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# Pickering braces for West Nile fight

City, Durham will work together to minimize mosquito growth

By Lesley Bowie  
Staff Writer

PICKERING — From looking for old tires lying on the side of the road to learning how to identify infected birds, City workers are getting ready for West Nile virus. "Because it's a health issue, we have to rely on the direction of the Durham Region health department," said Jamie Lowery, Pickering's superintendent of municipal operations.

"We're out there being their eyes for them."

The City has already received a lot of calls from residents concerned about the virus. Health officials are trying to understand the magnitude of the problem before deciding how

they will respond, said Mr. Lowery. West Nile virus is carried in the blood stream of birds and spread by mosquitoes. It made 390 people sick and killed 17 people in Ontario last year.

The Region has set aside \$411,000 this year to fight the virus, with the Ernie Eves government announcing earlier this month it will add another \$100 million over five years, including funds for larvicides.

Durham plans to target mosquitoes in the larvae stage by placing pelleted larvicide in catch basins and areas of stagnant water.

While Pickering's bylaws don't prohibit the exercise, Mr. Lowery said it's still unknown what effect larvicide could have downstream from catch basins.

His department will help collect tires from roadsides, in which stagnant water can collect and attract mosquitoes, and take them to an approved dis-

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# Unexpected tritium find not 'significant': OPG officials

PICKERING — About three million becquerels per litre of tritium has been found in the ground at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, in a location plant officials weren't expecting.

Tritium is a radioactive byproduct of the nuclear fission process.

During a meeting of the Community Affairs Council Tuesday, Ontario Power Generation vice-president Pat McNeil said the

discovery "isn't a significant find", but added "it shouldn't be there."

The tritium was found next to the old water treatment plant, near the vacuum building on the south side of the facility.

OPG official Frank Bajurny said the find came Monday morning and work is still under way to determine how it got there.

"What's of note is there are no systems in the area with tritium

in it. We're not certain of the cause. It appears to be groundwater," he said.

"There's been no event, nothing to cause this. We've concluded it must be a legacy" of a previous event.

## Moms meet to talk cash

DURHAM — Entertaining moms can get a few tips on how to improve their cash flow.

'Finding funding for your home or small business' is a workshop offered by the Pickering group Mothers for Mothers Tuesday, April 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

It's at 400 Dundas St. W. in Whitby, Suite 200 (above the Hepcoe Credit Union).

Participants will also have the opportunity to network and promote their product or service. Cost is \$25 and includes a light meal. Dads are welcome too.

For more information, e-mail mothersformothers@rogers.com or call 905-831-9204.

## Church deals out sale items

PICKERING — Check out what's 'new' at an upcoming sale.

St. Martin's Anglican Church holds a new to you sale Friday, April 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at 1201 St. Martin's Dr., one block west of Liverpool Road and south of Bayly Street in Pickering.

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Anthony Novak, Drake Caggiula and Daniel Myers are collecting and counting their toonies in anticipation of Toonie for Autism Day April 25. The Our Lady of the Bay Catholic School students were celebrating the school's \$458 contribution to the cause. After each donation, students made and coloured puzzle pieces, which fit together and encircled the gym.

# Put your toonie cents in for autism day of awareness and fund-raising

By Mike Ruta  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Toonie by toonie, the effort to raise funds for autism research and enhance understanding of the condition is gathering strength in the province -- and it all started in Durham Region.

The third Toonie for Autism Day is set for Friday, April 25 and local schools are invited to take part in what is now a provincewide campaign.

Apart from raising money, Pickering resident Bonnie McPhail, co-chairman of Toonie for Autism Day, said raising awareness of autism is a key goal of the campaign. And she said it starts in school.

"There are children in every school with autism, and if that particular school doesn't have one, the school down the road has five," she said.

William Dunbar Public School in Pickering held the first Loonie for Autism Day, challenging other region schools to get involved. Together with an autism walk-a-thon, over \$6,000 was raised. The first provincewide campaign in 2002 reached 316 schools and brought in about \$90,000.

Ron Harrison, campaign co-chair-

man, said this year the goal is to reach out to 215,000 students and staff across Ontario, and have 1,000 schools and other participants raise \$400,000.

The work-to-rule labour action in Durham elementary schools has had an impact on local school participation rates, said Ms. McPhail. Last year, 61 Durham schools took part. This time around, 12 Catholic and 26 public schools, as well as five nursery and Montessori schools in Durham, are registered so far.

"We're still getting quite a few participants that are willing to do it; parents are taking it upon themselves," she noted, adding some are waiting until later in the school year to hold their fund-raiser.

The Region of Durham has proclaimed April 25 Autism Awareness Day.

Ms. McPhail noted schools, companies and any other group that wishes to participate can do so after April 25.

For more information on Toonie for Autism Day, call Ms. McPhail or Mr. Harrison at 905-686-8975. Or call Autism Society Ontario at 416-246-9592, ask for Jean at extension 23, or visit [www.autismsociety.on.ca](http://www.autismsociety.on.ca).

## Kids can play cops this summer

**DURHAM** — Calling all future cops or kids just looking for summer fun.

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The popular Kids 'N' Kops program is back this year, while the force's Junior Police Officer Program is expanding into north Durham.

The Junior Police program is designed to educate boys and girls

aged 12 about the criminal justice system, bicycle safety and water safety. Participants, who must be 12 before Dec. 21, will also get a glimpse at police specialty units, such as the tactical support, canine, marine and dive unit.

Registrations are now being accepted for the four, one-week sessions.

For more information on the various Durham Regional Police programs visit the force's Web site at [www.drps.ca](http://www.drps.ca), or call Constable Cory Briese at 905-579-1520, ext. 1810.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 5.5 of the *Aeronautics Act*, that the Governor in Council, pursuant to section 5.4 of the Act, proposes to make regulations respecting the zoning of the Pickering Airport Site. The proposed Pickering Airport Site Zoning Regulations will be published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, on April 12, 2003, and April 19, 2003.

Airport Zoning Regulations (AZRs) are enacted in accordance with the federal *Aeronautics Act* to ensure that development of the land, adjacent to and in the vicinity of an airport or airport site, is undertaken in a manner that is safe for aircraft operations. The AZR process represents prudent long-term planning so that if demand dictates, a safe and viable airport remains an option for local interests. It does not imply that a decision to proceed with an airport has been made. Between April 12, 2003 and June 11, 2003, interested persons may make written representations concerning the proposed regulations, by writing to:

### Transport Canada

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All such representations must cite this newspaper and the date of publication of this notice and be postdated no later than June 11, 2003. The text of the proposed regulations is available on Transport Canada's Web site at [www.tc.gc.ca/OntarioRegion/pickering/menu.htm](http://www.tc.gc.ca/OntarioRegion/pickering/menu.htm)

Transport Canada invites you to find out more about the proposed Pickering Airport Site Zoning Regulations by attending an Open House at one of the following locations:

<b>Scugog</b>	April 28, 2003	Scugog Community Centre, 1655 Reach St., Scugog
<b>Markham</b>	April 30, 2003	Markham Civic Centre, Canada Room, 101 Town Centre Blvd, Markham
<b>Whitby</b>	May 2, 2003	The Independent Order of Oddfellows Lodge Hall, 42 Bagot St., Brooklin
<b>Markham</b>	May 3, 2003	Markham Civic Centre, Canada Room, 101 Town Centre Blvd, Markham
<b>Ajax</b>	May 15, 2003	MacLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Drive, Ajax
<b>Uxbridge</b>	May 22, 2003	Community Centre Arena, 291 Brock St. West, Uxbridge
<b>Pickering</b>	May 27, 2003	Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering
<b>Whitchurch-Stouffville</b>	May 28, 2003	Latcham Hall, 8 Park Dr. South, Stouffville
<b>Pickering</b>	May 31, 2003	Claremont Community Centre, 4941 Old Brock Road, Claremont

Weekday sessions will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Saturday sessions between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Transport Canada will make a brief presentation at 7 p.m. at each week-night Open House and at 3 p.m. at week-end Open Houses.



