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Province clears the air

Wants ag land to remain greenspace

By Danielle Milley Staff Writer

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PICKERING – The provincial government believes the Rouge Duffins Agricultural Preserve should remain greenspace.

In a letter to Mayor Dave Ryan last week, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing John Gerretsen reiterated the Province's position on the preserve.

"I understand that council has recently released a Growth Management Study report... This report focuses on a preferred growth option that would permit development of the Agricultural Preserve. As I indicated in my letter dated Feb. 10, 2004, the Province's position on the preserve is clear, namely that it should become part of a Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt," he wrote in the let-

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The preferred option of the study would see about 30 per cent of the preserve developed for the Cherrywood neighbourhood in the southern portion of the study area.

Mayor Ryan pointed out the letter used the word 'should.'

"They'll be considering them as they will all privately owned lands in the greenbelt," he said

He believes the preferred option of the study does leave a lot of land undeveloped that could be part of a greenbelt.

"We're making a presentation to (the Province) and we're hoping they'll agree we've done a good job in providing for the greenbelt and linkages to the lake," he said.

Bonnie Littley, a member of the Rouge Duffins Greenspace Coalition, has been fighting to save the preserve for years. She

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of the land in the preserve.

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PICKERING — Mike Horn, right, gets the worst of this encounter with Jude Calliste during the 'A' finals for the Pickering Men's Basketball League. Mr. Calliste and his West Hill teammates downed Accent Building Sciences 44-29.

Learning from the blackout

Durham report says communication changes needed

By Carly Foster Staff Writer

DURHAM - When the lights went out Aug. 14, 2003, the Region soon learned that providing diesel fuel, communicating with emergency officials and getting support from the Province were major hurdles.

Those are just some of the areas for improvement outlined in a report on how the Region handled last summer's blackout,

which saw power knocked out across southern Ontario and the northeastern U.S. for more than 24 hours.

"The response to Blackout 2003 was a success, and staff involved are to be congratulated for their efforts and dedication," said the regional staff prepared report, recently given to the finance committee.

"However, we must not become complacent. The loss of power could have gone on for days or weeks and there are many processes identified for improvement." The blackout was a real-world

test of Durham's substantial emergency plans, in place mostly to deal with problems that could arise at the two nuclear plants.

Finding fuel became imperative as generators kicked in across Durham and emergency vehicles went into action, the report said. While the regional headquarters in Whitby (and the emergency operations centre inside), hospitals and Region-run homes for the aged never ran out of fuel, there was still confusion in finding after-

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ocal man charged with sex assault

DURHAM – A Pickering man has been arrested following a month-long sexual assault investigation.

According to police, a 30year-old woman accepted a

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ride at a local bar Saturday, March 20, at about 2 a.m. The man, who agreed to drive her home from the King Street bar in Oshawa, is alleged to have taken the

woman to a parking lot where he sexually assaulted her.

The woman told police she was then taken to a residence on King Street East.

where she told friends of the assault. She was later treated at Lakeridge Health Oshawa and released.

Members of the sexual assault unit made the arrest Wednesday, following several tips from the public, which helped investigators locate the suspect, who subsequently turned himself in.

Charged with sexual assault and forcible confinement is Cliff Reaz Ali, 26 of Rathmore Crescent, Pickering. Mr. Ali is in custody pending a bail hearing.

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New president, CEO in charge at Veridian

Mississauga CEO takes the reins May 25

By Shelley Jordan Staff Writer

DURHAM – Veridian is charged up about officially naming its new president and CEO.

With current president and chief executive officer

John Wiersma retiring from the position to take a part-time role as chairman of Veridian's board of directors, his successor, Michael Angemeer, takes

second vice-chairman of the Electricity Distributors Association.

"This is the result of a very long search that began last year," said Mr. Wiersma, who added, "His

responsible for approximately 180 employees at Enersource, while Veridian has around 150. Mr. Wiersma added that

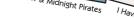
by maintaining his position as chairman, he could help Mr. Angemeer make a smooth transition. "(Mr. Angemeer) has a

proven track record, w skill set that is complementary to that of our existing staff," said Mr. Wiersma.



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Move would have resulted in bigger role for mayor

By Danielle Milley Staff Writer

PICKERING – Councillors were reluctant Monday night to support a motion to give the office of the mayor more duties.

A bylaw was brought to the City council meeting to make procedural changes including amending the duties of the mayor to include making presentations to any charity, organization, government or person on behalf of council and to accept all presentations to the City of Pickering.

"This is not inconsistent with the way other municipalities conduct this," said Mayor Dave Ryan. "This was meant to be a housekeeping matter.

"To bring things forward at the exclusion of (the mayor's) office suggests (some councillors) are more interested in self-promotion than the promotion of the City," he said.

Ward 2 City Councillor Bill McLean spoke against making the changes.

"This City has been run quite well over the years in regards to delegations," he said.

He gave the example of Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland, who is also the chairman of Winterfest, being able to make presentations in regards to

the event.

"It is only fair that somebody like that can do the presentation on his own. The process has worked quite well over the last many years and I don't see any need for the changes."

Many councillors expressed support for the amendment, but wanted the chance to discuss the issue before it was voted on.

"It is well intentioned and it makes a lot of sense... I do think some of the discomfort or questions of council members would benefit from some further comments or debate," said Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles.

"I too feel there should be more discussion on this," said Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson. "This is not a slight at this mayor and this administration. Whatever we put in place here has to stay into the future.

"I do believe the mayor is the head of council and should be doing what it says here."

The motion lost on a tie with Coun. Pickles, Mayor Ryan and Ward 1 City Councillor Kevin Ashe voting yes and councillors Holland, McLean and Johnson voting no. Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner was absent due to illness.

The procedural bylaw was also amended so council meetings would begin with an invocation, which the mayor would recite as part of his duties.

'Responsible' to protect land

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said Minister Gerretsen's letter, as well as the one he sent in February, gives her a huge sense of relief.

"We can't continue the trend of putting houses on all our prime land," she said. "It is a wise decision, a responsible decision to start to protect our farmland resources."

Ms. Littley wants to see Seaton developed for Pickering's future growth but adds it must be developed responsibly.

"We should get on with the protection of twothirds of Seaton," she said. "If there is not enough land to develop in Seaton I would like the Province to look at other provincially owned sites." The letter also advises Mayor Ryan that Minister Gerretsen has started the preparation for a development plan for Seaton.

Mayor Ryan was happy to see the letter asks for the City's participation in that plan.

"The letter provides an opportunity, in fact it invites us to participate, in the discussion about the development of the Seaton lands," he said.

The growth management study would form the basis of the City's participation in the Province's plan, he added.

Minister Gerretsen also indicated he plans to tour the Seaton lands as soon as possible.



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hours suppliers and tanker trucks.

On top of that, some regional departments, such as health. social services and finance, as well as privately run homes for the aged, did not have backup power.

"The health department discovered that the private long-term care sector is not prepared for this type of emergency," the report said. "While not a regional responsibility, these issues must be addressed as vulnerable citizens cannot be

left exposed." There was also difficulty communicating with emergency staff in the

early stages of the black-

out, the report said. "This was attributed to out-of-date notification lists... telecommunications failures (cellphones) due to overloaded telephone lines and computer server failures (no hard copies of contact lists)," the report said, adding a review of the services is needed.

The report complained of limited information and support from the Province. with basic updates being

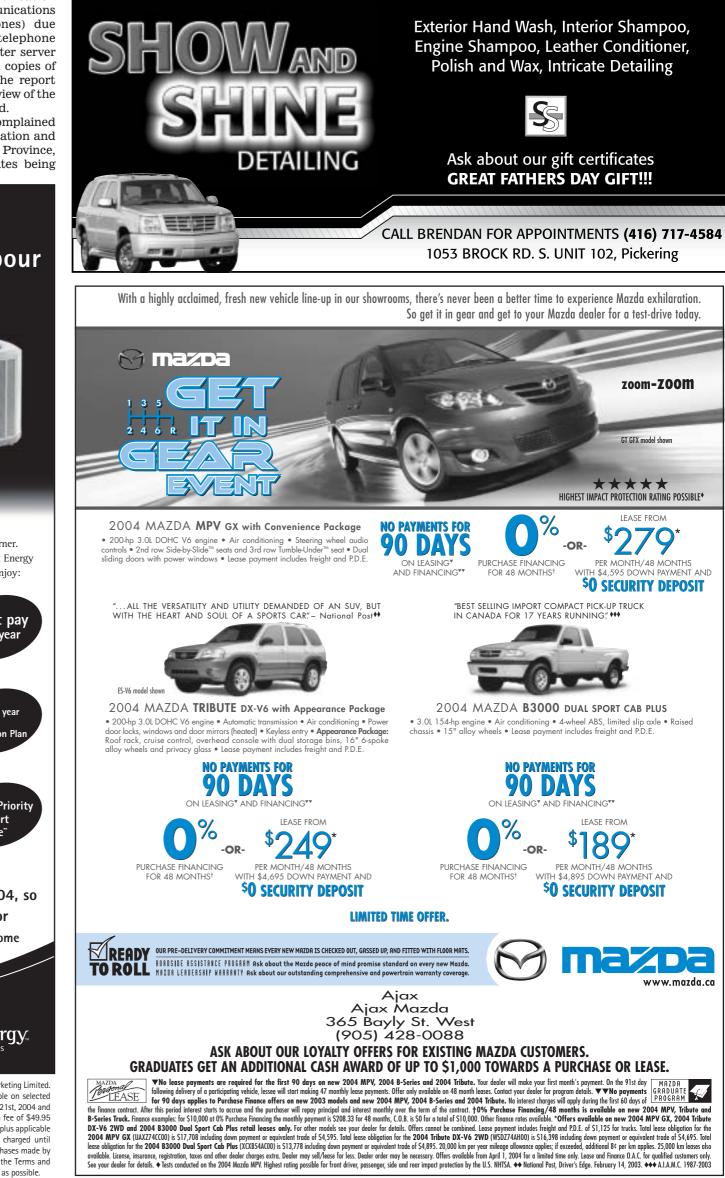
given to the media before officials. The Region instead gleaned information from media conferences and the Electricity Market Operator Web site.

"I am sympathetic to

them getting information out," said Ivan Ciuciura, Durham's director of emergency management. "In a large-scale emergency (like that) they had fairly small staff."

Yet the Province was in "constant contact with municipalities across Ontario" during the blackout, said Bruce O'Neill, a spokesman for the Ministry of Community. Safety

and Correctional Services Durham is trying to get promised blackout reimbursement from the Province, and is waiting for claim forms so it can submit a bill for \$200,000.



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Editorial

Delays on 407 make no sense

Highway transportation in Durham needs vast improvements soon

You sometimes wonder if the great decision-makers at Queen's Park ever look east of the Toronto border. It seems that no matter how much noise regional and municipal politicians make, when it comes to transportation issues and Durham Region, successive premiers, finance and transportation ministers are deaf, dumb and blind to our realities. A case in point: the interminable delays in extending Hwy.

