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Celebrate Canada

Glenn Hendry
staff reporter

by Glenn Hendry
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Citizen judge Walter Borosa, who has accepted more than 30,000 new Canadians since 1992, says

too many citizens fail to appreciate this country until they slap the Maple Leaf on their luggage and travel.

They often return, he notes, with a new understanding of Canada.

"There are 250,000 people knocking on our doors every year. That ought to tell us something," Borosa says.

Borosa, who tries to "spread the gospel" of good citizenship, usually offers

opportunities for audience members at citizenship ceremonies to reaffirm their pledge of loyalty to Canada.

At a special ceremony on Sunday at Bayfair Baptist Church in Pickering, congregation members took advantage of the opportunity to declare their pride in being Canadian.

The occasion was the swearing-in of Kenyan-born Calisto Zuzarte and his Indian-born family; wife

Elizabeth and sons Binoy Jason and Rajiv Christopher.

For the Zuzartes, this Canada Day weekend will be time to remember. "It will be our special day; it'll be our first with our citizenship."

Other Canadians will get their chance to honor our nation this weekend, and they will enjoy it in many different ways.

Some will simply use the

extra day to head north, out of the grind of urban life; others will stay home and take in the smorgasbord of events — as varied as our landscape and as diverse as our people — happening in Ajax and Pickering. For some, it will be a day to hoist the Maple Leaf high for boisterous celebration. Others will spend it in quiet reflection of our national day.

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Pickering's Canada Day celebrations at Kinsmen Park include jumping castles, pony rides, a softball tournament, children's penny carnival, face painting, mural painting, banana dipping, youth sports

games, a volleyball tournament, karaoke, bingo, barbecue, candy floss, snacks, cultural cuisine and beer garden.

On the afternoon stage (noon to 5 p.m.) will be puppets with Cindy Cook, the Amazing Wig Magic, juggling with Mike the Klecker Head Koehler, Si Leonard the ventriloquist, clowning around with Stewart and Face the Music.

At 6 p.m. the main stage cranks up with entertainment from the Durham Regional Police Pipes and Drums, Saxcessories from St. Mary Catholic High School, Tree Top Kids, Caribbean Showcase, Denise Lester Dance Academy, Junior Garde, Full Count Blues Band and County Jamboree, with a giant pyromusical fireworks show at 10 p.m. from Concept Flairux.

Shuttle Buses will be running every half hour (\$1 for

adults, children free) from the Pickering GO Station and Don Beer Arena.

Pickering Museum Village also has events planned for this weekend, including a car rally and scavenger hunt on Sunday (10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

The rally will take participants to heritage sites in the town and the \$20 ticket will also include admission to the museum village, which is also hosting an Antique and Classic Car show.

A copy of The Pickering Story, by Dr. William McKay, will be part of the rally's first prize.

Cullen Gardens in Whitby will also have a host of events lined up this weekend, including the Rose Festival and Festival of Flowers, an Upper Canada Militia display (mock battles, gun salutes) as well as live entertainment, face painting, wagon rides and fireworks.

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logo, before becoming the official symbol on our national flag in 1965.

Canada Post Corporation will issue a domestic rate stamp on June 28, to commemorate Canada Day 1996. The self-adhesive stamp depicts a maple leaf in a quilt pattern, and is available in sheets of 12, superimposed upon an enlargement of an identical quilt design.

The stamp's artist, Raymond Bellemare, has a long history of designing stamps for Canada Post, including the Birds of Canada set, issued earlier this year.

Nuclear boss vows Pickering plant will be "flagship" of nuclear fleet

by Glenn Hendry
Pickering Nuclear Generating Station director Ken Talbot - all of four weeks into his new post - promised Pickering residents the plant will one day become the "flagship of the nuclear fleet."

Talbot, a vowed "people person" who says the plant is in "good hands," brushed off a recent Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB) report claiming sloppy employee work habits and persistent breakdowns as "a little adverse publicity."

"We will bring the plant

up to world excellence, no doubt about that," Talbot told Pickering Council Monday night. "We're seeing a significant turnaround already."

The litany of problems at the station identified by the AECB included radioactive materials stored improperly, workers eating meals in hazardous areas, unauthorized equipment calibration that knocked out a nuclear shutdown system

and a small fire started by a worker that wasn't reported. That's in addition to the numerous radiation leaks that have occurred in the past four years, problems that have alarmed local residents and forced the board to threaten the plant with a shutdown.

Talbot, in fact, has to show improvements to the board by August or risk not receiving a license renewal when the current document

expires this December.

The affable Talbot, who cut his teeth at the plant from 1970 to 1988 before making his return to Pickering as director, promised to show the energy board improvements in plant safety when he meets with AECB members in August, but added, "The total turnaround will take a little longer."

Talbot also said he would help Pickering councillors set up a meeting with Ontario Hydro officials and Premier Mike Harris this September to discuss nuclear safety.



Jim Lynch

Scholarship Winner

Amanda Gundry of Pickering is one of twenty-one students who will share Canada Trust's \$840,000 scholarship award. The Dunbarton High School Student was chosen because of her outstanding leadership, involvement, leadership and academic performance. Ms. Gundry will receive \$4,000 for her studies at the University of Waterloo.

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Editorial Opinion

How many lawyers does it take?

Wait a minute! Did the Town of Pickering just make public the fact that a legal firm has been hired to collect that \$517,000 that someone overpaid to Novacor? Just how many lawyers does this town office need?

If memory serves, it's been about three years now since Noel Marshall left his job as Pickering's steadfast Town Manager. At the time, not willing to go to an outside consultant for guidance in how to replace Marshall, Council decided to leave it up to their two top men, Tim Sheffield (then Town Solicitor) and Tom Quinn, to sort out just what should be done and who should be elevated to top position.

Happening as it did, in the Rae years of social contracts and Bob Rae days, the shuffle which followed set up so much rancor among staff members, it's a wonder so many good employees still remain in their jobs with the town today.

Sheffield was elevated to Town Manager/Solicitor, a new position (with higher salary) was created for Quinn; and average employees watched (their own salaries frozen by the Ontario government) as three deputy directors were vaulted into Director status, with salaries elevated accordingly - these being promotions, as opposed to raises.

The mayor, on record as wanting to cut costs, claimed this new structure to be "leaner". By having the town solicitor do double duty, the town would save money. It was thought that Pickering might even do what Ajax and many other municipalities do: hire outside legal counsel only as the need occurs.

But it wasn't long before Sheffield was overwhelmed. Unable to handle the double workload, and forgoing any thought of using a local outside law firm, he set about hiring a replacement for his old position. Penny Wyger was brought on board as Town Solicitor.

