended a 22 -year-old Ajax man sho four times with a 357-Magnum handgun in the gymnasium Pine Ridge High School, court has heard

Teran Richards survived three bullets in the back and one in the On Thursday, a young man charged in connection with the April 3 bloodshed was sentenced to nine months in jail after pleading guilty to assault and drug charges. Court was told by pros-
ecutor Paul Murray that during the evening basketball game tempers flared and Pickering player Nabe got into an argument

## Harbour

 slotted for makeover?HARBOUR from page

Mr. Riley punched Mr. Nabe in the face and bloodied his nose prompting Mr. Richards, a Pickering teammate, to confront Mr. Riley.

While Mr. Richards was trying to speak with Mr. Riley, another man who had attended the school along with Mr. Riley, but was watching as a spectator, pulled out a handgun and opened fire, the Crown attorney said.

The gunman fired one round, hitting Mr. Richards in the arm, then four more, with three of the bullets striking the victim in the back, court was told.

A fifth bullet grazed the head of a 15 -year-old girl who was

Court heard Mr. Riley fled with the alleged gunman and a third man in a Pontiac Sunfire and was later arrested following a car chase and a collision.
to assault, in relation to the altercation with Mr. Nabe prior to the shooting, possession of crack cocaine, possession of crime proceeds, possession of stolen property and breach of recognizance.
Mr. Riley testified he had nothing to do with the shooting of Mr. Richards and at no time that night handled a 357-Magnum - the weapon used in the shooting - or a 45 -calibre pistol also found near the crash scene. Nor did he witness Mr Richards being shot or see the triggerman, Mr. Riley answered while under brief cross-examination by Mr. Murray
Court heard Mr. Riley fled on foot from the car after it rear ended another vehicle and crashed at Taunton and Altona roads. He entered a shed where he was cornered by a farmer's dogs and held until the police ar
harbour entrance. viable marina entrance," Coun. Holland said Monday, noting the entrance, which is owned by the PHC, is currently difficult for boaters to navigate because of high levels of sedimenta-
"Unless it's dredged on a very consistent basis, it's almost impassable for

Coun. Holland said the entrance into Frenchman's Bay needs to be widened and reconfigured in a way that will reduce the sedimentation.
That's a project that could cost rough$\$ 2$ million, he noted.
However, Coun. Holland reported public funding can't be secured for the project unless the entranceway is transferred into public ownership.

We can't get public funds for a private entrance," he reported. "This meeting will hopefully be a first step towards advancing that agenda... ership.

PHC president Harold Hough said Monday if transferring the ownership of the entranceway into public hands is a requirement to get the improvements started, "we're willing to comply.
"We would like to see the permanent fix for the channel entrance. think it is the key to a vibrant waterfront." Mr. Hough added, "There's no point in creating a marina village (along Liverpool Road) if mariners are precluded from coming in here b cause that channel is inadequate. have the safest channel in the Grea Meanwhile, David Steele, who chaired a mayor's waterfront task force that recommended the improvements, said the entrance into the Bay has been poor for years, noting there are signs posted informing boaters the entrancecan be dangerous.
I think it's a good move. I think it's something that needs to happen," he some
said.

alleged driver who was arrested in field, is still before the courts on charges including attempted murder.

Court heard Mr. Riley was in posses sion of an 'eight-ball' of crack cocaine, 3.8 grams or an eighth of an ounce, $\$ 1,300$ cash proceeds from earlier drug transactions and a cell phone. At the time he was under a court order not to possess any illicit drugs, drug paraphernalia or cellphone

Judge David Stone, of Ontario Court of Justice, Oshawa, said Mr. Riley's worst crime was his continued involvement "in the drug sub-culture."

Mr. Riley was not directly involved i the shooting of Mr. Richards nor did h provide the weapon, said the judge while addressing the assault charge.
"He punches a guy and he has plead ed guilty... How can you predict from that there is going to be a shooting," said defence lawyer James Grosberg, who added his client wants to finish school and work as a carpenter
Mr. Riley was credited with serving eight-months pre-sentence custody and ordered to spend one more month in jail. He was also given two-years probation with conditions to stay away from Pine Ridge and not possess drugs.


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# Editorial \&OPINIONS 

## Editorial

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## Workfare clearly working in Durham

Local success means Region has an extra $\$ 562,000$ and 1,524 reasons to take a bow

Education Minister Janet Ecker, who has been hitting policy home runs these last few months - consider her plan to end the extracurricular activities standoff - had another reason to be proud this week.

The Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP, who was community and social services minister prior to taking on her current portfolio, was on hand Thursday as her successor, John Baird, saluted the success of Ontario Works Durham.

Ms. Ecker was the minister who ushered in the controversial 'workfare program' and who had to take the heat when opponents attacked it as being unfair to welfare recipients

But half-a-decade later, Ontario Works Durham can boast of having placed 1,524 employable welfare recipients in volunteer positions. The idea is to help those on welfare get off the government rolls and into full-time jobs by providing skills and training in exchange for a welfare cheque.