407 east of Brock Road in Pickering. Not only will we have to wait many years for a shovel to hit the ground on this necessary and vital project, we're stuck with public meetings throughout May, followed by provincial review. And only then will an environmental assessment take place. In other words, don't hold your breath on a 407 extension.

What's most frustrating is much of this work should have been done years ago and construction should be happening now. Instead, the Province has dithered and delayed as Durham Region's population has skyrocketed. And, surprise, surprise: Durham will continue growing each year, as thousands of workers make the frustrating commute west in the morning and back east in the evening. Let's not forget the fun to be had heading eastbound on the 401 Friday and westbound on Sunday during cottage season.

It's one thing to frustrate commuters, but it's quite another to keep transport trucks stalled as they try to make their way for just-in-time deliveries. While there are many highways heading west out of Toronto, getting there from the east is the problem.

All we can hope for now is that the Province pushes ahead with some speed on the process so the 407 will be built before a serious hassle becomes a catastrophe.

In the meantime, the cash-strapped Liberals should at least consider widening the 401 as far east as Whitby to reduce some of the intense stress the highway is under. The 401 was never intended to handle the massive flow of traffic it now takes on each day. Unless the Province faces the problem, there will be more delays, more frustrations and a damaging impact on our economy. It's time to take action on highway transportation in Durham.



Letters to the Editor

The future of health care is worrisome

To the editor:

Re: 'Every effort needed to attract doctors,' editorial April 14.

I was very interested and intrigued by your editorial regarding Durham's shortage of family physicians.

Thank you for raising public awareness of this issue. In the future, this problem may have a bigger impact than one may think. The fact is, Durham's population is approximately 525,000 and is estimated to reach an astonishing 760,000 by 2011.

Without enough doctors we will run into major health-care problems. Family doctors are essential to a healthy community and are important to all of our lives. The editorial made it very clear that the issue is not that the local government hasn't been putting in an effort to attract these doctors, but rather that young doctors just don't seem interested in family practice. As mentioned in the editorial, "A day may come when doctors choose not have a patient roster but instead work out of massive clinics..."

This thought is frightening and should concern all of us. If these massive clinics are set up, what will happen to the personal relationship and trust that goes hand in hand with having our own 'family' doctor? With all this talk of massive clinics, will regular appointments become like the health-care equivalent of our 'fast food obsession', complete with a ' drive through medical centre'? I sure hope not.

> Daniele Taglioni Pickering

It's just one round, but so far so good

Several fist-pumps later, I have calmed down after the Leafs' Game 7 victory Tuesday night.

Yes, I'm a diehard Toronto Maple Leafs' fan. Mind you, I'm not the kind that jumps on the bandwagon at playoff time, or earnestly believes 'this is the year' just because, well, it's a new year or we've signed a new player.

No, I tune in when the season starts, even though I know the best hockey doesn't come until the playoffs start, and realistically gauge their chances to make a run for the Stanley Cup.

I'm a Leafs fan who nervously watches a playoff game, preferably at home because you don't see or hear well enough in a bar. Normally the stoical type, I curse the refer-



staff writer

ee when he makes a bad call, slam the wall when a Leaf makes a boneheaded play, and sit on the edge of the couch when we're buzzing the net.

Yup, my co-workers would be shocked at my antics. That being said, I don't colour my head (look at my photo) blue, paint my face, wave a Leafs flag or otherwise indulge in all the craziness that happens at playoff time. I heard the whooping and hollering Tuesday night and wanted to open my door and yell, 'It's only a first round win!' My exuberance is reserved for a Stanley Cup win and nothing else.

Like I said, I'm realistic. Sure, we've got a good team, but it's a long haul. The Leafs have to win two more tough rounds just to make it to the final.

And they didn't play their best against Ottawa and will have to pick it up against the next opponent, the Philadelphia Flyers, a team of big bruisers.

But, believe me, I'll be watching. I realize there are people out there who could care less about the Leafs or maybe even sports in general. Some can't understand why anybody would get all worked up over a game. Sure it's just a game. But local hurdler Perdita Felicien's big wins of late were just races, right? We're proud of her because she's a Pickering girl and all Canadians can share in her great accomplishments.

It didn't just happen to Perdita; she worked hard for it.

With all the uncertainties in life, sports are a wonderful diversion, a microcosm of life, really. There are ups and downs, battling through adversity, great achievements, lucky breaks and great stories.

Now if the Leafs do manage to win the cup, I can't be responsible for my actions.

Mike Ruta's column appears every third Friday. E-mail him at mruta@durhamregion.com.

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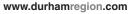
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Chipping in on early action

AJAX — Chongdae Shin and friends won't have to brave cooler temperatures for very much longer, as the weather continues to improve. He was hitting on to the 18th green recently, while out for a round at the Annandale Golf Club.



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Set discipline in place

AJAX – He promotes and inspires student success, and now author Ronald Morrish is giving back to the community by sharing his knowledge.

He's the guest speaker at the Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) of Durham Region's monthly meeting on April 29. The free session, discipline in the classroom setting, is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St. N., Pickering Village, in Ajax.

Anyone is welcome to attend, particularly students, parents, child-care providers, teachers and administrators.

He's presenting his book, 'With All Due Respect,' which provides information to improve personal discipline skills, as well as to help build effective school discipline as a team.

An educator and behaviour specialist, Mr. Morrish is not only experienced in the field of discipline, but familiar with classroom topics. At the District School Board of Niagara in St. Catharines, he was a teacher for 26 years, and has spent 16 years as the board's behaviour specialist.

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DURHAM - Following their capture in Durham Monday afternoon, three suspects in a Scarborough shooting have been charged.

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with two others in a silver Audi. which was followed east to Oshawa by Toronto Police.

Ritson Road near Taunton Road," said a Toronto Police Service release issued Wednesday. "When the vehicle stopped across from the Five Points Mall, three occupants got out of the Audi and ran. All three were arrested close to the scene with the assistance of Durham Regional Police.

Five people have been charged as follows:

• Tyshan Riley, 21, of Toronto with two counts of attempted murder while using a firearm, 16 firearm related charges, and the breach of a conditional sentence

• Philip Atkins, 20, of Toronto

with unauthorized possession of a restricted weapon and five other firearm-related charges.

• Marlon Wilson, 24, of Toronto with unauthorized presence of a restricted weapon in a motor vehicle, four related firearm offences and failing to comply with probation.

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• Elaine Corrine Nolan, 27, of Toronto with two counts of accessory after the fact to attempted murder. and

• Dana-Lee Yolondie Williams. 22, of Toronto for possession for the purpose of trafficking in cocaine, possession of hashish, possession of proceeds of crime and

careless storage of ammunition. All five were held in custody for bail hearings.

Toronto Police is requesting the assistance of the public for anyone that may have further information concerning the above incident. Contact 42 Division at 416-808-4200 or Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS.



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New group offers **Connections**

AJAX – A new program starting next month will allow those with head injuries to reconnect with others and the community.

The United Way of Ajax, Pickering and Uxbridge, through the Head Injury Association of Durham Region, announced the establishment of Connections: Ajax-Pickering. The new program features social events, leisure activities, workshops, information sessions, and support meetings for people with brain injuries.

Connections: Ajax-Pickering meets every Wednesday, beginning May 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Ajax Community Centre's Duffin's room.

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United Way's Day of Caring matches organizations with those in need

By Stephanie Mason

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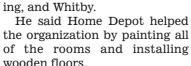
DURHAM – Ajax and Pickering businesses can help improve the quality of life in their community by lending a helping hand through this year's Day of Caring

The United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge holds the day to match the skills and training of local businesses with non-profit agencies. Employees can boost not only their own spirits, but those of community members as well on Tuesday, Oct. 19.

The day is intended to help agencies that don't have the time or skills to improve their organization.

"We did it (Day of Caring) last fall when Home Depot volunteered to refurbish one of our group homes," said Paul Rosebush, executive director of Community Living in Ajax, Picker-





"Both sides have something to learn," said Mr. Rosebush. "We are building a stronger community by connecting people."

Mr. Rosebush said Community Living is going to participate in this year's Day of Caring.

According to Sharon Kovacic, manager of resource development at the United Way, busi-

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"It's a great opportunity for an employer to do something different," added Debbie Kalogris, the organization's manager of community development.

"It's not meant to be a fundraiser.'

It's United Way's first community-wide Day of Caring and the United Way is looking for businesses to volunteer.

Any organization wanting to participate needs to give their employees time off work and provide enough volunteers to complete their mission, said Ms. Kalogris.

Agencies need to provide volunteers with an overview on the project, lunch, supplies and gratitude, she said.

Ms. Kovacic said all businesses and agencies that want to get involved need to sign up and hand in their registration forms by April 30.

For more information, call the United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge at 905-686-0606 or visit the Web site at www.ajaxpickering.unitedway.ca.

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booths and displays as well as a schedule of shows and seminars to inform and entertain.

One of the highlights of the show will be the fashion presentations both days at 2 p.m. They will feature a variety of ladies and men's spring and sum-

mer fashions from Sears.

All of the models are volunteers from The Oshawa Seniors Centre, Whitby Seniors Centre and Clarington Older Adult Association. All of the clothing can be purchased at Sears in the Oshawa Centre and Pickering Town Centre.

The stage decorations are being done by Karin Miller of KVH Fashions of Whitby.

While at the show go to the Sears Booth to find out how you can become a Sears Mature Outlook Member.

Charity Concert Sunday Night

Don't Miss the charity concert Sunday night at 7 p.m..

It will feature the talented duo of Brian Finley and Donna Bennett.

Tickets are \$10.00 and and proceeds are to benefit the South Durham Seniors Centres, the doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Known to audiences internationally for her sparkling performances ranging from opera and oratorio to Broadway and musical theatre, Donna has performed leading operatic roles at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, the London International Opera Festival, the Henze Festival in Montepulciano, Italy, as well as in Berlin, Neuberg, Toronto and New York.

In addition to her many opera and operetta roles, Donna has performed as Maria in The Sound of Music, as Mary Magdalene in Jesus Christ Superstar and as the Soprano Soloist Requiem for а in Millennium all for the Westben Arts Festival Theatre - an arts organization she founded in 1999 in Campbellford, Ontario with Brian pianist/composer Finley.

Artistic & Managing Director of the Westben Arts Festival Theatre in Campbellford, Ontario, Brian continues to pursue a multi-faceted career as a pianist, composer, director and impresario. As a pianist, he has performed with orchestras such as the Dallas Symphony and Calgary.

Philharmonic, and at venues ranging from the Olympic Music Festival in Washington, to Wigmore Hall in London, England and the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto. He has appeared in over ten international piano competitions including the 8th International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow, and won the third Prize in the AMSA International Competition in Cincinnati as well as the Gina Bachauer Award in Dallas.

