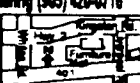


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CRIME

Phone scam hit hundreds of area residents

Joint police forces' Project Phonebusters pulls the plug on two Montreal men

By KEITH GILLIGAN
STAFF REPORTER

DURHAM — Hundreds of Durham residents are believed among an estimated 5,000 Canadians victimized by a telemarketing scam that netted the operators about \$5 million.

Oshawa resident Neil Knapp, who estimates he lost between \$6,000 and \$7,000, says the experience has been "very discouraging" and "takes your respect away for other people."

Two Montreal men have been charged with one count each of fraud over \$1,000 and conspiracy to commit fraud. They were released on bail after appearing in a Toronto court Monday.

A joint-forces operation called Project Phonebusters cracked the case, but only after the pair had been operating from October of 1992 to February of this year.

Ontario Provincial Police Detective Constable Gus Laforge says the force knows of 32 Durham residents who were victims. However, "We only hear of about five per cent of the victims. The rest don't call or don't want to tell anybody because they're embarrassed."

About half the victims in this case are from Ontario.

According to the OPP, people would be called and told they'd won a

valuable prize, but they'd have to send money to claim it or buy a product to qualify for it. The scam is called the 'cheap-gift pitch'.

Another approach was the 'cash pitch and cash pitch', which required victims to send money to cover the taxes and other charges associated with prizes.

Usually, someone from one of the 30 companies associated with the two accused would call and guarantee a person a prize, such as a vehicle, a big screen television or a snowmobile, if the victim would buy merchandise. The victims would order promotional items for their company.

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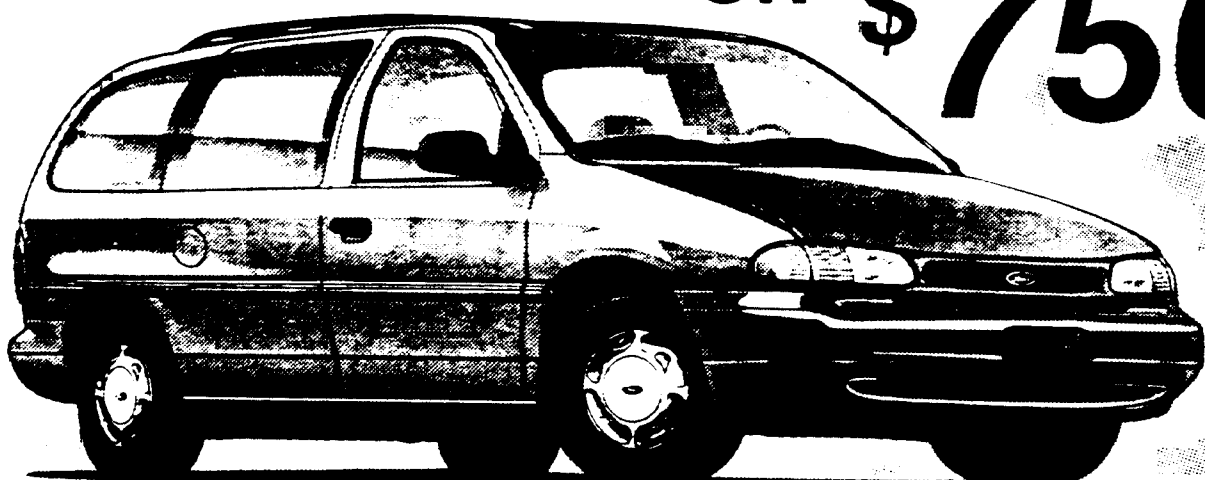
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Region braces for impact of federal budget

Gas tax hike costs Durham \$23,500 a year

DURHAM — Aside from an increase in the gasoline tax, the federal budget will have "no immediate major impacts for Durham," according to regional finance commissioner Jack Gartley.

In a written report to regional council Wednesday, he stated the 1.5-cent-a-litre increase in gas prices announced in last Monday's federal budget will cost Durham about \$23,500 a year —

\$14,000 in police department expenses and \$9,500 for regional purposes.

Mr. Gartley

did issue a warning to Durham councillors. "The provincial Treasurer may lower grants (to municipalities like the Region) in 1996 in reaction to the federal government's intention to lower transfer payments."

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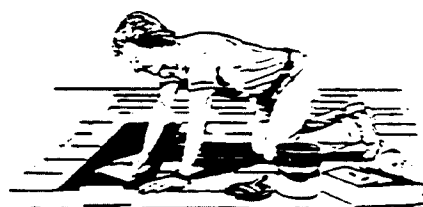
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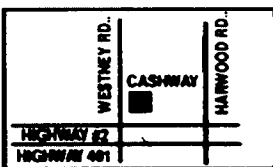
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Durham man told he won a spa instead got an inflatable pool

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nies, such as pens, key chains, coffee mugs or cigarette lighters.

An Ajax towing company owner who doesn't want to be identified says he ordered pens, pre-paying for the merchandise. "I would get so many pens for so many dollars and I was suppose to get some fantastic gifts, but I never got them."

When he did get a prize, it wasn't always what it seemed. The man was told he'd get a spa, but it turned out to be a child's inflatable pool.

Mr. Knapp, who owns an auto repair business in Enniskillen, says the prizes he received had a value of between \$100 and \$200, such as a five-inch black and white TV or his and her watches.

'I was really stupid and tried more than once.'
-- Neil Knapp

Mr. Knapp says when he'd called to ask why he didn't receive the big prize, "they'd say they were sorry, but if I'd like another chance, I'd have

to place another order."

At one point, Mr. Knapp asked to see legal documents and was told the company couldn't do that unless he placed an order.

Mr. Knapp had dealings with the company for about 18 months, but stopped more than a year ago. He admits, "I was really stupid and tried more than once. I'd like to kick myself in the butt or have someone behind me to kick me. It's very discouraging."

OPP Detective Staff Sergeant Barry Elliott says investigators are still going through bank records and victims will be notified.

The OPP anti-rackets branch in North Bay ran the operation with the help of the RCMP, Montreal police, federal and provincial consumer protection departments, Better Business Bureaus across Canada, the Canadian Bankers' Association and the Canadian Courier Association.