Ontario Works Durham, which looks after the program across the region, had a goal of 1,272 placements so it actually had a success rate of 120 per cent. That excellent record meant an additional boost of $\$ 562,000$ for local programs. Mr. Baird handed over the cheque to Brock Regional Councillor Larry O'Connor who is chairman of the Region's health and social services committee

Mr. Baird, who offered financial incentives to regions and counties that met or surpassed placement targets, was clearly thrilled by Durham's success. "You really have made a huge difference in people's lives in Durham," he said.

Ms. Ecker echoed the comments of her cabinet colleague. "They've (staff) done a fantastic job. As the minister when the Ontario Works program was created, I was really pleased to be here. The new money will help staff do a better job."

The numbers show workfare was indeed the right idea at the right time. The Tories, who have successfully fought institutionalized and long-term welfare by cutting rates, boosting the economy and by helping recipients find jobs, are to be commended for starting the program and making it work. Although, some proposals, including drug and literacy testing, go too far in singling out the most disadvantaged in society who rely on a meagre welfare cheque for the necessities of life.

But, on balance, many hundreds of thousands of recipients no longer live on welfare in Ontario and the fine work of Mr. Baird and Ms. Ecker along with staffers across the province is responsible for that.

As targets continue to be set higher, let's hope we can come to a day when the number of welfare cases is a tiny fraction of the percentage it was in 1995.

## An unwatched pot boils and burns up trouble

## Pay attention to the difficult task of cooking - it requires your concentration

The other day, just before supper, I was on the phone when my husband ran by to the kitchen. I had forgotten the pot was on the stove.
"Didn't you smell it?" my husband asked while he was at the sink. He seemed a bit steamed, scrubbing the blackened bottom of the big saucepan. "This pot is ruined. The bottom is bumpy."

My face felt hot. "Don't worry, it has burned many times. The worst was Elizabeth's 16th birthday, 25 years ago," I said.

I was a teller at the bank two blocks from home. Two of the children went to the local school. On this sunny February day I planned a nice dinner. At noon, I went home



## Letters to the editor

e-mail responses to shouston@durhamregion.com

Everyone can do their part for women's shelter

## To the editor:

Last year Gillian Hadley's life was taken at the hands of her estranged husband and we were horrified. Then, Marcia Harman and her innocent six-year-old daughter were brutally killed at the hands of their husband and father.

What does this mean for a woman who is running for her life? Where does she and her children find a safe place now? How many more women and children will have to die before a safe women's shelter is up and running in the Ajax and Pickering area?

Where are our priorities? Please, don't wait until it comes to you or someone you love. Don't think it can't. It's not just someone else's problem, it's all our problem. So
let's not wait one more day or stand on the sidelines. We need a home now where all are made welcome and feel safe

If you're reading this and it touches your heart, don't say 'what can I do, I'm only one person?' Look inside your heart and you will find the answer. We are all crying out for love

For those who ask 'what can I do?' Well, I collected 1,300 signatures for this project with the help of another Pickering resident.

Please call Durham Regional Police Constable Cheryl Carter at 905-426-1064, Whitby-Ajax MP Judi Longfield at 905-665-8182, Whitby-Ajax MPP Jim Flaherty at 905-430-1141 or Pickering-AjaxUxbridge MPP Janet Ecker at 905-4200829 and let them know we are behind them and ask what we can do. Do it now.

I believe the government has to play a part in this and step in.

They need to have stricter rules for spouses who abuse.

Alice Rooney,
Pickering
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on his way from school, then he skipped home.

Within seconds, his red face was above the wicket. "The house," (puff) "is on fire." I locked my teller drawer and ran
I pushed in the door. Grey, greasy smoke. The orange and white cat was flat on the floor gasping for breath. With my sleeve over my nose, I went to the kitchen. Smoke and sparks came from the stove where the pot's juices dripped onto the burner. I turned off the burner, grabbed potholders, picked it up and rushed out the door. The pot hissed as I put it down in the
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the duplex tiptoed up the driveway. They stared at the pot then bent over and gingerly picked up the lid. "Eeuuow". They dropped the lid. Five seconds later they were back to show the blackened cinder to some other children. "Eeuuow," in chorus.

That birthday evening was spent at the Laundromat. The cat survived. The children and I worked to clean up the mess.

This scrubbing of the same pot with the bumpy bottom brought it back to mind. Pay attention to cooking. It's a difficult task that requires concentration. Some pots are worth

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## Golf club

## attack results

## in 15-month

## sentence

Judge describes incident as 'neighbourhood dispute that escalated to violence

## BY STEPHEN SHAW

## Staff Writer

PICKERING - A 21-year-old Pickering man was handed a 15month jail sentence Monday for attacking his 61-year-old neighbour with a golf club.

Darren Dzikowski was also ordered to repay victim Colin Waters $\$ 14,352$ for medical bills he incurred as a result of the injuries he suffered when he was struck in the face with the golf club on April 21, 2000.

The retired Appleview Road resident needed extensive dental repairs and surgery to have the tip of his nose reattached, prosecutor Ken Polley said.

Judge Donald Halikowski, of Ontario Court of Justice, Oshawa, said the vicious attack was rooted in a simmering feud between the two neighbours.

It was a culmination of a long series of petty incidents... A neighbourhood dispute that escalated to violence," Judge Halikowski said.