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50 + Lifestyles Show Seminar Schedule

Sunday, April 25

<u>11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</u> Creative Arts for the Soul by Jennifer Laffier

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Goliger's Travel with Jim Knight

<u>1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m</u>. Healing Power of Essential Oils by Nimisha Jimenez <u>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</u> Goliger's Travel with Jim Knight <u>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</u> Theatre Presentation by Joan Hill "The Hidden Crime"

Monday, April 26

<u>11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</u> Pickering Ajax Digital Archives by Robert Studer

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Interior Design by David Metcalfe 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Durham Grief Resource Centre by Tom Easthope

<u>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</u> Genealogy

50 + Lifestyles Show Stage Demo Schedule

<u>10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</u> Cardiac Health Improvement Project (C.H.I.P.S.) Norwill Simmonds

Sunday, April 25

<u>11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.</u> Cardiac Health Improvement Project Cooking Demo

<u>12:40 p.m. & 1:15 p.m.</u> John Cooper- comedy

1:30 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. Fitness Demo Toni Johnston

<u>2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</u> Fashion Show By Sears Monday, April 26

<u>10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</u> Qigong by Donna Elliott

<u>11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</u> Clarington Square Dancers

<u>12:40 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.</u> Taoist Tai Chi by Harry Toenjes

<u>1:20 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.</u> Qigong by Dave Chatham

<u>**2:00 p.m.**</u> – **3:30 p.m.** Fashion Show by Sears

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DURHAM – The public is invited to a free wellness and leisure fair in Whitby later this month.

The Durham District School Board is hosting the event on April 27 at the education centre.

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PICKERING NATURALISTS: The group has an astronomy outing today or tomorrow at the Ajax waterfront from 9 to 11 p.m. For specific details and location, call Frank Dempsey at 905-420-4236.

ADDICTION: The Serenity Group 12-step recovery program meets at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. The group deals with addictions of all types, including co-dependency. A child-care program is available. All welcome. Call Jim in the evenings at 905-428-9431.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 NETWORKING BRUNCH: The

Marketplace and Ministry Networking Brunch features guest speaker David Onley, who offers an inspirational message. The first 40 minutes is for conversation and learning about those service providers present. The event is at The Gathering Place, Pickering Pentecostal Church, 1920 Bayly St from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 905 686-9153 or 905-428-6888. PARKER TRIO: Award-winning gospel music group The Parker Trio performs at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church in Ajax at 7 p.m. The evening also features St. Timothy's musicians. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10, although those 11 years and under are free. Seating is limited so call Susan at 905-427-4090 to purchase tickets. The church is at 97 Burcher Rd

SPRING BOUTIQUE: Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 400 Monarch Ave., Units 1 and 2, Ajax, holds its third annual spring boutique from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handmade gifts, tea room and bake table. A special feature is a collector's table, with antiques and other items all more than 50 years old. Call 905-683-3863.

CANCER WALK FUND-RAISER: 'The Barnabus Crew,' a group of walkers registered to take part in this fall's 'Weekend to End Breast Cancer', are raising money to fight cancer. They are holding a massive yard sale at 580 Eyer Dr., from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are homemade crafts, home-baked goodies, videos, books, toys, etc. All proceeds go to the Princess Margaret Hospital. CHILDREN'S ID: The Pickering Square Dental Office and Durham Regional Police offer free children's ID kits and fin-

free children's ID kits and fingerprinting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1450 Kingston Rd., in Pickering. Call 905-420-1777.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

PICKERING NATURALISTS: A Darlington walk outing is planned, with different trails, with great plants and birding possibilities. Bring binoculars, field guides and a lunch, if you have an open-ended day. Meet at 9 a.m. either at the southwest corner of the Pickering Go Station parking lot or at Darlington, Call Alan Woods ahead of time at 905-264-0325. LADIES AUXILIARY FUND-RAIS-ER: The ladies auxiliary of the Ajax Royal Canadian Legion Branch, 111 Hunt St., holds a fund-raising euchre competition at 1 p.m. Win cash prizes from a 50/50 draw, have lunch, and be able to win the ultimate prize, the Bill Warner Memorial Trophy. Register before noon on game day. Cost is \$20. LAWN BOWLING: The Pickering Lawn Bowling Club hosts is spring general meeting at the East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Rd. South (club room at the back) at 1:30 p.m. Call Janet at 905-420-0004.

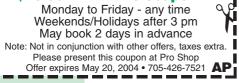
MONDAY, APRIL 26 WHITBY MENTAL HEALTH

MEETING: The Registered Practicing Nurses Association of Ontario holds a meeting at the Lakeview Chapter of the Whitby Mental Health Centre, Classroom C, 619 Brock St. Guest speaker Francis Tuff is from the Canadian Nursing Organization. To attend call, Bernodine Taylor at 905-839-7944

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

MORNING DISCUSSION GROUPS: The Ajax Senior Citizens' Friendship Club is holding its weekly meeting at the St. Andrews Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd in Ajax at 9:30 a.m. The discussion is based on the safe use of medications.





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Pharmacists Willa Navarro and Sandy White of the Durham Region Health Department stops by to join the discussion. Call Lousie Johnson at 905-683-7799

PREGNANT MOTHERS: Join a group of new mothers as they share their stories and answer questions about pregnancy, birth and breast-feeding. Held at the Ajax Ontario Early Years Centre, 230 Westney Rd. at 8 p.m. The evening is hosted by Essential Beginnings Birth Services. Attendance is free, but space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call Essential Beginnings at 905-718-6249.

MIND AND BODY WORKSHOP: A series of free workshops for women ages 13 to 19 years runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Youth Centre and other community locations in Aiax. The centre wants to give young women an opportunity to make new friends, try something new, and just have fun. Each week deals with different health and wellness topics relevant to young women, including healthy eating, physical fitness, stress management, creative expression, personal safety and skin care. To register, call the centre at 905-428-1212. Up-to-date program information is also available at www.theyouthcentre ca

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 TODDLER TIME: Toddlers 18 to 36 months are invited to the Pickering Petticoat Creek library branch with a caregiver and join us for stories, songs, wiggles and giggles. At 9:30 a.m. toddlers can come and have a great time listening and learning.

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FAMILY STORYTIME: Aimed for children two to five years, but everyone is welcome to join in at the Petticoat Creek library branch at 6:30 p.m. for a toetapping, finger-snapping good time.

CANADIAN ORGANIC GROW-

ERS: Cathy McKay, pest management consultant, is presenting 'Identifying and controlling insect pests in the garden'. Join in at 7:30 p.m. at the Durham District School Board's administration building, 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby, Room 2007. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments are provided, so bring a mug. Call Dianne Pazaratz at 905-433-7875 or Peggy Clark at 905-623-5278.

ALZHEIMER DURHAM: The Ajax/Pickering evening support group meets at 6:30 p.m. at the community care respite office at 1420 Bayly St. W., Unit 6 in Pickering. All caregivers are welcome. Call 905-576-2567. AJAX-PICKERING TOASTMAS-TERS CLUB: The group is holding a meeting at the Pickering Nuclear Information Centre. This meeting is to help anyone interested in improving their public speaking skills by listening, learning and speaking. The meeting is from 7:15 until 9:30 p.m. Call Renata at 905-426-9786 or Mary-Anne at 905-686-1443.





Lace up a pair of skates while you cruise the Carribean!

With the hockey playoffs currently making headlines, I thought I'd carry the skating theme to Royal Caribbean International's floating hotels known as the Voyager Class. These massive ships, five in total, are built with the intent of entertaining even the most discriminating passenger. Their current advertising campaign is based on "Gettting Out There!"

Endless options are available ranging from the traditional theatres and nightclubs found on the all the mega-liners to unique options that uniquely identify Royal Caribbean's Voyager Class. The names of all of Royal Caribbean's ships end with "of the Seas" and the Explorer, the Adventure, the Navigator and the Mariner all genetically share features of their "big sister" the Voyager of the Seas.

The Voyager was the first ship to really look at sporting options that could be made available while you cruise in the middle of the Caribbean. Full-court basketball and miniature golf were add-ons to the more traditional shuffleboard and ping-pong that were typically available elsewhere. But Royal Caribbean wanted something distinctively different—rock-climbing, roller-blading and ice-skating were added to the list of available options. At first a surcharge was charged for these unique activities but that was quickly abolished after complaints from cruising passengers.

So, is the ice really ice that forms the skating rink or it is "glice" an artificial version of the real thing? Ice rinks typically freeze via a system of piping embedded in sand or concrete through which chilled fluid runs. Originally, the pipes were made of steel or copper. Eventually, lighter and more flexible black plastic tubing replaced the metal pipes. Royal Caribbean wanted to go with the plastic tube system to cut down on weight and allow for some give when the ship torques. However, there was just one concern: with one hard landing from an energetic jump, a skater could easily puncture the tubes. And yes, the ice had to be the real thing.

Someone suggested eliminating jumps from the shows, but that wasn't an option. Ultimately, they found a plastic tubing system embedded in sand and epoxy that would harden enough to protect the tubes and yet be flexible enough to work on a ship. Evening shows in "Studio B" feature excellent ice-shows that dazzle standing-roomonly crowds. Victor Petrenko, Robin Cousins and Katarina Witt (the godmother of the Voyager of the Seas) have laced-up and thrilled the passengers on these ships. If you would like to cool down from the hot Caribbean sun, afternoon activities allow you lace up a pair of skates. These skates are supplied, so you don't need to pack yours, and allow you to test out your own skating skills and "cruise the rink."

How long has it been since you've been skating? Do visions of your early teenage years come to mind? Why not finally book that week on one of these mega-ships and look forward to a week of fun, relaxation and an experience that will provide you with memories for many years? Call us at CruiseShipCenters at 905-619-0323, visit us on the web at www.letscruise.com or stop in and see us at the Westney Heights Plaza, beside Shoppers Drug Mart to help you plan your cruise.







High winds leave Ajax and Pickering powerless

About 6,200 homes and businesses impacted by power outage

DURHAM – High winds were determined to be the cause of a power outage covering parts of Ajax and Pickering Monday evening.

At 5:30 p.m. approximately 6,200 homes and businesses were without electricity when an insulator broke. Ground zero for the outage was located on

Finch Ave., and went from Dixie to Westney Road, down Squires Beach Road to Lake Ontario.

"We're not sure if the insulator broke because of vibrations caused by wind, or if the guy wire broke and snapped up causing the insulator to break," said Axel Starck, executive vicepresident at Veridian.

The guy wire extends down the length of the pole, said Mr. Starck, and it became entangled in other wires located at the top.

"Normally in a power outage situation we restore power to some areas by switching service," said Mr. Starck.

"In this case it looked like it would take longer to make the switch than to repair the pole. We would have liked to restore power faster than we did."

Mr. Starck said many businesses were affected including big box stores and two substations in the area.

YMCA skilled in apprenticeship information

PICKERING – The future doesn't look too bright for skilled trades and apprenticeships.

Not many people are choosing trades and apprenticeships as a career according to the YMCA Durham Employment Services in Pickering. So it's holding an apprenticeship and skilled trades information night on April 29.