Police say there were as many as 30 companies associated with the two accused

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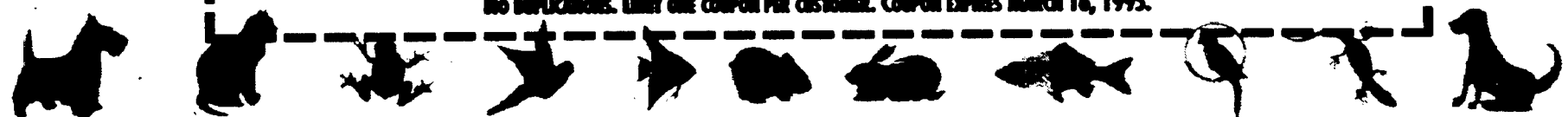
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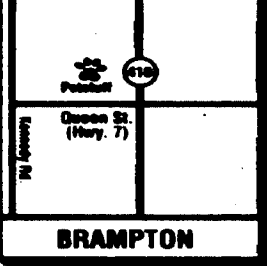
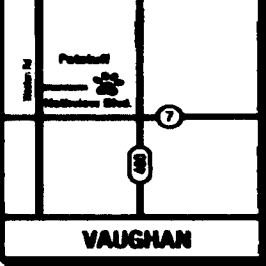
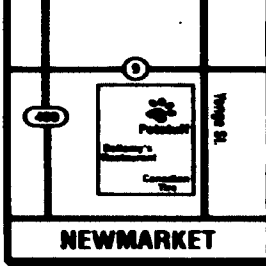
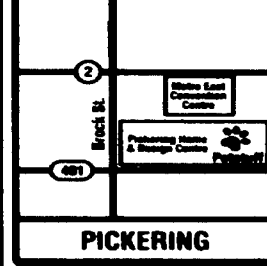
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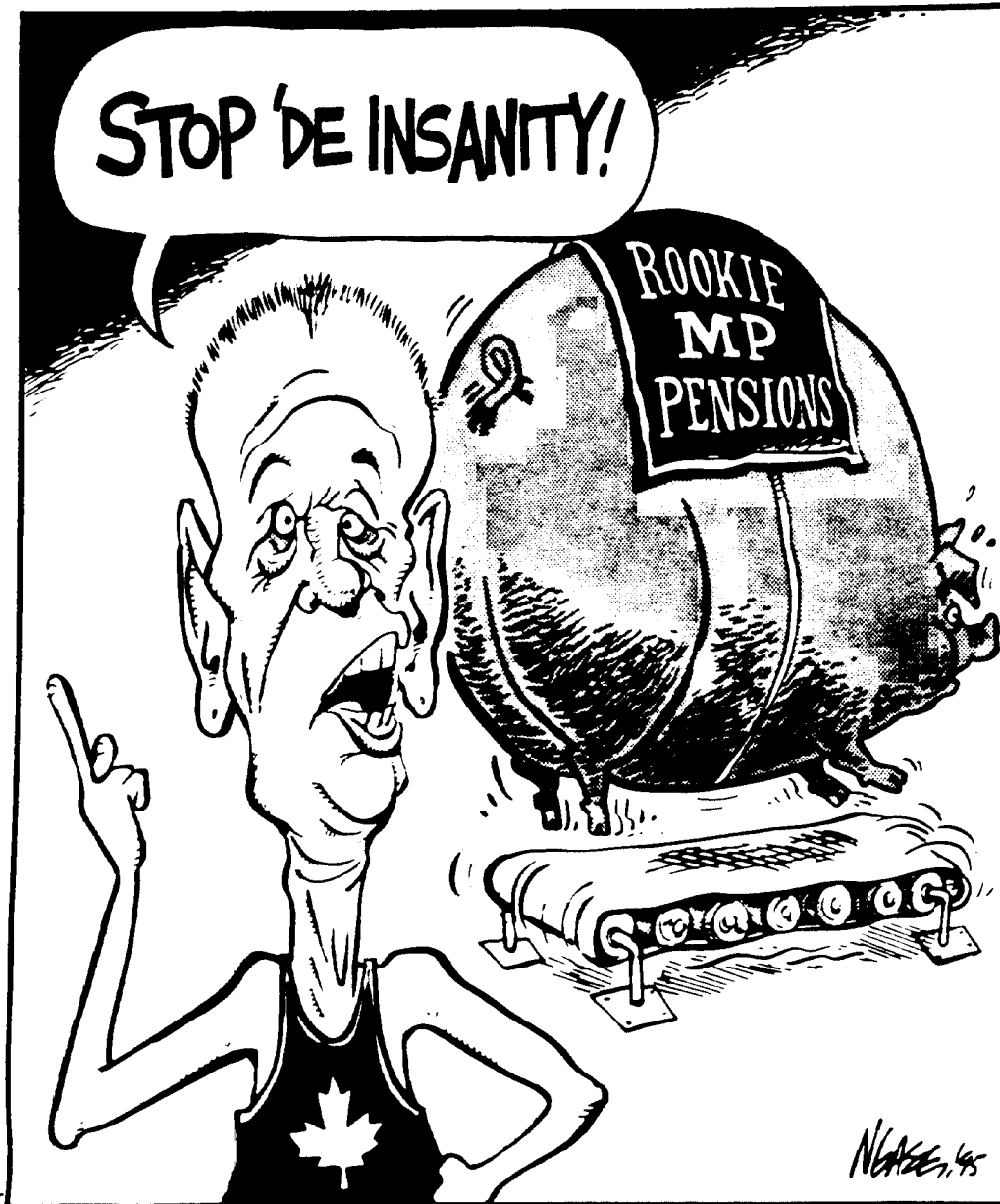
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EDITORIAL

It's time

For several years now, politicians at all levels of government have been making a lot of noise about cutting fat from budgets, making do with less and finding creative solutions to ease the strain on taxpayers.

Opportunity is knocking now for private firms and investors interested in stepping in and taking over services currently provided by government. While there are some services a municipality just won't want to give up, there have been some good proposals made by investors that result in a win-win situation for everyone. There's a buck to be made by said investors, a money-losing program taken off the shoulders of municipal taxpayers, and a service provided to interested users. A case in point occurred in Pickering several years ago, when a private firm took over the Town's recreational pottery classes, renting space at the recreation complex. The arrangement provided customers for the business, revenue for the Town, and gave residents the pottery classes that might otherwise have been cancelled.

Local governments do not run recreation programs for profit; it's not unusual for sports facilities to operate deeply in the red. It's expensive to build facilities and expensive to run them. As a result, growing municipalities are always short of recreational facilities, which are filled to the rafters and booked to the limit.

Privatization provides an answer. An \$18-million sports complex announced in Oshawa Friday is another case in point. To be built on leased, City-owned land, the complex will cater to adults. It will operate to make a profit and user fees will reflect that, but the demand for the facility in south Oshawa is certainly there. The City will get revenue, citizens will have a facility, taxpayers won't be hit for capital start-up costs and investors will make money. Everybody's happy.

It's an idea right for today's times.

Letters

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PROPERTY TAXES

New payment structure could ease the burden

To the editor:

Re: Debra Dion's Feb. 8 letter "Taxpayers have no choice but to be tardy."

I agree with the reader's opinion and have wondered myself why the Town insists on the current four tax installments per year. Long gone are the days when Pickering was a small rural town with taxes to match.

Since moving to Pickering in 1981, I, along with every other resi-

dent, watched my taxes rise steadily over the next decade — anywhere from \$100 to \$200 per year. We are now, generally, paying the same in taxes (for those spacious, sprawling 30-ft. lots) as the residents of Scarborough.

Yet not once have I ever heard of one councillor suggest we receive the same break as our Scarborough neighbors — the opportunity to pay our taxes in six installments as

opposed to the present four every year. It's time for council members to wake up, take a reality check and face facts.

No one buys a home with the idea of losing it down the road due to non-payment of taxes. People expect to and should pay their fair share.

But in these trying financial times it has become increasingly difficult for many to pay out these additional tax lump sums under our current sys-

tem. So, councillors, before you start patting yourselves on the back for creating no tax hikes in 1995, how about taking it one step further and adopting six tax payments per year?

You'll not only ease the burden for many residents, but you just might see a substantial increase in the Town coffers for your efforts.

Think about it.

H.D. Fabiani
 Pickering

Excuse me, waiter, there's a tie in my soup

At the very moment you're reading this, we could be (a) lying face down in a bowl of soup, (b) getting our food through an IV drip or (c) having the time of our life at a Greek wedding, dancing to the folk music of upper Macedonia.

We're faced with those possibilities today after a visit Wednesday to a doctor who specializes in relieving pains in the neck like we've been suffering for a decade, thanks to a condition called dystonia (rhymes with Macedonia). It's caused by some problem in the brain. (Oh, you could have offered that diagnosis?)

The condition for years had our head askew on our neck at an angle that would make you believe

that at the same time we were talking to you we were looking at the bird doo doo on the head of your mate to your left.

It made watching spectator sports in person very difficult, especially if our favorite wrestler was pummeling the good guy in the corner to our left. Equally hard on us were outings to cultural events; the strippers thought we had a one-breast mind.

But, we hope to

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From the
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soon be able to watch all four corners of the squared circle and stare at both breasts on an exotic dancer.

Thanks to 12 pokes in the neck with six needles delivering 75 units of a miracle drug called Botox, roughly short for botulism toxin... (Feeling woozy yet?)

Anyway, the effects and side effects of Botox kick in anywhere from two to five days after the injections. Which means right about

now. We could this moment be dazzling the invited guests at the Greek wedding as we disco dance to the songs of Nana Moskouri, our head straight ahead, our eyes peering into our partner's rather than at the feta cheese in the Greek salad bar.

On the other hand, we could be feeling the side effects of the Botox.

One is an inability to swallow, which could see us being fed by way of an IV drip. Souvlaki through a tube. Yummy!

The other side effect is that our head could become extremely floppy. Which could have us lying face first in our appetizer. "Excuse me, waiter, there's a tie in my soup."



Icing on the cake

Grade 6 students at St. Monica Catholic School in Pickering celebrate Canada's Heritage Week in a delicious way Thursday by decorating this cake with recognizable symbols of Canada, including the maple leaf. In foreground, from left, are Jeff Gopaul, Ashley Larabee and Anthony Francis.

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MTRCA wants greenbacks to keep Altona Forest green

PICKERING — The Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is looking for \$400,000 from the Region to buy a portion of the Altona Forest in Pickering.

