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JK resurrected?

Program revival may win nod from Province

Education Ministry officials offer board encouraging words
 BY CHRISTY CHASE
 STAFF REPORTER

The Durham Board of Education is getting some encouraging words from the provincial Ministry of Education about the possibility of bringing back

junior kindergarten.
 Board program superintendent Bev Freedman told trustees Monday night that she and other superintendents got positive responses to phone calls made to three departments of the ministry about the idea, raised during a budget committee meeting last week.
 Staff had suggested the board consider using \$1.5 million in reserve funds and education development charges to put junior kindergarten

classes back in its schools this fall, a little over a year after cancelling the program due to the costs. The costs of the program after 1997 would be picked up by the Province which is taking over education funding in 1998.
 Some trustees questioned whether such a plan would meet the approval of the new Education Improvement Commission, set up to oversee all boards' budgets and financial actions

until new education reforms are in place next year.
 "If the commission doesn't approve it, we don't do it," Ms. Freedman said. "But it appears from where the ministry is sitting, the commission would approve it."
 She noted the board is one of the few in Ontario that does not offer the program for four-year-olds.
 A staff report indicates a projected enrollment of more than 4,200 students

for the program which would require \$9 million in capital costs for school renovations or additions and 110 more teachers and other staff (full-time equivalents). Ongoing operating costs are estimated by staff at \$7.4 million a year for full implementation of junior kindergarten.
 Junior kindergarten ran for one year in about half of the board's schools and was about to expand in 1996 when the board cancelled it.

Pickering wants waste plant: proponent's poll

BY MARIANNE TAKACS
 STAFF REPORTER

PICKERING — Over 90 per cent of Pickering residents favor the establishment of a type of recycling plant. Town Council refuses to even hear an application for, according to a poll prepared for the proponents of the facility.
 "There is widespread support for our proposal to develop a 100 per cent recycling system," Gregory Vogt, vice-president of Eastern Power Developers (EPD) Inc., told Pickering Councillors Monday. "We urge this Council to support and act on the will of your constituents."
 Mr. Vogt was before Council to ask for changes to be made to the draft Official Plan currently under consideration to allow the proposed facility at the Brock West landfill here.
 EPD currently operates a methane gas power plant at the dump and sells electricity from it to Ontario Hydro. The company says its proposed facility would recycle much of the waste it takes in and convert the rest to methane through an anaerobic digestion process, which involves the use of bacteria to digest the organic part of the waste. The gas would be used to fuel EPD's existing methane plant, with nothing having to go to landfill. EPD has vowed no garbage will be imported into the plant from outside Pickering if that's what the Town wants.
 In December, councillors turned down official plan amendment and rezoning applications for the project sub-

mitted by EPD under the name of Super Blue Box Recycling Corp. The action was somewhat unusual in that the applications were rejected before they went through the normal process of statutory public meetings and a formal review, and report from staff. Council also asked Durham Region to refuse an official plan amendment for the same project. The Region has not made a final decision yet but has allowed the application process to proceed.
 Town councillors said the project would only lead to more importation of garbage into Pickering.
 The telephone poll commissioned by EPD was conducted by ComQUEST Research Inc., a subsidiary of the Bureau of Broadcast Measurement, between Jan. 17 and 19. It asked residents whether they would support or oppose the plant, after they were told it would process 100 per cent of Pickering's garbage by mechanically sorting recyclable materials, digesting the rest of the garbage and producing gas for electricity — without incineration or anything else going into the ground. Respondents were also told the plant "will actually save taxpayers money and create jobs." About 90 per cent of those polled across the town said they supported the plant.
 The poll also found 73 per cent would still support the plant even after being told that "some councillors say that Pickering has done enough by having the landfill at the Brock West site."
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photo by Ron Pietroniro

Dog gone

Players taking part in a sno-pitch tournament for the Heart and Stroke Foundation at McLean Community Centre in Ajax Saturday had to pause, or pause, when a dog darted onto the diamond. Daryl Johnson of the Screaming Bald Eagles removes Fraser so the action could continue.