YMCA offers free employment services to everyone at any age.

Experts in the field and representatives at the information night will answer any questions and present career options.

The event is at Pickering's Petticoat Creek Community Centre, 470 Kingston Rd. and begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Business group talks branding

AJAX – How do you 'brand' your business? That question will be

posed, and an expert in the field will provide answers. at the Durham Home and Small Business Association meeting at the Ajax Community Centre Monday, May 12. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Speaker Ileana Rontea. president and chief creative officer of Mind Igni-

knowledge on branding yourself and your company. Learn more about how it makes a difference to business growth and what it means to the small business owner.

Members pay \$15 and non-members pay \$20. A non-perishable food item is requested to donate to the local food bank.

The community centre is at 75 Centennial Rd. To pre-register call 905-

728-2899. e-mail info@dhsba.com or visit online at www.dhsba.com.



Carruthers Creek and Eagle Ridge welcome students in Ajax this September

AJAX – The Great One, Mr. Dressup and Margaret Atwood all made the list, but not the final cut.

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New schools dressed up with names

Board trustees approved half drives. the names of two new Ajax elementary schools at the April 19 board the Ajax schools superinmeeting, after receiving an unprecedented 60 suggestions from the public. Students and staff of

the unnamed Carruthers Creek Public School can drop the 'unnamed' from the title of the 655-pupil facility

\$8.24-million The school opens in September at Hirons and Green-

In his report to trustees, Martyn Beckett,

tendent, notes Richard Carruthers, born in England in 1819, was one of the area's first settlers. The board received 26

suggested names, including Terry Rvan Memorial Public School. Mr. Ryan, the former president of the Durham Regional Police Association. was killed in a car accident two years ago

Formerly the unnamed Boddy Public John School, the \$8.3-million school opening this September at Delanev and Riverside drives is now Eagle Ridge Public School. It comes from the developer's name for the area in which the school is located, Eagle Ridge on the Green. The board received 34 submissions from the public, the most ever for a school naming.

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Some of the rejected names for the 448-pupil facility were Wayne Gretzky and Ernie Coombs. better known to fans Mr. Dressup.

wood, Lucy Maud Mont-

gomery and Robertson Davies prominent among them

Others wanted the schools named for former Aiax mayor Bill Parish There were 14 common and Mel Parkinson, a names suggested for both longtime Pickering resischools, with Canadian dent and educator who authors Margaret At- opened Fairport Beach Public School.





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Jason Liebregts/ News Advertiser photo Bolton C. Falby Public School students are holding their third annual Ruff Racers fundraiser. Getting their racers ready were, from left, Danil Simpson, Alex Dranitsaris, Jonathon Harvey, Ashleigh Carstairs, Heather Carstairs, and Zackery Humby

Falby students tuning up

Big fund-raiser has kids working together to build racers

By Stephanie Mason

Special to the News Advertiser AJAX - Start your engines.

Bolton C. Falby Public School is at the starting line for its third annual Ruff Racers fund-raiser.

Ruff Racers is a mini-car race competition, with more than 500 students, from junior kindergarten and up, eligible to purchase their own vehicle for racing day, Wednesday, May 5. Students receive sponsor sheets for the community to help raise money for the Falby Court school.

All proceeds go toward school programs.

"We really support family ties," said Cindy Miles, an education assistant. "We like how it gets the family involved."

Racing day begins at 9:30 a.m. and is held all day in the school's gymnasium. Ruff Racers supply and help set up a racetrack, which allows three cars to race at once.

"It's one of our biggest fund-raisers," said Kara Simpson, a parent and fund-raising co-ordinator. "Last year we made about \$3,500."

This year, the goal is to raise more. Cars are \$15 each and the school receives \$5 from every car sold, with \$10 going toward the purchase of the

car. Students who already have a car can pay a \$5 registration fee to participate.

Students fix up and decorate cars with their parents' help, or with the assistance of kids from the older grades.

"The kids are learning how to build things," said Mrs. Simpson. "They are learning about what (car) parts go where."

At the same time, they're having fun and gathering knowledge.

The plastic cars are made in China, battery operated and approximately five-inches long.

Students first compete in preliminary races, with the first-, second-, and third-place winners continuing on to the finals.

"Each child in the top three will win prizes," said Mrs. Simpson. "The actual top person will win a trophy."

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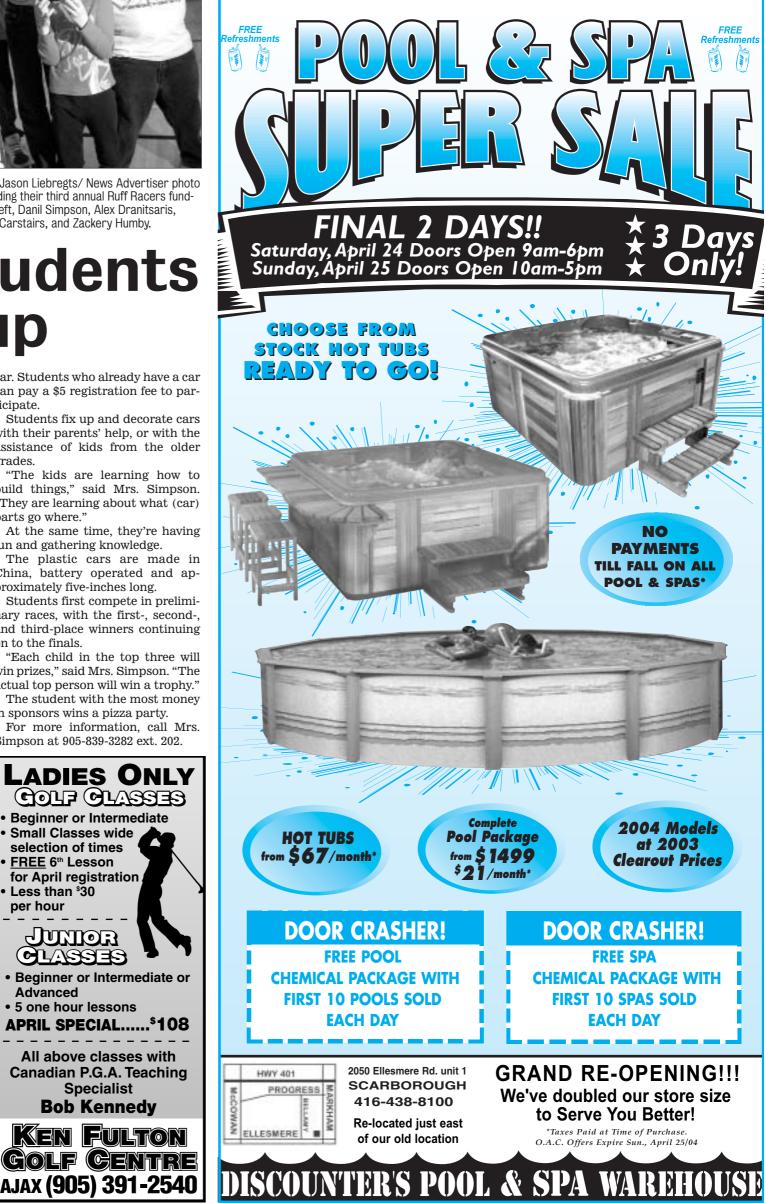
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AJAX – A local business took to the ice, but the local food bank was the winner in a recent charity hockey game.

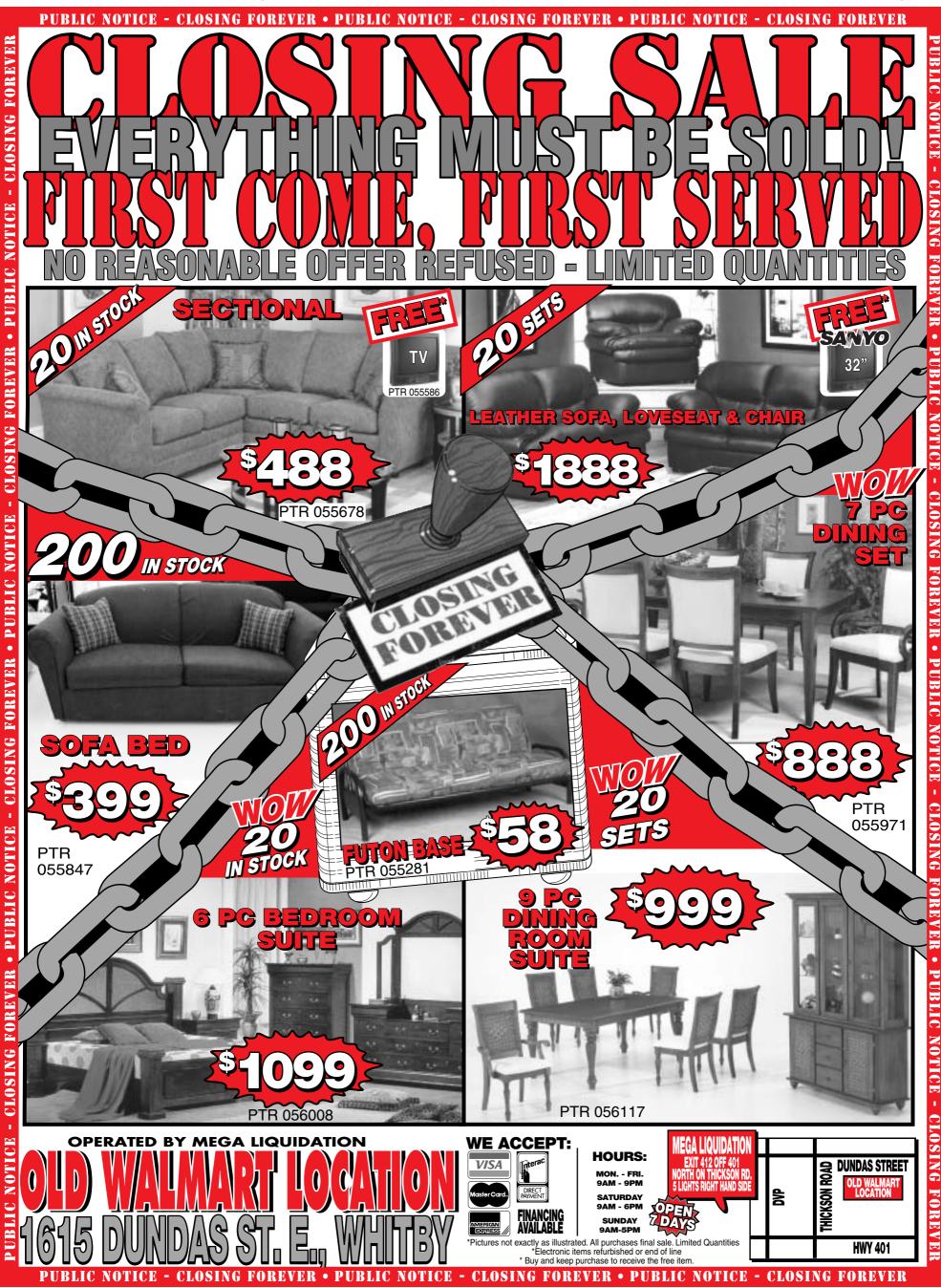
Local business Sandra Tea and Coffee went head-to-head with rival coffee company, Mother Parker's from Mississauga, in a charity hockey game to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul food bank recently. Fans and players of the two companies combined to donate five large boxes of food to the St. Vincent food bank at St. Bernadette's parish in

Ajax. Sandra Tea and Coffee came out on top in the exhibition match, winning 8-1.