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# Pickering works to reduce incidence of West Nile

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posal site. The City's annual ditching program will also pay particular attention to relieving standing water. The health department will catalogue and routinely monitor Pickering's storm water management ponds, said Mr. Lowery.

Rick Pecman, manager of the Pine Ridge Garden Gallery, noted he has not received a lot of calls about West Nile to this point, but feels most residents are only just starting to think about going out into their backyards.

Not one to suggest the spray-

ing of pesticides, Mr. Pecman recommends concerned homeowners invest in netting for decks or gazebos.

Depending upon the structure, they can cost anywhere from \$200 to \$3,000.

"Citronella plants are helpful too, but one single plant isn't

going to do it," he said. "It's going to have to be quite a number of them. It's the same with citronella candles. You need about six to eight for a deck."

It's important to remember mosquitoes are attracted to rising body heat. That may mean curbing late evening lawn mow-

ing and gardening, said Mr. Pecman. Wearing white, which reflects the sun and keeps body temperature lower, is also key.

"You also want a breezy backyard," he added. "Mosquitoes tend to gather more in claustrophobic yards where there isn't much air movement."

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# Good Friday, Easter church services changed by SARS concerns

By Shelley Jordan  
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — Local churches are altering the way they will proceed with communion for Easter services this weekend because of concerns regarding Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

Concerns revolve around the use of a common cup that parishioners drink wine from during the service, as well as wafers that would normally be placed directly on the tongue by the priest or reverend.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, which includes churches in Durham Region except those in Clarington, passed down a decision to all of its churches stating how they are to proceed until further notice. They have suspended drinking from the common cup, will only allow the host to be placed in the hand, and will replace the kissing of the crucifix with bowing, genuflecting and/or crossing themselves. Confessions will only be heard outside the Confessional, and the salutation of peace will be shared through other gestures such as smiling or bowing.

The same stipulations have been put in place for churches in Peterborough Diocese, including Clarington.

Father Peter Lackmanec of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Port Perry is optimistic the decision will help ease public concern and keep members from shying away.

"Of course, if you're sick, stay home," said Fr. Lackmanec. "God will understand. Make yourself better. That's the important thing."

The Anglican Church of the Ascension

also uses a common cup during communion but is taking precautions until further notice.

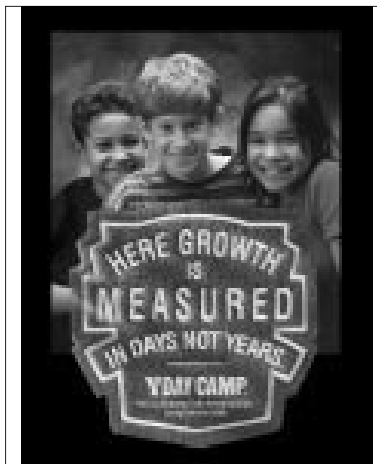
"Taking bread and wine is optional," said Reverend Brent Stiller. "If people only want to take the bread they are welcome to do so. They can also receive a prayer and a blessing (instead). We want them to feel free to worship in a way that gives them space."

Rev. Stiller also pointed out that their church has been talking about the issue and writing about it in its bulletin for the past three to four weeks, and that those serving communion will be washing their hands with anti-bacterial soap as an added precaution.

During communion, a ritual takes place

that symbolically transforms wine into the blood of Jesus Christ, and the bread or wafer into the body. While this type of service is held throughout the year within churches, it is especially significant at

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# Editorials & Opinions

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2003 ♦ News Advertiser ♦ TONY DOYLE, NEWS EDITOR, 905-683-5110 EXT. 254

## Editorial

# Creative solution from winning students

### With ban in place, kids, parents find way to make important trip

Leave it to those bright kids taking part in the Destination Imagination program to come up with a bright idea to pursue their dreams of achievement south of the border. A group of elementary school students in Durham, after having won provincial competitions for the program, are taking it upon themselves, with the help of supportive parents, to get down to Tennessee to compete in the 'world finals' against other bright and ambitious students from around North America.

Destination Imagination offers a youth-centred, creative problem-solving program. At the start of the school year, students form teams and tackle a complex challenge, spending months working it out and preparing to perform their solution in front of judges. Throughout, students are not permitted to receive help from their teachers or parents. More than 130 teams and 800 students in elementary to high school grades, took part in the Ontario event.

After the wins by three Durham schools, two in Pickering and another in Port Perry, however, parents and students learned the trip was in jeopardy due to an international travel ban imposed by the Durham District School Board. The reasons for the travel ban are sound in these troubling geopolitical times. School board officials, quite correctly, would rather err on the side of caution and imposed the ban until events cool down in other parts of the world.

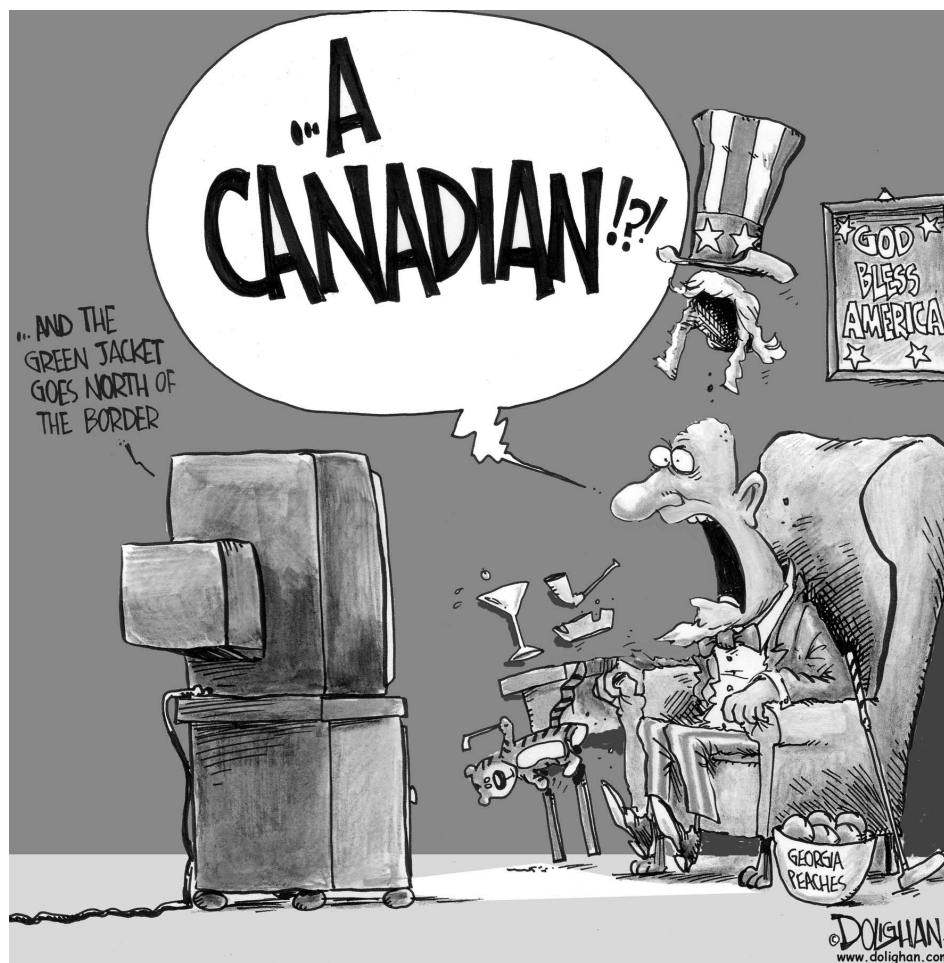
And the board deserves credit for not preventing the Durham Region contingent from attending. Board officials emphasized this week they would in no way be responsible for the students if they took the trip, but, as noted by board operations superintendent Mark Joel, "we're not going to stop them from going".