Pair on trial for smuggling in \$2-million heroin bust

BY STEPHEN SHAW
 DURHAM STAFF

A hi-tech trap planted by federal drug agents at a Pickering home snared one of two accused heroin smugglers charged last year in Durham's largest ever bust, a judge has heard.
 The anatomy of the sophisticated smuggling sting, which resulted in the seizure of eight pounds of high grade south east Asian heroin with an estimated street value of \$2 million, was broken down in a Whitby court Monday at the joint trial of Gary Seto, 26, of Flushing, N.Y., and Patrick Chung, of Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Both have pleaded not guilty to federal charges of conspiracy to import heroin into Canada and conspiracy to traffic in heroin.
 They were charged in a Jan. 18, 1996 bust by RCMP Bowmanville Detachment's drug enforcement section.
 The trial by judge before Mr. Justice Donald Taliano in Ontario Court, general division, is expected to last the week.
 Federal prosecutor Alex Sosna said the heroin shipment, sent by air courier from Hong Kong and destined for a basement apartment at 998 Timmins Gardens in Pickering, was intercepted by U.S. customs officials during a stopover in San Francisco.
 The package drew suspicion when its marked weight did not match the actual weight.
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Blind Pickering teen 'a regular kid'

White Cane Week reminds us there's 'really not much difference' between blind, sighted people
 BY MARIANNE TAKACS
 STAFF REPORTER

It's White Cane Week and many of us will likely think of older folks with white canes we should be helping across the street.
 Well think again. White Cane Week is also about people like 16-year-old Donald McCafferty of Pickering.
 Donald is a student at St. Mary

Catholic Secondary School, where he takes regular classes with other students as well as receiving specialized help.
 He loves to participate in sports such as skating, gymnastics, horseback riding, and his favorite — downhill skiing.
 "I feel like a regular kid," says Donald. "There's really not much difference between me and other kids. I do the same things but I need extra help."
 Blind since birth, Donald has been attending local schools since junior kindergarten. His parents chose not to send him away to the Province's residential school for the blind in Brantford when he turned six even though that was the norm for many children like him. They didn't want him to live away.
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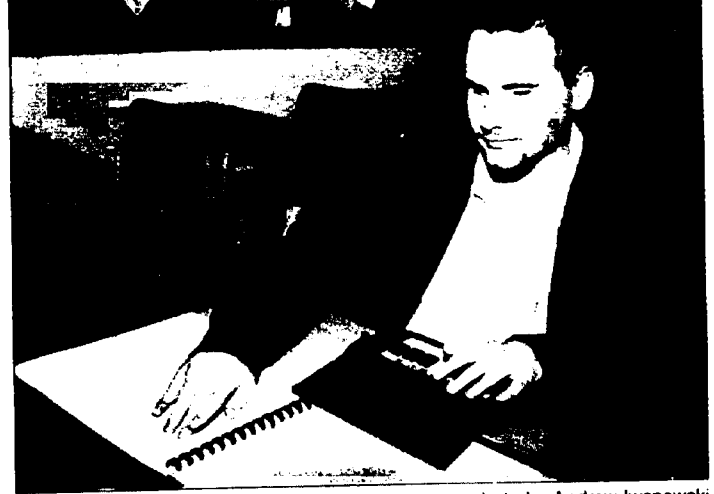


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Donald McCafferty reads and takes notes during a high school class. A decision by his parents when he was a boy to keep him close to home has led to a relatively normal life in the community.

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'Bomb' which arrived at MPP's office a bottle of syrup

PICKERING - Staff at the Pickering office of Community and Social Services Minister and Durham West MPP Janet Ecker found themselves in a sticky situation Monday after a "suspicious package" arrived. Fearing the package could contain an explosive device, Durham Regional Police sent the bomb squad to the local MPP's Kingston Road office at 2:30 p.m. to investigate the package, which had no return address on it. X-rays conducted by the Explosives Disposal Unit found it to contain a bottle of maple syrup.

Pickering doesn't want more trash: environmental group president

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and they feel that the recycling plant should be located in some other region". Seventy-nine per cent said they "would support recycling if it costs taxpayers more than landfill", and 81 per cent said they would be more likely to support the facility if they knew the technology "would eliminate the need for any future landfill sites in the region".