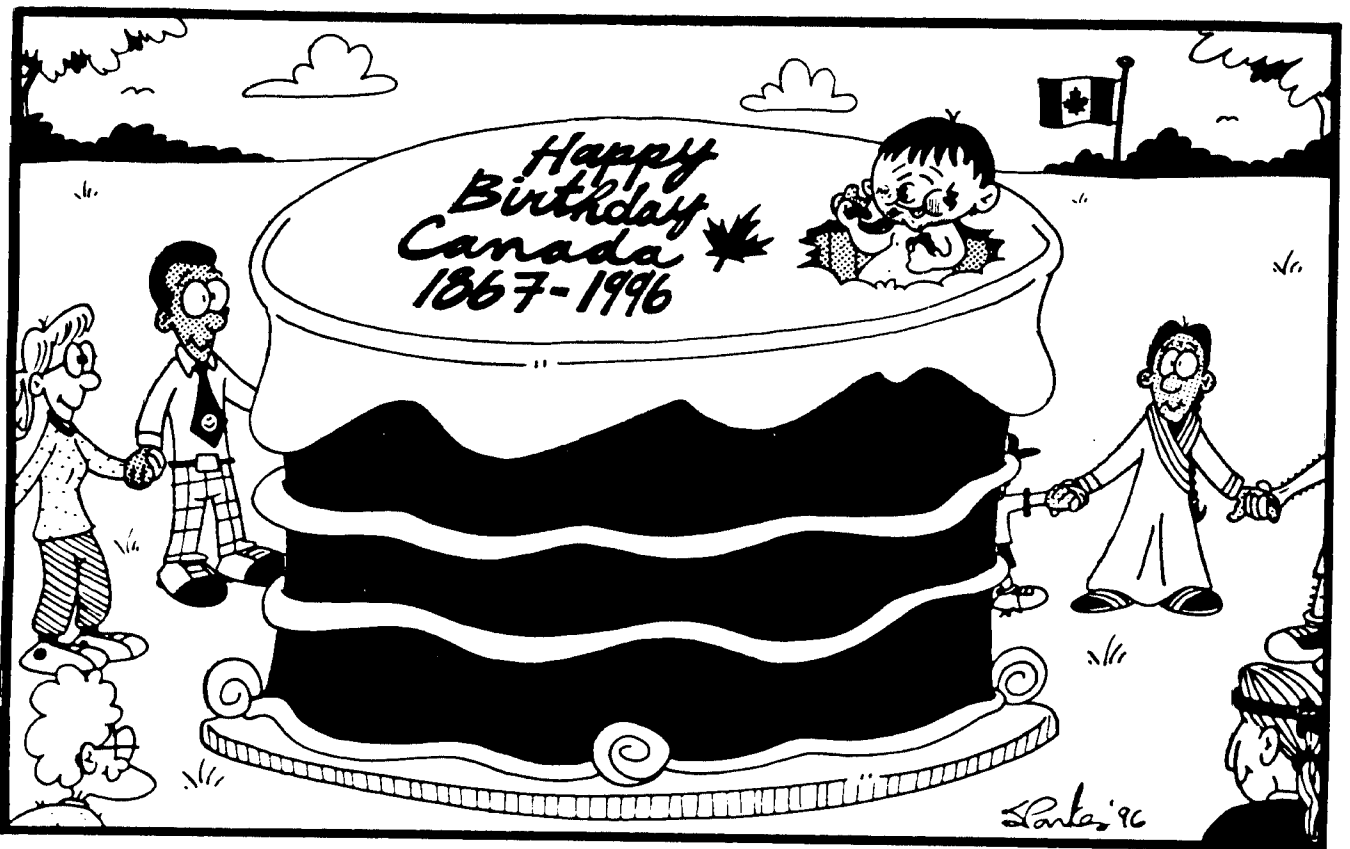
Now comes the overpayment of \$517,000 to Novacor. You remember that overpayment? The contractor's invoice that was paid twice; the one that first Quinn and then later Mayor Arthurs delayed reporting - no doubt expecting they could recoup before having to admit the error to the public?

The Town of Pickering has now reached out and hired the North York law firm of Kronis, Rotzain, Margles, Cappel and Gertler to take this case to court. We have to ask: Could Sheffield or Wyger not have handled this for the town? Failing that, could a Pickering law firm capable of doing the deed not be found? Given that this is not some major issue like, say a garbage dump or airport, do we really need these North York legal eagles to collect what is essentially little more than a bad debt?

Just asking.

As a follow-up to last week's untimely demise of the historic Campbell-McPherson House, we must salute the Town of Pickering's Building Department for a job well done. Not content to just rely on the contractor, the Building Department (whose reports had made it clear that this was a building which should never have been targeted for demolition) took charge of the project, ensuring that stones were numbered, drawings were made, and timbers were not cut (as the contractor wished to do).

"We puzzled it so it can be rebuilt," said a Department representative. Without their determined intervention, future reassembly would never have been possible.



Letter to the Editor

Resident thanks neighbours & council

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank many of our neighbours and a few members of our Pickering Council for their efforts to work with and listen to the citizens from our Lynn Heights community to ultimately find a winning solution to a sensitive problem in the Lynn Heights Park.

The facts are:

1. The Campbell-McPherson house had been allowed to decay internally and externally, to become vermin infested, to attract vandals and to be a fire hazard, for the last 13 years.
2. The Campbell-McPherson house posed several safety/health hazards for our children.
3. The house has historic preservation significance.
4. A proposed solution by Councillor Pistrutto to restore, in its location, for commercial and/or personal use would have resulted in re-zoning, a significant expense and a reduction of 30% of our small walk-in park via driveways, parking spaces, lights, etc.
5. The area residents had no Ward 2 representation on council on this issue, and Region 2 councillor Dave Farr was gravely ill.

Thanks to the 217 area residents who signed the petition to Pickering council, in November 1995, recommending relocation and renovation of the house within Pickering but not in our Lynn Heights Park to avoid re-zoning and a loss of 30% of our park space. Thanks to councillor Dave Farr, who agreed with the citizens and supported our presentation to council in spite of his precarious health at the time.

Thanks to Doug Dickerson who with his family worked tirelessly with many of us, to distribute 350 surveys to area residents updating them on the lack of solutions forth coming from business and community groups and asking for them to

again voice any disagreements with recommendations on how to proceed to council in May 1996 and for working with councillor Johnson to find a successful solution to remove the house for the purpose of re-assembling it in Claremont in the near future.

Thanks to Mayor Arthurs who stepped into the breach after councillor Farr's untimely death and provided advice and representation to Ward 2 residents.

It is very important to preserve history but not at the expense of the future of our children and our children must have a safe place to play.