That position creates a win-win for the students who have worked so hard in achieving their goals, and for the parents who are willing to assume responsibility for the kids who will be attending.

The Durham teams deserve our support and good wishes as they prepare for the May world finals. Knowing that the way has been cleared for our students to compete, they can now concentrate on the rigorous preparations required to compete with their peers.

We know our students can compete with the best in the world. We know they'll do us proud regardless of their final placing in the competition.

Keep a good thought for them as they reach Destination Imagination.



## Letters to the Editor

### Seniors like Ecker's budget

To the editor:

Hurrah for Janet Ecker and her recent budget.

She certainly took care of seniors, which will help them stay in their own homes and save taxpayers money in the future.

There is also the ongoing provincial tax reduction, which will improve the economy and create needed jobs, and she didn't forget small businesses. They too will boost the economy.

However, seniors with whom I speak to are fearful Pickering council's reckless traditional tax gouging will take away any gains they are about to receive. I'm sure Ms. Ecker will counter on behalf of seniors, small businesses, the disabled and others.

Tom Long, Pickering

### Go ahead and smoke, but clean up after

To the editor:

I understand that in a society with rights and choices, people have the right to smoke. I believe that it is good that people have the freedom of choice.

However, I don't believe that people who smoke should be allowed to leave their cigarette butts on the ground everywhere.

This is because it causes a messy public environment for smokers and non-smokers.

Society should put up more public ashtrays so people can dispose of their cigarette butts in a more clean and environmentally safe way.

Anna Harrington, Grade 5 student, Pickering

# Simplify your life - you'll be glad you did

### You can be happy while living with little



Bill Little

opinion shaper

When I was younger my dad used to say, "Why would you buy things you don't need, with money you don't have, to impress people you don't even know." He also told me, "You don't own anything in this world son -- possessions own you. The sooner you grow to understand this, the simpler life will be."

It's taken a while to sink in. For 30-some years I have collected possessions... things I seldom, if ever, use. I've kept them around in case I get a chance to enjoy them (ya, sure). My wife and I have now decided to simplify our lives by divesting ourselves of un-

necessary possessions. In most respects we have a very good life. We just don't have the time to enjoy it to the fullest.

Possessions, you see, I have finally learned, rob you of time -- the most precious commodity in life. The more possessions you have, the more of your life is owned. We have decided to minimize the stuff in our lives. Things

that have to be moved, stored, cleaned, put away, cut, maintained, insured, repaired or worried about, things we can honestly say add absolutely nothing to our lives. We're just in the early stages of this process but even the anticipation of freeing up extra time taken up by unnecessary routines, has got me excited.

Hell, I've realized I have already created time to do some of the things in life I've always wanted to do -- like writing this column; things I've felt guilty about not doing -- like spending time with older family members who we don't see often enough; and things I used to only wish I could do -- like stealing away to the lake on a sunny spring morning to sit and marvel at the changing season.

To simplify our lives, most of us tend to think we have to make drastic change, like changing our jobs, moving north to a slower-paced community or walking away from it all. The truth is, all we have to do is rid ourselves of unnecessary possessions in a slow, orderly fashion. Downsize in everything to what feels right for you and above all -- don't worry about what friends or the neighbours think.

Don't even explain. Just let them wonder in a year's time how you could be so happy with so little when they are so miserable with so much.

Brooklin businessman William Little is a creative strategist and president of a corporate marketing and motivation business.

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# Durham YMCA offers summer job service for students

DURHAM — The YMCA's summer job service offers many reasons to hire a student.

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employers a \$2 per hour wage subsidy, the YMCA program provides youths with information, knowledge and skills need-

ed to find and maintain employment.

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24 years old (or up to 29 if they are disabled) and planning to return to school this September.

For more information on the summer job program and eligibility requirements, call Linda Joyner at 905-427-7670, ext. 302.

## Group meets to tackle poverty

PICKERING — A local group looks this month at the threat to all Canadians' health with the growing rate of poverty.

The Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering hosts its 2003 annual general meeting Wednesday, April 30, featuring the topic, 'increasing poverty threatens the health of all Canadians.' Guest speaker Dennis Raphael has a PhD and is an associate professor at York University.

The business meeting starts at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow, in the O'Brien Room at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd.

For more information or to reserve seating, call 905-686-2661.

## Learn to make your garden grow

AJAX — It's almost time to dig into gardening season.

Brian Malcomb of Parkwood Estate and Gardens in Oshawa is the guest speaker at the Ajax Garden Club's meeting Monday, April 21.

The free information session is at the Royal Canadian Legion, 111 Hunt St. (upstairs) in Ajax.

For more information, call Beverly at 905-686-2799 or visit the Club's Web site at www.ajaxgardencub.bravepages.com.

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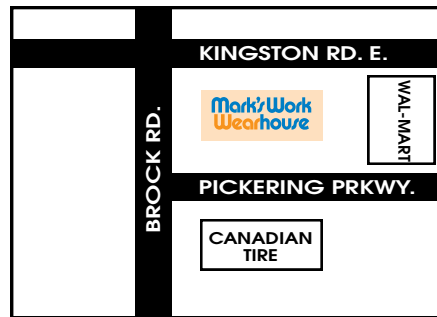
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# Show some drive for cystic fibrosis fund-raiser

**PICKERING** — Treasures and fun combine next month to raise money for cystic fibrosis (CF). Rally for the Cure, organized by the Kinsmen and Kinette Club of Pickering, is a skill-testing event to raise money for CF research. Participants search for clues in a scavenger-treasure

hunt, and collect points to win cash and prizes. "It's a lot of fun for a great cause," said membership director Randy Thompson. The search begins Saturday, May 10 at the East Shore Community Centre between 11:30 a.m. and noon. The numerous

routes spread across Durham Region, and lead back to the starting point between 4:30 and 5 p.m. They are designed to ensure every team is eligible to win a prize, without the need to speed. "We brought in a constable out of Toronto who specializes in

route designs," said Mr. Thompson. "We put in 200 hours just designing the route and going out and testing it." In fact, teams reaching the finish line too early will be penalized. Entry fees are \$50 per car, plus \$10 per person in each vehicle. Official income tax receipts

will be given. The Pickering Kinsmen and Kinette Club set a goal to raise \$5,000 from the hunt, which will be added to the more than \$200,000 the group has donated since its inception in 1967. For more information, call Mr. Thompson at 416-809-9493.

## Police need help in solving sexual assault

**PICKERING** — Crime Stoppers and Durham Regional Police are looking for help in solving a sexual assault that took place Wednesday, April 2. At approximately 10 p.m., the victim was walking along Oklahoma Drive near West Shore Boulevard when a male approached her and suggested she accompany him. She initially went with him and then changed her mind, at which point the suspect grabbed and sexually assaulted her and then forced her to empty all her pockets. He fled east on Bayly Street. The suspect is black, in his early 20s, 5-foot-11 and has a goatee. He was wearing a beige cap, three-quarter's-length leather jacket, light blue jeans and dark shoes. Crime Stoppers pays cash for in-



Police are looking for a man fitting this description in connection with a sex assault. Information leading to an arrest in a criminal incident. Callers never have to give their name or testify in court and call display is not used. For more information, call 905-436-8477 or 1-800-222-TIPS.