Mr. Vogt told councillors they will be provided a copy of the complete report on the poll once it is written.

Dave Steele, president of Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together (PACT) for the Environment, which has vehemently opposed the EPD project, described the poll results in an interview as "irrelevant".

"You can do polls till the cows come home. It depends on how you put the questions."

PACT has been against the EPD proposal on the basis that Pickering has done its



DAVE STEELE
Poll results 'irrelevant'

share as a host community for garbage, that it would likely lead to more importation of waste into the town and more truck traffic on the Third Concession. The group maintains the Brock West site must be closed, landscaped and turned over as green space to the conservation authority as required under its original licence and an out-of-court lawsuit settlement between Metro Toronto, the

Province and Pickering.

Mr. Steele noted a survey conducted by a group of citizens in the vicinity of Brock West found 99.9 per cent of residents in the area want it closed.

He also maintains the

technology for the project is unproven. Mr. Vogt maintains the concept of waste processing/recycling to be used at the facility has been endorsed as the way of the future by various government and industry agencies.

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Pickering firefighters protest provincial bill

Bill puts public safety in peril, they claim

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PICKERING — Town firefighters have defied Pickering Council by wearing their uniforms while handing out leaflets at the GO train station here Tuesday morning to protest a provincial bill they say jeopardizes public safety.

They used black tape to cover the part of their badges which identifies them as Pickering firefighters.

"We are willing to put our lives on the line for the public," says Gerry Pedwell, president of the Pickering Professional Firefighters Association. "We've dedicated our lives to our profession. We believe we've earned the right to wear our uniform in public. We're very proud of our uniform and we believe the public should see us in uniform."

The firefighters were at the GO station as part of a campaign against the Mike Harris government's Bill 84, or new Fire Protection and Prevention Act. According to the firefighters, the new Act would make it easier for municipalities to under-staff fire stations and emergency vehicles by only calling in firefighters after an emergency occurs; replace full-time professional firefighters with part-time employees with less training; privatize fire departments; and expand bureaucracy by creating more management positions.

They say increased use of part-timers and increase of management positions will jeopardize the traditional teamwork among firefighters. As well, the firefighters maintain privatization is a major concern.

"That has been tried in the States," says Mr. Pedwell, "and has had a lot of problems because they're putting profit ahead of public safety."

On Monday night, Mr. Pedwell appeared before councillors prior to their official meeting to ask for permission for the firefighters to wear their uniforms to the GO station. The request was turned down by a 4-3 vote. Among those who opposed the wearing of the uniforms was Mayor Wayne Arthurs.

"We certainly respect the rights of the firefighters as an association to act in a fashion they feel appropriate in regards to legislation," says the mayor. But, he adds, "the wearing of the uniform could be interpreted as corporate (town) endorsement of the union position." He says Council has not taken any official position on Bill 84.

Mayor Arthurs believes there are "some elements" of the bill Council would support. On the issue of part-timers, he notes the Pickering department already has them in the form of paid volunteer firefighters and the Town has no intention of using them to replace full-timers. He does believe it might be useful to have more managers instead of having to divide 24-hour on-call responsibilities between the chief and deputy chief, as is now the case.

On the matter of privatization, the mayor says he doesn't "see our municipality turning to a privatized fire service", but adds certain services such as fire inspections might be turned over to the private sector.

Pickering firefighters were expecting to wear their uniforms when they joined Ajax counterparts handing out leaflets at the Ajax GO station this morning.

Mr. Pedwell says the firefighters were given a "wonderful" reception Tuesday by commuters in Pickering, many of whom were eager to sign a petition opposing Bill

Pickering bars charged

PICKERING — Five Pickering bars have been slapped with 67 charges under the Liquor Licence Act following a three-week undercover investigation by Durham Regional Police.

The offences include serving liquor after hours, permitting the removal of liquor from the premises, failing to serve non-alcoholic drinks, permitting drunkenness and allowing overcrowding.

Detective Jim Grimley said "Project Tumbler" was launched in response to numerous complaints from residents living near the establishments.

Three undercover officers posing as bar patrons targeted a number of taverns in Pickering, Det. Grimley said.

In addition to the taverns, police also charged several customers with impaired driving.