REGIONAL FORECAST: TAXES GOING UP, UP, UP

By Carly Foster

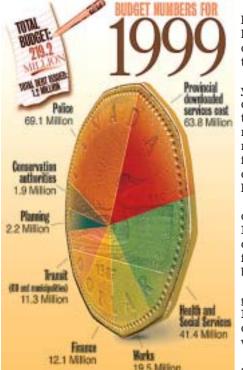
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Piecing together the Region's \$300-million budget is an arduous task involving committees, politicians, staff and the public.

It starts in October and ends in mid-April with a binder that must be at least 1,000 pages thick, each page outlining line by line where your tax dollars are being spent.

But the budget is also fluid - it moves in response to pressures, demands and Durham's five-year economic forecast.

Breaking it down is a strenuous task for a good reason: Your regional govern-



ment is responsible for everything from roads to garbage pickup to West Nile virus prevention and child care.

And looking at the past four years and the next five, don't expect your tax bill to go down.

"What we're looking at is not a return to zero," said Jim Clapp, the Region's commissioner of finance. "It's going to be five (per cent) plus for the next five years."

It's harsh news for Durham residents, who are also facing increases in the municipal portion of their taxes and will more than likely see the education portion - set by the Province - creep up as well.

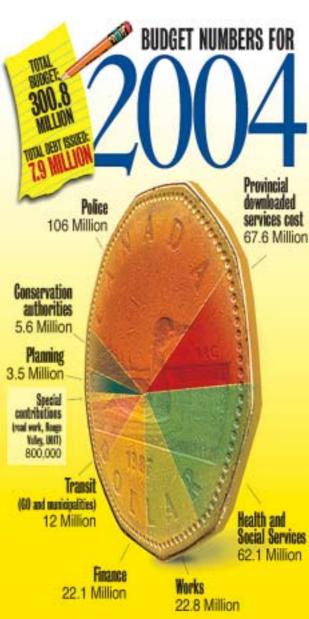
Mr. Clapp points to a ballooning police budget that's jumped from \$69 million in 1999 to \$106 million this year as one of the reasons the budget continues to grow.

Plus there are the assured costs each year that include general adjustments due to inflation, new hires and guaranteed salary increases for staff and municipal politicians. The regional chairman's budget, for example, jumped from \$310,610 to \$379,600. The regional council budget increased from \$1.1 million to \$1.6 million.

Combine things like that with increasing downloading from the Province - especially Ontario Works claims, ambulance services and homes for the aged - and taxes can go nowhere but up.

"Where are the (provincial) cutbacks going to come from? Ontario Works?" Mr. Clapp said. "We need to find out not only why it happened this year...but what's in store for the future.

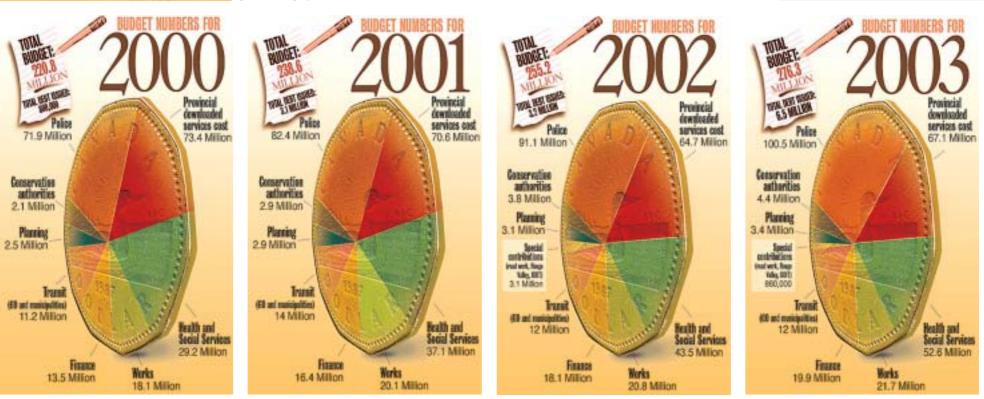
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* The regional budget also includes a separate solid waste budget that impacts taxes, but the number varies depending on which municipality you live in. ** The budgets for water and sewer are not included, as revenues/expenditures are based on a user pay system: residents pay separately for water they use.

Volunteers have big role to play

Report suggests they may be the future of long-term care

By Jane McDonald Staff Writer

DURHAM – As the region and neighbouring communities grow at some of the fastest rates in the country and the population continues to age, the care of disabled people may very well hinge on volunteers.

According to a report released by the district health council of Durham, Haliburton, Kawartha and Pineridge, there are 10 areas in the health-care system that must be addressed for the care of long-term clients. Many of the points involve coordination, training and support for volunteers.

Thanks to friends who volunteered to bring him to the launch of the report titled, 'Long-Term Care Multi-Year Plan for 2004 to 2009,' Tom Pickett of Whitby was able to attend. When asked if he and other disabled people he knows are receiving the kind of support they need, he doesn't hesitate.

"No, we're not," said the 63year-old who has lived with multiple sclerosis for 35 years and now uses a wheelchair. After the report was released, Mr. Pickett explained that the March of Dimes needs more funding for the kinds of services he receives.

"They get us up in the morning, feed us our meals and put us to bed," he said. But it is a fact of life that he would rarely venture out of the housing facility where he lives if not for the friends who drove from Uxbridge to transport him to the morning meeting held at the Whitby Mental Health Centre.

Lynda Hessey, executive director of the Durham-HKPR DHC said the plan was more than 18 months in the making. "For nearly two years, a dedicated group of local volunteers and DHC planning staff grappled with the increasing demands on our long-term care system," she said. "This plan we have released today is the culmination of their hard work, and it provides a tangible strategy for improving the delivery of long-term services in the community."

Highlights of the report include identifying a coordinator of care for each disabled person to help him or her navigate the health care system.

In order for a coordinated approach to be successful, the plan emphasizes the need for front-line staff and volunteers to receive necessary education and training.

The plan is intended to offer suggestions for immediate government action and cites the physician and health care provider shortages. The 114page report also makes the point the needs of people requiring long-term care do not remain static.

Stephen Kay, chairman of the Durham-HKPR DHC said major improvements are needed for long-term care consumers and their caregivers.

"We know that coordination and consistency in both accessing and delivering services are vital components for a functioning system," he said. "The question we have been trying to answer is how we ensure such a system, one that is both effective and efficient."

Access to doctors who can provide ongoing primary health care, plus access to specialists, rehabilitation and therapeutic supports, as well as helping the disabled stay in their own homes were also salient points of the report.

Mr. Kay said a copy of the report has been sent to the minister of health.

Visit www.dhc-dhkpr.org to view the plan.



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It's not just the Brady family, from left Dylan, Cole and mom Leslie, impressed by the waterfront area. The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects has given the City a regional merit award for outstanding achievement in the profession of landscape architecture.

Waterfront's a winner

Pickering wins award for landscape efforts

By Danielle Milley

Staff Writer

PICKERING – Experts in landscape architecture have named Pickering's waterfront outstanding.

The City, along with landscape architect firm Victor Ford and Associates of Toronto, received a regional merit award for outstanding achievement in the profession of landscape architecture for Pickering's waterfront. The Canadian Society of Landscape Architects presented the award, along with a dozen others to projects across Canada, last week in Toronto.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland, chairman of the waterfront co-ordinating committee, accepted the award on the City's behalf.

"It's a vindication of a lot of hard work by a lot of people," he said. "It feels great to be recognized."

The major work on the waterfront started in 1999 with the groundbreaking for Millennium Square and the revitalization work continues with the completion of Progress Frenchman's Bay East Park later this year.

Coun. Holland said the area will continue to change and evolve.

"The waterfront is maybe another six or seven years away from the infrastructure being finished," he said.

He doesn't think changes to the nuances of the area are "ever going to end... There's always going to be new visions."

Coun. Holland said the most difficult part of transforming the waterfront was gathering all the ideas and getting the ball rolling. Since the committee was formed in 1995, the waterfront has undergone a tremendous makeover.

"Five years ago Pickering's waterfront was a blank canvas in some areas and run down in others," Coun. Holland said.

Now the waterfront is a centre for the community to come together and a place where people can gather, he said.



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DURHAM – D.A.D.S. of Durham will be hosting a 10-week support group available to all divorced or separated fathers in the community who want to improve the quality of life they share with their children and others.

Dads After Divorce and Separation (D.A.D.S) is a peer-support group made up of concerned fathers. It offers friendship and guidance to participants who may be having difficulties coping with separation and divorce, or who are having trouble getting access to their children.

The workshops begin on May 12 and will be





held at the Ajax location. 136 Commercial Ave.. in Ajax. An initial intake appointment is required to participate.

For an appointment, contact the John Howard Society of Durham Region at 905-427-8165.



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New store is now the second hottest spot in Pickering

And you thought things got hot at the nuclear plant! Adult retailer Aren't We Naughty has opened its newest retail store in the Pickering Home & Leisure Centre, Brock Road at Highway 401. The new store is now the second hottest spot in Pickering.

Many, so-called mainstream people perceive adult stores to be dark and dingy, nondescript and hidden away on backstreets. Basically the kind of place a respectable person would be embarrassed or apprehensive to visit.

But for years now, the reality is that leading adult retailers have made significant strides at shattering that shady image. Success these days is predicated on business acumen, marketing savvy, and appeal to the masses

Aren't We Naughty's new store takes this foundation for success and the industry at large to new heights. The visibility, layout, decor, product mix, and commitment to service excellence creates a shopping experience that surpasses all other adult shops and rivals any upscale, mainstream retailer in North America. Jim Terkalas, Aren't We Naughty's General Manager adds, "Our

stores, particularly our new Pickering location, are designed to be extremely inviting and non-threatening."

Aren't We Naughty likes to think of itself as being in the business of "romance" not just sex. Adds Terkalas, "We appeal to loving couples wanting to add a bit of sizzle to their relationship. Shopping at our store should be a mood enhancing experience, rather than shocking.'

The new Pickering store is laid out in a manner that allows customers to slowly acclimatize themselves to the range of products on display. Although sex is a very personal matter, Aren't We Naughty's guiding philosophy is to contribute to the joy of sex in an open, fun, and healthy manner.

Sue Johanson, host of the Sunday Night Sex Show, will be appearing at the store on Saturday, April 24th at 3:00 pm.

