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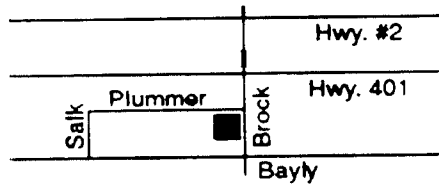
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### FRIDAY, DEC. 8

Serenity Group - 12 Step Recovery meets Fri., Dec. 8 at 8 pm at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. This group meets every week and deals with addictions of all types including co-dependency. All welcome. Information: 905-428-9431 (Jim) evenings.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Parent Finders, a volunteer group to aid and assist all members of the adoption triangle in their search for each other, will meet as usual at the Albert St. United

Church in Oshawa at 7:30 pm. Bring any and all of your information. Bulletin for all the re-unitees, please come to the meeting and bring either your 'found' relative or a story or picture. To celebrate, we're making this a 'pot luck dessert' meeting. Bring something tasty with you. Information: 404-9151 (Sandy) or 986-0645 (Rik and Linda).

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

The Lung Association of Durham Region invites you to the first annual Candlelight Tribute to honor and remember all family and friends who suffer from respiratory ailments, and those who have passed away due to respiratory disease, at Oshawa City Hall (outside at 50 Centre St. S.), on Wed., Dec. 13 from 7 to 9 pm with Candlelight Service at 8 pm. Please support our Christmas Seal campaign.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 15

The Arthritis Society opens its doors to all volunteers and friends on Fri., Dec. 15 from 1 to 4 pm. Come down and meet the office staff and get to know your fellow canvassers and volunteers. We are located on the ground floor of the Faith Place building, 44 William St. W., Oshawa (corner of Centre and William Sts. across from Durham Regional Police).

### SATURDAY, DEC. 16

South Pickering Seniors Club holds a Eurchre Night on Sat., Dec. 16 at 7 pm. Cost \$3 per person, members and guests only. Refreshments and prizes. Information 905-837-2051 (Bruce) or 905-839-4584 (John).

### MONDAY, DEC. 18

The Post-Reunion Adoption Support Group welcomes members and new members. Monthly meeting this Monday at Ajax Public Library, Harwood Ave. from 7 to 8:30 pm. For information (905) 428-9322 (Lynda).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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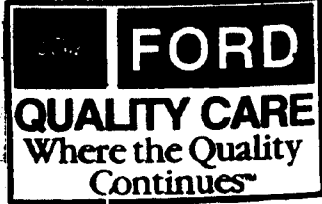
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## Edythe Wilson celebrates 100th

by John Cooper

Surrounded by loved ones, Ajax resident Edythe Wilson celebrated her 100th birthday at Ballycliffe Lodge last Sunday.

Dressed in a smart outfit of light peach and sporting a spray of flowers on the lapel, she enjoyed a piece of birthday cake and engaged in lively conversation with her many nephews, great-nieces and great grand-nieces during festivities that included certificates of recognition from the province, the federal government and the governor-general, and a visit from local MPP Janet Ecker. Wilson has been a resident of Ballycliffe Lodge for three years.

Born in Colborne, Ont., on Dec. 6, 1895, Wilson moved to Toronto as a young woman and worked as a legal secretary. She and her husband bought their first home in the Beaches area where Wilson was a member of the Kew Beach United Church for 40 years.

Edythe Wilson is surrounded by her great grand-nieces, left to right (back row): Mallory Morgan (wearing headband), Avryl Muckle (with glasses), Marissa Morgan; (front row): Tara Fergusson, Katie Lafarnier.

## Writers collecting for food bank

Writers attending the December 9th meeting of the Durham Writers and Editors Breakfast Club are being asked to bring along a non-perishable food item for donation to the Food Bank.

Sponsored by The Writers' Circle of Durham Region, the Breakfast Club meets on the second Saturday of each month, in Pickering, at Swan's Marina, Liverpool Rd. at Lake Ontario, from 8 to 10 a.m. Members \$8; non-members

\$10.

Writers who are planning to enter one of the many short story contests which come up at this time of year should note that WCDR is presenting a workshop — "The Long and the Short of Writing Short Stories," with Marjorie Green as presenter — on Thursday, December 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Toronto School of Business, 1450 Kingston Rd., in Pickering. Members \$10; non-members, \$15.

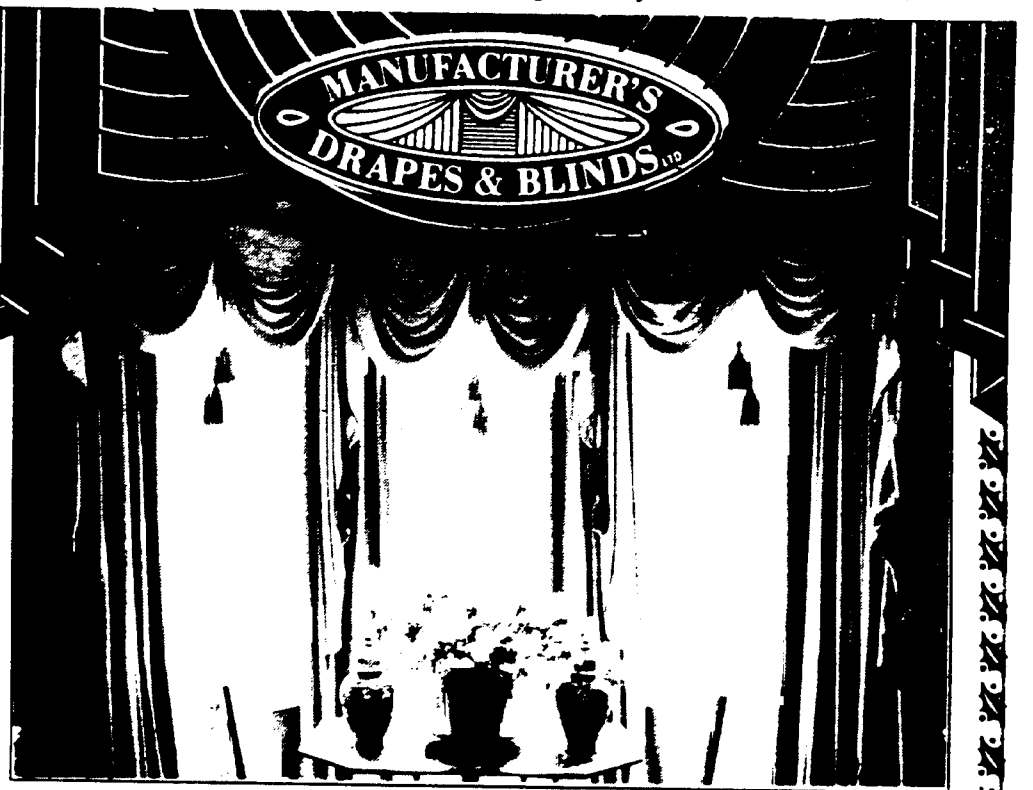
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The Writers' Circle of Durham Region is a registered non-profit organization. Formed just 10 months ago, the group now numbers close to 120 members.