Among the patrons charged during the sting, Det. Grimley confirmed, was Pickering regional councillor Rick Johnson. He faces charges of being drunk in public and having open liquor after a car in which he was a passenger was stopped by police Jan. 18.

The establishments charged are:
• Mix It Up Bar and Grill on Bayly Street, Celebrity's Restaurant and Nightclub on Bayly Street, The Palace East on Dillingham Road, Braveheart's on Liverpool Road, and Mud Hen's Taps and Grill on Kingston Road.
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84 Pickering firefighters are planning to publicize the issue further in coming weeks by putting up posters at local businesses and setting up a booth at the Pickering Town Centre.

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Pair on trial in heroin bust

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Court was shown three sets of plastic place-mats - designed with Snoopy and Friends characters and floral patterns - with hollowed-out centres.

The glue-bound series of place-mats, shipped inside jumbo-sized boxes, were used to conceal five individual "bricks" of heroin wrapped in cellophane and carbon paper.

U.S. drug enforcement agents transported the shipment, initially sent through DHL World Wide Express courier service, to Toronto, where they were met by RCMP officers, Mr. Sosna said.

RCMP Const. Keith Latchford testified the heroin was weighed, tested and repackaged - this time rigged with a motion detection alarm to trigger when opened - in preparation for a "controlled delivery" to its intended destination.

He said an undercover RCMP officer posing as a DHL courier delivered the rigged package to the Timmins Gardens residence on Jan. 15. For the next three days a team of officers kept 24-hour surveillance and a telephone wiretap on the home.

Mr. Sosna read the transcript of a call the morning of Jan. 18 to the owner of the home from a tenant, identified only as "John Li," who was told he had received a large package "about the size of a computer."

Drug squad officers with their weapons drawn broke down the apartment door three hours later when "the motion detector went off" after a man, dropped off by taxi, entered the apartment, Const. Latchford said.

"The motion detector went off which meant someone had gone close enough (to the package) or bumped it... The motion alarm signaled the package had been opened," he said.

When officers entered the basement they found Mr. Chung and "some of the contents" removed from the package.

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Active teen considers career

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from home at such a tender age or leave his friends and community behind.

Also at a young age, he participated in community children's programs such as kindergym, and has kept on participating in community and school activities, even the camera club, as much as possible.

"It has been important to me because I do the same activities as my friends," says Donald. If he had gone away to school, "I wouldn't be able to do the things that I usually do."

The decision to keep Donald in his community was a difficult one, recalls his mom, Pauline McCafferty.

"It just made more sense," she says. Even though the residential school would probably have provided the best academic training, she explains, Donald would ultimately have to live and work in his own community rather than a segregated setting.

But community schooling for blind children was a rather new approach for parents to take at the time. It was made possible in the 1980s by the passing of Bill 82 by the Province, which made it obligatory for school boards to make the effort to integrate special needs children.

Donald first attended St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School, run by the Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

"They were very eager," notes Mrs. McCafferty. "The separate school board is very keen on integration of all the exceptionalities and they've been very good."

With funding from the Province, special teachers were hired and trained to help Donald cope with an education system designed for the sighted. In elementary school he spent half the day with a special resource teacher and half the day in the regular classroom. Adjustments like the provision of braille texts and tactile learning materials were made to make the curriculum understandable for him. Later, he received a computer with a voice synthesizer and adapted software programs.

Mrs. McCafferty believes Donald's social and physical skills have developed better than they would have at the residential school.

"It's really a trade-off because that's a segregated setting. He might be learning the academics but everything else he'd be behind on. His mobility, his balance, it's just like a normal kid. He's always been very active. He's never been afraid, which some are. He loves to go out and he loves to meet other people."

The only concession Donald has had to make to his blindness at

school is taking three courses each high school semester now instead of four. In sports, he makes adaptations like skiing with a guide who can describe the terrain ahead. At home he likes cooking and uses special aids.

Donald loves to listen to his police scanner and has been considering a career as a 911 dispatcher, if it's possible to make the necessary adaptations. But he's thinking about other options as well.

"I can use a computer really well so I could maybe do something in computers."