On the day of the assault, Mr. Dzikowski, who lives with his parents, had been practising hitting golf balls in his backyard, irritating his neighbour who then started to make "rude and provocative sounds", the judge said.

Mr. Dzikowski went to confront the victim in his backyard and when Mr. Waters ignored him, he swung the club at the man's head, court was told.

Mr. Dzikowski, who pleaded guilty to aggravated assault, apologized to Mr. Waters in court, saying his outburst of anger was "absolutely inexcusable.

My behaviour was completely incomprehensible. I'm ashamed and embarrassed. Words are not available to express my sincere remorse.'

An angry Mr. Waters told Judge Halikowski in an impact statement, "My face has been permanently disfigured and I have to live with this for the rest of my life.'

The judge said Mr. Dzikowski has no history of violent behaviour and the assault was "out of character", noting the young man immediately called an ambulance for the victim. He has also taken anger management counselling.

Despite the mitigating factors, the judge rejected Mr. Dzikowski's lawyer's bid for a conditional sentence, saying any acts involving "extreme violence" between neighbours must be strongly denounced by the courts.
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## Making a difference transcends age

## Exceptional' Big Brother receives

 national senior award
## BY MIKE RUTA

Staff Writer
AJAX - Neville White thought he was getting too old to be a Big Brother. But attending the recent Big Brothers and Sisters of Canada annual conference opened his eyes.

The 56-year-old Ajax resident wasn't there long because of work commitments. However, it was a meaningful stop since he received one of the five national, Nissan Big Brother and Big Sister Senior Citizenship Awards handed out by the organization.

With his first Little Brother, Shane, now 20, Mr. White figured he was likely getting too old to take on another young friend.
"What does a little guy 10 or 11 or 12 have in common with myself?" he remembered thinking before going to the Toronto conference. "One of the things I learned as a result of this award is there are seniors across the country my age making a contribution.'

Mr. White said he will likely be matched with another little brother, but that doesn't mean his relationship with his match of roughly 10 years will end. In fact it was Mr. White's devotion to Shane that prompted Monique Mara, caseworker at the Big Brothers Associa-
tion of Ajax-Pickering, to nominate him for the national award.

While young men leave the agency when they reach 17 years of age, Ms. Mara said Mr. White has kept in close contact with Shane, who was diagnosed with leukemia a year ago.

Neville's looked after him; he's been his support," said Ms. Mara. "(His little brother) calls him his father. He's an exceptional individual in all that he's done.'

She said this is the first time a Big Brother with the agency, in Ajax-Pickering for roughly 28 years, has received a national award.
An Ajax resident for 19 years, Mr. White described how his little brother has changed since they first met.
"He's turned into a very mature individual," he said. "I've had the pleasure of watching him grow... from a little boy to a young man, and a young man who's facing some challenges far beyond his years. I am always constantly amazed at how he deals with it so well. That's where I feel quite proud.'

Shane is proud of Mr. White, too. And grateful. It was his Big Brother who rushed him to the hospital when he got sick, and who was there for him when he received the diagnosis.
"He's a really good guy, for one," said Shane, when asked what makes Mr. White a great Big Broth-


Neville White's involvement with the Big Brother's organization has resulted in his being awarded national honours. He received one of five special awards for his dedication to the program.
er. "All kinds of things. He's fun to be around, he helps me out; he really cares.'

The youngest natural gas fitter in the province, he said he owes it to Mr. White. When they first hooked up, he said the pair would go to movies, play pool and throw a baseball around. As he got older, his Big Brother, whom he dubbed Mr. Fixit, shared his handy-man skills with Shane, involving him in various
projects.
When he began training as a gas technician, Shane said he already had a head start.
"That's what got me into a trade," he said.

Mr. White said what he didn't realize when he joined the organization is that he would gain as much from the experience as he gave, learning more about life and himself.

Big Brothers are asked to commit to spending at least three or four hours a week with their Little Brother, but Mr. White said the two spent more time together than that.
"It just happened," he said. "I never anticipated getting involved to the extent I am.'

For more information on the Big Brothers Association of Ajax-Pickering and volunteering, call the organization at 905-686-2871.

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## Durham sergeant goes coast-to-coast for autism

John Keating's 11,000-kilometre trip raises $\$ 1$ million BY CRYSTAL CRIMI Staff Writer
DURHAM - One-million dollars, 11,000 kilometres and plenty of awareness later, John Keating has left a huge impact on autism research.

The Durham Regional Police sergeant's 11,000km trip began April 27 in

New York City and ended July 19 at 8 a.m. in San Diego, the site of the 2001 National Conference for the Autism Society.

Although he missed the funding target of $\$ 10$ million, he ended up raising $\$ 1$ million and a whole lot of awareness.
"We knew that goal was kind of stretched," he said. "The important part was raising awareness and we raised a lot of it."

The Autism Society announced they are making

Cycle USA an annual event, such as the Terry Fox Run where people can raise money and awareness in cities on one weekend of the year through a 10 to 20 km bike ride.

He said before he began Cycle USA, statistics revealed seven out of 10 people didn't even know what autism is, but now many more people do and can be more inspired to help find a cure and possibly even help his seven-year-old son, Kurtis.