Our objective to maintain our park and also to relocate and to restore the Campbell-McPherson house in Pickering has been achieved by the co-operative efforts of area residents, councillor Rick Johnson, Mayor Wayne Arthurs, councillor Dave Farr and especially councillor Doug Dickerson who, as the newest member of council investigated this issue thoroughly and fought to represent our local community position successfully at council.

Our Pickering Museum Village, Cullen Gardens, Black Creek Pioneer Village, to name a few are made up of re-located, renovated historic homes such as the Campbell-McPherson house.

Soon, everyone will be able to visit a restored Campbell-McPherson house, in Claremont. This is a win win solution for Pickering, LACAC, the area residents and our children who still have their park.

It is also a solution which ironically would be appreciated by many of the prior residents of the Campbell-McPherson house, who as politicians themselves fought for and worked to support and act on the will of the people they were elected to represent.

Thank you to all involved for finding a solution.
 Paul Galaski, Pickering

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No decision on bingo appeal

by Glenn Hendry

The fate of a controversial 600-seat bingo hall in Pickering's west end has been put on hold for several weeks by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

The bingo hall, proposed by Top Rank Bingo at Bridgepoint Centre (formerly known as the Furniture Mall) in the Dixie/Kingston Road area, was approved by town council last August. But the Liverpool West Community Association appealed the decision to the OMB the next month, citing incompatibilities with the neighborhood.

"In planning terms, (a bingo hall) would sterilize the uses in the area," says LWCA representative Carol Bamford. "Bingo is traditionally in industrial areas, with high traffic. It's single-use

with no spin-off. And it will drive away the types of uses we want to attract."

The hearings, tinged with controversy because of questions as to who is funding the appeal, got under way last Tuesday and wrapped up Friday.

Bamford said she and her husband Craig are funding the appeal, which is expected to cost at least \$10,000.

But Victor Lind, a planning consultant retained by property owner Emix Holdings, is curious about the source of the Bamford's funds after a cheque issued to him (for his subpoena) from LWCA lawyer Adam Brown carried a receipt stub with the name Bingo Country.

The name of the local bingo chain, a rival of Top Rank, also appeared last year on the

cheque issued to the Town of Pickering, after Brown paid the \$125 fee to initiate the OMB hearing.

Brown, who admitted he has represented Bingo Country in the past, said the first error was simply an "inadvertent" mistake by a member of his staff. The second cheque, he told the hearing last week, originated from a computer program in his North York office labeled "Bingo Country." Brown said he can't change the name of the computer file.

"I think it's embarrassing for them, if it is an honest mistake," Lind said. "But you have to draw your own conclusions."

"It was a little bit of levity into an otherwise dry hearing."

A decision on the LWCA appeal is expected sometime next month.



Digging for water

Jim Lynch

The official commencement of construction ceremony for the new water supply plant and intake took place recently on the Ajax waterfront. On hand for the ground breaking were (left to right) - Northumberland MPP Doug Galt, Ajax Works Chair John Aker, Regional Chair Jim Wilton, Ajax Mayor Steve Parish and Durham Region MPP Jim Flaherty.

Charity bill approved at Queen's Park

Durham West MPP Janet Ecker received the go-ahead for an initiative to encourage public support of charitable organizations as her private member's resolution passed in the Ontario Legislature June 20.

With the adoption of the resolution, Queen's Park has agreed the province should enter into negotiations with Ottawa to increase charitable tax credits on small donations so that they are equivalent to credits for political contribu-

tions.

Ecker said the resolution addresses an inequity in tax credits for donations under \$200 whereby political credits are \$150 and charitable credits are \$53.34.

She added that the province must negotiate with Ottawa because charitable tax credits are under federal jurisdiction. The authority for political donations is split depending on whether the contribution is for a provincial or national party.

"I am pleased that this reso-

lution passed and I thank members on both sides of the house for their support," she said.

"The government recognizes the tremendous contribution charities make towards the betterment of communities" she added, "I must also thank the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy for all the work they have done to bring this issue to the attention of governments. Their research and advice in support of this resolution is greatly appreciated."

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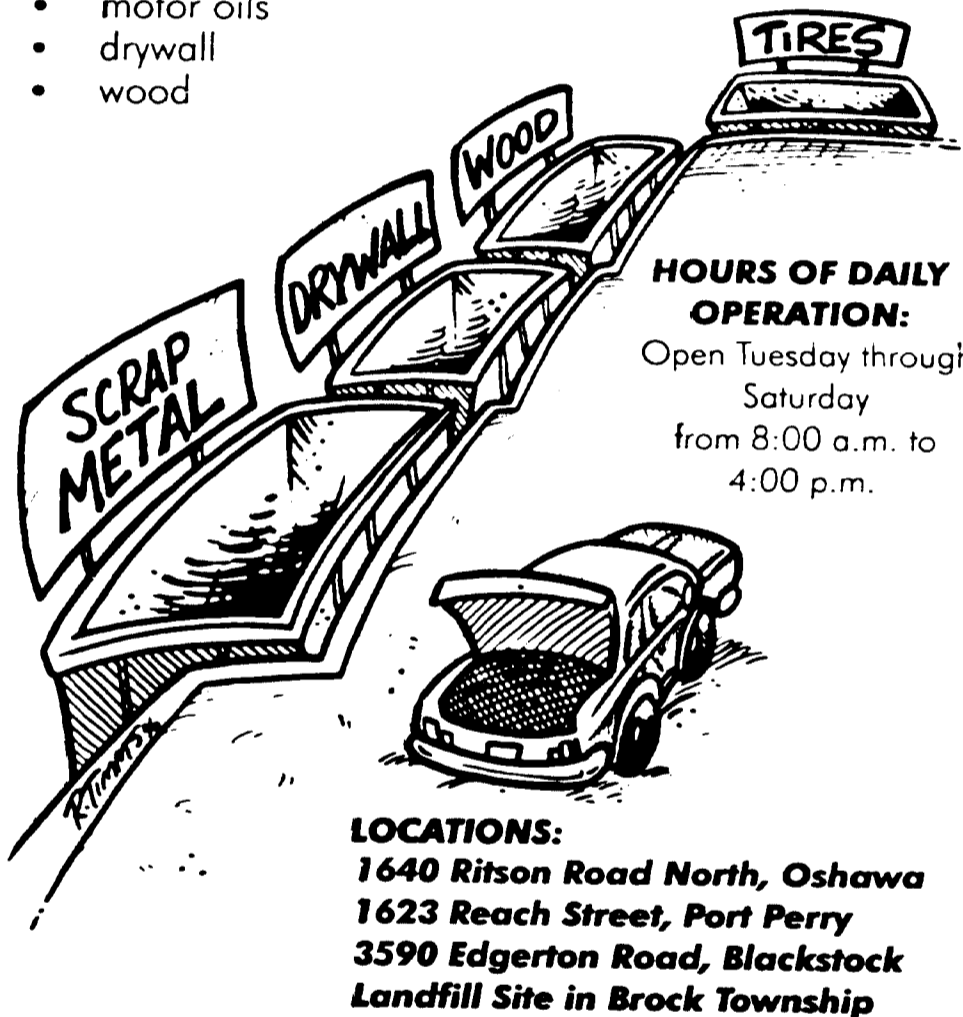
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Local firm wins regional garbage contract

by Glenn Hendry
Durham Materials Recovery Facility - the former Evergreen Recycling - is now a partner in Durham Region's post-Brock West landfill world.