The 131-acre forest in Pickering is bounded roughly by Altona Road on the west, Sheppard Avenue to the south, Rosebank Road on the east, and Finch Avenue and the hydro corridor to the north.

Buying the land, which will cost about \$13.8

million, will save the environmentally-sensitive area from residential development.

The Province gave the MTRCA \$10 million to buy some of the land and Pickering has chipped in \$454,077. The MTRCA is also looking for money from the federal government, conservation foundations and private sources.

The conservation authority's request will be considered during Durham's 1995 budget deliberations.

Buy daisies to fight violence against women

DURHAM — This Wednesday is International Women's Day and area residents will be asked to buy a daisy to help end violence against women.

The Body Shop outlets in the

Pickering Town Centre and the Oshawa Centre will sell daisies for \$1 around the community, in partnership with the YWCA of Durham Region. All proceeds will go to APPLE House and Higgins House, two local

women's shelters.

"Violence against women is simply not going to disappear," says Linda Tyndall, owner of The Body Shop stores in Pickering and Oshawa. "Working together with our customers, we believe we all have the power to stop violence against women."

The daisy vendors will be in more than 60 locations, including area malls, local GO stations, municipal buildings, Durham College and the Ministry of Revenue building in Oshawa.

In addition, The Body Shop is selling T-shirts for \$9.95, with \$2 from every sale going to violence prevention programs. Daisy seeds also will be sold for \$1, with proceeds going to help send local women on Outward Bound's Women of Courage program — a self-recovery and healing wilderness program to help survivors of violence.

Minority women's group offers and needs help

DURHAM — A minority women's rights group is reaching out for help and to help.

The Women's Rights Action Coalition (WRAC) of Durham wants to hear from females who have encountered barriers in accessing health care services and who are members of a First Nation, a racial minority, an immigrant, a refugee, physically challenged, or elderly.

Call 427-WRAC or write to WRAC of Durham, 1792 Liverpool Rd., P.O. Box 902, Pickering, Ontario, L1V 1V3.

The Durham group is also looking for volunteers to provide culturally sensitive counselling and support to women of color who have experienced abuse.

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EDUCATION

Parents applaud office to monitor standard testing

DURHAM — Durham parents are applauding Education Minister Dave Cooke's announcement that an independent Education Quality and Accountability Office be formed to administer and monitor province-wide standardized tests for students every three years.

Patti Charbonneau, spokeswoman for the Durham Region chapter of the Quality Education Network, says parents are "ecstatic" with the minister's announcement.



Patti Charbonneau

She believes so-called standardized tests, such as the Ministry of Education and Training's Grade 9 reading and writing test, fail to give a true indication of students' skill levels because they are implemented differently by various school boards.

Mr. Cooke's announcement will ensure the tests are administered properly, since it will now be the responsibility of the independent office to test Grades 3, 6, 9 and 11 students in reading, writing and math. Ms. Charbonneau says.

The office will be composed of seven part-time members, including a chair and a chief executive officer.

Maureen Kempston Darkes, president and general manager of General Motors of Canada Ltd. in Oshawa, has been named a mem-

ber of the office.

The independent office will also put in place more efficient ways to administer and mark the standardized tests, working extensively with teachers and school boards. It will also manage the Province's participation in national and international tests.

Students will be tested on a yearly basis beginning in September, 1996. The test will be given to both English and French-language students in public and separate schools.

The minister's announcement comes after the Royal Commission on Learning recommended last month the formation of an educational auditing body, which would report directly to the Legislature on test results as well as the validity of the testing.

The independent office will also:

- report the results of the tests to the public.

- make recommendations to the government, educators and the public to improve the education system.

- conduct research and development on education accountability.

- collect data to help determine the effectiveness of the education system such as student performance, graduation and dropout rates, incidents of violence and harassment and school board expenditures on instruction.

Separate school board expenses not out of line, chairman says

DURHAM — The chairman of the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board says it's not out of line for trustees to spend \$17,349 on mileage and conference expenses in one year.

That figure is contained in a report outlining trustees expenses from January to November of last year.

Taxpayers also spent \$5,917 in additional affiliation fees for trustees to qualify to attend conferences; \$1,322 for a board-designated trustee to attend the annual separate school national trustees' association conference; and \$1,784 for a hospitality suite at an Ontario separate school trustees' association conference.

In all, taxpayers dished out \$26,374 in mileage and conference-related expenses for trustees.

"It was one of the lower years I've seen in many years," says board chairman Tom Oldman. "Trustees are keeping an eye on their expenses."

While trustees spent around \$10,613 to attend conferences, Mr. Oldman points out the figure represents less than 50 per cent of the

overall conference budget for trustees of \$23,000.

"We walk a fine line with our conference budget with having to keep up with changing legislation and at the same time being fiscally responsible," he says.

"We also have the lowest honorarium paid to trustees of any board of our size in the province." Trustees on the separate school board earn less than \$10,000.

Separate school board trustees came under fire last fall after approving a motion for spouses' conference-related expenses to be covered by taxpayers. The motion was later rescinded.

Here is a list of trustees and how much they spent on mileage and conferences respectively (in alphabetical order).

- Pickering trustee and former school board chairman Kevin Ashe (\$1,806 and \$595).

- Whitby French-language trustee Robert Boisvert (\$47 and \$1,081).

- Former Oshawa trustee Joe Bugelli (\$0 and \$245).

- Oshawa trustee Joe Corey (\$105 and \$245).

- Former Oshawa trustee Ed Finan (\$125 and \$656).

- Former French-language Whitby trustee Louis-Arthur Langlois (\$98 and \$904).

- Former French-language Ajax trustee Marc Lapointe (\$0 and \$562).

- North Durham trustee Kathy LeFort (\$1,042 and \$390).

- Whitby trustee Mary Ann Martin (\$976 and \$763).

- Pickering trustee Jim McCafferty (\$967 and \$656).

- Ajax trustee Todd McCarthy (\$274 and \$416).

- Whitby trustee Judy Morris (\$297 and \$601).

- Former Oshawa trustee John Muha (\$0 and \$633).

- Ajax trustee Gerry Noonan (\$38 and \$533).

- Ajax trustee Janice Oldman (\$299 and \$400).

- Whitby trustee Tom Oldman (\$324 and \$728).

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Stern on Reform party national board

DURHAM — The past president of the Ontario Riding Reform Party has been named an executive councillor on the party's national board of directors.

Marnie Stern has been a member of the Reform Party for more than four years and has been an executive member of the local riding association for three years.

"When this opportunity presented itself, I couldn't resist," Ms. Stern says. "I've worked with many dedicated and enthusiastic people over the past four years and I'm excited about working with the other national councillors and Preston Manning."

The executive council has approximately three representatives from each province and provides guidance to the party between national assemblies.

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Around Durham

Ontario Tory leader rips federal budget

WHITBY — A revolution stormed into Whitby last week.

On the heels of the federal budget, provincial Progressive Conservative leader Mike Harris brought his common-sense revolution to Whitby on Tuesday, hooking up with Durham Centre PC candidate Jim Flaherty.

The two Conservatives, with a throng of media in tow, toured the downtown core stopping in at various shops and businesses.

Shop owners commented on the possibility of losing acute-care services at Whitby General Hospital

and the recent federal budget. On the budget, Mr. Harris said the spending cuts aren't enough to deal with the massive deficit.



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He said he was disappointed with the introduction of a gas tax increase which he feels will cost jobs.

"Any tax increase costs jobs," Mr. Harris said. "I believe the Liberals thought they could sneak in some tax hikes. They really do not understand that taxes kill jobs."

He also said the public sector was unfairly hit with a 45,000 job cut among federal employees.

"Where are these people going to go? There are no jobs waiting for them. We have a job and growth plan."

With cuts to provincial transfer payments, Mr. Harris said, NDP Premier Bob Rae is hanging by his fingertips and will use cutbacks in Ontario as a political issue in the provincial election expected in the spring.