Mrs. McCafferty believes all the hard work it took to keep Donald in his community will pay off even more when it comes time for her son to enter the working world.

"It will be easier for him than if he had been in a segregated environment."

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▼ Editorial

Truckers just aren't getting it

Six out of 10 trucks driving along our highways aren't safe. That's what we've learned from the most recent truck safety blitz conducted just last week in Durham Region.

Consider these numbers: 78 trucks pulled over, 45 detained for safety reasons, 26 drivers charged, 36 owners charged and 56 cautions issued. Incredible as it seems with all the publicity surrounding fatal accidents caused by flying truck wheels lately, most truckers just aren't getting the message.

How can this be? Well, it would seem the measures taken over the last 18 months by Transportation Minister Al Palladini have been ineffective. The fine for an unsafe truck is \$500 and a day or two off the road until the truck can be reinspected and given a clean bill of health.

What a joke! For starters, because there aren't enough inspectors out there, the vast majority of trucks will avoid inspection entirely. But for those that are inspected, the fines and penalties for safety violations are simply not stiff enough.

If the government is serious about truck safety, it will start hitting trucking firms hard. The financial penalty must be at least doubled for starters and unsafe trucks should receive a one-week suspension with a jail sentence to hit those truckers who disobey the law.

The Province must do something to ensure truckers and their firms obey the law and use only safe equipment on our highways.

We realize the economy is dependent on the movement of goods by trucks on our highways. There are many thousands of jobs provided by the trucking industry and the effect on the economy is significant.

Yes, it will cost more in time and money to ensure trucks are safe and the trucking lobby will work long and hard to pressure politicians to resist change. Still, there's no excuse to turn a blind eye to the large number of trucks on our highways which are unsafe.

Minister Palladini must show the people of Ontario, in convincing fashion, that he will do to unsafe truckers what he has done to drunk drivers. Come down hard on them and try to eliminate the problem, not solve it with a Band-Aid solution.

To respond to this editorial call Infosource at 683-7040 and dial 5109.

▼ You said it...

In response to last Wednesday's editorial 'Let's merge Durham utilities', our readers say:

◆ "We used to have one utility, especially for hydro and our bills were higher than they are now. I would really like to figure out how come. When our water bills were regionalized, our water payment went sky high. Could you figure that one out for me, too?"

In response to last Friday's editorial 'Welfare paid from the same pocket', our readers say:

◆ "Welfare doesn't work. It's a cheap form of labor. When are you people going to get your act together and give up on this awful nonsense?"

▼ We asked...

The question is: What do you think of the provincial funding cuts to the Ajax and Pickering General Hospital?



George Wraight says it is "Disastrous. The people of this community have put so much into the hospital. Now it seems like they are taking it away."



Frank Murphy says, "It's just another way of cutting jobs."



Dennes Szilagyi says, "I'm torn by the issue. It's a case of who should look after who with reference to which level of government."



▼ Letters to the editor

Comedy best left to comedians

To the editor:
 Re: A Day in the Life, Jan. 26, 1997
 When I read Blake Purdy's recent column I couldn't help thinking that comedy is best left to comedians. The first few times some wag referred to staff at Pickering Nuclear Generating Station as being similar to Homer Simpson may have been funny, but it is an old joke worn thin by overuse. However, failed humor is a cross the author and the paper will have to bear.

What concerns me most was the impression this type of cheap shot leaves in the community. When it gets right down to it we at the station have pretty thick skins and this type of silliness amounts to nothing more than a temporary itch. But you are providing a real disservice to members of the community by playing up cheap stereotypes. I recently had a chance to meet with many residents at a recent meeting of the Durham Environmental Network. These people and their neighbors have real concerns about nuclear power and they need real answers to their questions. They do not need to see their fears flamed by columnists who opt for the low blow and, in the name of what I might loosely call "humor", print blatant mis-truths.

Perhaps if Mr. Purdy took the time to come and visit us here at Pickering he would discover that not only is the Homer Simpson image extremely stale, it is completely unwarranted.

Ken Talbot,
 General Manager,
 Pickering Nuclear
 Generating Station

Health care in Durham 'second to none'

To the editor:
 After several months of illness, my mother died recently at home from terminal cancer. During the course of her illness, she was admitted to Ajax and Pickering General Hospital on

two occasions. I would like to say I have nothing but respect, admiration and praise for the health-care professionals who cared for my mother, both in the hospital, and in the community.