## They're in the money!

**PICKERING** — Two Pickering residents are now thousands of dollars wealthier. Mercedes Sanderson won the second prize of \$56,843 in the April 2 Lotto 6/49 draw, while Robyn Conway scratched an Instant Crossword ticket to discover she was the winner of \$50,000. Ms. Sanderson is a sterilizer with the Rouge Valley Health System and she and her husband, Robert, have one son and one daughter. The 48-year-old plans to spend her winnings on renovating her kitchen and paying off bills. She bought her winning ticket at the Gateway in the Pickering Town Centre. Ms. Conway also has plans for renovations. She and her husband, Edward, have two daughters. The 49-year-old plans to enter computer studies after upgrading her school credits. Ms. Conway bought her ticket at Pic'N'Go on Kingston Road in Pickering.

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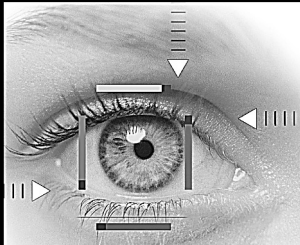
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## Healthy donation

**PICKERING** — The Denise House shelter for women in Durham was given a boost by staff and patients at the Chiropractic Centre for Optimum Health last week during a customer appreciation day. Patients were encouraged to bring in donations and supplies to help abused women and children live more comfortably in the shelter. Here, chiropractor Francine Dallaire checks the posture of naturopathic doctor Patrizio Nardini.

## Billboard

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 18**  
**SERENITY GROUP:** Serenity Group meets at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. It's a 12-step program for people to deal with addictions of all types including co-dependency. Childcare is available. Call Jim at 905-428-9431 in the evenings.  
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**DURHAM** — Smile, it's Oral Health Month.

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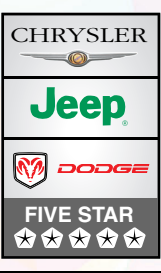
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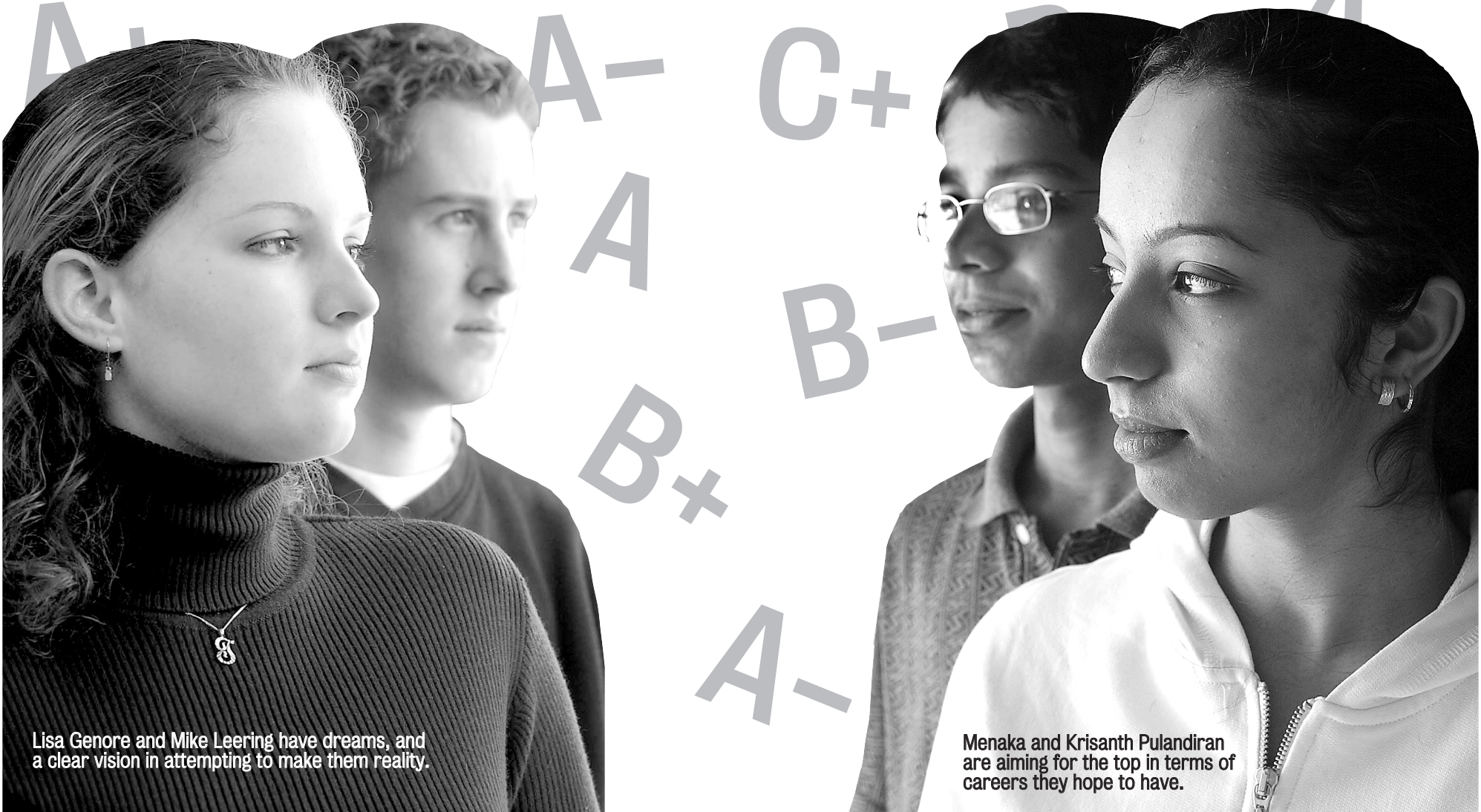
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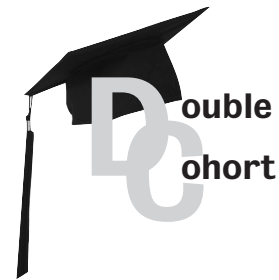
# Double cohort students



Lisa Genore and Mike Leering have dreams, and a clear vision in attempting to make them reality.

Menaka and Krisanth Pulandiran are aiming for the top in terms of careers they hope to have.

## Look toward the future



Double cohort

### The sky's the limit for four Durham university hopefuls

*This is the second in a series of stories following four Durham high school students as they work towards a spot in a post-secondary institution, in this year of the double cohort.*

By Mike Ruta  
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Mike Leering wants to save the world. Lisa Genore and Menaka Pulandiran have their sights set on medical school. As for Menaka's younger brother, Krisanth, his dream job is out of this world.

"Finding other planets, searching the skies, searching for the unknown," the Grade 12 student at G.L. Roberts Collegiate and Vocational Institute says of what he would like to do with his life. "I've always been interested in the solar system and planets, ever since I can remember."

But first things first — he and his peers, all graduating from Oshawa high schools this year, have

to make it into university this fall. They know it's going to be difficult and they're feeling the pressure of having to perform well in school to increase their chances of being accepted. With the elimination of the fifth year of high school next year, over 100,000 Ontario Grade 12 and OAC students, a 'double cohort', are seeking a university space this fall.

Krisanth, Menaka, Lisa and Mike are a part of that cohort. However, they're also like thousands of high school students who came before them: busy, engaged and with unique interests. The double cohort doesn't define them. Their futures are before them and they have big plans.

To pursue his stellar ambitions, Krisanth has applied to Carleton University's aerospace engineering program. His second choice is the University of Toronto (U of T), downtown, for astronomy, but he's also considering York University for astronomy and Ryerson University for aerospace engineering.