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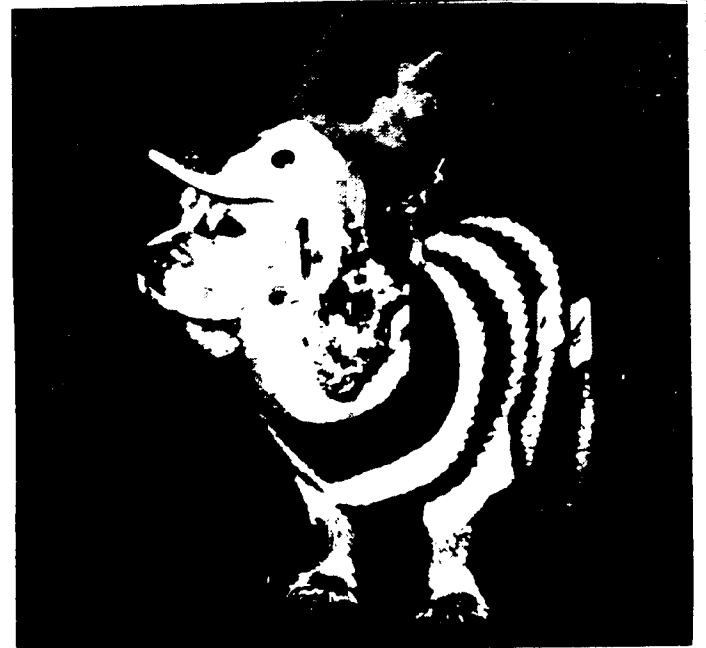
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# THE AJAX SANTA CLAUS PARADE



## Cover Story

### Balance and inner peace

by John Cooper

Mike Butler found the Eightfold Path almost 20 years ago. Wendy Wu has followed it all her life. The former was born in Montreal, the latter in Taiwan. They come from different parts of the world, different walks of life. Yet they share a common bond, for both are Buddhists.

And like other Buddhists in Ajax and Pickering, they may have a new place to worship, should the visions of a Whitby group to build a

Buddhist temple in north Ajax unfold as planned.

Butler discovered Buddhism while a student at the Ontario College of Art in 1976. The son of a United Church minister, Butler found it provided him with some sound answers to life's questions. "I was never really interested in religion before," the 50-year-old computer programmer says. "It's pretty much a common sense approach to life, looking for answers to questions such as

"Why is there suffering in the world?" Buddhists seem to have a lot of those answers."

Those answers began in Northern India more than 550 years ago before the birth of Christ. Gautams Siddhartha, married with children and very much a political animal, left his family in order to seek truth at the age of 29. He studied, then rejected, Brahminism, reached enlightenment and assumed the title Buddha ("one who has awakened") in 535 BCE (BCE stands for Before Common Era, the term used by non-Christians to denote common, or Christian-based, time periods). Buddha was more than 80 years old when

he died.

Two hundred and fifty years later, Buddhist monks collected his teachings and oral traditions into the Tripitaka; subsequent discourses, or Sutras, were also compiled.

Buddhists believe in reincarnation and in many cycles of birth, living and death. Four Noble Truths prevail on the path to full enlightenment, or Nirvana: the universality of suffering; the desire to have and control things that cause suffering; the supreme truth and final liberation of Nirvana when suffering is eliminated; and the truth of the eightfold path leading to cessation of

suffering. The eightfold path consists of right understanding, right thinking, right speech, right conduct, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness and right concentration.

There are 250 million Buddhists worldwide, represented by three groups: Southern (or Theravada) Buddhism, followed by 100 million, mainly in Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka and Thailand, Eastern (or Mahayana) Buddhism, followed by 140 million in China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam; and Northern Buddhism, with 10 million adherents in China, Mongolia, Russia and Tibet (this is the sect associated

with the exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama). About 164,000 Canadians are Buddhists.

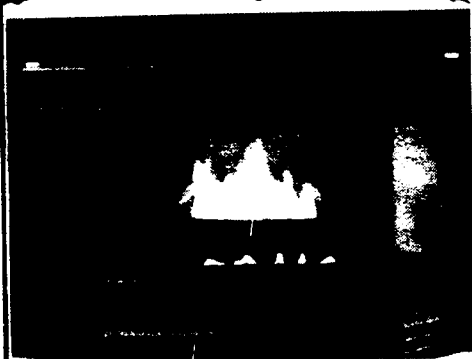
Meditation and self-awareness are cornerstones of Buddhism. So is Karma, one of those words that has entered pop-culture awareness in North America, joining others like Nirvana (enlightenment, not the rock band, but then that's dependent upon your view of the group). Karma is the balance of accumulated sin and merit which determines one's future in the present life and the nature of the life to come.

Butler says he recalls the growth in popularity of

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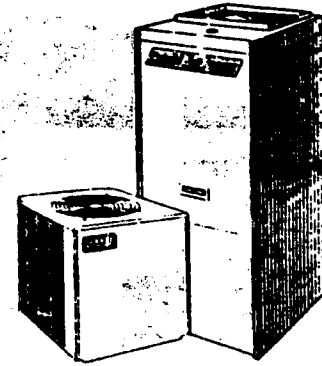
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# Watch out for fraud

by Larry Codd

With all the worthy charities and the few dollars that we have to contribute, it's a shame when a generous attitude is rewarded by fraud. Sometimes the perpetrators can be so smooth that even those familiar with the process can be 'had.' Chris Bryan, president of the Pickering chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, tells this story:

"A young fellow knocked on the door about dinnertime and said that he was working with a local dance club which was doing a dance-a-thon to raise money for Heart and Stroke. He had a little handwritten sheet with people's names, addresses, the amount that they had given, and included a box to check off if you wanted to be sent a receipt. He said he was from the local area and kept his request short and simple. But he didn't have any of the normal Foundation material that canvassers have — lapel pin, receipt book or brochures."

Impressed that a young kid was working so hard for the Heart and Stroke, Chris contributed.

"But as soon as he was out the door, the fact that this guy didn't have anything from the Heart and Stroke clicked," said Chris. "I called the office to check but we weren't doing anything in the area with any of the schools or a dance club. He got me and he got others."

Chris estimates that there were more than 60 names on the list and speculates that the youth may have been only one of a group. The incident has since been reported to the police.

Though the Heart and Stroke Foundation accepts money any time of the year, presently they are recruiting volunteers to canvass in February, which is Heart and Stroke month.

"Many third party groups do raise money for the Foundation by holding dances," says Wendy Orton, area coordinator. "But it is absolutely vital that we know if they are going door-to-

door." If you have any doubts about canvassers, a quick call to the local office will reassure you.

Since 1952, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada has raised approximately \$500 million for research into the causes, treatment and prevention of heart disease and stroke. In 1995 the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario was the highest per capita heart fundraising organization in the world.

Current research includes: intra-uterine surgery to correct heart defects before birth, identification of the genes involved in the development of cardiovascular diseases and risk factors, and the development of drugs that can be given after stroke to prevent or minimize brain damage. In Ontario, breakthroughs have been made in blood-thinning drugs, refinements to pacemakers, and surgical and non-surgical techniques for treating congenital heart defects.

The Foundation also promotes health through information and education. Calling the 1-800-360-1557 Heart and Stroke Healthline will put you in touch with the most recent and authoritative information on almost everything concerning these diseases. In schools, the Foundation promotes the Heart Smart All-Stars and Jump Rope for Heart programs, to champion both fitness and heart health while serving as a fundraiser.

For more information, to check out canvassers, or to volunteer in the Ajax/Pickering/Whitby area, call (905) 686-1521.



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## Oh no! Not another one!

Every year at this time, it happens. With the coming of the Christmas spirit, we begin blissfully spending too much money on gifts for friends and loved ones, and planning a too-huge Christmas feast. We become suddenly willing to endure long line-ups at cash registers: nearly dropping with exhaustion as we wait to part with hard-earned dollars, buying stuff we don't need and bottles of booze we usually don't drink.

As we rush out the door to parties or other events, we remind ourselves to take along "a non-perishable food item" (a descriptive term never heard of until someone pressed it on us just a few years ago) so the needy won't go hungry this Christmas.

If we can, we try to give a little something extra to our church, our favorite charity, a destitute aunt, and the Salvation Army's Christmas kettle. And so it goes.

And it all feels right — until the phone starts to ring. Oh no! Not another cry for help!