Kurtis has autism, a developmental disability that impedes social and com-
unication skills.

After having various charities knock on his door, it suddenly occurred to Sg t. Keating that nobody ever collected money for autism.

Although he did a lot of interesting things while on his trip, what he will remember the most are two boys who donated.

One boy had a lemonade sale and raised over \$20 to give to autism research because his sister has it, and another boy whose sister also has autism, donated a bag full of pennies and change.
"Riding the bike was challenging, but comparing it to living with autism, it's not difficult at all," he said about the 84-day trek Since he has stopped riding, he said his body feels sluggish because it has be come accustomed to the workout.

He also noted it was tough being away from home.
"Three months is a long time... the hardest part was being away from my family," he said.

Once he called home and his wife told him how their six-year-old daughter
said she couldn't rememb what his face looked like
Sgt. Keating is catchin up with his family now on vacation in the U.S.

He noted he is looking forward to getting home and back to his job in August.

Autism appears in th first three years of a child' life and is thought to be th result of a neurological dis order that effects brair function.

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For more information bout Cycle USA, chec out www.cycleusa.net.

## July 27, 2001

FRIDAY, JULY 27 SERENITY GROUP: The addiction recovery group holds its 12-step recovery meeting every Friday and deals with all kinds of addictions, including co-dependency. Meetings are at 8 p.m. in Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd. A child-care program is available and all are welcome. Call Jim evenings at 905-428-9431.

TUESDAY, JULY 31 SECOND CHANCE VOL UNTEER NIGHT: Volun.

## Job help available in August

PICKERING - The Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre, located in Pickering, is hosting a series of workshops next month designed to help individuals find work.

The centre is at 1400 Bayly St., unit 12, beside the Pickering GO Station.

For more information on what's available, call 905-420-4010.

## WHY RAY MORIGIVY DRE:G $\varepsilon$ SAVEA

 jured animals at the Sen ond Chance Wildlife Sanctuary in north Pickering. Volunteer night takes place between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m., when local residents can visit the centre and see what it's all about. The Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 2060 Concession 7, north of Hwy 7 and east of Brock Road. If you need a ride to attend, call Gail at 905-686-8127 and she may be able to help.
workshop on resume and cover letter preparation takes place Thursday, Aug. 9 and Thursday, Aug. 23; career exploration/hidden job market is the topic on Thursday, Aug. 16 and interview skills Thue focus Thursday, Aug. 30. All work-
shops begin at 1 p.m.

The centre also offers its three day job club every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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evergreens crowding into each other, the relief of being home may only bring on questions: What can be done to this front yard? What plants would provide a welcoming entrance? How do we spruce up this yard? Should we be talking to a professional landscape designer? What does a landscape designer do?

Hiring a landscape designer to draw a professional plan is certainly an option as is creating your own landscape design.

What will a professional landscape designer do? Typically the designer will meet you at your residence and ask questions to find out your specific requirements as far as how much time are you willing to commit or devote to maintenance; what is your gardening experience; what are the sun and soil conditions; are there plants you definitely must have in your design or are there colours you like more than oth-

Other questions may concern your budget - is the landscaping achievable in one year or due to hard landscaping such as interlock pathways or retain-
ing walls will it take more than one season to complete

The landscape designer will use all of this pertinent information as well as the measurements of your property to do a design. The design will include the laying out of all appropriate plants such as trees, evergreens, shrubs (both flowering and non-flowering), roses, and perennials. Recommendations will also be made to do with ponds, arbours, trellises and benches
professional landscape design will also create a welcoming environment when you arrive or depart. It increases the pride of ownership and increases the overall property value of not only your home but the neighbourhood as well.

When your landscape design is planted and complete additional end benefits would be the therapeutic nature of puttering in your new garden, enjoying the fresh air and sunshine and socializing with the neighbours. There will be no more dashing into the house to simply avoid looking at a front yard that is lacking in plants. Overgrown front yards
can be renovated or rejuvenated by removing any tall, mature evergreens and replacing them with smaller, neater plants.

A landscape consultant can be hired for this endeavour and will work closely with the homeowner to achieve their desired garden. As well as assisting in the selection of plant material, the consultant may co-ordinate a landscape crew to do the necessary work or give you an action plan to do the work yourself.

Certainly the same procedures and principles apply to backyards. Other questions to do with a backyard design may include: are you interested in plant material that will attract butterflies, hummingbirds, or birds; will you have the time to devote to a perennial garden; is there plans in the future to add a swimming pool, hot tub or gazebo.

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## Local artists's debut CD 'hits you over the head'

AJAX - A longtime record ing project is finally a fait accompli for an Ajax musician.

Singer/songwriter Kamil Dewhurst released his debut CD,
track was a bonus track titled had really fast rapping. It hits 'Fire' that featured the vocals of you over the head, it's off the his sister, Janelle, who also wall, something you've never wrote the song.