On this planet, he's been involved in the South Oshawa Teen Council for about two years.

"It's like a free drop-in program for kids," he explains. "We have a room now and we want to expand it."

A recent fund-raiser to help accomplish that goal raised about \$1,000. Krisanth just started playing the keyboard and says he listens to rock music, punk rock and a little rap.

"Trying is the key word," he says of his keyboard ability. "A friend actually got me into it and I try to practise as much as I can."

Lisa is more accomplished on the flute. A Grade 12 student at

O'Neill Collegiate and Vocational Institute, she plays competitively in festivals, at weddings and takes private lessons.

"I got stuck with it," Lisa laughs, explaining that in Grade 7 she wanted to play the drums or bass guitar but had to settle for the flute when other students had chosen those instruments.

She's a part-time waitress at Haugen's Chicken and Rib Barbecue, and the job helps pay for her first car, a 1998 Plymouth. Her father, a mechanic, picked it out for her.

Asked recently for an update on how school's going, Lisa responds, "really good; picked up my average a point or two." She knows she'll need good marks to be one of the 100 students accepted into the University of Ottawa's new biomedical science program.

"It's broad-based," she says. "It allows a lot of room for taking different electives, depending on what path you want to go into."

Lisa wants to be a doctor, but it didn't start out that way. She thought she was heading in an arts direction before taking a biology class last year. While learning about respiratory and circulatory systems, dissecting pigs — something clicked.

"I would sit in rapt attention in class," Lisa says.

Her second choice is the University of Toronto at Scarborough's human biology program, followed by human kinetics at the University of Guelph. If she's accepted into medical school, Lisa eventually wants to be an oncologist, diagnosing and treating cancerous tumours.

"A lot of members of my family have had cancer so it's something I've been exposed to more than a

lot of people," she says.

If she can't get into medical school, Lisa plans to pursue a PhD with the aim of becoming a forensic investigator.

Menaka, an OAC student at G.L. Roberts, wants to keep her future options open, but eventually she, too, hopes to go to medical school.

"I do want to apply there," Menaka says. "I'm interested in genetics and disease transfer."

Her first program choice is life sciences at the U of T, followed by a general science program at McMaster University, life sciences again at Queen's University, and finally pre-optometry and pre-health at the University of Waterloo.

Science, as you might have guessed, is her primary interest. Last month she joined a biotechnology club at her school, led by her biology teacher. Menaka says she's done lab experiments such as the DNA extraction of onion and spinach cells, putting them under different conditions.

"It's really interesting," she says. "He wants us to do a little bit of cloning of frog cells. We can also perform our own experiments if we want to."

Menaka volunteers at Lakewood Health Oshawa. She recently discovered a love of reading, and enjoys art and sketching.

"I'm taking an art class now," Menaka says. "Art is just a pastime that I do. It's just like a reliever. I've always been interested in art."

An OAC student at R.S. McLaughlin Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Mike Leering was born in North Bay, grew up in Peterborough and moved to Oshawa last year. Good with peo-

ple, he made a lot of new friends and got involved in "a whole bunch of things". He recently competed on the school's curling and hockey teams.

"I'm going to save the world," Mike says unabashedly. "I like the outdoors; I love the environment. I want to be able to improve things. I like physics and math and I do well in it, so I want to use that to make things better."

To that end, he has applied to Guelph, Waterloo and Carleton universities for environmental engineering. Like many double-cohort hopefuls, he has made several other picks to further his chances of being accepted: Waterloo for environmental science with a civil engineering diploma from Humber College, and Guelph and Western universities for engineering.

Mike's a server at Don Cherry's and says the management is considerate of his busy schedule by being flexible with his working hours. He needs all the help he can get in that regard. Involved in the Ontario Ranger program, he just took a chainsaw certification course in Lindsay to further his qualifications, which meant a hectic week travelling back and forth. Asked how school is going, Mike was worried that lately he hadn't had enough time for studying.

"It's pretty crazy to balance it all," he says. "I'm a little nervous because I know I'm one of the students on the bubble."

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# Hospice Durham wants you

## Training program starts next month

DURHAM — Hospice Durham is looking for volunteers to help with the services it provides in the community.

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Hospice Durham will also hold its annual general meeting on June 4 at the Whitby Free Methodist Church from noon to 1:30 p.m. Carolyn Byrne, dean of the school of health sciences for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, will be this year's guest speaker.

This event is open to all Hospice Durham supporters, including the public.

Lunch will be served at noon. To cover the cost of lunch a donation of \$10 is required. General donations

are also welcome. Members of Hospice Durham are eligible to vote if their membership dues are paid up. Annual dues are \$25 and can be paid at the meeting. For more information on Hospice Durham call Cheryl at 905-430-4522 or 1-888-790-9414.

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# Hospital volunteers anxious to get back to helping out

## Hundreds off the 'job' due to SARS requirements

By Lesley Bovie  
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Margaret Montgomery can't wait to get back to telling people where to go at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital.

For at least a decade, she has manned the information booth two to three times a week at Rouge Valley.

The 87-year-old temporarily stepped down from her regular post April 3, when the Province directed all volunteers to vacate hospital premises due to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

The days following have been long for the senior.

"It's boring," said Ms. Montgomery, who has spent most of her time getting a jump on her spring cleaning at home and visiting friends. A self-professed people person, Ms. Montgomery misses greeting visitors and ringing patient rooms at the hospital.

"It gives me purpose," she said. "I believe if you live in a community, you

should give some time to the community."

"I guess we just have to wait and be patient. It's not worth taking chances."

Most volunteers are "chomping at the bit to get back to the hospital," said Ella Joel, president of the hospital auxiliary.

The call to evacuate the hospital was so unexpected and came so fast, she said, that "we just left everything."

"There's still yogurt in the yogurt machine in the coffee shop," Ms. Joel said. "All the milk and food will have to be thrown out."

Without the auxiliary's 250 adult volunteers and 40 students, Rouge Valley's gift and coffee shops are closed and lottery ticket sales have come to a stop. Those activities act as fund-raisers for the auxiliary.

Ms. Joel doesn't expect it to affect their campaign to raise \$1 million for a CT scanner at the hospital.

The first \$500,000 commitment is almost complete and will be presented to Rouge Valley officials at the annual volunteer appreciation dinner in May.

The dinner will go on as planned, with or without SARS, at its usual offsite location at Cullen Gardens.

However, Ms. Joel does worry about how nurses

and patients are coping without the added help of volunteers.

"We do all the menial things and leave staff to concentrate on patient care," she said. "I think it is having an effect on the nurses for one thing and all the extra jobs they will have to do."

Volunteers help out in a number of units, from day surgery to diagnostic imaging. They also operate a library cart offering

reading material for patients. With the coffee shop closed and the cafeteria out of commission, staff can't even buy a drink at the hospital, Ms. Joel said.

However, SARS hasn't managed to put the squeeze on one activity. Auxiliary members are still knitting baby booties at home even though it could be some time before they reach any newborn feet at Rouge Valley.



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Margaret Montgomery (left) and Ella Joel are waiting for the word allowing them to return to provide necessary volunteer services at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital.

# Make sure safety is hot off the grill

## Fire service offers seasonal barbecue tips

AJAX — Warmer temperatures mean the start of a new season — barbecuing.

To ensure it doesn't become a time of injury, Ajax Fire and Emergency Services wants people to follow a few simple rules.

"Propane and natural gas barbecues are safe and convenient if you maintain and use them properly," said Thom Evered, chief fire prevention officer.

Before starting your barbecue, test all connections and hoses for leaks by using a 50-50 solution of soap and water. Don't use matches, lighters or flame to check for leaks, Mr. Evered cautioned.