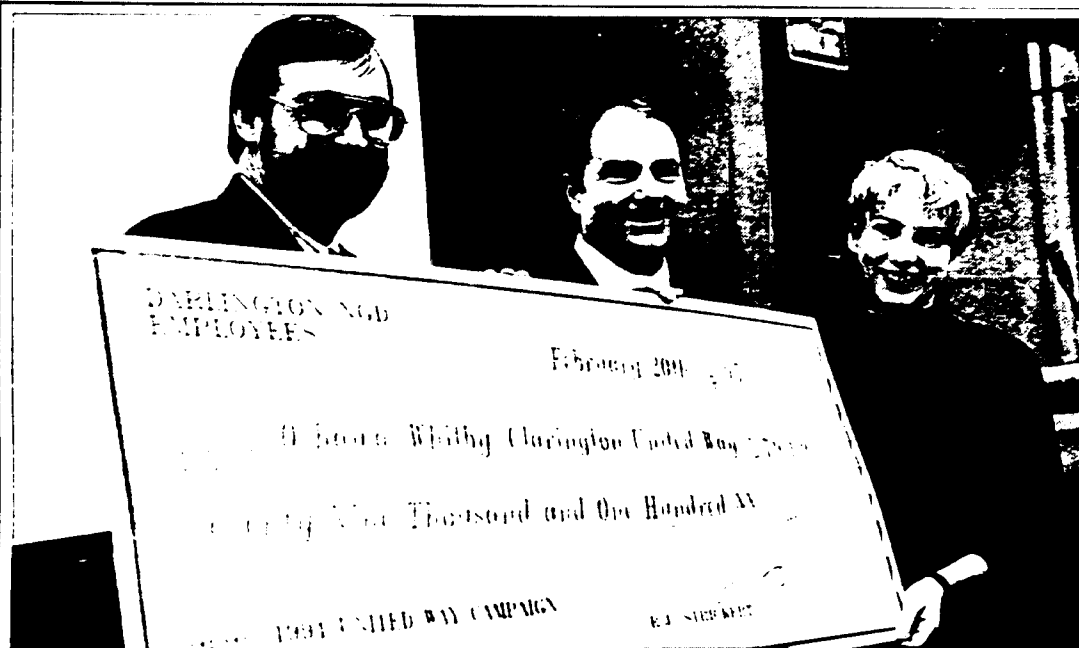
Mr. Harris said the Ontario government must not only look internally, but also work to make Canada stronger.

"The people of Ontario are looking for leadership. We want to be part of a national solution."

Girl missing

OSHAWA - Durham Police are searching for a 14-year-old Oshawa girl who has been missing for more than three weeks.

Melissa Martha Lang was last seen Feb. 12 in the Oshawa area, wearing a white turtleneck sweater, maroon track pants and a black bomber jacket. She is five feet five inches tall, 135 lbs., has blue eyes and brown hair. Anyone with any information can call 579-1520, ext. 235.



Nuclear boost in Bowmanville

Employees at the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station pitched in to raise \$79,100 for the United Way in eastern Durham Region. From left are Bob

Strickert, director at Darlington, Bob Howard, United Way director, and Lonnie Madden, United Way campaign associate.

Whitby businessman backs call for \$2 coin

□ New coin would provide 'a necessary improvement to our currency system'

By Chris Bowie

THIS WEEK STAFF WRITER

WHITBY - The public will have to accept change.

The federal budget introduced many changes to the public and private sectors, but the most literal change comes in the form of a new \$2 coin.

Al Fraser, a Whitby resident and chairperson for the Canadian Automated Merchandisers Association (CAMA), says the proposed \$2 coin will not have as significant an impact as the public perceives.

The announcement of the new coin was made during Paul Martin's federal budget presentation on Monday.

Mr. Fraser, who is also general

manager of Coin Acceptors Canada, says the concept of the \$2 coin was first discussed in 1987.

"You would have to be blind not realize that the five and 10-cent coins are not going to have much buying power in the future," he says. "Perhaps by the year 2000 they'll be talking about introducing another coin."

Only companies with higher-end prices will change their vending machines, predicts Mr. Fraser.

"For people who sell products under \$2 the new coin is not as desirable as the loonie," he says. "Machines that will be changed over are the ones that sell sandwiches, or cigarettes."

He says the move to adopt the coin is based both on industry demand and the financial gain through the coin's longevity over a paper bill.

"It will benefit the transit system, telephone and communications and video lottery terminals," Mr. Fraser says. "In Europe they have coins for

one, two, five and 10-dollar increments."

The coin is expected to be circulated sometime in 1996 at the Royal Canadian Mint facility in Winnipeg. A total of 300 million coins are expected to be produced. Implementation of the coin is expected to save the government \$250 million over a 20-year period.

The Royal Canadian Mint conducted public opinion research on the \$2 coin last January. They concluded that 79 per cent of those polled approve of the coin, based on potential savings. Another 78 per cent supported a bi-metallic coin slightly larger than the loonie.

Coins have a 20-year lifespan compared to the one year life of a paper bill.

"The new \$2 coin is a necessary improvement to our currency system," says Danielle Wetherup, president of the Canadian Mint. "It is being updated to meet modern consumer needs."

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Spring Fling offers afternoon of fun for the whole family

AJAX — Easter egg treasure hunt anyone? The Town of Ajax's parks and recreation department, in co-operation with McDonald's Restaurants of Ajax, present a Spring Fling in the community on Sunday, March 26.

The fun-filled family afternoon runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ajax Community Centre on Centennial Road. Activities include an Easter egg treasure hunt for a charge of \$1, mad hatter refreshment room which includes a Little Caesar's meal deal (\$2), activities and games for children, balloon sculptures, face painting, and a surprise character.

Admission to the event is free.

Newcomers meet PICKERING - The Pickering-Ajax Newcomers Club meets this Thursday at 8 p.m. at Pickering Village United Church, 300 Church St. N., Ajax. The club meets the second Thursday of each month. Call 831-7824.

Catholic parents' lobby group gets funds from separate board

□ Federation receives \$1,290 for parent involvement and communications program

DURHAM — The Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board will spend \$1,290 to help fund the Federation of Catholic Parent-Teacher Associations of Ontario's (FCPTAO) parent involvement and communication program.

A request for funding from the FCPTAO was approved by separate school board trustees recently.

In exchange for the funding, the 43 English schools in the system, including 38 elementary and five secondary schools, will receive associate memberships to the FCPTAO. Each school will get two copies of the FCPTAO newsletters and communication memos which are issued four times a year.

Some of the funding will also be used by the FCPTAO to "further the work of the federation," which is basically a Catholic parents' lobby group, according to a letter addressed to the school board chairman.

The FCPTAO meets regularly with the Ontario Separate School Trustees Association, the Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops and representatives of the Ministry of Education and Training.

The group has also made formal presentations to the Royal Commission on Learning, the Fair Tax Commission and the Ontario Parent Council.

The group is presently studying school councils, their makeup and impact on the association.

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photo by Andrew Iwanowski

Group marks Social Work Week

Durham organization of social workers are setting up a booth in Oshawa to answer questions

DURHAM — The Durham Branch of the Ontario Association of Professional Social Workers (OAPSW) will celebrate Social Work Week March 5 to 10.

An information centre will be set up at the Oshawa Centre March 9 and 10 to

educate members of the public on the interests, concerns, roles and duties of social workers.

OAPSW board staff will be on hand to answer questions and hear comments from members of the public at the booth.

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MARCH BREAK

Ajax, Pickering has plenty of fun lined up for students

Your children may be roaring like lions at the beginning of this month, but they're sure to be purring like lambs after a fun-filled March, which features a host of events:

PICKERING

KIDS' BREAK '95: Ten days of live entertainment at the Pickering Town Centre (PTC) kicks off Wednesday, March 8 with illusionist Princess Karma, who performs at 12:30 and 2 p.m. Other entertainers: Sing/songwriter Markus (Thursday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2 p.m.); Herbie the International Circus Clown (Friday, March 10 at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.); Bob Schneider and the Rainbow Kids (Saturday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.); Princess Karma (Sunday, March 12 at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.); Polka Dot Door Live (Monday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.); C. 2 C. a musical show about Canada and her people (Tuesday, March 14 at 11:30 a.m., 12:20 p.m. and 2 p.m.); juggler Craig Douglas (Wednesday, March 15 at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.); singer Kayla (Thursday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.); musicians But I'm Just a Kid (Friday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.); and

musicians Kideo (Saturday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m.). The PTC is at Liverpool and Kingston Road. Call 683-7171 for more information.