Aren't We Naughty was founded in 1983 and now operates 8 stores in Ontario in addition to its online store at www.arentwenaughty.com.

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With urban sprawl making inroads in Durham, the population is growing at a dizzying rate: It's expected to hit 850,000 by 2021. Will the Region be able to keep pace with the needs of its residents? Boom town is a 12-part series examining the issues we will confront now and in the near future.

Part 4: The job market

Many Durham residents make the daily work trek to Toronto

By Carly Foster Staff Writer

DURHAM — If you've been on Hwy. 401 travelling west on a weekday morning, you know the scene: a mass exodus of cars, trucks and SUVs inching along, stopping and going, brake lights flashing for kilometres.

That steady stream of commuters may have chosen to live and play in Durham, but they must leave each day to go to work.

There just aren't enough jobs here.

In 2001, there was one job for every three people, according to Statistics Canada. That's 173,450 jobs for the 527,055 people who live in Durham.

The Region's long-term goal is to have one job for every two people, a magic number that means a community is maturing, creating wealth, making the assessment base grow - all things that add to the quality of life, said Alex Georgieff, Durham's commissioner of planning.

"Growth has certainly stimulated pressure on the job market," said Pat Olive, Durham's commissioner of economic development and tourism. "And job creation just hasn't kept up."

And leaders from all facets of economic development say it won't keep up until pieces of the puzzle - including Durham's reputation - turn around and slip into place.

Maralyn Tassone has been executive director of the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre for 18 years. She's seen tens of thousands of residents come to the centre's two locations in Oshawa and Pickering for guidance. In 2001, 43 per cent of those coming to the centre had a college or university education.

"The service industry is big in



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Many couples struggle with their work schedules especially when one or both have to endure the daily traffic commute to Toronto. Steve Gale has found work close to home as manager of the popular Outback Steakhouse, while his wife Erica commutes to George Brown College each day where she is director of food services.

Durham," she said. "The fastfood places are always hiring. You can find a job in the retail industry, but not in the professional one."

That's why 36 per cent of the labour force living in Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington leave Durham each day to work, Ms. Tassone said.

"It depends on what type of work you're looking for," she said. "Staying in Durham to be closer to family and friends? (Or) furthering your career?

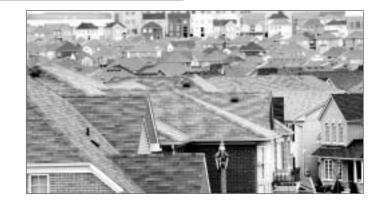
"There are not a lot of highend...jobs here (like) accounting, office, information technology. And even if you have the skills, it's highly competitive." Of the 149,190 jobs in 1996, 35,380 were in manufacturing, making the industry the largest employer in the Region (2001 numbers are not yet available from Statistics Canada). Wholesale/retail was second, at 27,235; followed by education at 25,575; accommodation at 18,86; and transportation at 12,390.

And while such manufacturing heavyweights as General Motors in Oshawa and Gerdau Ameristeel in Whitby are big economic drivers in Durham and employ more than 13,000 people, some say they also hinder Durham's ability to attract more white-collar jobs.

"Yes.

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stereotyped/typecast manufacturing, and we are, especially advanced manufacturing like robotics and nanosystems," Mr. Olive said. "One of the main areas we're criticized for is being unionized (in manufacturing). But we're not 100 per cent unionized - only 35 to 40 per cent. That's not high."

Durham is perceived to have a more blue-collar labour force when it comes to attracting new business, said Karen Campbell, president and CEO of the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance.

"The labour force has been very influenced by the auto sector, but the labour force is more accustomed to working in an industrial environment," she said. "(That) makes it more difficult to attract more white-collar jobs like financial services...that's more traditionally attracted to downtown Toronto."

While continuing to market Durham through its own efforts and those of the GTMA, the Region also tries to make sure there's enough land available to attract new businesses and allow existing ones to expand.

Durham currently has 19,500 acres of designated employment land, with 6,548 currently occupied.

But that could change rapidly if three integral pieces of the infrastructure puzzle fall into place.

The proposed extension of Hwy. 407 - from its current end at Brock Road in Pickering through Durham to the 35/115 and at least one connector down to the 401 - would open up an entirely new transportation artery.

And it could also trigger such development as office space construction, Mr. Olive said.

"There's a huge lack of it, and people are wanting office space...that's one reason the Region is building its own headquarters," he said. "If you look at the 407 through Markham, there are six- and seven-storey businesses going up."

The proposed airport in Pickering would be another massive economic and job boost to Durham, industry experts say. "The whole focus on Pearson is so huge," Ms. Campbell said. "A Pickering airport would not compete at the same level, but it would still attract a whole other group of businesses and employees that would use that airport."

The final piece is Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

"(They are) very unique educational facilities, in that they are geared to the work place," Mr. Olive said. "There are very specific courses that will lead to a very skilled, focused workforce.

"They are the ones that are going to bring the professional jobs (into Durham)."

While many businesses that are looking to set up shop favour the western GTA regions for their proximity to the airport and highway connections to the U.S., Durham is a great access point for those shipping to Quebec and the East Coast, Ms. Campbell said.

Less expensive land and housing prices are also assets, she added.

For Steve Gale, a managing partner of the Outback Steakhouse at Thickson Road and Hwy. 401 in Whitby, growth in Durham has been great for business; his restaurant was No. 3 in sales for Eastern Canada.

"Iroquois Park brings business, a good deal of Americans who work at OPG and GM come by, there's Mosport in the summer, hotels close by," he said. "The more people you have around you, the busier it'll be."

Ms. Tassone recently saw proof that residents want to live, play and work in Durham first-hand.

"When we've interviewed for an office job here and the (candidate) is working in Toronto, they desperately want to be working in Oshawa, not travelling," Ms. Tassone said.

"It's the dream job to work close to home." FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2004 + News Advertiser + DAVID STELL, NEWS EDITOR, 905-683-5110 EXT. 249

A return to broadway

Student musical production promises a little bit of everything

PICKERING – A Pickering school will give audiences a taste of Broadway during its upcoming production.

The staff and students at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will present a musical journey dubbed 'Give Our Regards to Broadway' from April 27 to 29. The play covers a slice of Broadway, everything from 'Evita', to 'Fiddler on the Roof', to 'Grease'.

According to Allyson Polidano, the director and a drama teacher at St. Mary, it's been a long time since the school embarked on a musical production, so students and staff are pulling out all the stops for their new show.

"We strive for excellence," she said. "This is an excellent school."

Approximately 30 cast and 20 crew members have been busy practising and preparing for the production. Rehearsals for the show began last December.

Cast member and Grade 11 student Marie Larame says after many months of rehearsals, the students are excited about get-



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Some of the stars of 'Give Our Regards to Broadway' are, front from left, Lexi Haslam, Hagop Porpossian and Nikki Craig, with back row, Marie Laramee, Amanda Lusty, Jaclyn Bristow and Sonia Lepore.

ting the opportunity to perform in front of audiences. "It's going to be a great show

and we worked hard for it," said

Polidano anticipates 250 peo-

ple in attendance each night and

Larame.

has hopes for even more.

All proceeds will go toward funding next year's show, she said, although she's not giving away the secret of what that show will be, yet.

The three days of perfor-

mances run at St. Mary, 1918 Whites Rd., begin at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults. For more information, call Ms. Polidano at 905-420-7166 ext. 5891



DURHAM – The hard-driving rock sounds of RPO earned the band the title of 2004 Bandwarz champion last weekend.

The group, with members from Oshawa and Ajax, were judged the best in the final showcase with eight other bands on Saturday night. RPO had entered the contest in the last three years, enjoying their most success a couple of years ago.

"We were a finalist two years ago, and we really didn't expect to win," said band member Vaughn Lal.

"Mostly, we wanted to have fun," Shane Appleton, another member, said, adding winning Bandwarz is a result of hard work and dedication. "But, we have been waiting a long time for this."

The five-piece band also features Travis Sanders, Jeff Wells and Jordan Zylstra.

They were up against the Agnostics, Hidden Echo, One Second 2 Late, Recall, Tennfold. SKrAtch3, Green Division and Torsion in the final showcase held at Le Skratch in Oshawa on April 17. Judges said it came down to a close decision between RPO and two other finalists,

SKrAtch3 and Green Division. "You got the crowd behind you, which is very important," said Gregg Stewart, from Universal Records.

Chris McKee, from Feldman and Associates, added, "You definitely have something."

As Bandwarz 2004 champion, RPO receives \$1,000 in cash, a prize package from Alcatraz Skates, recording time at Mad Hermit Studios to complete a three-song demo package produced by Wellcraft Music and will be part of a showcase at North By Northeast Music Festival and Conference (NXNE) in Toronto.

Runner-up SKrAtch3 receives recording time at Mad Hermit Studios to be part of the contest CD produced by Wellcraft Music.

"It was another close competition," said event producer Kerri King, of Eclipse Concerts. "It says something about the talent we have in Durham Region."

The 2004 Bandwarz final showcase was taped and will be broadcast on Rogers Television.

Bandwarz 2004 is sponsored by Alcatraz Skates, Discover Communications, durhamregion.com, Le Skratch Billiard Bar and Grill, Mad Hermit Studios, Rogers Television, Rogers Wireless and the Wellcraft Music Group.

Denzel Washington is on fire

The following movies open in local theatres this weekend.

Man on Fire

Directed by Tony Scott

Starring Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning, Christopher Walken, Giancarlo Giannini, Radha Mitchell, Marc Anthony, Rachel Ticotin and Mickey Rourke

'Man on Fire' centres on a government operative/soldier of fortune, who has pretty much given up on life. In Mexico City, he reluctantly agrees to take a job to protect a child whose parents are threatened by a wave of kidnappings. He eventually becomes close to the child and their relationship reawakens and rekindles his spirit. When she is abducted, his rage is unleashed on those he feels responsible, and he stops at nothing to save her.

Also opening this weekend are 'Clifford's Really Big Movie' and '13 Going on 30.'

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Dakota Fanning in 'Man on Fire.'

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Start It Up back in town

AJAX – A local band will crank it up at an Ajax nightclub Saturday night.

Start It Up appears at Harwood Blues in Ajax for one night, beginning at approximately 10 p.m.

The band's staple is blues-based music as well as R and B, funk, a few rock n' roll numbers and the occasional Beatles song. Members are Ajax businessman Lou DeAdder, of Whitby, on guitar and vocals; Brett Piekarzon, of Oshawa, on bass and vocals; and guest drummer Randy Begg, who also sings.

There is no cover charge. The Harwood Blues is at 7 Harwood Ave. S., just south of Hwy. 2.

Dance the night away in Claremont

PICKERING – Residents can work up a sweat at this year's Claremont Community Dinner Dance.

The dinner and dance offers the sounds of the George Lake Big Band, which will provide the evening's entertainment.