Steps to follow before starting the barbecue include checking for insect nests and spider webs, as clogged tubes can cause a fire. Also, replace worn and rusted parts, clean everything thoroughly, light the match or lighter

before opening the valve, and always barbecue outside in a well-ventilated area and away from windows and combustible surfaces.

If you smell gas, shut off the supply from the tank immediately, turn off the burner controls, extinguish any open flame and open the grill lid to ventilate the gas. If the odour continues, call your gas supplier or the fire department.

Other things to keep in mind are when moving the propane cylinder from one location to another, make sure the valves are closed and it's in the upright position.

Always keep children a safe distance away, as the barbecue surface is hot and can cause severe burns.

Never leave a lit barbecue unattended, always turn off the barbecue and gas supply after cooking, and follow the manufacturer's instructions before using or repairing the barbecue.

For more safety tips, call the fire prevention office at 905-683-7791.

## Protecting Durham from SARS

Rouge Valley Health System and all area hospitals have risen to the significant healthcare challenge arising from the SARS outbreak. Never before has the hospital system across the GTA been forced to operate under such adverse conditions in an effort to protect the public's health.

The challenge has been great, but in the face of such adversity, health care professionals have proven themselves to be even greater.

Commended for its exemplary infection control practices by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Rouge Valley Health System will now extend its protocols for the community. The new interim Scarborough SARS Assessment Centre will be housed in a self-contained clinical unit located on the east side of Rouge Valley Centenary. Together with the Scarborough Hospital, Rouge Valley Health System is actively looking for a suitable community-based location for the Centre.

The Centre will not affect regular hospital operations and will therefore not impact patients and their visitors in any way. SARS patients who require admission will be admitted at their local hospital. Rouge Valley physicians and nurses will staff the Scarborough Assessment Centre. Both Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering and Rouge Valley Centenary are designated Level One facilities, meaning that there has been no unprotected SARS exposure in either staff or patients in the last 10 days.

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# OPP seeks tips in Durham teen's murder

## Remains of missing girl discovered last year in Lindsay

By Stephen Shaw  
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The OPP is hopeful a special phone hotline will warm up a cold case investigation into the murder of an Oshawa teen, whose skeletal

remains were found on a Lindsay farm last year.

The remains of Michelle Robichaud -- who also went by Michelle Richard -- were discovered June 24 in a barn on Hwy. 35 while provincial police were scouring the farm for evidence in relation to another homicide.

The search was part of an investigation in the beating death of Kent Knights, 35, whose body was found in Haliburton County in December 2001.

Cousins John Robertson, 38, and Ryan Robert-

son, 21, residents of the farm, are facing first-degree murder charges in the death of Mr. Knights, who was a tenant.

The OPP investigation into Ms. Robichaud's death, named Project Rosie after the cadaver dog that found the then-identified remains, has been trying to trace the teenager's last movements prior to her disappearance in 2000.

Ms. Robichaud ran away from her Oshawa home in April 1999, at the age of 16.

Her last contact with a family member was in March 2000, at which time she indicated she was staying with a man in the Peterborough area.

"She would've been 20 (Monday, April 14)," said OPP Constable Ted Schendera.

A DNA sample provided by relatives was used to identify the remains as Ms. Robichaud's. Post-mortem tests revealed she died of blunt force trauma. The OPP is appealing to members of the public with any information

about Ms. Robichaud, "however small," to call the investigation's hotline.

"We're looking for anything that could help the investigators piece things together, anything that may be helpful," said Const. Schendera, who added police believe there are several people out

there with relevant information.

Anyone with information can call the Project Rosie line at 705-878-5808 or the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP at 705-324-6741.

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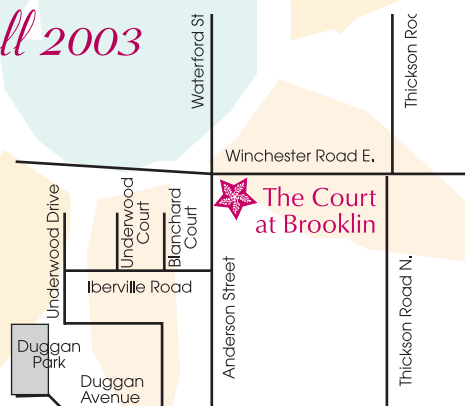
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# They're hooked on replica rug



## Local group re-creates floor covering for museum village

By Tony Doyle  
Staff Editor

PICKERING -- When Pickering Museum Village decided to take yet another step back with its historical collection, an Ajax group stepped up and sunk its hooks into the idea.

The result is a 27-by-31 inch replica of a heritage rug from the museum's extensive collection -- courtesy of the Ajax Rug Hookers -- that allows the Greenwood landmark to continue to bring more of the community's vast history to life.

"I'm really pleased with the way it came out," said Marie Miller, president of the rug hookers group. "I think it's a very good rendition of the 1874 rug."

The project started back in the fall of 2001 when museum foundation secretary Mary Cook approached the group about taking on the project.

The rug hookers then examined about two-dozen rugs in October 2001 before settling on one featuring numerous colours and a rabbit in the

middle.

From there, a picture was taken of the original and a grid was produced from that image, blown up so it could be used for the re-creation.

Finally, it was time for the rug hookers to do their job and Miller estimated about 10 members took turns, which offered some challenges.

"Everyone had to match the previous person's hookings," she said, explaining there are many different styles.

There were other challenges as well, such as, "making it look as close to the authentic piece as possible because of all the different colours in the various spots," said Miller.

And when the hooking was complete, a cloth was diluted with tea and applied to the rug to give it more of an antique look and to dull some of the brightness that naturally came with using newer materials.

"If you see the two together, one is obviously newer, but they did a great job of matching them up," said Dave Marlowe, education and collections officer at the museum.

Because of the age of all the rugs in its collection, Marlowe noted the museum hadn't been able to have them out for public viewing. This replica serves to educate visitors about the style and type of work from that era.

The group was able to wrap the

work up just before Christmas and it has been on display at various community locations ever since. Once the display tour is complete (the latest was at the Pickering Civic Centre), Marlowe said it will find a permanent home in a children's room in the Miller-Cole house at the museum.

"The time period of the house fits the time period of the rug," said Marlowe. "With the rabbit on it, it most likely would have been in a child's room."

The Ajax Rug Hookers formed in 1984 and currently has 21 members, mostly from Ajax, although some travel from Courtice, Whitby, Oshawa and Pickering. The group meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Community Centre in Ajax, 46 Exeter Rd., and always welcomes new members.

"I'd say most people have hooked in the past and want to come back again or people who have seen it recently and want to hook," said Miller of what appeals to potential members.

The group also has trained instructors available for lessons and belongs to the Ontario Hooking Craft Guild.

For more information about the group, call Miller at 905-683-4879.

## Honk! if you want to see local theatre

DURHAM — 'Honk!', a musical production of the classic ugly duckling story is being put on by the Oshawa Little Theatre.

This family-oriented show promises a wide array of emotions for both the young and old alike. Tickets are \$8 each.

The youth group starring in the performance is made

up of Durham children ranging in age from 10 to 16.

There is a preview of the show Saturday, May 17 at the centre court of the Oshawa Centre.

Tickets go on sale at the Centre's Information Kiosk May 22.

Show dates are Thursday, June 5 to Sunday, June 8, and Thursday, June 12 to Satur-

day, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. There are also matinees at 2 p.m. June 7 and 8.

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Chow Yun-Fat and Seann William Scott star as master and protege in 'Bulletproof Monk', opening this weekend in theatres. Yun-Fat plays the monk with no name, and protector of the Scroll of the Ultimate, who must find the scroll's next guardian.