The Pickering company, recently awarded a certificate to store and process waste at its Squires Beach Road facility, was one of three firms chosen to handle the region's residential garbage after Brock West closes December 1.

Durham Materials will be handling more than just Pickering and Ajax's garbage, however, which flies in the face of their condition of approval from Pickering council. But regional councillor Maurice Brenner says he's "comfortable" with the region's decision, noting the additional waste processed at the site will be "minimal."

"It falls within the spirit of (Pickering) council's position. Not to the letter, but to the spirit," he says. "Had they gone and divided everything into two, I would have been totally against it."

Durham Materials will

take garbage from Pickering (19,000 tonnes annually), Ajax (19,400 tonnes), Uxbridge (3,600 tonnes) and from three public drop-off sites in Oshawa, Blackstock and Port Perry (12,700 tonnes); for a total of 54,700 tonnes.

Pebblestone Multi-Services, already contracted to take Whitby's garbage, will now handle Oshawa's and Scugog's waste as well,

for a total of 55,100 tonnes annually.

Meanwhile, the region is negotiating with Laidlaw Waste Systems to handle residential waste generated from Clarington.

Courtice Auto Wreckers was also trying to land a regional contract but the company was rejected because it couldn't satisfy all the requirements in time.

Garbage from the three

companies will be trucked to Keele Valley landfill site in Vaughan, pending Metro approval, at a cost not to exceed \$45 per tonne. The contract will cost the region approximately \$9.4 million, a big jump from the \$6 million annual cost to ship landfill to Brock West. Oshawa councillor John Aker, the chairman of the works committee, said the cost impact to taxpayers will

be "softened" by taking a bite out of Durham's \$17 million waste reserve fund.

Metro will tell Durham next week whether or not they will accept regional garbage. If the answer is no, Aker says, Durham will have to find a willing private host.

Brock Township, which has its own landfill site, was not part of the region's negotiations.

Durham Materials' John

Grayson says he's "satisfied" his firm is now a partner with the region, noting a delay in making the decision (Oshawa councillor Brian Nicholson failed in an attempt to defer the motion to July 3) would have been costly.

"Regardless of all the other issues on the table, council faced the most critical one - timing. Now we can be up and running in August."

Durham Materials' certificate of approval from the environment ministry allows for a maximum of 93,000 annual tonnes of garbage. The balance will be filled by industrial, commercial and institutional waste, Grayson says.

Oshawa power takes a hit at region

by Glenn Hendry

Regional council took a bite out of Oshawa's power base last week, although an eleventh-hour amendment kept the damage to a minimum.

Durham's only city will lose three members, effective December 1, 1997, from its current 11-member contingent. The recommendation from the restructuring committee — mandated last fall to slash the size of council by a quarter — was to lop five Oshawa councillors off the regional payroll.

The municipality of Clarington will also lose one member (from their current four), while the number of representatives from the other municipalities in Durham remain unchanged.

The vote came at the end of a nine-hour marathon session, the longest regional council meeting in recent memory.

The committee's original recommendation — unanimously rejected at Oshawa council — naturally didn't go over well with councillors from the motor city and Brian Nicholson (who had threatened to take the issue to the Ontario Municipal Board) got the regional debate going by suggesting Oshawa recover two members off the hit list. He also

recommended Ajax be given an extra seat (Ajax Mayor Steve Parish said no thanks); the three northern communities (Brock, Uxbridge and Scugog) have their numbers slashed from three (plus the mayors) to one; and that the regional chair be elected.

"We accept that we have to give up seats, but that's too much," Nicholson said. "We each have to give up a little."

His first proposal was eventually accepted, but the other two requests were rejected.

The committee's recommendation would have saved regional taxpayers more than \$100,000 in salary. The amended motion will still save about \$60,000.

Parish, who supported returning the two councillors to Oshawa, said he understood why city politicians were upset by the restructuring committee's recommendation.

"Oshawa was taking almost the entire hit. That's not appropriate."

The final vote was 22-7, with one Oshawa councillor - Robert Lutczyk - as well as restructuring committee chairman Larry Hannah of Clarington voting against the package.

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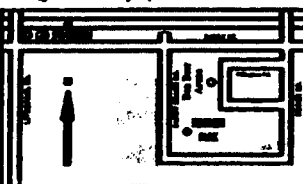
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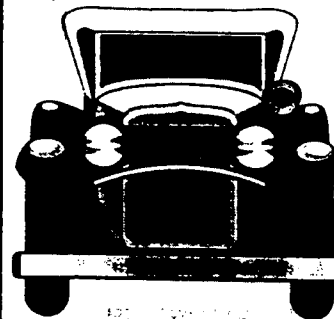


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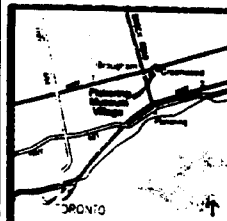
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Local winners excel in Provincial music competition

Two finalists in this year's Pickering Rotary Music Festival have gone on to prove themselves as tops in the province. Leslie Ann Bradley, of Port Perry, who captured 1996 over-all winner in the local contest, took first place in Ontario in the vocal competition at grade nine level. Scott Holyk of Whitby, Pickering's classical guitar winner, took second in the provincial competition for overall strings at grade ten level, in one of the most difficult categories, actually going head-to-head with violins and cellos.

"That is really a feat, given the instru-

ments he was up against," says Pickering Rotary Festival head, Judge David Stone. "He was the only guitarist in that competition; such a win is virtually unheard of."

Since the provincials are comprised of winners from all music festivals province-wide, Stone notes that these results reflect the excellence of the local competition as much as they do the musicians themselves. "We're celebrating the fact that musicians of this calibre are now coming into our local festival," he says. "It really makes us shine too. We're very proud of them."