WORLD TRAVEL: Young globe-trotters are invited to see the world without boarding an airplane or suffering jet lag this spring break, as the Pickering Public Library hosts Destination the World! Excursions include South America (Tuesday, March 7), Central America-Caribbean (Wednesday, March 8), Australia (Tuesday, March 14), Africa (Wednesday, March 15), Asia (Thursday, March 16) and Europe (Friday, March 17). Each "trip" features native stories, crafts and games. All flights leave promptly at 10:30 a.m. from the Program Room Airport, Central Library, One The Esplanade (831-6873) and at 2 p.m. from the airport at the Rouge Hill branch 1340 Rougemount Dr. (509-2579). Tickets to one or more destinations are available to travellers aged six to 11 at no charge and can be picked up at the respective branches each Saturday. Registration is limited.



STORYTIME: The Pickering Public Library offers storytime programs for pre-schoolers throughout the month at each of its branches.

Registration is limited and must be done in person on specified dates. For more information, call the children's desk at the main branch at 831-6873 or pick up a flyer.

CAMPS: Students aged six to 12 are invited to get their holiday down to a fine art at a week-long Arts Camp which features drama, art, cooking, creative games, crafts and special theme days. Or, they can be a good sport about the whole thing and participate in a week-long Sports Camp, featuring such team events as indoor soccer, floor hockey, basketball, as well as other games and special theme days. A daily swim is available at both camps. The first is held at the Pickering Recreation Complex, Valley Farm Rd., while the second is held at Dunbarton High School, 655 Sheppard Ave. E.

Each camp runs from Monday, March 6 to Friday, March 10 and again from Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17. The cost is \$86 for the "regular" camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and includes transportation, with pick-up points at major intersections, churches, schools and plazas.

The full-day program, which features camp programs at the recreation complex from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 6:15 p.m., costs \$97. It does not include transportation from pick-up and drop-off points, though stu-

dents enrolled in the sports camp will be bused from the complex to Dunbarton High and back again. Campers must provide their own lunch and refreshments.

To register, fill out a March Break Camp Registration Form in the Town's winter brochure, or call 420-4622 or 683-2760 for more information.

HALF-PRICE COURT FEES: Students are invited to hit the racquetball and squash courts at the recreation complex for half-price rates from Monday, March 6 to Friday, March 17. Call 831-1711 or 683-6582 for rates and reservations.

SWIMMING, SKATING: For information on extended public swimming and skating hours during the March Break, call the recreation complex at 831-1711 or 683-6582.

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ARTS, SPORTS: Students aged six to 15 are invited to get in the swim of things at an arts or sports program, both of which feature swimming and skating, at the Ajax Community Centre, Centennial Road, from Monday, March 13 to Friday, March 17. The Arts 'n More program also includes games, drama and art, while Sports 'n More offers squash, indoor soccer and a host of other activities. The cost is \$75 for each 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. program. Early-morning care is available from

7 to 9 a.m. and after-hours care from 4 to 6 p.m. at a weekly cost of \$30. Students must find their own way to and from the centre and must provide lunch. Register at the centre. Call 427-8811.

DROP-IN CENTRES: Sports, crafts and a host of games promise to amuse students aged six to 15 at drop-in centres held Monday, March 13 to 17 at the Lakeside Community Centre at Lakeside Public School at 4 Parkes Dr. and Westney Heights Community Centre at Westney Heights Public School at 45 Brennan Rd. The centres are open daily from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. There's no charge. Call 427-8811 for more information.

SWIMMING, SKATING: For information on extended swimming and skating hours during March Break, call 427-8811.

SPRING FLING: Spring is in the air at the Ajax Community Centre on Centennial Road on Sunday, March 25. The Parks and Recreation Department hosts Spring Fling, a fun-filled family afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m. Events include an Easter egg scavenger hunt, children's games and activities, and barbecue.

There's no admission charge, but there will be a fee for some activities. Call 427-8811.

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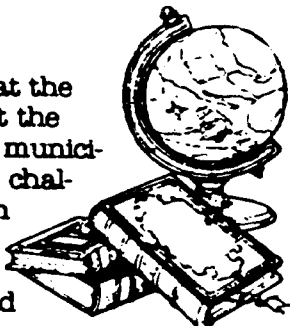
The YMCA hosts daily excursions from Monday, March 13 until Friday, March 17, with bus pick-ups from 1400 Bayly St., Pickering (beside the GO station) and the Whitby Baptist Church at 411 Gilbert St. Trips run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but students can be dropped off beginning at 8 a.m. and picked up as late as 5 p.m. A schedule of events can be obtained by calling 686-7849. The cost is \$20 a day.

Students must provide their own lunch and refreshments. Past trips have included the Science Centre in Toronto and the Metro Toronto Zoo.

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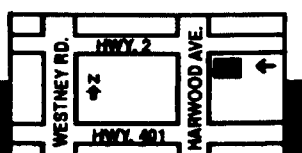
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The deadline for Billboard items is 10 a.m. the Monday prior to Wednesday publication, 10 a.m. the Wednesday prior to Friday publication and 10 a.m. the Thursday prior to Sunday publication.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 RUNNING: The Whitby Tigers Running Club meets at Iroquois Park Arena (Henry and Victoria Sts.) each Sunday at 9 a.m. The club meets Thursday evenings at the Oshawa Civic Dome at 6:30 p.m. Runners of all ages are welcome. 831-9773.

MONDAY, MARCH 6 RUG HOOKING: The Ajax Rug Hookers meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Ajax Senior Citizens' Friendship Centre, 45 Exeter Rd. New members welcome. 428-6532 (Michelle).

FUN 'N' FITNESS: An evening of aerobics and refreshments called Fun 'N' Fitness will be held at 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 65 Kings Cres., Ajax. It's for men and women of all ages and sessions are every Monday. Cost is \$3 a night and proceeds go to the church. Call the church in the mornings at 683-4740 or Catharine at 686-0258.

OSTEOPOROSIS: The Osteoporosis Support Group meets at 2 p.m. at the YWCA, 1 McGrigor St., Oshawa. The afternoon group is new and will meet the first Monday of each month. 725-1683 (Millie).

COMMON SENSE REVOLUTION: Janet Ecker, Progressive Conservative candidate in the next provincial election, discusses The Common Sense Revolution at 7:30 p.m. in the Duffin's Room, Ajax Community Centre. Refreshments served, all welcome. 427-6595.

PARKINSON SUPPORT: A Parkinson support group meet-

ing will take place at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's United Church, corner of Colbourne and Centre Sts., Whitby, south door entrance. Everyone welcome, refreshments available. 668-6580 or 666-8576.

CESAREAN: The Cesarean Prevention Support and Education Group of Durham Region meets at 7:30 p.m. at 146 Mill St., Oshawa. Topic is How Your Childbirth Decisions Affect Family and Friends. 579-5073 (Paula).

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 QUILTERS: The Durham Trillium Quilters Guild meets at 7:30 p.m. at the new Caribbean Cultural Center, 600 Wentworth St. E., Oshawa. 683-5135 or 725-7751.

LADIES' CLUB: The Tuesday Morning Ladies Club meets for aerobics and crafts from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. in the HMS Ajax Room of the Ajax Community Centre on Centennial Rd. It's for all ages and the cost is \$2 per session. The club meets every Tuesday morning. Call 686-0258 (Catharine).

CALORIE COUNTERS: Canadian Calorie Counters, a non-profit weight-loss organization, meets every Tuesday at 1400 Bayly St., Suite 16A, in Pickering from 7 to 8 p.m. 509-1168 (Sandi).

GENEALOGY: The Oshawa-Whitby Branch (Region of Durham) of the Ontario Genealogical Society meets in the Henry Street High School cafeteria, 614 Henry St., Whitby, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Harvey Medland will discuss Tombstone Tales. 683-2476 (Marion) or 723-7460 (Bessie).

SENIORS' TALK: The Tuesday Morning Discussion Group meets at the Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club, 46 Exeter Rd., at 9:30 a.m. Patricia Bates of Oshawa Sydenham Museum will speak on getting ready for spring garden planting. Guests welcome. 683-7799 (Louise).

REBEKAH: The White Dove Rebekah Lodge 379 Ajax meets at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 65 Kings Cres., Ajax. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. 683-4793 (Jean Severs),

683-6093 (Margaret Browning).

INVISIBLE DISABILITY: The Invisible Disability Support Group meets at 7 p.m. at 947 Adelaide Ave. E., Oshawa. It's for parents of children with ADD, ADHD, social, emotional or behavioral problems. The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. 623-5414 (Mary Lou), 623-6490 (Karen), 436-7706 (Nancy).