Pickering residents are encouraged to swing by this year's dinner and dance on April 24 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$30 each, and include a roast beef dinner.

"Last year was sold out," said Steve Pettafor, George Lake Big Band leader. "We got a lot of compliments."

However, Mr. Pettafor said he only watched the evening from onstage, because he and the band were too busy performing.

Since 1996, the 18-member swing band, George Lake Big Band has been performing throughout Ontario, including Chatts Bar and Grill in Ajax and the Oshawa Jazz Festival.

"The closest thing to describe us, I'd say we are just like the Rod Steward CD (It had to be you... The Great American Songbook)," he said

They offer a combination of modern swing, classical and contemporary styles.

For more information or to order tickets, call 905-725-3576 or visit the Web site at www.georgelakebigband.com.

Multicultural show rolls Sunday

DURHAM – The Multicultural Fundraising Concert is coming this Sunday, April 25, at the Caribbean Cultural Centre, 600 Wentworth St. E., Oshawa from 2 to 4 p.m.

The concert is in support of the Peace and Community Harmony Project. Performing artists will include the Hummingbird Dancers from Club Carib in Oshawa, the Wildfire Dance Theatre, the Ethnocats singers from Ajax High School, Dancers from the Durham Tamil Association, singer Shaundell Parris and Joy Lapps with steel pan drums.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and youth (7 to 18) and free for children under 6 years old. For more information and details contact Roland Rutland at 905-426-4676, ext. 233.





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Stars come out at St. Mary

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DURHAM}}\xspace \longrightarrow$ For the third consecutive year, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School will play host to the best high school hoopsters in the region next week.

The Pickering school will host the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) boys' all-star game Wednesday, April 28.

Two games will be played, starting with the 'AA'/'AAA' all-star contest at 5:15 p.m.

The three-point shootout will be held at 7 p.m., followed by the 'AAAA' contest at 8:15 p.m.

Rather than using an east-west format, all-star night organizer Mike Gordensky says all schools in the region will send at least one representative to one of the two all-star games, with several schools sending more than one representative, based on how the team finished in the standings.

The coaches will then set their respective all-star teams.

At half-time of the 'AAAA' contest, the annual slam dunk contest will be held.

St. Mary is at 1918 Whites Rd., just north of Hwy. 2, in Pickering.

The Durham Region entry in the annual Star Wars senior boys' basketball team came up short in the consolation final at Humber College Wednesday night.

Halton Region defeated Durham 82-72. Stephen Lopez of Pickering High led the way with 14 points. A pair of St. Mary Monarchs -- Nathan Thomas and Duane Howard -- finished with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Durham squad got off to a rough start on Monday, dropping a 100-74 decision to the Toronto 2 $\,$ squad. Pine Ridge's Rohan Burrell scored 14, followed by Dunbarton's Shane Tingling with 13.

Durham co-coach Gordensky noted the short training camp prior to the start of the Star Wars tourney hampered the team in putting forth a cohesive effort against a strong Toronto squad, especially on defence.

And, the absence of the Monarchs' two big frontcourt players, Erik Glavic and Frank Jonke, along with Pine Ridge's Andre Paris, hurt Durham's chances against Toronto.

The Durham team. however, regrouped in the consolation semifinal, earning its first win of the tournament over Niagara Region 82-81 Tuesday to earn a berth in the consolation final.

Thomas had 25 points, followed by Lopez with 15.

Leslie team wins Last Chance curling event

By Jim Easson

Special to the News Advertiser AJAX — A home rink swept up the top prize last weekend at

the final event on the calendar at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club.

Annandale's Warren Leslie rink captured the top prize of \$500 at the season-ending Last Chance Bonspiel, which attracted a full draw of 32 teams. The Leslie foursome defeated the Rob Harris rink of Brampton in the 'A' event final. Curling with Leslie were Andrew Edgar, Alex Bianchi and Mike Nelson.

Meanwhile. Brian Suddard's Oshawa Curling Club stole the extra end to defeat the Jon Payne rink of Annandale in the 'B' final.

Annandale's Gerry Pinkney and his teammates Rick Moak, Steve Stuart and Ken Curtis won the 'C' title over Mark O'Neil of Dalewood. Chris Van Huyse and his Avonlea youth team won the 'D' event.

The teams each curled three eight-end games on Saturday in a points' competition, then Sunday saw the top 16 rinks play off in event curling. The top four teams competed in the 'A' event, and then the remaining teams were slotted into the 'B', 'C', and 'D' events, respectively.

Of 15 Annandale teams originally entered, three made it to the finals.

At the conclusion of the bonspiel, the curling ice was freed up for ice skaters. The compressor is now turned off for the

AJAX — The Ajax Lions Sure

In the quarter-final contest.

however, the Ajacians ran into a

hot Brantford Briars squad. los-

Melissa Conroy led the Lions

with 11 points. Emily Short

added eight, followed by Monica

Jones with six and Simone

ing 36-27.

Thomas with two.

Fit Factory Outlet major ban-The Lions started the provintam girls' basketball team was cial playdowns with a 32-29 win bounced in the quarter-finals of over the Goulbourn Stingers. the recent Ontario Cup Provin-Conroy and Jones paced Ajax cial Championships in London. with 11 points apiece. Other The Lions roared into the scorers were Thomas with playoffs with a perfect 3-0 record seven, Alyson Trinier with six and finished first in their pool. and Short with two.

In Game 2, the Ajax Lions sprinted past Sarnia Valhalla 35-21. Conrov was again the top scorer with 12 points. Short was close behind with 10, followed by Jones with six, Thomas with four and Amy Duane with three. In the final pool game, Ajax

downed the London 86ers 31-16. Conroy was the top shooter with 13 points. Thomas sunk 10, Jones had four and Short and Lindsay Panchan each chipped in with two.

Other team members are Amelie Baudin, Supreecha Chaloemjam, Kaitlin Devoe and Samantha Elsenaar.

In preparation for next season, evaluation sessions will be held for those interested in playing at the midget rep girls' level. The evaluations will be held in mid-May. Players identified as

having the potential to play at the rep level will be invited back to train with a group of players for the remainder of the summer with team tryouts to follow.

The midget age group is under age 16 as of Jan. 1, 2005, and includes girls currently in Grade 8 and 9.

Cost to attend the evaluation sessions is \$5 per player. Players chosen for the summer training camp will pay an additional \$25.

Jason Sheehan and Pat McGlynn will coach the midget team. For more information, call Bob Jones at 905-426-3068.

Annandale rink brings its 'A' game to 'spiel

Jason Lebregts/ News Advertiser photo

Mike Trudeau, left, and Brian Lopez concentrate on their sweeping while competing in the annual Last Chance Bonspiel at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club in Ajax last weekend. Trudeau and Lopez represented the Oshawa Curling Club. Annandale's Warren Leslie rink took the top prize of \$500.

turned over to golfers.

The Payne team, which also

and Reynold Retz skipped the teams winning divisions 'B' to "F, respectively.

For the record, winning the last of the three draws over the curling season were teams skipped by Warren Leslie, David Gaudette, Sean Aune, David Romaniuk, Jamie Pilgrim, and Bruno Desilets for

summer, and the area will be

includes Dave Hutchison, Rick Cypta and Marvin Harrison, took the men's club championship at Annandale this season. Barry Moylan, Tim March, Keith Metrakos, Scott Finkle,

the 'A' to 'F' divisions, respectively.

The Ford World Curling Championships got under way in Gavle, Sweden on Saturday. TSN carries semifinal action April 23 and 24. CBC shows the women's final April 24 and the men's final April 25.

Lions bounced in hoops quarter-finals

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St. Mary soccer girls off to flying start

PICKERING — The St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs junior girls' soccer team is off to a running start.

The Monarchs chalked up their second win of the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) regular season with a 2-0 shutout over the Archbishop Denis O'-Connor Catholic High Chargers School on Wednesday afternoon.

Jen Michalicka scored

both St. Mary markers. Goalkeeper Alex Martinez earned the shutout. The Monarchs opened the season with a 2-0 victory over the Ajax High Rams on Monday. Michalicka and Erin Small scored. Stephanie Michalicka posted the shutout.

The St. Mary juniors next see action against the Uxbridge Secondary School Tigers in Uxbridge on Wednesday, April 28.