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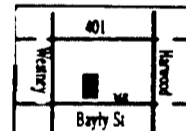
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The mystery of golf club shafts

by Len Dunsford

The average golfer does not realize how important it is to be playing with the correct shaft. Seventy percent (70%) of all golfers play with shafts too stiff for them and, unless the person fitting them has the knowledge and knows the specifications, it is a shot in the dark.

There is no uniformity with-

in the shaft industry because Firm, Stiff, Medium, Regular, in effect means nothing, even within the same manufacturer, never mind different manufacturers.

You can have two sets of clubs designated as regular shafts: one set you would have to have a swing speed of 74 mph, and the other, a 104 mph.

Because two players both swing at the same swing speed — one a fast hard swinger, the other a smooth easy swinger — they would have entirely different results using the same shaft. They obviously would need to be fitted with different shafts.

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dard, not realizing the effect it has on swing weight, shaft flex and also the lie of the club.

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I might add that this is only touching the fringe of the mystery of golf club shafts.



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Frenchman's Bay development clears first town hurdle

by Glenn Hendry
 An apartment/townhouse development on Frenchman's Bay received conditional approval from Pickering Council Monday night, paving the way for a transfer of bay lands into public ownership. The revised project, on lands at Bayly and Begley streets owned by Pickering Harbor Company on the bay's north shore, calls for

164 apartment units (stepped in height, from four to seven storeys) and 14 townhomes. As part of the deal - and the project still has to clear site plan hurdles this fall - Pickering Harbor Company will give 2.4 acres of wetlands (south of the development) to the town for public use. Wylie Freeman, a consultant hired by the harbor company, said a walkway

will be built from Bayly Street to the wetlands, a path that could be linked up with a waterfront trail system envisioned by both the town and the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The project received mixed reviews from public speakers at Monday's council meeting, although most gave at least tentative support for the proposal.

Dave Steele, the chairman of Pickering Ajax Citizens Together for the environment and a member of an ad-hoc committee struck to study the impact of the proposal, gave his conditional okay, but noted some concerns about the effect on the environment. Don Speller, an environmental scientist working for Pickering Harbor Company, said in his address to council that the development will not create any loss to either wetlands or bird habitat. An existing vehicle access route to the bay will also be eliminated, he added. The ad-hoc committee will continue to meet until the final site plan - complete with details on building design, landscaping and servicing - is brought back to council, likely in September.

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Witty roast

Tomorrow night, Durham Regional Chairman Jim Witty will get roasted over the coals. And he won't mind a bit. The occasion is aptly named the Witty Roast and the former Ajax Mayor will suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous barbs at his expense for a good cause - new stretchers for Ajax-Pickering General Hospital. Each stretcher costs \$8,000, which translates into plenty of insults. CFTO anchor Ken Shaw and Ajax councillor Joe Atkinson will share master of ceremony duties for the event, which will be held at the Pickering Recreation Complex. Tickets are \$99.95 each and can be purchased through co-chairs Anita Witty (683-8661) and Gale Mossman (428-1328).

Pickering rejects request to lower ice rental fees

by Glenn Hendry
 Pickering Council has refused to soften a \$7 surcharge for ice rentals this fall, a decision the president of Pickering Minor Hockey Association (PMHA) calls "taxing the kids." The extra fees, part of council's budget submissions this spring, will see ice rental fees bumped two dollars from \$93 to \$95 per hour, in addition to a \$5 user fee. Len Quigley appealed to council twice in recent weeks for a reduction, noting that his organization will have to "scramble" to raise \$26,000 the rental increase will cost. "We're going to price

kids out of hockey, at this rate," Quigley said. Regional councillor Rick Johnson, noting that because of the town's late submission of the budget (a shortfall of \$917,000 and

the subsequent review delayed the document by several months) user groups like the PMHA weren't prepared for the rental hike. He proposed the user fee

be reduced to one dollar, reverting back to \$5 at the conclusion of the 1996-97 hockey season. "They weren't given fair warning (about the increase)," Johnson

explained. "Next year they will know about the increase well in advance and be able to include it in their budget." Johnson's request, however, fell on deaf ears, losing 4-3, with support from councillors' Doug Dickerson and Enrico Pistrutto. Councillor Dave Ryan scoffed at the impact of the increase, claiming that the \$7 per increase, per child, amounted to "less than a decent pair of elbow pads." Johnson's refusal won't surprise Quigley, who said at his first appearance at council late last month that he would be "awful shocked" if council scaled back the increase.



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Durham Region Community Care Association Community Care Adult Day Program is hosting a mini-bazaar & Strawberry Tea from 1:30-4 p.m. Everyone welcome. Proceeds will go to the Day Program. For further information, Please call (905) 427-2315. Located at 487 Westney Road South, Units 19 and 20, Ajax. (Corner of Westney Road and Clements).

C.A.R.E. (Cancer Assistance & Resources for Employment) and HRDC will be presenting a workshop from 1:30 p.m. at 1400 Bayly Street, Unit 12, Pickering. Topic is Investigating Training Options. Pre-registration is required. Call 420-4010 for more information.

The Alzheimer Society of Durham Region is holding its Ajax Family Support group meeting from 7:30 p.m. at 487 Westney

Road South in the Community Care Respite Program offices - Units 19 and 20. All care-givers are welcome to attend. For further information, contact (905) 576-2567.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

C.A.R.E. (Cancer Assistance & Resources for Employment) and HRDC will be presenting a workshop from 1:30 p.m. at 1400 Bayly Street, Unit 12, Pickering. Topic is Resume Preparation. Pre-registration is required. Call 420-4010 for more information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Get-A-Way 96. A weekend retreat for single parents & their families from June 28-30, at Camp Ka-Ke-Ka in Haliburton. Call Scripture Union at 427-4947 for details.

Pickering High School class of 1971-75 is gathering at Mount

Zion Community Hall, Whitevale for a Dance. Cash Bar. Please spread the word. For further information call Nancy Rickard (nee Lickley) at (905) 294-4625 or Carol Miller at (905) 883-9175.

Serenity Group - 12 Step Recovery meeting at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Road from 8 p.m. Group meets every Friday and deals with addictions of all types, including co-dependency. For more information, call Jim (905) 428-9431 (evenings).

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Pickering Public Library Board has announced that the Central Library will be closed June 29, to allow for minor renovation work. Other branches will remain open.

Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village has released its Summer Events Schedule which includes

Summer Entertainment from June 29-September 2. All summer Fri. thru Wed. enjoy rotating entertainment throughout the Village from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call (905) 668-6606.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Pickering Museum Village presents an Antique & Classic Car Show and a Car Rally & Scavenger Hunt from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Entry Fee: advance registration - \$20 per car; entry at Museum Village - \$25 per car. Regular admission is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors & students, \$2

for children, pre-schoolers-free, \$12 per family. The Village is located in Greenwood. For more information or to register please call (905) 683-8401 or 420-4620.

Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village has released its Summer Events Schedule which includes a 'Made In Canada' Art & Craft Show from June 30-July 1. Over 40 local vendors will be at the Village displaying and selling their work. For more information, call (905) 668-6606.

MONDAY, JULY 1

Dan McTeague, MP for Ontario Riding is pleased to invite con-

stituents to his annual Canada Day Celebrations from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at 60 Randall Drive (Church and Hwy 2). For more information, call the Constituency Office at (905) 427-6203. Food and refreshments provided!

Cullen Gardens and Miniature Village has released its Summer Events Schedule which includes The Incorporated Militia of Upper Canada in period costume giving gun salutes throughout the day. Live entertainment from 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Fireworks at dark! For more information, call (905) 668-6606.

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Olympic boxers to train in Ajax

Before our Olympic boxers take on the world at the Olympics, they'll be preparing for two weeks in Ajax.

From July 1-15, the Canadian Olympic Boxing Team will train at the Ajax Community Centre prior to heading to Atlanta to represent their country.

"With Ontario having a lot of boxers on the Canadian team, we wanted to have the training camp in Ontario," said Ajax Boxing Club administrator Preston Roberts who won the bid over Montreal.

"They (Canadian Olympic Boxing Federation) took us up on our offer. And we're all thrilled.

"One of the reasons we said we would help out is because of Nick Farrell. That

was our alternative motive to give him support."

Farrell, an Ajax boxer who will represent Canada in Atlanta, will be part of the team training at the community centre.

"They're (the Ajax Boxing Club) a pretty proud bunch because of Nikki," said Roberts.

Roberts says everyone at the club is excited about hosting the event and are frantically getting everything prepared for the big event.

"This is the first time we've hosted something like this," said Preston. "Our job is to ensure the facilities are in place to train, provide lodging and get equipment set up. This will let people know what boxing is all about."

While the Olympic boxers in town, the Ajax Boxing Club will host a card of their own on July 9 and hope to have the Olympic team in attendance, making them accessible to the public for autographs and photo opportunities.

"We're going to try to get an opportunity for people to come in and watch (them train)," said Preston. "But we have to be careful not to have too many people in there interfering with the training."

Farrell will garner a lot of the attention from the local fans and is scheduled to be honoured at Ajax City Council while the team is in town. But Chic Presley, chief fundraiser for Farrell, appreciates the gesture by Council but would like to see more

organizations step forward by financially helping out the young athlete.

"I'm very disappointed," said Presley of the lack of financial support to The Nick Farrell Olympic Trust Fund. "We don't need someone to officially welcome him. If they had a cheque in their hand we'd be more pleased."

Presley had hoped to raise \$10,000 for Farrell to cover his travelling costs and expenses. But so far, they are way off their target goal. With \$1,135 in the account thus far, Presley is hoping Farrell's appearance will generate more interest within the community.

To date, the Royal Canadian Legion Ajax Branch, Pat Spence and Reed Florists having all chipped in

for the Ajax boxer.

Presley also said he had received a promise from the Ajax Minor Hockey Association that they would contribute to the fund.

Donations can be sent to:

The Nick Farrell Olympic Trust Fund, 50 Parker Cres., Ajax, Ontario L1S 3R5 or by calling Chic Presley at 686-1628. Funds will be raised right up until Farrell leaves for Atlanta.

Durham Synchro Club Brings home the gold

The Durham Synchro Club's 15-17 "A" team rose to the challenge at the last competition of the season placing first overall at the Provincial Trillium Meet held in Kitchener / Waterloo. The swimmers competed under the watchful eye of Canada's Olympic Synchronize Swim Team who did an exhibition swim of the routine that they will perform at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

In individual figure competition Anne Frazer, Ajax, placed fifth, Jenny Burgess, Pickering, placed seventh, Brenlee Wood, Pickering, placed tenth, Leslie Wickens placed thirteenth, Erica Vanderheijden, Pickering, placed seventeenth, Linday Borisko, Pickering, placed thirteenth, Amy McPherson placed forty-eighth, and Jane Wilkinson placed fifty-sixth.

Durham Synchro Club had one of the most successful seasons in its history. At the National level competition held in Calgary, Durham's Junior 12-14 "A" team of Shaina Dinsdale, Katie Ansel, Jessica Cooburn, Stephanie Cram, Amanda Damtsis, Pickering, Jennifer Johnston and Lauren Millar was second in the province, the 12-14 Jr. "A" Duet was first in the province, and the 15-17 "A" team was third in the province. The "B" club members who include Stacy Donaldson, Pickering, Heidi Nemeth, Jillian Rorabeck, Jenny Senkowski, Jennifer Bell, Kimberley Bonnar, Andrea Cryderman, Rebecca denBraasem, Ashleigh Malarcuk, Nicole Newhook, Catherine Theberge, Pickering, Heather Therrien, Pickering and Hailey Yates had a very successful year with many of the swimmers surpassing their personal goals.

The club's success was due to the superb coaching of Holley Landmark, Deana Inglis-Shaw, Beth Wintonyk and Teri Pearce of Ajax.

Durham Synchro wishes to thank all the people and businesses that supported the club over the past season especially Xerox Canada who without their continuing support the club could not have attained the results that were accomplished this year.

East End Saints in heaven after tournament title

The East End Saints Bantam "Rep" team recently won the Pickering Roller Hockey Tournament.

"We knew that the Durham Devils and the Mississauga Rattlers were the teams to beat, if we had any hope of making it to the finals," said head coach Matthew Seward.

The Saints beat a tough Devils team 5-3, and lost to the Rattlers 8-3. Winning against the Ontario Inline Bullfrogs 10-4, and Kitchener/Waterloo Bantams 7-6, paved the way for a match-up against the Rattlers in the finals. The Saints won 6-3 in the finals, to capture the crown.

The Pickering team collected four goals in the first 10 minutes in the final. Andrew Summers scored two and Scotty Pritchard and Justin Vertolli added singles. The Saints were able to carry their momentum into the second half with goals by Justin Vertolli and

Darren Dzikowski to round out the scoring. "It says a lot about this team; we've only played nine games," says Seward. "There is a lot of spirit and talent on this team. All the guys dug down for that extra little. We had fantastic support from the parents and I think that the results indicate this."

Goaltending by Paul Guthrie and Wil Cleary kept the Saints within striking distance in all the games. Justin Vertolli won the Tournament's MVP award and Trevor D'Ornellas won the Most Points Award.