Experimentation with sound and vocals was the hallmark of the project, noted Dewhurst.
"We had a background track, a techno sequence, and I freestyled with the vo cals to create a song that
'Kamz', four weeks ago after recording the eight tracks on the disc over the past two-and-a-half years at a Scarborough studio.
"It was a part-time thing while I was in school, but I did it full-time this summer," said Dewhurst, 19. "It's nice to finally get it done
'Kamz' was recorded and written in partnership with Scarborough producer Norm Sabourin, who also played guitar on the project. Several were also recruited.

Dewhurst describes the music as "pop with hip hop and dance with an R and B noted the eighth
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## Wahlberg goes Apes this

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For a complete listing of what's playing, contact your local cinema.

## Arts council discusses juried show

PICKERING - The PineRidge Arts Council meets Wednesday, Aug. 1 to discuss its juried art show in Ajax, to prepare invitations, and deal with other council activities. The
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Now I demonstrate how you sip a shake topped with whipped cream. This got oohs and ahhs. I take my straw and push it slowly down through the whipped cream trapping at least a portion of it in the straw. Now I continue to push it down into the blueberry shake and I take a big sip. The blueberry shake is drawn up the straw forcing a rush of whipped cream and blueberry shake into my mouth. I close my eyes and savour it. Then I sip all the residue out of the straw, push it slowly down into the whipped cream forcing more up into the straw and start the whole process over again! Here's our coupon for this week.

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The group holds its inaugur al bowling tour nament Saturday Aug. 25 at North End Bowl, 1300 Wilson Rd. N., Oshawa. The aim is to raise money and awareness for epilepsy sufferers Durham.

It's open to all ages and there are team and individual divi sions
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# Timely travel questions, timely travel answers 

Here are some of this season's most frequently asked questions:

Exclusive bed and breakfasts in London

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A: Bed and breakfast accommodation is available for visitors in some of London's loveliest residential properties. Most of the host homes on the roster of Uptown Reservations offer spacious living quarters, private facilities, and most are located in the smart and safe sectors of London like Knightsbridge and Chelsea.

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streets and squares, or in the theatre district and close to everything social. Your hosts, and fellow guests (who at these bed and breakfasts are often business and/or single travellers) are likely to give you insider tips for exploring the city that you wouldn't get elsewhere.

Uptown Reservations has a Web site for initial planning at www.uptownres.co.uk, or email your questions to: inquiries@uptownres.co.uk.

Foreign affairs international hotline

Q: I heard there was a warning regarding travel to Costa Rica. Is this true and what should we know?

A: The Department of Foreign Affairs and International

Trade, reporting increasing levels of crime in Costa Rica, recently issued an advisory for individuals planning visits to the country. It read as follows: "Ensure all travel is undertaken during daylight hours, avoid making stops en route to your final destination, stay in wellfrequented and protected hotels or campgrounds, and avoid camping overnight on beaches."

If you have questions regarding safety, security conditions and health issues while abroad, call the Foreign Affairs and International Trade hotline at 1-800-267-6788, or visit a Web site at www.voyage.gc.ca. Canadian passport information is also available through this source.

- News Canada


Abbey Road, the street made internationally recognizable by the Beatles, is found in London's upscale St. John's Wood neighbourhood.

## Exotic weddings, non-smoking cruises

Here are some of this season's most frequently asked questions:

Get married in St. Lucia
Q: We may elope to St. Lucia. What can you tell us about the Windjammer Landing Resort, or any others there?

A: Many of the well-known, all-inclusive resorts in St. Lucia (like Windjammer Landing, Le Sport, Rendezvous, and the two Sandals resorts located there) offer wedding packages.

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It is easy for Canadians to get married in St. Lucia. Inquiries can be made at the St. Lucia Tourist Board at 1-800-869-0377.

Q: I've heard just recently that one of the cruise lines has a no-smoking ship. Do you have
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## Syme of the times

AJIXX - Active community resident Jack Syme found himself in good company last week when he was awarded Senior of the Year honours in Ajax in a program sponsored by the federal government. Mr. Syme, (centre) president of the Ajax Seniors Club, accepted his medal from local dignitaries (from left) Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge MP Dan McTeague, Ajax Mayor Steve Parish and Whitby-Ajax MP Judi Longfield.

## Help fight loosestrife invasion

DURHAM - It's beautiful, but dangerous.

Purple loosestrife isn't a native species to North America, but the plant has been spreading rapidly, clogging wetlands, marshes, river banks and lowlying farm fields.

And, as it moves in, fewer native plants and animals sur-

Without natural enemies, purple loosestrife can displace hundreds of fish and wildlife species from their native habi-

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During the week, community groups and individuals can help take back areas with purple loosestrife by uprooting the plants or cutting off the flower tops before they can spread their seeds. Each plant can produce up to three million seeds.

Biological controls have proven to be effective against large stands of the plant, but manual efforts, such as digging
and clipping, are still impor tant methods of curbing the spread.

One biological method was the release a small leaf-eating beetle that feeds almost exclusively on purple loosestrife.

For more information on Project Purple Week activities, call the OFAH invading species hotline at 1-800-5637711.

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## Watch out for osprey, help Frenchman's Bay

PICKERING - The Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project (FBWRP) is looking for local residents to keep their eyes peeled for osprey in Pickering.