# Yun-Fat is bulletproof in new film

The following movies open in local theatres this weekend

**BULLETPROOF MONK**  
Directed by Paul Hunter  
Starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott

For many years, a mysterious monk with no name has zigzagged the globe to protect an ancient scroll - the Scroll of the Ultimate - which holds the key to unlimited power.

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But when Kar saves the Bulletproof Monk from capture, the two become partners in a scheme to save the world from the scroll's most avid pursuer. Together with the help of a young woman, they seek out and eventually face the ultimate enemy.

**HOLES**  
Directed by Andrew Davis  
Starring Shia LeBeouf, Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voigt, Patricia Arquette

Based on the award-winning book by Louis Sachar, 'Holes' tells the story of Stanley Yelnats, an unusual young hero.

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# Benefit concert brings World Youth Day singers together again

DURHAM — If you missed World Youth Day when some of the best Christian musicians in Canada performed before Pope John Paul II, now's your chance to make up for it.

Oshawa's own Fred Cacciotti, Greg Magirescu from Kelowna, B.C. and Susan Hookong-Taylor and Ana Da Costa from Toronto demonstrate their collective singing and songwriting talents Friday, May 2 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. But the talented musicians aren't just coming together again for nostalgia's sake. They are sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 9989 to help raise money for repairs to the church roof.

Repairs cost \$600,000, most of which has been paid. About \$100,000 remains owing on the debt.

"All proceeds from the concert will go to the roof fund," said Mr. Cacciotti.

"Tickets are free but have a \$15 value. At the end of the concert, we will be asking for donations. A few tickets remain and can be picked up at the church or at Cherubs Cupboard, 82 Centre St. N., Oshawa.

"We hope to raise between \$7,000 and \$10,000 at the concert, depending on how generous the audience is," says Mr. Cacciotti. "We're going to fill the church." St. Joseph Parish

holds 700 and is located at 1100 Mary St. N., Oshawa. Call 905-432-2300 for more information.

## Correction

DURHAM -- A story about MusicFest Canada, in the April 11 edition of the News Advertiser, contained incorrect information about the organization's contact.

For information, contact Al Bourke, production director, at 905-455-1917.

The News Advertiser regrets the error.



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**Silver lining**  
Bantams second  
in Ontario...  
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## Generals bow to Ottawa

By Brian Legree  
Staff Editor

DURHAM — Some fans might want to point the finger at the officiating, but the real reason the Oshawa Generals have been eliminated from the playoffs is rooted in the team's 1-9 finish to the regular season.

That's how Oshawa coach and general manager George Burnett summed things up after his team fell 6-0 to the Ottawa 67's Sunday - surrendering five goals on the power play - to lose their best-of-seven Ontario Hockey League Eastern Conference semifinal series 4-2.

Many in the crowd of 3,859 at the Civic Auditorium took umbrage with the officiating of Terry Hobor, who whistled the Generals for eight penalties and a misconduct and in turn gave Oshawa one opportunity on the power play.

But Burnett didn't blame the officiating, figuring there are other reasons why the Generals are done.

"It is disappointing to lose this way," said Burnett Sunday. "We had a little energy, we had some hits early. The first two or three penalties we took, we got through the first one, but they scored a couple of goals and I think that really deflated us. I think we were frustrated by some of the calls but that's the way it goes, we have to fight through that.

"I think it's a combination of a lot of things without making a lot of excuses. I think it (fatigue) has caught up to us and we haven't had it for the last two games. I think we spent a lot of it in Game 4 (a 7-5 win). If I have to look at a point in the series that is kind of a turning point, I look back to Game 2 (4-3 loss) when they didn't have (Carter) Trevisani at his best or (Matt) Foy wasn't in the lineup. (Adam) Smyth wasn't in the lineup. We were good enough to win in Game 2 and we didn't."

Upon further reflection, Burnett said the Generals could have avoided facing Ottawa in the second round had they finished the regular season more strongly.

"I guess the first mistake we made was struggling down the stretch, where we put ourselves in a situation where we had to play Ottawa in this round and not in the next round," he said.

Special teams were a huge factor in the series. Ottawa's power play went 13-for-40 in the series, while the Generals went 5-for-28 with the man advantage. Oshawa also surrendered two short-handed markers.

OHL scoring champ Corey Locke fired three goals for Ottawa in the decisive game, giving him 13 goals in his first 11 playoff games.

Smyth, Brendan Bell and Scott Sheppard also scored for Ottawa. Matt Foy had four assists.

The 67's will now face the St. Michael's Majors in the Eastern Conference finals, with the series expected to begin Friday in Ottawa.



It was a group effort in sweeping this rock as, from left, Illmar Simanovskis, Glynn Bayliss and Gary Roper all concentrate on the job while competing at the Annandale Curling Club's Last Chance Bonspiel last weekend. These curlers were part of the the Bill Buffey rink from Annandale. The bonspiel was the last of the curling season at the Ajax-based club.

A.J. Groen/ News Advertiser photo

## Last chance sweeps aside another season

### Boyland, Gaudette rinks winners in Annandale's swan song

By Jim Easson  
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX -- Visiting teams swept up the lion's share of the titles at the annual Last Chance Bonspiel at Annandale Curling Club last weekend.

The spring bonspiel is the final event on the Annandale curling calendar. A full draw

took part.

Rick Rosnak's Oshawa rink won the overall title over the Les Hart team from Avonlea. The second event went to Annandale's Paul Boyland over Barry Gillespie, also of Annandale. Ted Anderson's Tam Heather rink won the third event over John Bolton of Lindsay. Dave Gaudette of Annandale was the fourth event winner, beating the Sean Aune foursome, also of Annandale.

The event was put in peril after a power outage at the club Saturday. Thankfully, the power was restored in the nick of time, as the ice compressor

had been down for nearly three hours and the ice was in danger of being lost.

As a consequence of the outage, the bonspiel's third draw slipped to Sunday morning, with the final that afternoon.

The annual skins curling playdown final was competed last Wednesday.

The Jon Payne rink, which is also made up of Dave Hutchison, Marvin Harrison and Craig Reid, took the title and \$420 over Bob Rudkin, David Wake, Gary Stewart and Jim Easson who split \$317.

Next season, convener Bruno

Desilets plans to split the event to give teams in groups 'D', 'E', and 'F' their own skins play-down.

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Annandale Men's Competitive League playoffs also ended last Wednesday. In the 'A' event, the Ken Cribby rink defeated the Keith Metrakos team. Boyland won the 'B' title over Aune. Gaudette won the 'C' event over Ken Bolsby. In the 'D' division, Joe Mundy won over Scott McGhee. Gillespie defeated Brian Hawke for the 'E' championship. Terry Eastman won the 'F' title over runner-up Paul Feeny.

## Hickling-Re/Max novices too much

### House league squad captures tourney crown

AJAX -- Ajax Hickling-Re/Max swept all opposition aside last weekend to win the annual Ajax

Novice Spring House League Tournament at the Ajax Community Centre.

In an exciting game that had the noisemakers lost for breath, the Hickling-Re/Max counter-attacked time and again to successfully defeat the high-scoring Source for Sports novices 8-4 in Sunday's Cup game.

After finishing the regular season in eighth place, Hickling-Re/Max swept its house league playoff series and then capped its underdog season by winning the championship game. Their record over that stretch was 8-0-1.

The team consists of Scott Yoshikuni, Austin Hayes, Zack

Crump, Andrew Meingast, Bruce McKenna, Wendel Dantas, Jake Vanpelt, Gregory Ivens, Zachery Spriel, Marco Mastrangelo, Matthew Kirk, Lucas Donovan, Daniel Januszewski, Joey Rucska, Ryan Elliot and Jared Hickling.