Team members are: Jeff Ashby, Wil Cleary, Trevor D'Ornellas, Darren Dzikowski, David Gillespie, Jason Grexton, Paul Guthrie, Andrew Hanna, Jeff Miles, Dipesh Parmar, Scotty Pritchard, Cameron Seward, Andrew Summers, Justin Vertolli and Aaron Walker; head coach Matthew Seward, and assistant coach Norm Bower.



Jim Lynch photo
THE BOWLED AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Brian Rajadurai of the Ajax Cricket Club bowls to a member of Clarke's Cavaliers from Barbados. Ajax lost Thursday's match 185-120 runs.

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Odd Man Outdoors

Steve Bond

Something to carp about

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Canadian government had introduced carp into our waters.

Carp spawn in the spring and within weeks, the water teems with newly hatched carp fry which can grow to over 50 lbs. Carp demonstrate the ultimate in adaptability, surviving in water so warm or polluted that it would gag a slime bug. Not dainty feeders, carps' mouths function as a vacu-

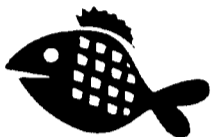
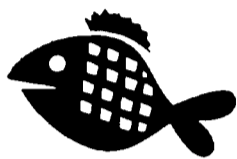
um, sucking up bottom sediment, spitting mud while retaining worms, snails, insect larvae and fish eggs.

Where can you catch carp? Anywhere and everywhere. Locally, Frenchman's Bay and the waters off the Pickering nuclear plant host hundreds of huge carp and my personal best was caught there on a twister jig. It took 45 minutes to land and

weighed over 35 pounds! For bait, use worms, bread, canned corn kernels or cheese. "Chum" the area where you're fishing to keep carp in the area. Carp are wary and will drop a bait immediately if any resistance is felt, so use a slip sinker and hook sizes from 10 up to a 6.

I've never eaten carp, but you can try the following recipe:

Place fillets on a cedar plank and baste with butter. Season, place a slice of Spanish onion on fillets and bake for 45 minutes at 325 degrees, basting with butter until the flesh flakes easily with a fork. Remove from oven, throw away the carp and eat the plank!



Only 2,000 tickets left

United Way of Ajax-Pickering has announced that Larry and Maureen MacNeil were early bird winners in the Hawaiian dream vacation draw.

The draw was held on June 16 at the lake on the night of the Home Week fireworks display. The winners will receive a 13" Magnasonic Colour TV/VCR combination.

The draw for the trip to Hawaii will be held September

28 at the United Way dinner/dance in the HMS Room at the Ajax Community Centre. There are only 2,000 tickets left, so buy your tickets now as they are going fast.

Tickets can be purchased through the United Way office at 95 Bayly Street West or call 686-0606. Visa and Mastercard accepted. They are also available at Royal Bank and CIBC branches in the

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D.A.S.E. launching new fall programs

The Durham Board of Education's Alternative Learning School, D.A.S.E., will be launching a new program in the fall of 1996. The program will cater to students under the age of 21 and will specialize in servicing those students who have had difficulty in completing

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Information indicates that the majority of cars in Canada today are classified as "older," meaning they've been on the road for more than five years. In fact, the typical car or light truck has been accumulating miles for more than eight years and has well over 80,000 kms on the odometer. If one of your own cars falls in that category, what can you do to keep it on the road longer?

Just follow these tips to help it purr for miles to come:

- Replace the air filters every year if you live in an urban environment and

every three to six months if you live in the country or drive on gravel roads.

- Repair or replace oxygen sensors, PCV valves, EGR valves, catalytic converters and other components that affect emissions. Skip these repairs and you may sacrifice fuel economy and performance, and run the risk of tainted emissions.

- Replace hoses when they start to feel hard — probably every five or six years.

- Check the battery, starter and alternator. The average life of a battery is two years. The starter and

alternator should last longer, but wear down with each turnover.

- Check your brake pads. They will need to be replaced more often if you tend to drive in stop-and-go situations.

- Rotate your tires every 10,000 kms and align them when they begin to wobble or drift.

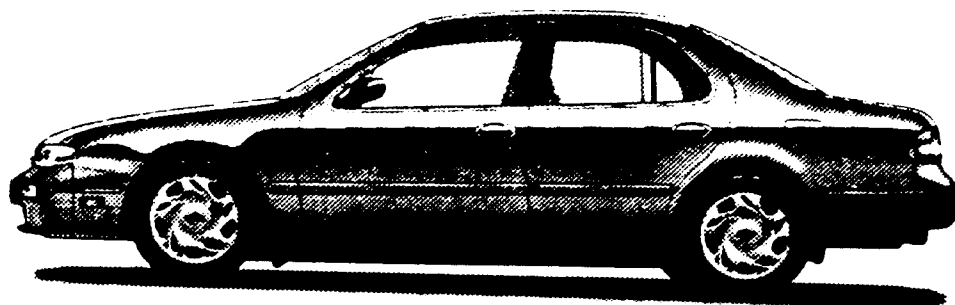
- And, most importantly, find the right oil for your vehicle — and then change it at least every 5,000 kms. Oil is a car's lifeblood. If it's not of the highest quality, the rest of the vehicle suffers.

New engines work clean-

ly and without friction, but as they mature, deposits naturally build up. The oil's function is to dislodge and catch those particles before they cause scraping in the bearings, cylinders and hundreds of other moving parts. Oil affects fuel consumption, component wear and, ultimately, the life of the vehicle.

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But there's more to it than that. Your tires can also be an early warning system for other problems, such as alignment or a failing suspension. Suppose you look at your tires and you notice that the tread seems to be more

worn on the inside than the outside edge. You probably need your wheels aligned. Getting the alignment fixed will improve your car's handling and fuel economy, as well as gives you a more comfortable ride.

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Is the tire tread appearance looking feathered? Feathering is caused by incorrect toe-in or toe-

out. The tire drags across the road, instead of rolling easily. You need an alignment.

Does the tire tread appear to be worn on one side? Wear on one side only means that the camber is out of adjustment. This, too, means you need an alignment.

Does your tire tread seem to be taking on the appearance of cupping? Cupping occurs when the tire bounces, rather than rolls freely. Small areas of excessive wear appear. This is generally caused by worn shocks or loose suspension components. You need to have your suspension adjusted.

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If you can keep your cool when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on their radiators ... (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling). Every year, you see the same sight — the steaming radiator, the no less steaming driver, the disabled car — and it's so unnecessary.

How does your cooling system work? Coolant circulates through the engine, picking up engine heat, and back through the radiator, where it cools. It's that simple. The components of the system are:

1. Radiator: A core, or tube, is surrounded by fins of light metal. The more surface area these fins expose to the air, the more heat they can reject.