We've always wondered why so many worthy causes decide to spring one on us at Christmas time. Why, when credit cards are stretched to the limit and cash evaporates, must we also be subjected to the litany of anguish and despair, dished out so freely and wantonly, by whining telephone solicitors and unwanted mail drops?

It's not that the causes aren't worthy. Unfortunately, they are — they all are. All needy and all at the same time.

Does the coming of Christmas make the need for money more imperative or are these guilt-trip experts simply taking advantage of the one time in the year when most people allow themselves to let down their guard — to be openly warm and rosy and caring? Why couldn't they call last June?

Or, for that matter, why do they call at all?

Of all the outdated, old-fashioned habits needing rethinking in our society, telephone solicitation to find money for causes must surely be Number One. Not even a recession, with all its panic and degradation, managed to stop some of these short-sighted organizations from begging and pleading and cajoling for money. One could only pity the often-apologetic volunteers who had agreed to follow the direction dictated.

And with the coming of Christmas, we know we can expect it to escalate.

There are hundreds of other ways — and 11 other months — in which most of these charitable organizations can raise their much-needed funds. Surely, foremost in our minds at this time of year must be assistance for people who need food, warmth, clothing and protection to prevent them from dying in the streets this winter.

Government cut-backs will hit everyone this year; the future has never looked more grim for many people now at or below the poverty line. Organizations with the foresight to invent "something different" may stand a chance of reaching people with the ability to pay; outmoded scatter-gun methods, however, could see many others going down in flames, blaming their failure not on their own lack of effective planning, but rather on what they will no doubt call a heartless public.



## letters

### A letter to Mike

To the Original Bay News:

An open letter to Premier Michael Harris.

There are many disturbing questions arising from your government's recent approval certificate granted for the building of a huge \$77 million water plant on the Ajax lakefront, including an Ontario gift of \$11.5 million towards this very controversial mega-project.

1. Why are the besieged taxpayers of Ontario contributing \$11.5 million towards this enormous Taj Mahal-type structure, dreamed up by Durham Region bureaucrats and politicians in the extravagant '80s, while at the same time Durham is forecasting a "surplus" of \$10 million in its own coffers this year?

2. Why hasn't Durham Region been required to first try water conservation and efficiency measures, before embarking on this wasteful

misuse of funds?

3. Why is Durham being allowed to draw water just 2.5 miles from the aging Pickering Nuclear Plant, with its dangerous carcinogenic tritium spills and leaks? Why must the people of Ajax and Pickering drink twice as much tritium as the people of Scarborough and Toronto?

4. Why did your government eliminate a crucial safeguarding condition, and leave water testing in the hands of the Durham consulting firm which is slated to receive almost \$13 million from this project? Is this not an obvious conflict of interest?

5. Why is this same consulting firm, in charge of a \$77 million project, unable to figure out how to collect water samples from the lake in winter when there is ice along the shoreline? Is it just a coincidence that past sampling showed

the highest tritium levels in our drinking water usually occur in those winter months?

6. Why are the people of Ontario and Durham about to be plunged a further \$77 million into crippling debt and years of interest payments, to fulfill the dreams and desires of local politicians and bureaucrats who want to build a grandiose showplace for their own glory?

7. Why has your government ignored the more than 5,000 Ajax and Pickering residents who have petitioned and written to ask the province to stop this mad expenditure, and instead you are aiding and abetting those who urge you to spend, spend, spend?

8. Wasn't the Mike Harris government elected to use some common sense, to put a stop to this eternal gouging of the people? Are you perhaps somehow unaware of what your Ministry of Energy and Environment has been approving?

Please investigate and stop this madness.

Janis B. Mitchell

Minority Citizen Representative on the Waterplant Committee

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## STEPPING STONES

## BY SEAN PARKES



# Cover Story

## Balance and peace

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Buddhism in North America with the heyday of writer Jack Kerouac, author of *The Dharma Bums* and *On The Road*. "It was popular with the hippie movement," he says, seated in his apartment in Ajax while his big grey cat, B.G., leans into his leg. "In fact, there are a lot of ex-hippies in Buddhism."

Against a wall sits a small shrine, consisting of a shelf on which are arranged a statue of the Buddha and personal artifacts of a meaningful nature. Butler says the purpose of the shrine is to focus one's thoughts, hence the use of important personal objects. Among his artifacts are a dish of wild rice and a sheaf of sweet grass, given to him by an aboriginal friend.

If there is one figure that most North Americans are familiar with, it's the statue of the Buddha. Usually presented in a restful, reclining pose, he's often portrayed as a jolly fellow with a large belly and a smiling face full of goodness and peace.

A divorced father of two (neither of his children Buddhist), Butler has started a four-member study group called Rigpa ("innermost essence of the mind" in Tibetan); they meet at each other's homes. And he corresponds with other Buddhists via the Internet.

He holds the Dalai Lama — long persecuted by the Chinese government and exiled from his Tibetan homeland — as an example of Buddhist integrity. "You look at all the persecution that his people suffered. He is like a modern day Gandhi. And yet he's a very earthy person, too." Because his religious studies are largely conducted at home, Butler says he's "very interested" in the prospect of a new temple in Ajax.

The temple, proposed by Anne Kwan of Whitby's Thailand Trading Inc. and brought forward to Ajax's planning committee, would be built at the southwest corner of Taunton Road and Church Street. The 950 square metre facility would have capacity for 200 worshippers and be open throughout the day for prayer, meditation and education.

Butler says it would help him in the pursuit of his own studies, as he and other

Buddhists adhere to the belief that people need to have a "sensitivity of the moment and a sensitivity to the needs of others, which isn't always easy to do." He laughs. "Life is comprised of a network of constantly changing interdependent relationships. The whole situation is more important than any one aspect of it."

Making life in a Christian-dominated culture easier for young Buddhists was one of the driving forces behind the Transnational Buddhist Youth organization, says Wendy Wu.

A nine-year resident of Pickering, Wu joined with other Buddhists to form the group, aimed at 12 to 16-year-olds, in September, 1994. The group grew quickly, from 20 members to its current 130. Games include basketball and badminton and study groups. Every three months, the organization holds a get-together, where members can socialize and do some karaoke singing.

Wu says that back home in Taiwan, "many people will say they are Buddhists, but they aren't. They just say it." She laughs when told that in Canada, there are also many non-church-going "Christians."

Wu and husband David, a businessman, have three sons,

Philip, 17, Dennis, 16 and Eric, 11. Like Butler, she is one of a handful of Buddhists in Pickering and Ajax.

On the top floor of the Wu home is an elaborate shrine,

made of solid red lacquered wood imported from Taiwan. An offering to the Buddha, oranges and apples in a small dish, is changed every day. Wu explains the shrine to a visitor,

then, before exiting the room, turns to the reclining Buddha, places her hands together in a brief, silent prayer, and smiles.

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For more information, please contact the Department of Parks & Facilities at (905) 420-4624.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC PRESENTATION concerning

### FRENCHMAN'S BAY

Thursday, December 7, 1995  
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The Town of Pickering Harbour Company, and the Province of Ontario have recently settled, by agreement, a thirteen-year-old legal dispute concerning the control of the use of Frenchman's Bay. At this special public presentation, information respecting the settlement will be available to the public as follows:

- 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm** Displays illustrating the various aspects of the settlement and brochures describing the dispute and its resolution will be available to the public. Representatives of the Town, the Company and other interested agencies will be present to answer questions.
- 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm** Mr. Dale Martin, Provincial Facilitator, will moderate a public presentation by representatives of the Town and the Company.
- 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm** Displays and brochures will continue to be available to the public. Representatives of the Town, the Company and other interested agencies will be present to answer questions.

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by Edwin Mercurio  
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From left to right, John, Bill and George Koras, owners of Mr. Greek Restaurant at 75 Bayly St., west of Harwood Ave.