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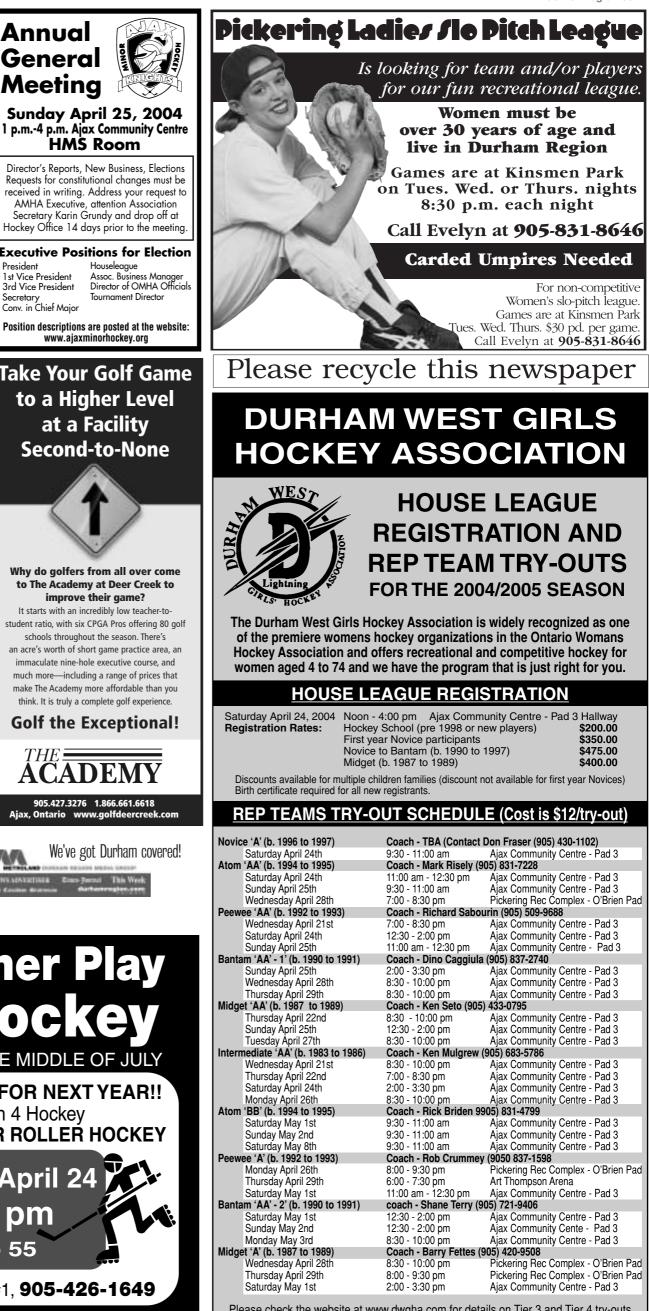
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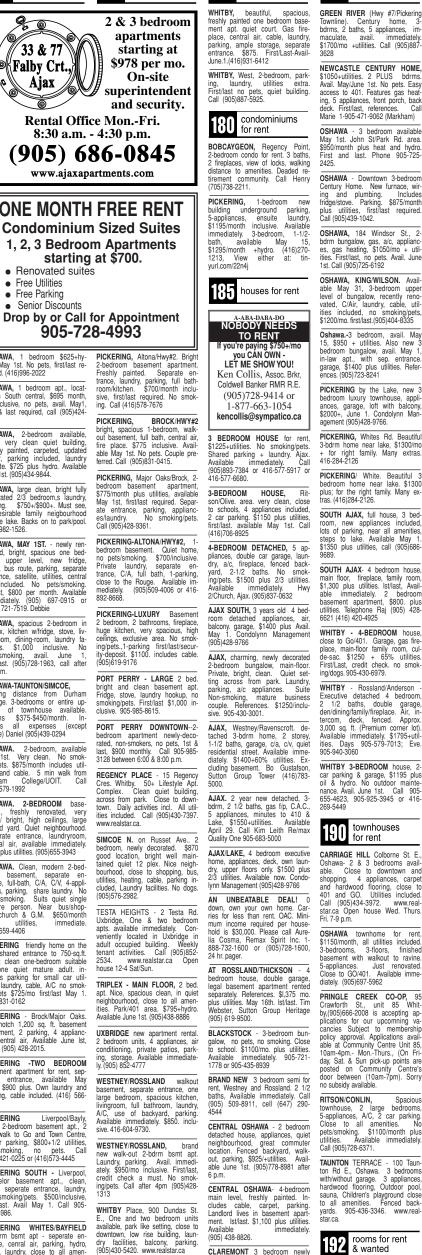
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259 cards of thanks 259 cards of thanks 256 deaths 256 deaths GARDINER, Annette (nee Anastasia Stefaniuk) A CARD OF THANKS (Past Figure Skating Teaching Professional at the Granite Club, Double Rink Arenas and the Pickering Skating Club) Annette went peacefully into the arms of the Lord on Wednesday April 21, 2004 at the age of 75. Annette left this earth to join her husband and soul mate Fred Gardiner, and her dear brothers John and Nick Stefaniuk and her parents Katherine and Matthew Stefaniuk. Annette had a remarkable life, she was a woman that was never selfish and cared deeply for her family and friends. She has left a void in our hearts that we hope to fill with her memories and wisdom. Annette will never be far away from those she loved and cherished, her son away from those she loved and cherished, her son Kevin and his wife Anne, Jim and his wife Marilyn, and her daughter Diane Gale and her partner Ron Pilkey. Annette's greatest pride and deepest joy were her Grandchildren, Daniel Gardiner and his fi-ancé Michelle Desormeaux, Rebecca Gardiner, Ryan Gale, Jeremy, Marsha, Marissa and Jonathan Gardiner. Annette was called "Nana" by them, when they called her "Nana", it was such a great expres-sion of gentle and unconditional love that they felt for her. Annette will be missed by her brother Bill Stefaniuk, and sisters Mary Liskowich, Anne Nelder and many nieces and nephews and especially her vounger sister Elsie Stephanie who has been very I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks on behalf of myself and my children, Justin and Sydney Shaw, to the people in the Durham Region community for the outpouring of support my family has received since the sudden death of my husband, Stephen Shaw, on March 6, 2004. and many necess and nephews and especially her younger sister Elsie Stephanie who has been very loving, caring and supportive of Annette and our family and we are eternally grateful. Family and friends may call at the **ACCETTONE FUNERAL HOME**, 384 Finley Ave., Ajax (905-428-9090) on Friday April 23, 2004 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday April 24 from 10 em until time of the contraction in the Stephen lost his life at the OCNA Awards ceremony shortly after receiving an award for Reporter of The Year and an award for Best Investigative News Story. During this tragic time, I am overwhelmed by the support and kindness from all of Stephen's friends and colleagues. April 24 from 10 a.m. until time of the service in the chapel at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Thornton Cemetery Oshawa, In lieu of flowers donations to I would like to express my gratitude to Tim Whittaker, Publisher, the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Metroland Durham Region Media Group, for his generous support and to Joanne Burghardt, Editor-in-Chief, for her continued sup-"Unable are the loved to die port and gracious eulogy at Stephen's funeral service, we will forfor love is immortal ever be grateful. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the staff of This Week and a heartfelt thank you to Carol McNair and Jason A MEMORIAL SERVICE Liebregts for all their efforts to help Stephen that night. will be held for Mrs. Verne Hoey who passed away February 18, 2004 and donated her body to science. Thank you to the Ontario Community Newspaper Association for who r renaming the OCNA Reporter of The Year Award in Stephen's hon-It will be held: Saturday April 24, 2004 at 2 p.m. our. This tribute will mean the recipient will be recognized as the reporter Stephen always strived to be, The Best. At Dunbarton-Fairport United Church 1066 Dunbarton Rd., Pickering would like to extend special thanks to friends and staff at Metro-Dixie Rd & No. 2 land and Torstar, The Durham Regional Police Service Board and (Kingston Rd.), North Side DRP Media Relations, Oshawa Mayor John Gray and members of WADDEN, Joan - aged 62 of Bright's Grove. Be-loved wife of Joseph Wadden. Loved mother of Sherry Wadden, Brenda and Gerard King, Jim Wadden and Lisa Pickering. Cherished grandmoth-er of Sarah, Christopher, Sean, and Rachel King. Dear sister of Florence Mills, Janet Hill and Harold Martell. The funeral service will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. from SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 1576 London Line, Sarnia. Cremation to follow. Family and friends will be received at the SMITH FUNERAL HOME on Saturday, April 24, 2004 in the afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. and evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Sympathy expressed through donations to the Bluewater Health Cardiac Rehab Program would be appreciated by the family. council, Father Paul Drakos and the members of Saint Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, and the community of Fallingbrook Public School. I am blessed with the continued support of my friends, family and neighbours who surround us with love and support everyday. I would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who sent their condolences, flowers, cards and donations they were all recieved with great appreciation. Thank you for all your kindness and continued support throughout Program would be appreciated by the family. 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Scotiabank claims title with 34-33 win over Select Food

AJAX — The Ajax Ladies' Basketball League closed out the season last Wednesday with hotly contested championship and consolation games at Westney Heights Public School.

The championship game between Select Food Products and Scotiabank was a nail-biter to the end, with the bankers holding on for a narrow 34-33 victory.

The two high-scoring teams began the game in defensive posture. Select's Sonia Thomas (10 points) set the tone with offensive and defensive rebounds in the first 30 seconds.

Scotiabank finally opened the scoring

when Kim Bourque hit for two at the two-minute mark. Leia Spencer was fouled on a shot at the other end of the court, and sunk the first of two from the free throw line to reply for Select.

With the score still only 7-4 at the fiveminute mark in favour of Select. Scotiabank's Kristy Bourgue stole the ball and dished to sister Kim Bourgue for two points

Scotiabank then took the lead 8-7 when Emily Cosway took a pass inside the paint and made a quick deposit with six minutes left in the half. Colleen Wetering's bucket from the sideline tied the game 14-14 at the half.

The tempo picked up to a fever pitch as Scotiabank went on a 6-0 run to open the second half.

Select gamely responded with a 6-0

run of its own. Crisp, hard passes made steals and interceptions more difficult and less frequent.

The turning point of the game came with six minutes left when Select's Julie Hughes fouled out with her team ahead 26-22. Scotiabank netted eight unanswered points to take a 30-26 lead.

Select's Sonia Thomas two from the line narrowed the gap to 34-33 with 24 seconds left. The bankers, however, slammed the door tight for the final seconds.

In the consolation final, Donlands Jewellers overcame an eight-point halftime deficit to narrowly defeat East Side Mario's 39-38.

Sue Nowry led the Jewellers with 18 points. Lori Lomberg replied with 12 for East Side's.

Notable for the restaurateurs was Jessica Huang who had her best game of the season. Huang handled the ball well coming down the court and assisted on numerous baskets with timely passes to Lomberg and Marjorie Bates (eight points). Huang found her range to net a season-high six points.

Players in the league live in Ajax and Pickering.



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ReMax First Realty Ltd. Celebrates Grand Opening of New Office in Pickering



Remax First Realty celebrated the Grand Opening of its new state-of-the-art office building in Pickering on March 24th.

Partner John Moniz says the new two story building, located at the the northwest corner of Kingston Rd. and Walnut Drive, is a modern high tech office where more than 60 agents will call home.

"The new office is modern, stylish and very comfortable

with all of the latest state of the art systems," he says. "We will occupy the top floor while the ground floor will be occupied by a mortgage company, software firm and a web hosting busi-

In the photo above the staff and partners join Pickering Mayor David Ryan (under the balloons at right) at the Grand Opening along with councillors Kevin Ashe and Bill McLean.

Re/Max First was estab lished in 1992 with 32 agents and now has 135 agents in offices in Pickering and Whitby. John is partners with Ron Gordon and Brian O'Donoghue.

"We're in an excellent posi-tion to serve the needs of Durham Region," says John. "The real estate market is growing every day with interest rates the lowest they've been in four decades.'

ReMax First Sales Team "Succeed" With Agent Mentoring Program



From left, Re/Max First partner John Moniz, Marcelle Kwok, Re/Max Administrative Assistant to Gary Schnarr, VP of Regional Development for Re/Max Ontario-Atlantic Canada(far right; Program Facilitator Pat Armstrong, Recipients Laura Kinsella, Ellen DeCastro, Arthur Outridge, Margaret Ball, Maria Climent, Surinder Juneja, Kathy Hickey, Barbara Byers, partner Brian O'Donoghue, Recipients Kim Gordon, Anil Sachdeva, Kim Davis, Victoria Ramdat, Carolyn Meecham, Deanna Johnson and Scott Lumley. Absent recipients were Nick Timiniac, Chris DeCastro, Peter Yu, Ranvir Dogra, Kim Blakley, Gary Moore and Rob Johnston.

Agents at Re/Max First Realty have the edge when it comes to sales after completing the company's Agent Program called Mentoring "Succeed"

At a luncheon held March 31st, 31st, agents received Certificates of Achievement

after completing the program. Re/Max VP of Regional Development for Ontario -Atlantic Canada Gary Schnarr

says the program helps agents learn sales skills in realistic situations.

"The traditional way of learning on their own just was-n't effective enough," he explains. "In this program a facilitator, (Pat Armstrong) taught the agents with an interactive series of lectures and scenario training. The agents participated in exercises that reflect the types of situations they will encounter. Gary says those who have

completed the program have experienced significant increases in their sales

"On average we've seen average incomes rise by 35% per year," he says. "The program has been taught for two years and it definitely works. Today more than 75% of Re/Max offices are participating in the program.





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