The organization is hosting a volunteer environmental watch (VEW) workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2 to introduce its new osprey watch program. The meeting is also an opportunity for volunteers to learn more about ongoing water testing and butterfly monitoring programs.
"If you missed the invitation or were unable to attend the last VEW workshop, the FBWRP invites you to attend the second VEW workshop," states a
news release. "This workshop will reacquaint you with our water watch and butterfly watch and introduce you to the new osprey watch program.'

Volunteers will help the FBWRP collect information to determine the current health of the watershed. The results of the monitoring programs will be used to determine future restoration efforts.

The meeting takes place at the bottom of Wharf Street, just east off Liverpool Road South. The event takes place rain or shine, so participants are reminded to dress appropriately and to wear shoes that can get wet and dirty.

For more information, call 905-4204660 ext. 2212.

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##  <br> Apply to be a Member of the DURINAM AGRIGULTURAB AADVASOEV GOMIMIIKHE

The Region of Durham is seeking individuals interested in membership in the first Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC). The DAAC will provide advice, comment and/or opinion to the Region on planning matters related to agriculture.

The approved Terms of Reference calls for a committee made up of bona fide farmers and rural residents who are not involved in the agricultural industry. Farmers involved in various agricultural disciplines (dairy, beef, hog, poultry, fruit, vegetable, cash crop, organic etc.) are needed. The Terms of Reference is available at the address noted below and can also be viewed on the Regional web site at www.region.durham.on.ca

If you are a bona fide farmer and wish to be considered for membership in the DAAC, please submit a brief expression of interest outlining your agricultural expertise and knowledge of agricultural and rural land use issues relevant to your participation in the DAAC. If you are a rural resident who is not a farmer and wish to be considered for membership in the DAAC, please submit a brief expression of interest outlining your knowledge of agricultural related rural issues and your qualifications relevant to your participation in the DAAC. Also, include your name, address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Your submission must be received by August 31, 2001 at the following address:


Regional Council will consider the selection of the DAAC membership in the fall of 2001.


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## SCOREBOARD

PICKERING SOCCER CLUB
$\qquad$ UNDER-FIVE MICRO DIVISION 3 July 20 - Navy Blue (MVP Brandon Scott) vs. Turquoise
(MVP Sarah McMillan): Gold (MVP (MVP Sarah McMillan); Gold (MVP Lucas McNally) vs. Lime
Green (MVP Monica Pardoe, Damian Wall); Purple (MVP Julia Watters) vs. Sky Blue (MVP Jonathan Kyriacou); Ma-
roon (MVP Chloe Stoyanovski) vs. Hunter Green (MVP Adam Trandovski),

UNDER-SIX BOYS' DIVISION A
July 11 - Blaisedale Montessori 2 (Colton Belley, Anthony
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vices Heating \& Air Conditioning 5 (Matthew Hughes 3, Joel vices Heating \& Air Conditioning 5 (Matthew Hughes 3, Joel
Lobban, Aidan Parker, MVP Joel Lobban); Pickering Medical Lobban, Aidan Parker, MVP Joel
Centre 5 (Karlo Cvetkovic-Rozas, Kadeem Smithen 4, MVP Brandon Whitmore, Michael Zuccaro). July 18 - Boyer Pontiac Pickering Panthers 2 (DJ Cushway, Alex Kaziev, MVP Matthew Mey, Ryan Williams) vs.
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Aboussafy, Jeremy Wu) vs. Sutton Group Soldiers 1 (MalAboussaty, Jeremy
com Shaw, MVP James Fernandez); T.B.M. Services HeatMedical Centre 7 (Ryan Chiu, Brandon Whitmore, Kadeem Smithen 4, Connor Jackson, MVPs Ryan Chiu, Brandon

UNDER-SIX BOYS' DIVISION B
July 11 - Blizzard 0 (MVP Gavin Mendes) vs. Stars 3 (Nathaniel Fermin, Kelvin Galano, Harry Tibbs); Cosmos 3
(Adam Clements 2, Ryley Burns, MVP Adam Clements) vs. (Adam Clements 2, Ryley Burns, MVP Adam Clements) vs.
Rapids 1 (Mateo Haza); Movie Magic Talent Agency 0 (MVP Colin Mundy) vs. Gaalaxy 2 (Adam Bradley, MVP Connor KoColin Mundy) vs. Galaxy 2 (Adam Bradley, MVP Connor Ko-
morowski); St. Paul Canada 2 (Liam Bills, Jeuvante Fair-
clough) vs. Wizards 3 (Deshaun Crawford 2, Brayden clough) vs.
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Jonly 18 - Stars 3 (Carson O'Sullivan 2, Nathaniel Fermin,
Jul MVP Connor Stevens) vs. Cosmos 4 (Adam Clements 2,
Stuart Mackenzie, Adam Rumble, MVP Jadeyn Dias): St Stuart Mackenzie, Adam Rumble, MVP Jadeyn Dias); St.
Paul Canada 5 (Griffen Palmer 2, Hayden Sharpe 2, Laim Paul Canada 5 (Griften Palmer 2, Hayden Sharpe 2, Laim
Bills, MVP Hayden Sharpe) vs. Galaxy 1 (Alexander PaulGee, MVP Matthew Pickford); Wizards 3 (Deshaun Craw-
ford, Sapheer Somani, Bryden Jones) vs. Movie Magic TalGee, MuP Matthew Pickiord), Wizards
ford, Sapheer Somani, Bryden Jones) vs. Movie Magic Tal-
ent Agency 2 (Brian Linton, Jessie Hewitt, MVP Joshua Kotent Agency
sopolous).