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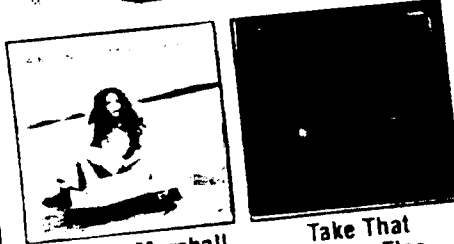
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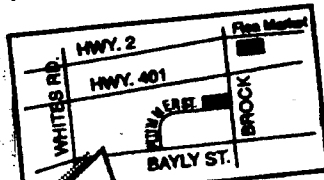


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## Zeller's comes to Ajax



Ajax Mayor James Witty cuts the ribbon at the opening of Zeller's, Ajax. Attending, left to right, are Al Sannes, Zeller's regional vice-president, Angelo Tzogas, store manager, Zeddy Bear, Mayor Witty, Anne Truman, personnel and office supervisor and Paul Van Alstyne of Zeller's.

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## Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers and Durham Regional Police are asking for the public's help in solving an arson incident which occurred in the village of Orono on July 23 of this year.

At approximately 3 a.m., a three-storey apartment dwelling situated at 5367 Main St. was set ablaze when suspects tossed a container of flammable liquid through a main floor window. The ensuing flames forced approximately 50 tenants from the building. There were no reported injuries, however, damage to the building is estimated at \$500,000.

Crimestoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for any information that leads to an arrest in this incident or any other serious offence. Callers never have to give their name or testify in a court of law.

Crime prevention is a community concern. If you have any information regarding criminal activity give Durham Regional Crimestoppers a call. Where long distance charges apply the number is 1-800-973-8477, and locally at 436-8477.

Sgt. Kevin Slaney is the co-ordinator with the Durham Regional Crimestoppers program and submits this article in the interests of solving crime.

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# VACATION GUIDE

## The Channel Islands

Canadian gardeners, who traditionally plant for summer on the Victoria Day weekend, hate to be away at such a critical time. But fortunately, there is a delightful solution. The 1996 Chelsea Flower Show, an annual event in London, England — and one which draws hundreds of thousands of fans every year — takes place from May 21 to 24, just in time to take in the show, get great ideas, and come home and garden.

Britain is alive with color in May. But obviously, a weekend is not long enough to see all the flowers and gardens of even London alone. So why not combine your travels in London with a trip to the British Channel Islands, where you can enjoy their early spring flowers, glorious weather and unique sightseeing at an unhurried pace.

Traditional tours of Great Britain seldom include these great islands, which are easily reached by ferry from Weymouth or non-stop air from London and other cities. Guernsey's 25-sq. mi. rural island is a sightseer's paradise of narrow country lanes, coastline panoramas, the famous dairy herds and lush

growth of early fruit, flower, and vegetable crops which are major exports of the island.

Plan to visit the capital, St. Peter Port, on Thursday market day, where many of the stall holders still dress in traditional costume. The tiny car-free island of Herm, just a short trip away, offers an opportunity to explore its glorious shoreline on foot.

Jersey, only 15 minutes off the French coast, is the largest of the three Channel Islands. A morning tour of the Jersey Pottery, to watch the skilled potters at work is a good way to start your day. Follow this with a scenic drive along the coast, which still bears its stark fortifications reminiscent of World War II Occupation.

The Channel Islands offer the traditional "bed and breakfast" accommodation, as well as exceptional hotels with a good variety of price. For shoppers, both Jersey and Guernsey are "tax-free" havens.

So if you're a flower and garden fan, as most of us are, a trip in May offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy the delightful early summer weather in the British Channel Islands and a day or so at the Chelsea Flower Show.

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What is it about this time of year that makes a spa visit sound so appealing? Could it be the warmth and sunshine? Or perhaps the luxury — or the pampering?

Whatever the appeal, spa vacations — popular even in Roman times — have been consistent in their siren song. And every pleasant travel destination on the map will have at least one to offer.

Florida, the snowbird destination of choice, offers spas in many of its major hotels. Miami's famous Doral, Eden Roc and Lido all provide packages which vary in price depending on number of days and whether you are planning on single or double occupancy. Fort Lauderdale and Tampa also offer several great spa facilities.

Throughout the States, spas are great drawing cards to cold climate destinations as well as warm, attracting visitors to California, Arizona, South Carolina, Utah, Colorado and Massachusetts.

Anyone wishing to travel abroad can find pampering in Grenada, St. Lucia, Italy, France, Germany and Austria. And even in unexpected places like Hungary, the Czech Republic, Syria and the Dead Sea.

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While early Romans may have been content to sit around in pools and soak, today's spa aficionado can expect whirlpools, saunas, aerobics and body building; sun treatments, facials, manicures and pedicures; total body conditioning and massage. Your outdoor enjoyment can include golfing or skiing, while indoors you may lounge in a solarium or enjoy the social grace of an afternoon tea.

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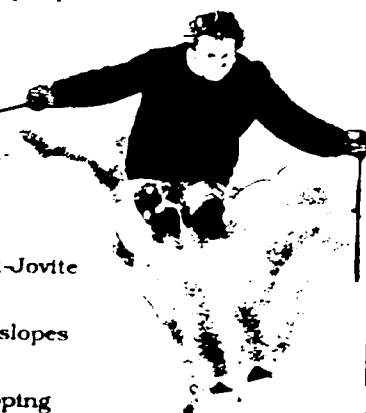
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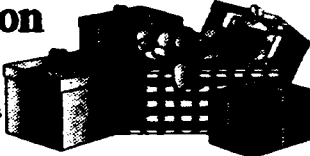
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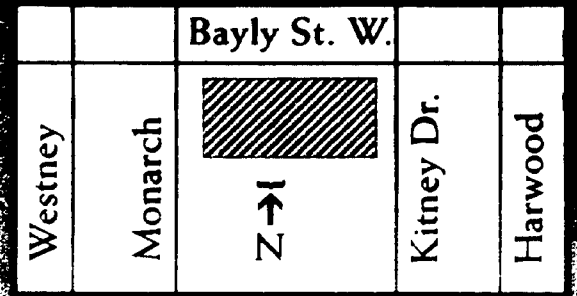


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Kevin Ryan a second from the Annandale rink is pictured on home ice during Saturday's Holiday Inn Challenge.  
 (Photo by Jim Lynch)

## Seniors zone playdown

by Jim Easson

Twelve teams started out in our zone playdown trying to win one of two spots that lets them advance further in the CIBC Seniors competition. The action took place at the Port Perry Curling Club on Nov. 18-19. All the clubs in the local zone participated from Dalewood in Cobourg through Tam Heather in Scarborough. Tam had the largest representation with three entries.

A Port Perry foursome skipped by Ralph Fairman won the side on home ice. Annandale's representatives lasted into the third round, but only by virtue of a bye in the opening draw. The team consisted of Rocky Bergeron at skip, Walter Nash playing vice, Jim Easson at second, and Mark Scanlan at lead. The eventual two zone winning teams will play in the regional to be contested in Thornhill Golf and Country Club next weekend.

Some have asked why it is not the Annandale Curling Club who are hosts for the Ontario Men's Curling Championship in the Pickering Recreation Complex next February. Whitby Curling Club has bid to host those championships a number of times. When they were finally awarded the 1996 version, they were unable to come to an agreement with their local Iroquois Park Complex, but came to terms with the Rec Complex. Accordingly, Whitby is hosting the Nokia Cup there Feb. 6-11. There is a \$5 discount on full week and final weekend packages ordered before year end. Call 665-CURL for more information.