Randy Ivens and Derrick Hayes coach the team.

# Bantam girls fight to second at provincial championships

## Durham West Lightning can't solve Wildcats in 'BB' final

DURHAM -- An emotional roller-coaster of a semifinal contest left little for the Durham West Lightning bantam 'BB' girls' rep hockey team to draw upon in the provincial final. As a result, the Lightning

earned silver after dropping a 2-0 decision to the Windsor Wildcats in the final of provincial championships last weekend.

The intense gold-medal contest came only a few short hours after Durham West eliminated the Coldwater Capitals 1-0.

The game went into overtime and Cassandra Britton scored with three minutes remaining in the third extra period.

"Playing almost three com-

plete games in less than five hours is a monstrous task for any team," commented Lightning head coach Barry Fettes.

"Our girls rose to the challenge and represented themselves and our community brilliantly. We are all so very proud of them."

The Lightning advanced to the medal round with a grueling 1-0 quarter-final victory over Peterborough.

Morgan Gerrie popped in the winner, assisted by Victo-

ria Smith and Stephanie Wilson.

Earlier in the weekend, Durham West won preliminary contests against Hawkesbury (4-1), Vaughan (7-2) and Mississauga (2-1).

Kaitlyn Young led the charge with three goals and three assists, while Bailey Gumenny had three goals and two assists, JoAnna Black and Wilson each registered two goals and two assists, Gerrie and Britton recorded three assists, Alana Fettes and Deanna Boyce each had a goal and assist, Smith scored a goal, and Danielle Douglas and Meaghan Stoneburgh had one

assist apiece.

Goaltenders Hayley McRae and Kerrin-Lee Wood combined with the stellar defensive corps of Kelsey Adair, Douglas, Stoneburgh and Kelly Wood to keep Ontario's top teams at bay.

The fifth member of the Lightning defensive corps, Jaime Gooding, was unable to play due to illness, but rallied her teammates from the bench.

Fettes coaches the team, assisted by Dave Douglas and Craig Wilson. Chris Adair and Kelly Glass serve as trainers.



The Durham West Lightning bantam 'BB' girls' rep hockey team finished as finalists at the provincial championships, losing to the Windsor Wildcats in the final.

## Panthers prevail in semis

PICKERING -- The Pickering Panthers Leon's Furniture/Company C novice 'A' rep hockey team faces Trenton in the OMHA playoff consolation final after knocking off Cobourg in a tough five-game series.

The Panthers defeated Cobourg six points to three, ending the series with a 2-1 victory in Game 5 in Cobourg. Team captain Anthony Novak and Ryan O'Reilly scored, assisted by Robert Bianchi, Mitchell Sora, Jordan Labricciosa and Novak.

Pickering routed Cobourg 5-0 in Game 4. O'Reilly led the way with two goals, while Joshua Leon, Sora and Bianchi rounded out the scoring. Cory Wells chipped in with three assists, Sora

had two and Novak one.

Cobourg scored a close 4-3 victory over Pickering in Game 3 to tie the series. Novak and Mitchell Conroy each recorded three-point games, with Novak contributing two goals and Conroy one. Leon registered two assists.

The teams played to a 2-2 draw in Game 2. Labricciosa scored both goals, both set up by Josh Moreau. Wells also added an assist.

The Panthers eked out a 3-2 win to open the series, despite playing with a short bench. Sora, Labricciosa and converted goalie Brandon Kirkup all tallied. O'Reilly, Conroy, Novak, Moreau and Andrew Thomson earned assists.

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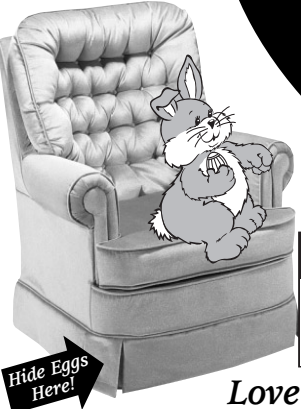
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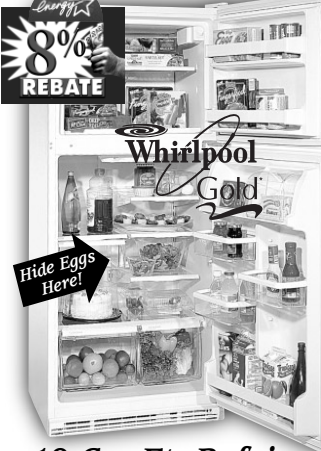
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# Pickering peewees score Lakeshore championship

PICKERING -- Gloves and sticks flew in the air, and screams of joy rang out at the buzzer as the Pickering Panthers minor peewee 'A' rep hockey team capped its season by winning the Lakeshore League championship.

The Panthers captured the crown in heart-stopping fashion, edging Belleville 3-2 at Don Beer Arena recently.

Jessica Vella came up big in the pivotal contest with two huge goals, including the winner, assisted by Daniel Fyfe and Karim Corringham. Panthers' captain Jimmy Ianiero also scored a beautiful marker.

The Panthers' defence came through with strong play, blocking the final Belleville attack, after two seconds were added to the clock to force a final face-off in the Pickering zone.

The best-of-five series between Pickering and Belleville was hotly contested. Pickering won the opener by a narrow 6-5 count, with Belleville bouncing back in Game 2 to tie the series with a 3-1 victory. The Panthers, however, regrouped to take Game 3 in another close decision, 4-3, and then wrapped up the series with

the big 3-2 win.

Derek Redmond had an outstanding series between the pipes. He was aided by the determined play of defencemen Mark Sterling, Curtis Henderson, Daryl Probert, Eric Fox and Dillon Bess.

Corringham led the Panthers' offensive production with a huge hat trick in Game 1. Forwards Vella, Fyfe, Ianiero, Blair Kimble, Mark Frawley, Cameron Farrell and Tyler Kotopoulos all contributed goals in the series. Derek 'Boomer' Wells provided some much-needed grit in front of the Belleville net as he recorded three key assists in the series.

Defenceman Christina Paterson was forced to sit out due to a knee injury, but still contributed on the bench with encouragement, as did goaltender Lee Melnike, who received a mild concussion in Game 4.

The victory marked the end of a brilliant hockey season that saw the Panthers finish third overall in regular-season play.

Bill Redmond coaches the team, assisted by Al Kimble and Rob Wells. The trainer is Mark Vella and the manager is Linda Henderson.



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## All meshed up

**AJAX** — Ian Harloff makes a catch and cradles the ball while taking part in a tryout session for the new Ajax-Pickering Rock senior 'B' lacrosse team at the Village Arena Monday night. Tryouts continue next week.



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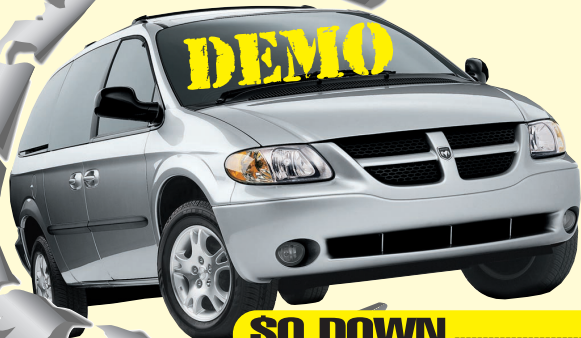
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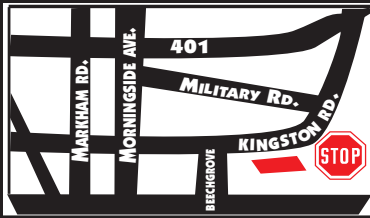
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