FELLOWSHIP: The Ladies in Fellowship group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, Kingston Rd. east of Whites Rd., Pickering. Theme is Feed His Flocks. \$2 at the door. 839-9325 (Jan).

EPILEPSY: Epilepsy Durham Region meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kinsmen Community Centre, 109 Colborne St. W., Oshawa. Guest speaker is pediatric neurologist Dr. Robert Munn. 666-9926.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 HARD OF HEARING: The Hard of Hearing Support Group meets the second Wednesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m., usually at the Oshawa Deaf Centre, 750 King St. E. Call 655-5544 (Gayle, voice or TTY, answering machine for voice only) for meeting location or information.

SINGLE PARENTS: The One Parent Family Association of Pickering-Ajax meets at Swan's Marina (Liverpool Rd. S., Pickering) at 8 p.m. Educational, social and sports activities for all. 837-0328.

TOASTMASTERS: You're invited to a Toastmasters International Communication and Leadership program Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m., basement of Family Realty office, 335 Bayly St. W., at Finley Ave., Ajax. Overcome your fear of speaking in public or officiating a meeting. 686-6154.

MANAGEMENT: The Durham branch of the Canadian Institute of Management holds a professional managers' dinner meeting at Cullen Gardens Restaurant, 300 Taunton Rd. W., Whitby. Social gathering at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Bruce Weippert of Cara Operation will speak on professionalism. CIM members free, general public \$25. 434-7669.

Hospital auction needs more items

AJAX-PICKERING — Items are still being sought for the Ajax-Pickering General Hospital auction at month's end.

More than 125 items have so far been donated to the hospital's second annual Make Room for Baby Auction, says organizing committee co-chairman Diana Hills.

The event is planned for Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, with all proceeds going to the hospital's maternal and newborn services department. Last year, about \$40,000 was

raised. Among the items already donated are a 27-inch Sony television; tickets to Crazy for You, hockey and basketball games; a football autographed by the Toronto Argos; a course on how to make stained-glass objects; rainbow trout fillets; and a tour of the Neilson Cadbury chocolate factory that includes samples.

Items will be accepted right up to the auction, but those donated closer to the event might not be listed in a promotional flyer. The News Advertiser will

publish a special pull-out section on Wednesday, March 29, listing the items available, their value, when they'll be auctioned off and the donors. All bidding will be done by telephone during the live broadcast to be aired on Maclean Hunter Cable 10 in Ajax and Trillium Community 10 in Pickering.

The auction will run from 7 to 11 p.m. on March 31 while the hours for April 1 will depend on the number of donations available. Call the hospital at 428-1407 for information.

Durham asks towns to stop collecting grass clippings

Durham officials want communities to push composting

DURHAM — The Region doesn't want municipalities to pick up grass clippings with their regular leaf and yard waste collections.

But, Durham Region will continue to accept grass at its composting facility in north Whitby if municipalities continue to collect grass

clippings.

The Region would prefer communities promote the 'grasscycling' program, in which clippings are either left on the lawn to decompose or placed in a household composter.

Durham began the grasscycling program last year.

Regional council agreed Wednesday to ask municipalities not to collect grass but decided to continue to accept deposits if they do.

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Durham workshops can chase away March break boredom

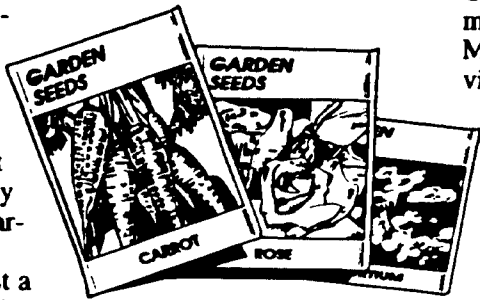
DURHAM — With March break here once again, parents are scrambling to find activities for the kids during their annual winter holiday from school.

But Weall and Cullen Nurseries Ltd. may have just the answer to chase away boredom for kids and put parents at ease during the break.

Weall and Cullen will host a series of workshops at its Whitby location, 410 Taunton Rd. W., from March 13 to 17, beginning at 2 p.m. each day.

Classes are \$2 per child and spots must be reserved in advance by calling 668-3396.

My Very Own Garden workshop, which will be held on Monday, March 13 and Thursday, March 16, teaches



kids about the many types of seeds which can be used to start a home garden and then planted outside in the spring. Kids will be provided seeds and instruction on how to plant and take care of them.

Grandma, Grandpa and Me runs Tuesday, March 14, for

kids and their grandparents. Children will be taught how to make their very own Grasshead Man and supplies will be provided.

Kids can make the man as funny as they want as a gift for their grandparents.

Let's Grow a Jungle on Wednesday, March 15 teaches children how to grow really neat plants from fruits and vegetables found at home. Seeds and instruction will be provided.

The week wraps up with Green is Lucky on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, which will show kids how to make everything green, including white flowers. Green refreshments will be served.

Help for heart patients and loved ones

DURHAM — Support's being offered to people who have suffered heart attacks or have undergone heart surgery.

The Durham chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation is offering an eight-week program of information for

victims and their spouses.

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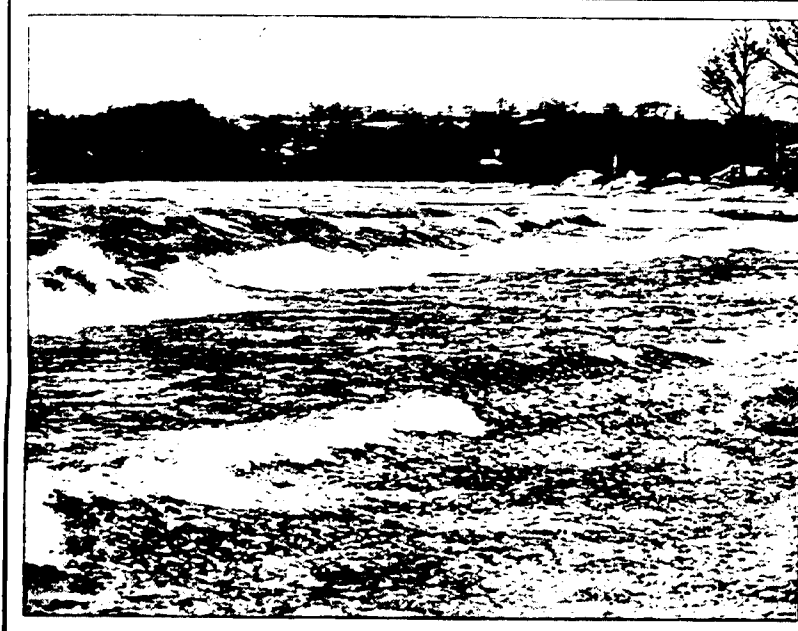
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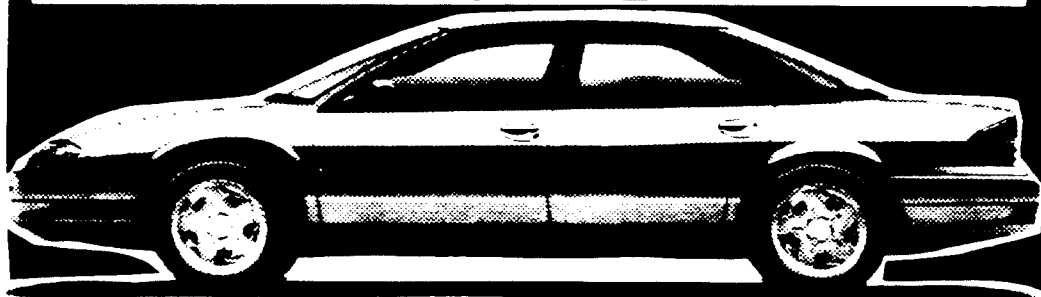
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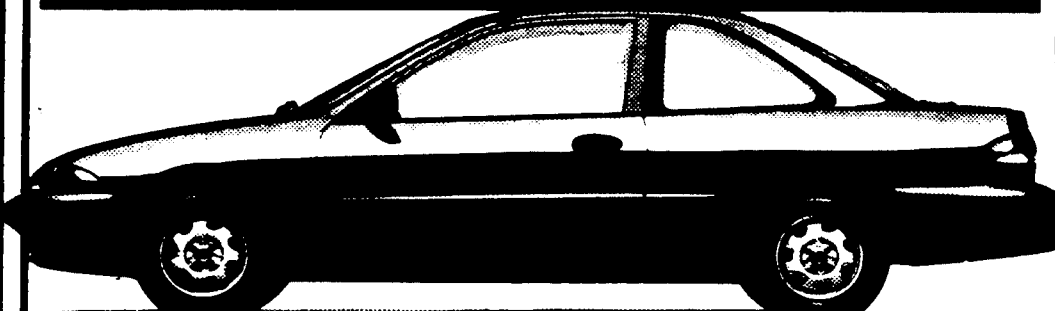
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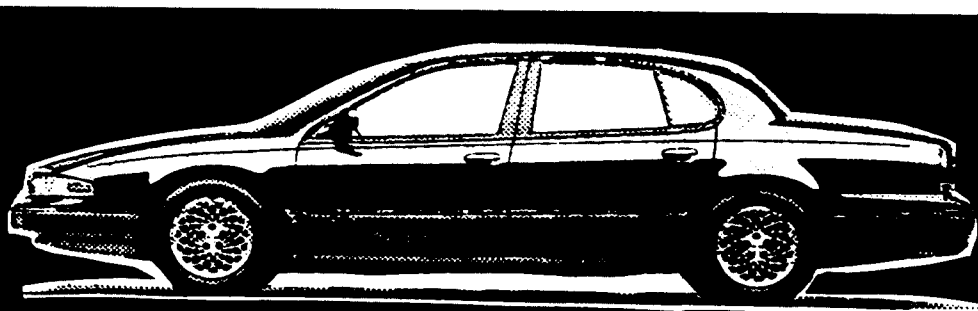
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They can't believe Caitlin is eight