## Softball Canada strikes out in search for hall site

**W**anted: a home for the Canadian Softball Museum and Hall of Fame. Apply immediately to Softball Canada.

The concept of a permanent home for a museum/hall of fame has been a vision for as long as softball has been around. Why not? Softball has always been a major thread of our cultural fabric and now, with the emergence of women's fast-pitch in the Olympics, the successes of Canada's national men's teams as world and Pan-Am champions, the amazing feats of the Toronto Gators and the explosive growth of slo-pitch, the game needs a place to hang its hat.

Three years ago, Softball Canada asked its membership to canvass communities for possible sites.

The Canadian Curling Association also was without a home for its museum/hall. At the time, the two bodies might have shared a big, unused former registry building in downtown Kitchener. But it appears Softball Canada has struck out. The curling group, headed by hall president Dot McRae of London, Ont., scored the building as a sole tenant, complete with a 10-year lease at \$1 per year and \$100,000 worth of renovations.

The grand opening of the nearly \$2 million project is planned for next November.

"We wanted to be a co-partner and an equal partner with curling," said Softball Canada executive director Rick Johnson from Ottawa. "But what the curling people proposed was unacceptable. As a result, we are still looking."

Ideally, a softball-only facility would include 3,500 sq. ft.

of exhibit space and 1,500 sq. ft. of storage and office space. Softball Canada can be reached at (613) 748-5668, fax (613) 748-5760.

Ontario Baseball: Linda Lewis of Port Lambton, near Sarnia, is the new Baseball Ontario president. She succeeds Bernie Soulliere of Windsor and is only the second woman to occupy the presidency. Vi Christopher of Belleville (1987-88) was the other.

Other officers elected at the group's annual meeting last weekend in Chatham included vice-presidents Jack Middlemass of Kitchener, David Huctwith of Mississauga and Peter Topolie of North Bay.

Executive members are Tom Lawson, North York; Noreen Brodie, Markdale; Don McKnight, Newmarket; Randy Pickle, Oshawa; Bob Humphries, London; and George Birch, Belle River.

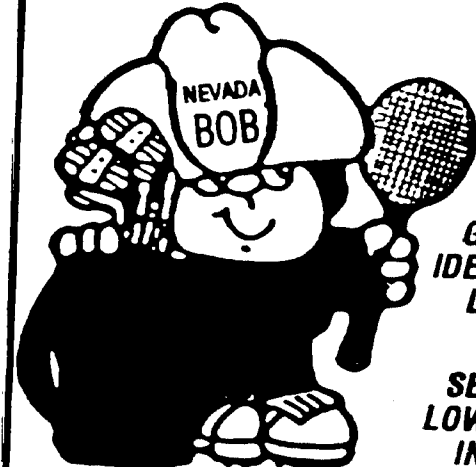
Jim Lutton of Oshawa, OSA supervisor of coaches, was named an honorary member for his 30 years of service.

Fast-Pitch Symposium: National head coaches Terry Baytor and Chick Kennedy will be handling speakers at Softball Ontario's symposium Feb. 16-17 at the Venture Inn on Dixon Rd. in Toronto. Canadian hall of famer Diane Warriner, along with Softball Ontario instructors Dick Anthony and Doug Neil, are other clinicians.

Baytor's men's team heads for Midland, Mich., next July 5 to 13 for the world championships. Kennedy has a date July 21 to 30 at Columbus, Ga., where women's fast-pitch makes its debut as an official Olympic sport.

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Do you have the baseball blues already? Can't wait for the spring thaw to vent out that

pent-up baseball fever? Well, now you can release that energy, do your heart some good, and raise funds for the Ajax Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation at the upcoming 3rd annual Mixed Sno-Pitch Tournament.

Teams are currently being sought for the annual event slated for Jan. 20, 1996.

Each team is guaranteed three games. Cost is \$150 per team. The headquarters for the

tourney is The Upper Deck Sports Bar on Westney Road South.

Sponsorship will be supported by Upper Deck and Labatt's. Tournament applications are available from the Heart and Stroke office, 835 Westney Rd. S., Unit 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

For more information call the Heart and Stroke office at 686-1521 or Al McGurrin at 683-1627.



A first place winner at the recently held 11th Annual Durham Regional Police Disabled Games.

## Durham athletes excel in Disabled Games

by Steve Tait  
No matter how you look at it, they are truly great athletes, despite not being able to race down the ski slopes at La Alberta Tomba, play rugby like Gavin Hastings, or slam a basketball like Michael Jordan. But nothing could stop them from competing as fiercely as their favorite athletes.

Disabled athletes gathered in Pickering to compete in the 11th Annual Durham Regional Police Disabled Children's Games.

"We, as a police service, like to be a part of our community," said convener Detective Stewart Giffin. "This is our way of showing our commitment to the community."

Athletes from numerous clubs around Ontario united at the Pickering Recreation Complex for the games, including representatives from the Durham Hot Wheels club. With teams limited to 10 competitors each, Durham Hot Wheels entered three teams so everyone would have an opportunity to take part.

This competition, along with another one held in Malvern, is considered fun and less competitive for those who are not provincial or national athletes. And for the participants, it was a time to shine.

Two of the three Durham teams finished atop the standings when the Hot Wheels placed second and the Hot Wheels

Burglers finished in third. "This is a fun competition for them," said Hot Wheels coach Lyn Sutton. "Some of the other kids who don't compete at a higher level got to come to this one."

"They like to compete. And it's fun for them to win."

But it was the Burlington Roomers who left town with the top prize. A roar was heard when Burlington's name was called as the champions. Lindsay Pallister, captain of the Burlington team, had a smile on her face that lit up the room when the trophy was presented to her.

But for everyone who attended — athletes, volunteers, coaches and police officers — it was indeed a special day.

"The Durham Police are one great organization," said Clare Runstedler, a parent of one of the athletes. "They really do a wonderful job for the kids."

And as far as Mr. Griffin is concerned, the police department will continue to support the event for many years to come.

"As long as I'm around I'm going to try to keep it going," he said. "But it doesn't take much. The police administration is completely behind the games."

All events were held within the confines of the complex, which has become the annual site for the games. And the police department is thankful of

their contribution to the event.

"We're very appreciative of their assistance," said Mr. Giffin. "Also, Mayor Wayne Arthurs has been 100 percent supportive, as has the Town of Pickering."

But nothing pleases the police department more than to see the young competitors giving it their all and leaving with smiles on their faces.

"For every smile I see, I smile right back," said Mr. Giffin. "It's an unbelievable feeling. The kids are my greatest Christmas gift."

## 1995 Holiday R.I.D.E. program

The Durham Regional Police Service joins eight other police agencies in the area to announce the start of their 1995 Holiday Season R.I.D.E. program. Starting Nov. 30, a special team of seven officers has been operating Christmas spot checks to find drinking drivers.

Due in part to the R.I.D.E. program, the problem of drinking drivers has decreased over the past few years. However, they continue to cause injuries and deaths on all of our roads. We intend to

keep up our efforts to maintain as safe a community as possible. Over the next six weeks, ending Jan. 7, 1996, the Durham Regional Police R.I.D.E. team will be setting up at various locations throughout all eight municipalities in the region.

Last year, we checked 28,000 drivers in our holiday R.I.D.E. program and we hope to check even more this year in our search to apprehend drinking drivers. This year's campaign will again include the "Passport To Ride" coupon book which will be distributed to all drivers that have not been drinking as our way of

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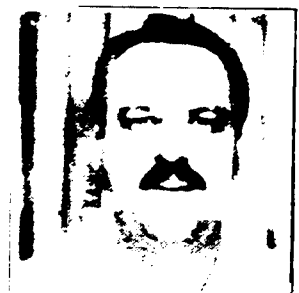
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# School honors sponsors of environment project

by Edwin Mercurio  
Despite freezing temperatures, 200 school children, teachers, government, corporate and civic group officials planted tulip bulbs at the groundbreaking ceremony of the front garden grotto of St. Bernadette Roman Catholic School in Ajax on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

At the same occasion, school officials honored donors and sponsors who had assisted in the school's environment project.