UNDER-SEVEN BOYS' DIVISION
July 19 - B.K. Baun Landscape Ltd. O (MVPs Michael Comlecki, Thomas Richardson) vs. Village Plaque Attack 7
(Nicholas Ahorn 2, Raphael Reynolds 3, Nathan Smith, Christopher Moyer, MVP Christopher Evan); Brack Home Entertainment 4 (Peter Boylan 2, Ryan Boylan, Mitchell Carkner, MVP Jarred Wood) vs. Cougars 1 (Joseph Alexander Costa, MVP Joseph Alexander Costa); Sunshade Blind \& Draperies 5 (Daniel
Giblin) vs. Exit Realty 0

UNDER-SEVEN GIRLS' DIVISION
$\qquad$ Denis 2, Rebecca Nash 1, Taylor Schlag 2) vs. Disticor 2
(Nicole Beninato, Taylor Mikaye); Cool Cats 5 (Alexis Kamakaris, Christina Caruso 3, Karlee Puddister) vs. Doria's Garage 2 (Tina Kokkotas 2, MVP Alisa Buckley); Golder Associates 1 (Shannon Rogers, MVP Shannon Rogers) vs.
Mikala 0 (MVP Alana Linton); Scotia McLeod 4 (Katelyn Arathoon 2, Alyssa Boynton 2) vs. Partners in Community Nursing 1 (Stephanie Perruzza); Ryswin Graphix 1 (Kristi Riseley) vs. Pickering Wal-Mart 1 (Nicole Holdforth). UNDER-EIGHT BOYS' DIVISION A
June 4 - Hepcoe 6 (Justin Jaglal, Stephen Arnold, Milutin Cvetkovic 2, Gregory Willhelm, Conroy Campbell, MVP Conroy Campbell) vs. Zellers 1 (Michael Brayiannis, MVP Michael Brayiannis); The Soccer Connection 3 (Brandon
Commisa 2, Ariun Vyas, MVP Khalid Alli) vs. Ontario Power Generation 0 (MVP Eric Miatello); Belstone Electric 5 (Kayan Dias, Michael Dimovski, Marcus Malcolm, Erik Retz 2, MVP Marc Lichtfuss) vs. Sting 3 (Patrick Simmonds, Michael
Walker 2, MVP Matthew Ross); Blasters 6 (Daniel Faigal 3, Brandon Phillips, Patrick Gregor 2, MVP Patrick Gregor) vs
Kingsgate Plumbing 2 (Andrew Gajich, Jaylen Smith) Kingsgate Plumbing 2 (Andrew Gajich, Jaylen Smith).
June 11 - Blasters 5 (Jhazz Paulino 2 Nathanial Har June 11 - Blasters 5 (Jhazz Paulino 2, Nathanial Hargraves,
Connor Farag 2, MVP Jhazz Paulino) vs. The Soccer Connection 1 (Bryan Knopf, MVP Bryan Knopf); Zellers 0 (MVP Brandon Brown) vs. Belstone Electric Ltd. 4 (Kayen Dias, Marcus Malcolm, Trevor Paterson, Erik Retz, MVP Matthew
James); Hepcoe Credit Union 6 (Derrick Moore 2, Milutin Cvetkovic, Corrado Calvo 3, MVP Dougie Lalach) vs. Sting 7 (David Kierstead, Patrick Simmonds 2, Michael Walker 4,
MVP David Kierstead): Kingsgate Plumbing MVP David Kierstead); Kingsgate Plumbing 2 (Matthew Gre-
gory, Jaylen Smith, MVP Adriano Pileggi) vs. Ontario Power Generation 2 (Michael Eccleston 2, MVPs Michael Eccleston, Robert Martinko).

## Ackroyd dominates

 provincial meet
## Pickering swimmer

 the best in Ontario in two events, wins four other medalsPICKERING - City wimmers had a profound effect on a Scarborough club's fortunes at the recent Swim Ontario Provincial Championships in Toronto

Five Pickering swimmers helped the Scarborough Swim Club to fifth-place overall in Ontario at the high-calibre meet, which attracted 586 swimmers from 76 clubs to Etobicoke's Olympium Pool.

Colin Ackroyd, 14, dominated the podium in each of his individual events, winning gold in both the 100 metres and the 200m backstroke events. Ackroyd also established junior na-tional-best times in both. He was out-touched at the wall to earn silver in the 200 m freestyle and the 400 m individual medley events. He stepped to the podium again to claim bronze medals in the 400 m free and the 200 m IM. He was also part of the club's relay teams that finished fifth and sixth in its two events.

PICKERING - The girls will take to the diamonds this weekend hoping to mine some gold at two separate tournaments hosted by the Pickering Softball Association (PSA).

The association will host a

Softball action this weekend


PICKERING — Pickering swimmers Colin Ackroyd, left, Kurtis Miller, centre, and Warren Barnes won medals for the Scarborough Swim Club at the recent provincial championships.