2. Water Pump: Running off a belt connected to the engine, the water pump forces the coolant to circulate. Keep an eye on the belt to make sure it's not worn or cracked.

3. Hoses: The hose running from the bottom of your radiator takes coolant into the engine block; the hose at the top returns hot coolant to the radiator to be cooled. There are also hoses running to the back of the engine

compartment — these are for the heater in your car.

4. Thermostat: The thermostat is in the return (top) hose. It closes when cold, to reduce coolant circulation and help your engine warm up as fast as possible. Then it opens to maintain a constant engine temperature by regulating the flow of coolant.

5. Fan: The fan behind the radiator doesn't blow — it sucks. It draws air through the radiator to increase the cooling effect at low speeds. At highway speeds, it usually isn't needed as the ram air from driving is ample to keep cool. These fans operate off a thermostat so they are not using engine power all the time.

6. Pressure Cap: Cooling systems are pressurized to raise the boiling point. This pressure depends on the pressure cap on the radiator (sometimes on the overflow reservoir).

7. Overflow reservoir: Most cars have a translucent plastic container which contains coolant. This allows you to check the level without opening the radiator.

8. Coolant: We talk about water cooled engines and water pumps, but the coolant of choice is actual-

ly a 50/50 mix of ethylene glycol and water. Water alone would cool the engine, but it would also lead to corrosion. The coolant cools the engine efficiently, resists freezing in winter, resists boiling in summer, lubricates the water pump, and inhibits corrosion.

If 50% coolant is good, then 70% coolant must be better, right? Maybe. But straight coolant will turn to slush at -22°C — it performs better when it's diluted. Check out the table below:

Recommended Coolant Concentration Freezes At:
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Minimum — 50% antifreeze, 50% water -37°C (-34°F) 129°C (265°F)

Maximum — 70% antifreeze, 30% water 64°C (-84°F) 135°C (276°F)

So how do you avoid being one of those people boiling and seething by the roadside? Car Care Canada has some quick tips for keeping your cool.

1. Keep your coolant level topped up (but not too full) and your coolant at the right concentration. It's easy to check the level by looking at the translucent over-

flow reservoir. One thing you should never do is open the pressure cap on a hot engine — the hot coolant will spray out and could cause severe scalding.

2. Check your hoses once a month for soft spots, cracks and loose clamps — when the engine is cool. Hoses should be firm, not spongy. Check for cracks by running your fingers lightly along the hose and feeling for snags.

3. If you replace a clamp or a hose, tighten the clamp a few weeks afterwards — it will ease a little at first with the engine vibration.

4. When you wash your car, take a moment to wash bugs and leaves off the radiator. Be careful not to crush or bend the light metal fins.

5. Flush your cooling system and replace the coolant at least every two years, or as specified in your owner's manual.

6. Use only top quality coolant products that meet the ASTM D-3306 (spark ignition engines) or D-4985 (diesel) standard. Be cautious about all-purpose or long life products — your engine is too expensive to take risks for the sake of a few dollars.

Don't get exhausted

You're driving along in that economical little car, and it sounds like a fleet of gravel trucks. But it doesn't have to be that way. According to Car Care Canada, the main cause of falling mufflers is simply a broken clamp. These can usually be replaced for what amounts to small change, compared to the cost of a new exhaust system.

One warning sign is a clunking noise when you start to drive away. Just as you start to roll, you'll hear a series of clunks — you probably need a clamp tightened or replaced. That sound is the exhaust system bounding against the underside of your car, and it's a good idea to get it fixed before something breaks off.

Every time you have your oil changed, make sure the technician checks the exhaust system too. It only takes a few seconds to give it a quick look and a wiggle to make sure everything is firm and tight.

Have you ever seen a car driving along the highway trailing a stream of sparks? It looks (and sounds) like the rocket ship from an old Buck Rogers TV show, but it's no joke. If there is any leak in the

gas tank, those sparks could make things really interesting for the driver and for other people nearby. Even if there is no leak, there's a chance that the pipe could catch something and turn it into a spear, destroying the gas tank or parts of the suspension.

Of course, most problems are less dramatic. Often, it's a mere pinhole in the system. This, too, can be a danger as carbon monoxide — colourless, odourless and potentially fatal — can leak into the passenger compartment.

Exhaust system manufacturers have made a lot of progress, using more stainless steel (which is corrosion resistant) and more integrated systems (so there are fewer parts to separate or break off) to eliminate this problem as much as possible, but corrosion is still a possibility.

One of the things that drivers can do to prolong the life of their exhaust system is to reduce the number of short trips they take. If you have several things to do, save them up and make one longer errand out of several smaller ones. That way, your car (and your exhaust system) will warm up,

saving fuel, reducing tail pipe emissions and eliminating the water in your exhaust that tends to cause corrosion from the inside out.

What's in an exhaust system, anyway? It includes a muffler, which feeds the engine noise through a series of baffles to make it quieter, a catalytic converter, which reduces the tail pipe emissions, and piping that connects these elements to the engine. Some systems also contain a resonator, so your car sounds more like a mean muscle

machine and less like a sewing machine.

Catalytic converters do wear out. Sometimes, they can be destroyed — for example, long periods of idling may "cook the catalyst" because the temperature in the exhaust will rise without any compensating airflow to cool things off.

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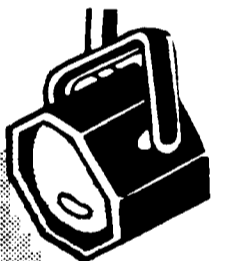
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"You can come here for honest service and quality work," said Patterson. "The prices are going to

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Although the company name may be light hearted, Rick takes the

quality of 2-Guys' work very seriously indeed. Patterson has 18 years of experience in the automotive repair business. In its present location for two years, his facility has all the latest computerized diagnostic equipment right on premises.

Tune-ups and brake work are broad and better at 2-Guys but in addition, Patterson provides comprehensive service for vehicles which include front end suspension,

exhaust system, electrical system, shocks, fuel system, cooling system, and transmission. Fleet maintenance is also a mainstay at 2-Guys Automotive Service. For quality service at fair prices, be wise. Call 2-Guys.

Hours are 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5:30 pm Friday, and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturdays. You can reach Rick at (905) 437-0705.

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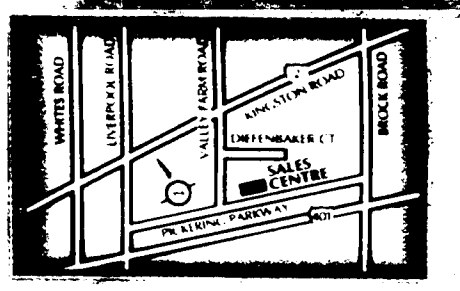
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