The ceremony was also held in memory of Grade 1 school teacher Sheila Love who passed away last Friday. Mrs. Love was one of three teachers of the Catholic school who

were instrumental in getting the environmental redevelopment of the school grounds project started in the fall of 1994. The project's most unique aspect was that it was community driven and funded.

Jayne Tollefsen, chairperson of the PTA Environment Committee, said the impetus for most of the work came from the students and teachers; funding and labor came from within the school community, the business sector, and citizens of Ajax.

She also said she is pleased with the way teachers of the school are integrating the environment there into their classroom curriculum and that the parish of St. Bernadette, under Fr. Dan Palillo, have been very supportive of the school project.

Last winter with Ajax Rotary Club acting as a catalyst, students, teachers and parents developed a concept plan. Landscape architect Henry Kortekaas translated the schoolchildren's ideas into a workable plan and developed a preliminary budget for the work. In May, the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board unanimously approved the

proposal. Priority items identified by the students included two large vegetable gardens and shade trees needed to surround the existing play structure at the rear of the school.

Teachers, Sheila Love (Gr. 1), Peter Valks (Gr. 6), Janet Torrie-Smith (Gr. 8) and their classes assisted the Environment Committee with presentations of the concept plan to potential supporters. And as a result of their efforts, Canada Trust donated \$3,000 towards the completion of the vegetable gardens and the Ajax Rotary Club purchased ten 20-ft. Norway maples

Among those honored in the commemoration ceremony were the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus, who raised \$6,000, Ajax Energy Corporation, DuPont Canada - Ajax Plant, Arnst Loam Supply, Consumers Gas, Inter-Provincial Pipeline, St. Bernadette's Catholic Women's League, Highland Farms, Vandermeer Nursery, Pickering Nurseries, Habitat 2000, Unilock and Ajax Parks and Recreation.



St. Bernadette Roman Catholic School principal Bryan Livett congratulates Jayne Tollefsen, chairperson of the PTA environment committee, for her active involvement in the school's environmental project. Partly hidden is Ann Quinn, treasurer of PTA Environment Committee.



St. Bernadette Roman Catholic School children plant tulip bulbs for the school's grotto and garden.

## Region to begin direct deposit

by Jacquie McInnes

As of Jan. 1, social assistance benefit recipients who lose their cheques will have to find their own way of recovering the funds. The region will no longer replace lost or stolen cheques for them, a decision which should save the region approximately \$26,000 a year.

The policy change was made in light of the region's new direct bank deposit option which will allow recipients to have funds put directly into a bank account, thereby eliminating the possibility of cheque loss or theft. Committee chair Whitby Mayor Tom Edwards says notices are scheduled to go out with upcoming cheques ensuring that everyone affected will have ample time to switch over to the new system.



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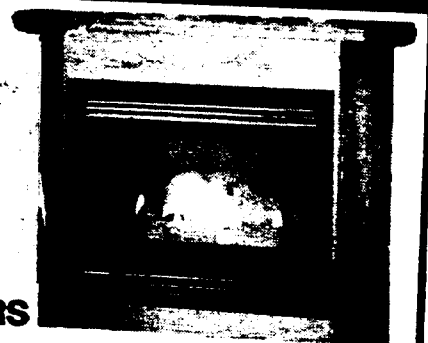
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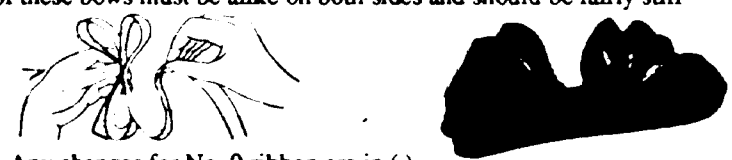
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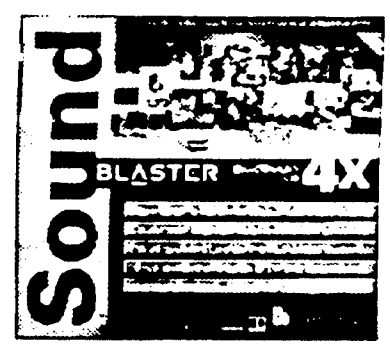
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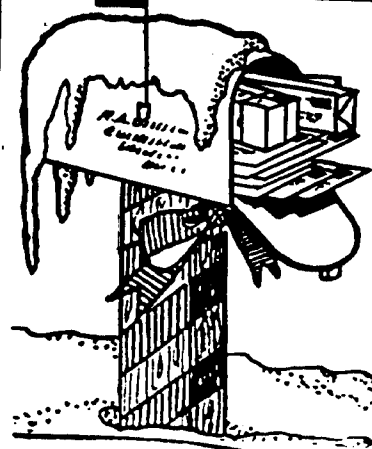
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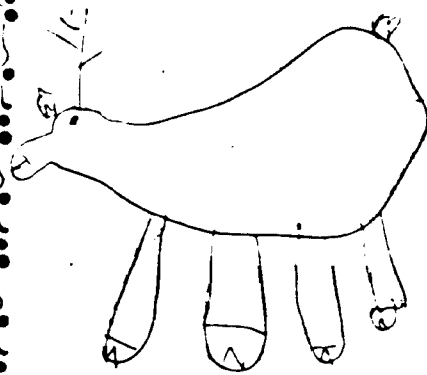
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Dear Santa

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# Holiday safety check list

by Marie Patenaude

The holiday season is again upon us, however, along with the joy this time of the year brings many people will suffer bum injuries or die as a result of carelessness. So along with the list our children will give Santa, each family should have another one to ensure a safe and happy holiday season.

## Holiday safety check list

- Choose a freshly cut tree. When you are ready to bring it indoors to decorate, cut two to three inches off the base diagonally and place it in a sturdy tree stand. Keep the reservoir filled with water until you take the tree down.

- Place your tree away from any heat source or exit.
- Use only CSA approved lights and discard all lighting sets that are frayed or damaged. Keep electrical bulbs away from curtains or combustible materials and never use candles on or near a tree. Keep all Christmas presents away from electrical bulbs. Do not overload extension cords. Keep connections away from the water in the stand.
- Use weatherproof outdoor lights and cords for exterior decorations.
- Unplug all lights before going to sleep or leaving the house.

- Make sure that children are aware of the potential dangers of the Christmas tree. Keep children and pets away from candles, electrical cords and fireplaces. Do not leave small children unattended.
- Ensure smoke alarms in your home are working. Make sure that the fire extinguisher is kept in an accessible place and members of the family know how to use it properly.
- Since most of us will be spending extra time in the kitchen to prepare that holiday feast, be alert when cooking. Now that you have your list, check it over twice and have a safe and happy holiday season.

## Task force to review young offender "discipline program"

Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services Bob Runciman has announced the appointment of a task force of community leaders and members of provincial parliament to develop a strict discipline program for Ontario and young offenders.

"Ontario residents have repeatedly called for tougher sanctions against youths who show a flagrant disregard for the law," the minister said. "This government is interested in a program tailor-made for Ontario that would expose young offenders to the concepts of discipline and personal responsibility."

"The task force will establish standards for security, work and basic skills training to maximize self-worth and rehabilitation of young offenders," Mr. Runciman said.

The task force will review Canadian and international models for strict discipline facilities, and make recommendations on how a program of strict discipline should be developed for the effective custody, management and treatment of young

offenders. Strict discipline programming for young offenders have recently been introduced in Manitoba and Alberta.


Programs typically introduce fundamental values such as personal accountability and self-respect in a highly structured atmosphere of rigorous physical discipline.