## best in the province by captur

Meanwhile, Warren Barnes, 16, won individual gold and silver in the 100 m and 200 m breast events, respectively Barnes and Kurtis Miller, 15 were members of Scarborough's gold-medal-winning medley relay team.

Miller proved he's one of the
ing the gold medal in the 50 m free. He's been selected as a member of Ontario's swim team to compete in the Canada Summer Games in London next month.

Nicole Sabourin, 16, and Stephanie Peters, 12, were also local swimmers competing for Scarborough.
squirt girls' tournament at Kinsmen Park on Sandy Beach Road this Saturday, July 28.

Meanwhile, a bantam girls' tourney will go on the same date at Dunmoore Park, located at the foot of Whites Road.

The PSA will have teams competing in both tournaments. The tournaments start in the morning and ending at approximately 6 p.m.

Spectators are invited to take in the action at no charge.

Pickering riders compete at qualifier

AJAX - Ajax and Pickering equestrians avoided all the obstacles to post strong results at a regional qualifier last Sunday.

Seventy riders competed in 21 classes at the Ontario Power Generation Central Ontario Region Third Zone Qualifier at the Audley Road Stables in Ajax.

Mallory Jones of the Ajax Pony Club rode her horse Natasha to the grand championship of the entry level 'C' class at the qualifier. Katelyn Powell of the Pickering Pony Club placed sixth in class 1 with her horse She's All That.

Ajax Pony Club's Sarah Bortoluss earned reserve champion status in the starter division aboard Rainbow Connection. Jennifer Graham of the Pickering Pony Club placed ninth in class 1 with her horse, Sullivan.

The event was the third of four qualifying events for the Central Ontario show jumping team, which will compete against teams from the western Ontario and the St. Lawrence-Ottawa Valley regions at the Central Canadian Zone Championships in the Ottawa area Aug. 18 and 19.

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Wesley Hallan, 8, of Ajax, searches for aliens.
AJAX - The Ajax Recreation Services Department hosted its summer camp at Paulynn Park recently. Not surprisingly, youngsters enjoyed loads of fun participating in 'Alien Day' at the camp. News Advertiser photographer Celia Bronkhorst's photos show there were plenty of happy campers during this day at Camp Taparac.

Robyn Carroll, 7, of Ajax, at left, and Edyn Rebry, 7, of Whitby, show off their alien costumes they made during 'Alien Day' at Camp Taparac.


Nicole Feig, 6, of Ajax, is followed by Stephanie Bolle, 7, of Ajax, as they embark on an alien egg hunt.


Ethan Shanks, 11, leads his group into the forest for the alien egg hunt.




[^0]:    The Puck \& Beaver, a Canadian Pub is located at 172 Hunt Street in Ajax. The location in the past has previously been the Monkey Bar, Cloud Nine, the Treehouse, the New Treehouse and the MidKnight Dine and Dance Club. The name "The Puck \& Beaver" has an interesting origin. Since there were so many Irish, English and Scottish Pubs, we wanted to have a Canadian Pub. Canadians are known to do things in big extravagant ways, love music, as well as having a very good sense of humour The bar, being licensed for more than 200 people, is larger than the traditional pub but that's the Canadian way. The name was born one day at a resort on Buckhorn Lake where friends were gathered and suggested possible names for a Canadian Pub. As
    soon as "The Puck \& Beaver" was suggested, when everybody stopped laughing they asreed it was the best! The name is Canadian humourous and memorable. Definitely the Canadian way. Many changes have been made for the Puck \& Beaver, with soon as "The Puck \& Beaver"" was suggested, when everybody stopped laughing they agreed it was the best! The name is Canadian humourous and memorable. Definitely the Canadian way. Many changes have been made for the Puck \& Beaver, with many more to come. The colour and decor are being brightened up; the new menu's will be out shortly; and many different forms of entertainment are being planned. The food has always been good, and now it's even better with new and interesting
    menu choice. There are always daily munchie, lunch and dinner specials. Private parties and groups from 20 to 200 or more are always welcome. Food can be ordered from the menu, or we have special buffet menus available. Groups and organizations menu choces. There are always daily munchie, lunch and dinner specials. Private parties and groups from of to 20 or more are always welcome. Food can be ordered from the menu, or we have special vutree menus available. Groups and organization
    are welcome to hold fundraising event at the Puck \& Beaver. The DJ and/or Karaoke are provided free of charge for the group events. Sports teams may want to take advantage of our unique and innovative sponsorship program. Local businesses may
     entertainment is geared toward the "Baby Boomer" crowd. It is one of the few places in Ajax that you can hear live three to nine piece band. Karaoke is a regular event of interactive entertainment that allows people to become part of the entertainment. going on as well. Things like Survivor Karaoke; Sing the Street Song; pool and dart tournaments are regular events. Be esure to check them out . We really hope you drop by. We know if you do, youll definitely have a great time and come back. We will apologize now for the renovations and such going on but we are trying to make the Puck \& Beaver a more enjoyable place for you. While the painting and decorating are going on though, it is business as usual with all our daily specials and fun stil taking place