Name dropping



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Hello and welcome back to Name Dropping, the column that wasn't taxed in the federal budget. Rather than sitting around blessing our lucky stars, we're going to count some of our undeclared income. We'll also drop some names...

"She's counting the days, but the rest of us can hardly believe how quickly the time has gone! Caitlin Vickers turns eight on March 10 and wishing her lots of love and happiness on her birthday are Mommy, Daddy, Kelly, Cathi, Tricia, Elizabeth, Allison, Nana, Grandpa, and all of her aunts, uncles and cousins. And, of course, Teddy..."



Caitlin Vickers

A family says, "We can't believe our baby was five on March 3." Happy birthday greetings with love to Shannon Blachar came from Mommy, Daddy, Jacob, Luke, and Duke and Duchess...



Shannon Blachar

March 3 was a big day for the little beauty in the Moore home. Wishing Morgan Kimberley Moore a happy first

birthday with lots of love were Mommy and Daddy...



Morgan Moore

brother Jeremiah and little sister Sarah..."

Mitchell Palmer was one on Feb. 25 and wishing Mitchie Boy a very happy birthday were Mommy,

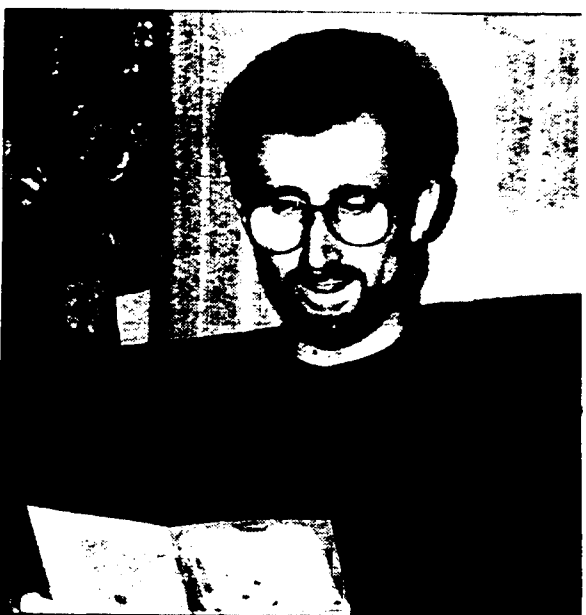


Mitchell Palmer

Sevens are lucky for Tyler Finlay, who turns seven on March 7. He celebrated with a rock 'n' roll '50s bash on March 4 with his classmates. Happy birthday wishes come from Mom, Dad, big sister Kelly, Grandma, Grandpa, Nana and Pappy. "We love you, T-man. Have a great day," his family says. Another Finlay, Tyler and Kelly's dad Ron, celebrated his 39th birthday on March 4. Sending along love and a message that 40 isn't that far off were wife Joyce, Kelly and Tyler...



Tyler Finlay



Ron Finlay

"Happy birthday to Kevin Wilkinson, our Super Cat, who turns five years old on March 7. Lots of love and best wishes from Mom, Dad,



Kevin Wilkinson

Daddy, Thomas, Eric, Grandma, Grandpa, Nanny, Papa, his two Great-Grandmas, Great-Grandpa and Buddy the dog..."

That brings us to the end of another edition of Name Dropping. If you have an item you want mentioned, call us at 683-5110, fax 683-7363 or write to 130 Commercial Ave., Ajax, Ontario, L1S 2H5. The deadline for submissions is 11 a.m. the Tuesday before publication. We're not responsible for lost or damaged photographs. If you have a birth to announce, call the classified advertising department at 683-0707.

Get garden ready for planting at discussion group

AJAX -- Preparing your garden for spring will be the topic at the Tuesday Morning Discussion Group this week. The group meets March 7 at the Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club, 46

Exeter Rd., at 9:30 a.m., and Patricia Bates of Oshawa Sydenham Museum will speak on spring garden planting. Call Louise at 683-7799 for more information.

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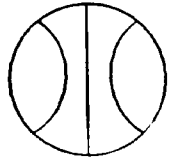
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Three Dunbarton High School Spartans senior girls' volleyball team players celebrate a point during the LOSSA final against Whitby's Anderson Collegiate Tuesday. Dunbarton won 15-12, 15-7.

photo by Andrew Iwanowski

Heartbreaking loss keeps local rock stars from Ontario Games

By JIM EASSON
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS ADVERTISER
AJAX-PICKERING — Annandale Curling Club's bantam mixed rink came agonizingly close to earning a berth in the Ontario Winter Games in Niagara Falls later this month.

However, it was not to be for the bantam-age (up to 16) team skipped by Matt Broga with Michelle Klepadlo at vice, Andrew Roegel at second and Tracee Nemeth at lead.

At the Southern Ontario finals at the South Muskoka Curling Club last weekend, the Annandale foursome competed against seven other rinks and compiled a record of four wins and three losses in round-robin play.

That mark was good enough to give the local team a second-place tie with foursomes from Dixie and Bradford. A rink from the Ottawa Granite Club took top spot.

Since only three teams advance to the Winter Games, a tie-breaker was necessary. Bradford earned a spot in the Games by virtue of its wins over Dixie and Annandale in round-robin play. This left Dixie and Annandale to do battle in a one-game playoff with the winner earning the third and final spot at the Winter Games. The contest ended 6-4 for Dixie.

The Annandale bantam team was coached by Paul Bourque who also accompanied the rink to the zone.

regional and Southern Ontario finals. Youth curling benefits greatly from volunteers like Bourque and his peers.

Bay Ridges hockey tournament seeks players for charity event

PICKERING — The seventh annual Bay Ridges Hockey Tournament will take to the ice next month to raise funds for a worthy cause.

Formerly the Kevin Shore Memorial Hockey Tournament, the event needs players age 23 and up for the teams competing at Don Beer Arena April 21 and 22.

A pre-tournament auction is set for Dakota Bob's (formerly McGinnis Landing) in the Pickering Home and Design Centre (Hwy. 401 and Brock Road) on Thursday, April 6.

The draft night for players is also scheduled for Dakota Bob's on Wednesday, April 12.

Entry forms are available at Dakota Bob's, Mud Hen's (Hwy. 2 west of Liverpool Road) and Papp's (Hwy. 2 and Brock Road).

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Ajax-Pickering Women's Centre Inc. to help fund a crisis shelter and resource centre.

For more information, call Tom Mitchell at 427-4332 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Bob Cox at 837-0491 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

St. Mary leads DO'C juniors in LOSSA final

AJAX-PICKERING — The St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs junior hockey team is one win away from claiming the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics title.

The Monarchs took the first game over the Denis O'Connor Catholic High School Chargers in the best-of-three semi-final series 3-0 at the Ajax Community Centre arena Wednesday afternoon.