The task force will be co-chaired by Gary Carr, parliamentary assistant to the solicitor general and MPP for Oakville South, and Janet Ecker, parliamentary assistant to the minister of community and social services and MPP for Durham West.

Members include Norman Inkster, former commissioner of the Royal Canadian

Mounted Police, the Honourable John M. Senshen of the Ontario Court, provincial division, Archie Ferguson, former commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, London criminal lawyer Norman Peel, Q.C., Franco Fragomeni, supervisor of psychological services at the Belleville General Hospital, and Gary Allan, former special programs coordinator, Brockville Psychiatric Hospital.

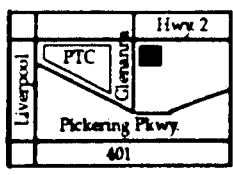
The minister said new programming recommended by the task force would be implemented within current ministry budget allocations. The task force is to complete its recommendations by April 15, 1996.



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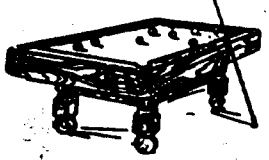
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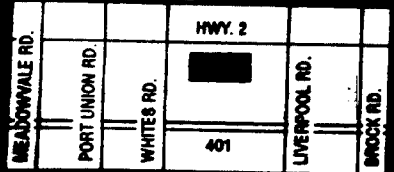
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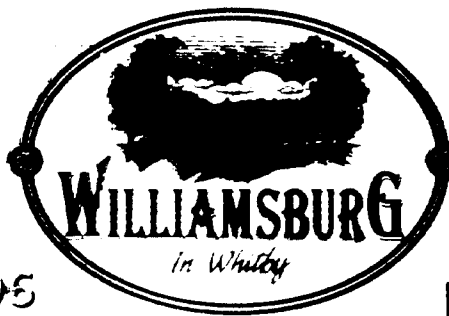
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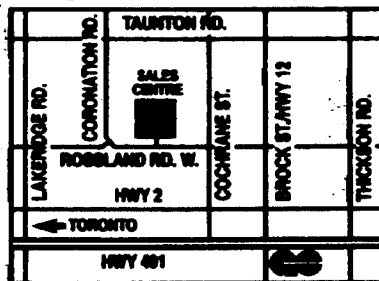
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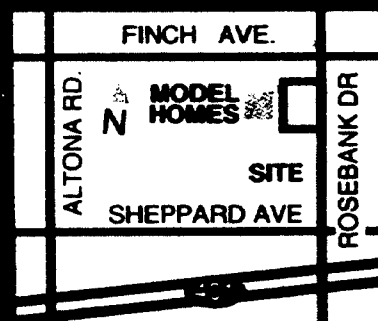
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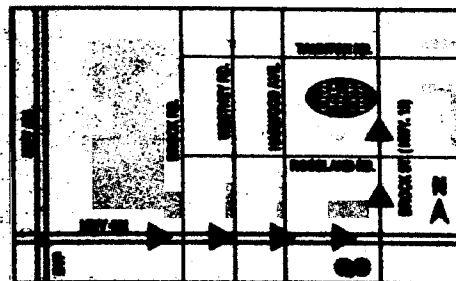
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# Spruce Hill Landing

## A Treasure Trove in Whitby



by Dorteia Helms

On a private pocket of land just off Dundas St. in Whitby lies a charming cul-de-sac called Spruce Hill Landing. This cosy enclave is the creation of Garden Park Homes, a family run business that has specialized in building small, choice neighbourhoods for the past five years.

When complete, Spruce Hill Landing will accommodate just 17 single homes linked below grade by footings only. Purchasers are drawn at first by the select location of the site: head west for some of the best shopping in Whitby, or drive a few minutes east to the Oshawa Centre. Surrounded by an existing community, Spruce Hill Landing residents don't have to wait for amenities to be constructed; Whitby's topnotch facilities are just around the corner.

The clay brick homes up to 2,103 sq. ft. are priced from \$158,000. The site's enviable location is similar to pres-

lude to Garden Park Homes' treasure chest of values. Prices include an amazing array of standard features, including casement windows with Colonial rails in front, oak pickets and handrail, 4" baseboards and 2 3/4" trim.

A Second Floor Laundry Room can be accommodated in any of the six available models, and Garden Park Homes is happy to customize plans wherever possible.

"We're easy going about working with customers to adapt designs to what they want," says Site Supervisor Tony Gallace.

For a limited time, Garden Park Homes is offering a selection of Bonus Packages to purchasers, who can

choose from a variety of appliances and upgrade combinations. Ask about current financing incentives when you visit the Sales Office and tour Garden Park's two beautiful model homes. Head east on Dundas St. past Thickson Road; turn right (south) on Powell St. and left on Mansfield Cres. to the site. Call (905) 721-1088 for information.



### Oshawa-Durham Home Builders' Association Appoints New Executive For 1995-96



Front Row (L to R) Jamie MacInnis, Director, Jim Bathe (Director), Peggy Brown (Director, Ron Robinson (President) Peter Saturno (Director).  
Back Row (L to R) Stephen Kassinger (Past President), John Stotts (Executive Officer), Bob Annaert (Director), Joe Thompson (Director), Sue Hillebrand (First Vice President), Brian Collins (Director).

### Oshawa-Durham Home Builders' Association Awards Excellence

Prominent Association Members and innovative housing projects in the Oshawa-Durham Area were recognized at the 2nd Annual Awards Evening of the Oshawa-Durham Home Builders' Association held on November 24. Four major awards were presented: one for Sales and Marketing and three for outstanding member contributions to the Association and their communities.

Third-party judges from Oshawa, Ottawa and Toronto awarded the prestigious "1995 Sales and Marketing Award" in recognition of a new residential community by an Association member to Jeffery Homes. Serving Durham Region for 26 years, Jeffery Homes has established a reputation for topnotch construction and impeccable customer service.

The three "1995 Community Service Awards" were presented to the following members: Peter Abramczuk of City Homes and Valiant Property Management; Stephen Kassinger of Kassinger Built Homes; and Robert Lupton of Millwork Home Centre. In particular, their generous help with the Schoolhouse at the new Kids' Safety Village was recognized.

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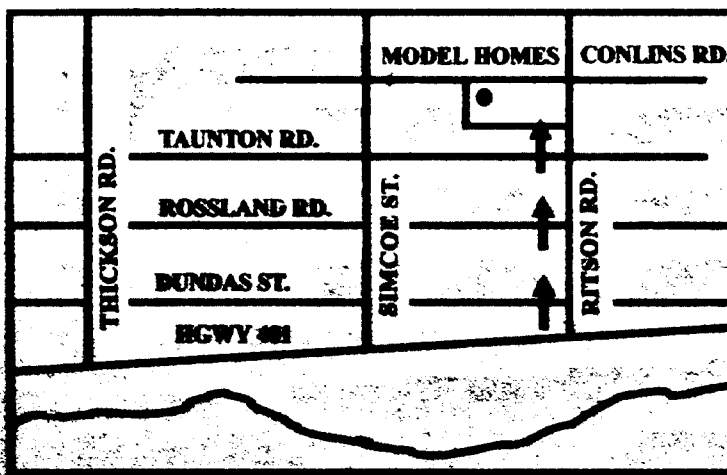
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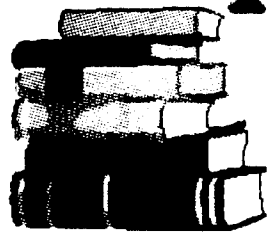


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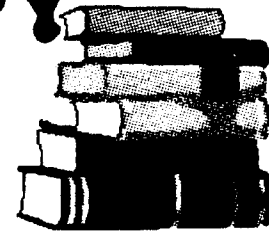


# A New-Storey on Two-Storey

## From City Homes at Sundance West



by Dorothea Helms



munity it creates. City Homes has been building California-style houses for seven years, and was one of the first builders to reintroduce bungalows into the Oshawa area five years ago.

Taking yet another innovative step, City Homes proudly announces a new concept in home design in Phase 2 of Sundance West: a two-storey home that's really a "new-storey". Created for those people who want the benefits of both bungalow and two-storey living, this home looks like a 1 1/2 storey Cape Cod from the front. Inside, you'll find the Master Bedroom on the Main Floor, and two bedrooms and a bath upstairs.

In researching customer needs, City Homes discovered that the concepts of bungalows for empty nesters and two-storey homes for younger families had a lot of overlap. Many people approaching their senior years want their living space on one floor, but have grown children at home or visiting often; the second floor allows for extra living space without having to sacrifice room sizes to compensate. Families with younger children often prefer that they have bedrooms on a different level of the home.

The unusual new-storey design has a dramatic flair, with vaulted ceilings over the open Family and Living Rooms reaching a peak over the central Dining Room. A dormer window opens to a striking, two-storey living space in the Living Room.

See for yourself what Sundance West has to offer. Visit City Homes' FOUR show homes; travel north on Thornton Road past Rosland Road; turn left (west)

Tired of trying to fit into a niche? Frustrated by builders who design homes for the majority, when you have individual needs that don't fit neatly into a market segment? If business buzz words leave you dissatisfied, head west! Northwest in Oshawa, that is — to City Homes' stunning new home community, Sundance West.

Northwest of Thornton and Rosland Roads, this neighbourhood of single family homes certainly has location, location, location going for it; with a golf course across the street and convenient access to transportation routes and the amenities of both Oshawa and Whitby, living in and commuting to Sundance West is a family's dream. Phase 1 is nearly sold out and will be completely finished with sidewalks, curbs and asphalt this coming summer.

Phase 2 is being introduced, and what you've heard is true: the two-storey and bungalow models available sit on lots that are 50' PLUS in width and average 120 feet in depth — yes, in Oshawa!

Want to hear more? How about a future 5-acre, fully-landscaped park with a soccer field and play area right in the community? And wait till you see the list of luxurious Sundance West standard features, including single slab cultured marble ensuite shower stalls with glass enclosures, vinyl clad casement windows, and they even have hinged downpipes that swing up to allow close mowing around corners.

Innovation has been a hallmark of City Homes since the company was formed in 1986 by partners Jamie and Roger MacInnis, Robert Hann and Peter Abramczuk. Their background in custom building benefits purchasers; they're open to incorporating customization to suit your needs wherever possible. City Homes enjoys an Excellent rating with the Ontario New Home Warranty Program and prides itself on using local trades whenever possible.

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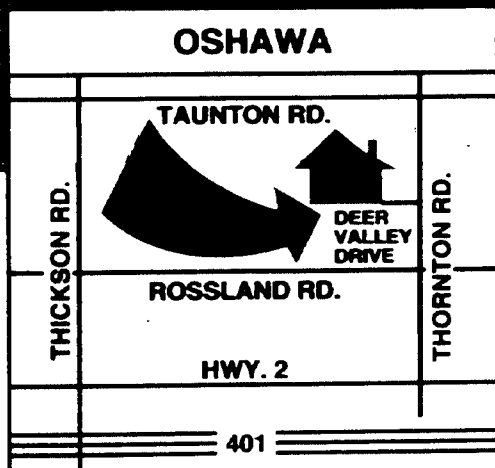
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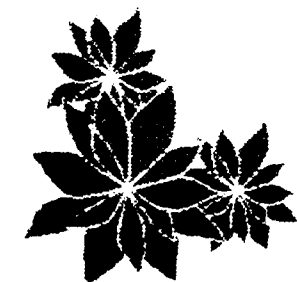


# Glenayr

Where "Exceptional" is

# Standard

by Dorothea Helms



From the outside, you'll know it by the clay brick and stone exteriors that combine turreted gables, keystone arches and masonry detailing. Once inside, one look at the oversize 38" brass-trimmed designer gas fireplace featuring a 55" high crafted wood mantel that is standard with each home, and you'll recognize it as unique craftsmanship from Fram Building Group, currently creating the Whitby community called Glenayr.

For fourteen years, Fram Building Group has been creating fine homes across southwestern Ontario. For the past ten of those, the company has earned Excellent ratings with the Ontario New Home Warranty Program, receiving the coveted Ten-Year Service Excellence Seal (the highest rating available for quality of after-sales service).

No wonder that when Fram builds a community, people respond. Whitby has been a favoured spot for some of Fram's most choice neighbourhoods: Maplewood, Somerset Gate and Queens Chase among them. Glenayr carries on that tradition of excellence in its third phase with a selection of single family raised bungalow and two-storey models up to 2,853 sq. ft. on 50' lots, plus a new release of stunning designs on 40' cul-de-sac lots.

A spectacular fireplace is just the beginning of your impressive Glenayr list of standard features; imported ceramic floor tiles grace not only the Vestibule, but also the Powder Room, Main and Ensuite Baths. You'll also enjoy 35 oz. broadloom with 7/16" underpad and white interior doors and trim. In keeping with Fram's background in environmentally sensitive building, all Glenayr homes feature high efficiency gas furnaces.

What's even more amazing about Glenayr is that prices start at just \$181,900. You choose from many designs, some of which offer open concept styles with two-storey living spaces; others cater to those who prefer more traditional floorplans.

Family life in Whitby is second to none, with a relaxed environment and a comprehensive package of amenities. Glenayr residents are just a five-minute walk from schools and enjoy the park Fram created right in the community. Shopping, conservation areas, community centres — Whitby has it all, plus convenient access to transportation routes for commuters. Highway 401 is just a few minutes away, and with Taunton Road



Photo by Roman Turlo

opened up to Steeles, getting around is even easier from this prestigious neighbourhood.

The Glenayr Sales Office is located in a 2,853 sq. ft. model home that showcases Fram's standard and upgrade features in truly elegant fashion. The two-storey Foyer is highlighted by a circular staircase with a recessed plant shelf and a dramatic overlook.

You have to see the hexagonal Master Bedroom to believe it; the Ensuite is huge and has a raised oval tub and separate shower stall. Even the walk-in closet is magnificent. One of the three other Bedrooms upstairs has a vaulted ceiling and a huge window — perfect for a modern office or artist's loft.

For a limited time, Fram is offering a \$20,000 bonus on selected 50' lots in Glenayr; ask for details when you visit the Sales Office and tour Fram's lovely decorated model home. Travel east on Hwy. 401; take Thicksen Road north, Dryden Blvd. east and Garrard Rd. north to Hartrick Place. For more information, call (416) 619-9816.

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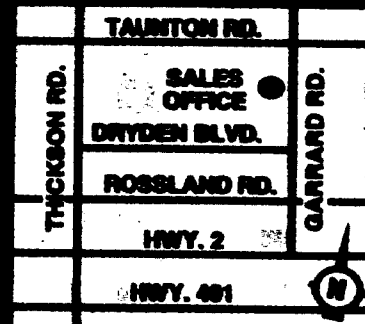
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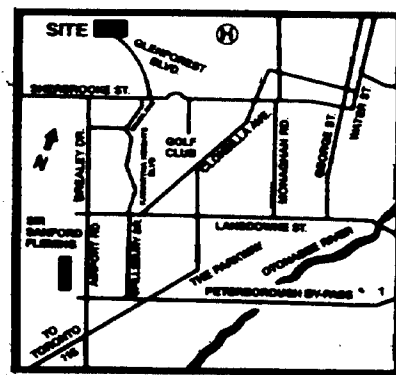
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