As in previous efforts this season, St. Mary relied on flawless team defence, limiting DO'C to only 12 shots in the game.

Goalkeepers Kelly Roberts and Lanny Hui shared the shutout.

Darren Farmer, Rick Macina and Matt Sliwicz scored for St. Mary.

A win by St. Mary in the second game of the series at Pickering's Don Beer Arena Monday at 3 p.m. would give the Monarchs the championship.

However, a victory by DO'C would force a third and deciding game in the series later in the week.

Sports Digest Twins golden at ringette tournament

PICKERING — The Pickering Innovative Awards tween 'B' ringette team captured the gold medal at the 20th annual Gloucester Ringette Tournament last weekend.

After posting an undefeated record in round-robin action, the Pickering tweens capped a perfect weekend with a 4-0 victory over Gloucester in the title match.

In previous contests, Pickering defeated Gattineau 7-2, Gloucester 7-1 and Cumberland 6-0.

In winning the title, the Innovative Awards tweens scored 24 goals, while giving up a stingy three.

Goalkeeper Renee Ansell turned in outstanding efforts throughout the tourney, posting two shutouts.

Other members are Emily Hekner, Becky George, Amanda Deveaux, Amanda Blake, Terri Ellison, Sarah McKenty, Erica Purdy, Miranda Prosser, Wendy Hird, Laura Gallagher and Carry File.

Atoms score late goal to beat Ajax in finale

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers NRS Solid Choice Reaky major atom 'AA' reps will advance to the next round of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs

after narrowly defeating Ajax in the first series.

Pickering beat Ajax in the best-of-five series three games to two.

Mark Rogers scored with 17 seconds to play in the third period of the fifth game in Pickering to give the hosts a 2-1 victory, banging the puck home during a goal-mouth scramble. Linemates Scott Billing and David Hughes picked up assists.

After a scoreless first period, Ajax talked at the 10-minute mark of the second stanza and held Pickering scoreless until Stephen Phillips tied the game around the midway mark of the third frame, on assists from Michael Dawson and Brandon Boyer.

Home ice meant very little in the series. Ajax took two games in Pickering 5-4 and 6-0 while Pickering won 2-1 and 6-2 in Ajax.

Billing led the attack for Pickering in the four games with three goals and three assists, while linemate Hughes had one goal and five assists and Rogers three goals. Captain Evan Georgievski scored two goals and added three assists, while also leading the team in the checking department.

Also scoring were Darryn Dubeau with two goals and an assist, Mark Bannon with a goal and two assists, Phillips with a goal and an assist, and Kevin Kearn with one goal. Boyer, Dimitris Grigoriadis and Dawson each drew an assist.

Jr. 'A' Panthers send Voyageurs packing

PICKERING — Three-goal outbursts in each of the first and second periods propelled the Pickering Panthers to a 6-5 win over the visiting Kingston Voyageurs.

John Gallagher scored two first-period goals, with Chris Ryan firing a single to give the Panthers a 3-2 lead after the first frame. Pickering led 6-4 after the second period during which Scott Penton notched the eventual game winner on the powerplay and Scott Lewin registered a pair of markers.

Adding assists were Jamie Jeanes, Ryan and Marian Lastiak with two each, Rob Blain, Graham Horne, Gallagher, Josh Hewitt, Eric Wheeler and Lewin all with singles.

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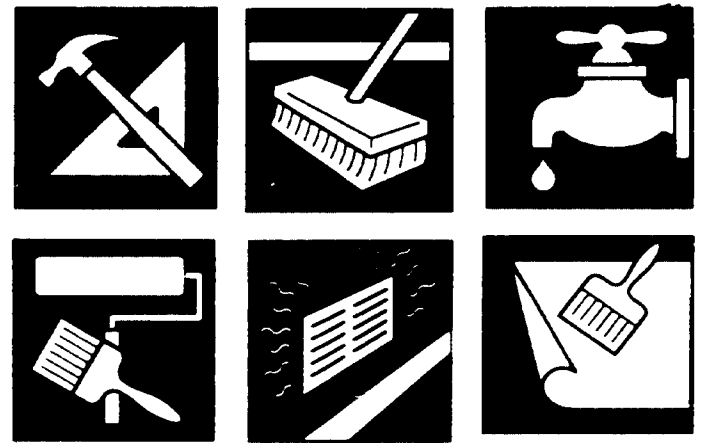
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By Donna Donaldson

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DURHAM - Durham Regional Police want local residents to take a stand against hate crime.

"It's out-and-out hatred," says Detective John McLean of a stream of racist leaflets that have been littering neighborhoods across the region since last summer. "A lot of people figure it's just down in the States or in Toronto. But it's right here in Durham Region."

The Street Crime Unit presented citizens with the hard-hitting facts on hate crime and youth violence in the region at Durham College recently as part of the police service's community education series called, Get to Know Your Police Service. "Hate crime is a serious criminal offence," Constable Krish Ganeshan told participants, and explained that it is a crime committed against a person, a group of people or property that is based on race, religion, nationality, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender or disability. Police have been trying to combat the flood of hate literature infiltrating communities. However, it can only be stopped if they see the culprits delivering the messages.

Leaflets sounding messages like "Save the Land, Join the Klan" and "White Warriors" and "Race Mixers Be Warned" have been found throughout the region, predominantly in the Oshawa area.

"If you see someone putting these leaflets on cars — get a good description of them and if you see them get into a car, take down the licence plate number," Det. McLean said.

Const. Keith Mondesire added, "People see this stuff and they find it very offensive. Because it's so new, there hasn't been a charge laid yet for distribution."

The problem is that whoever is distributing the literature is dropping the material off by the hundreds in the middle of the night. Police believe the leaflets are being distributed randomly. However, there have been some incidents where specific people have been targeted on a street.

Det. McLean said that many of the white supremacist groups actively recruit young people, and added the leader of the Heritage Front has been seen at Dunbarton High School trying to recruit students there.

Workshop participants viewed a film on hate which showed, in one segment, a toddler who was dressed in Klan attire at a cross burning. In a slide presentation, citizens were shown the various symbols of white supremacist groups to be able to recognize them in the community such as WAR (White Aryan Resistance), NF (National Front), HF (Heritage Front), KKK (Ku Klux Klan), the Nazi swastika symbol as well as symbols for Heil Hitler and Skinheads.

"(Being a victim of hate crime) can happen to anyone," said Sergeant Bill Temple, who co-ordinates the education series for the public.

He told participants that if the community doesn't start to take a stand now, the drive-by shootings we hear about in the States may become a reality here.

Det. McLean left participants with one final thought. "Hate is taught. We're not born with hatred — it's learned."

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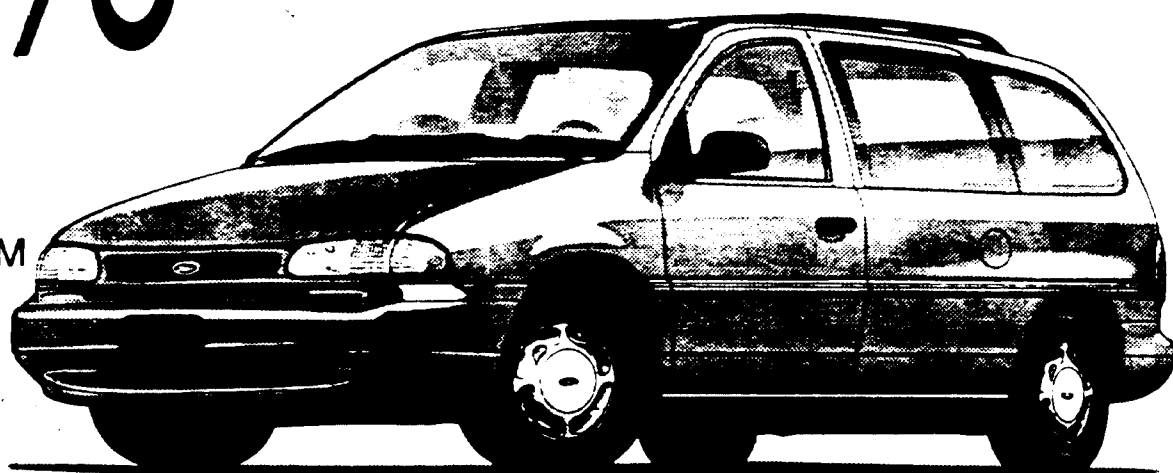
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