The staff, nurses and doctors of 2 East were wonderful when she was an in-patient, and after discharge an army of people were mobilized by her case managers to aid our family to look after her at home. The Red Cross aides and the St. Elizabeth nurses were devoted, caring and compassionate — so much was offered, and nothing was too much trouble. Her dedicated physician, Dr. Tarnious, never failed us and supported us until the end.

The terms palliative care and care in the community came truly alive for our family as we witnessed the courteous, smooth and efficient running of the services.

I have seen health care systems at work in different parts of the world, and Durham is second to none. All of those involved can be justly proud. Thanks to them, a lovely old lady was allowed to die where she wanted, at home, with dignity, and surrounded by love.

Sandra Milliard,
 Pickering

Jobless rate is too important to overlook

To the editor:
 Re: Third person throws their hat in the ring for PC candidacy in Whitby-Ajax riding. I read with interest Mr. Snyder's list of issues he believes are important and will presumably be debated in the upcoming federal election.

Budget deficits, over-taxation, excessive government regulation on business, keeping Canada together and strengthening the family are all mentioned. There is no reference to what, in my view, is the number-one problem in Canada today and should be the most urgent issue in this election: continued high rates of unemployment.

Hopefully this omission was a simple oversight and not a true reflection of Mr. Snyder's priorities.

Danny McBride,
 Ajax

School too crowded

To the editor:
 I am writing this letter out of concern for my son and the other students of St. Catherine of Siena School. I recently received a letter from the school's Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) regarding further additions of portables to accommodate more students.

The school opened in 1990, with a designed capacity of 371 students. In 1994 with the addition of a porta-pak, housing six classrooms and three additional portables, the student population rose to 551.

Between then and now, an additional seven portables have arrived, with six in service. This has increased the student numbers to 775 — more than double what the school was intended to accommodate. Furthermore, another three or four portables are expected at the school in the fall of 1997, pushing attendance to 850 plus students.

One would think that these changes should warrant change. Has there been an increase in the washroom facilities for the children? No. Increased gymnasium space? No. Increased parking for the additional teaching staff required? No. Increased playground space? No. In fact, playground space has decreased because of the porta-pak and portables. Increased facilities of any kind? No.

Documentation obtained by the PTC suggest that sections of the provincial building code are being violated by this seemingly uncontrolled expansion. The PTC contacted the school board and the Town of Ajax, with regards to building code concerns. After much bureaucratic rhetoric, these questions remain unanswered. The board claims the portables are temporary structures and not governed under the code. The Town confirms the portables are bound by the same building code requirements as the main school building. Clearly, one of these groups must be incorrect.

One thing is crystal clear: In order to meet the needs of current and future students, especially with the housing growth in Ajax, more schools are required. It would appear that someone in planning has forgotten what the first four letters in that title mean: After all, it's not rocket science, is it?

Lorrie Trinca,
 Ajax

ROLAND RUTLAND
 Guest Column



Many Durham organizations fight racism

In Durham, principles of anti-racist education are also used outside of the school systems by ethno-cultural groups, social service agencies, civic authorities, the Durham Regional Police Service, and institutions in their race relations work.

These organizations have come to the realization that multiculturalism is the continuum on the path to anti-racism. In so doing, they have designed strategies, developed programs and sustainable resources that will help cure the disease of racism in Durham Region.

These organizations include: The Pickering Carib-Canadian Cultural Association (PCCCA), the Town of Pickering Advisory Committee on Equity and Race Relations, The Inter-Organization Resources Network of Durham (TIRND), Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering, The Durham Board of Education, The Durham Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board, The Muslim Educational & Cultural Association, The Durham Region Police Service, The Town of Ajax Race Relations Committee, plus many more organizations whose mandates include the promotion of positive race relations in the communities they serve.

Many of the members of the organizations detailed above have formed friendships and alliances over the years. Readers will be interested to know that the first race relations conference to be staged in the Town of Pickering was organized by the Pickering Carib-Canadian Cultural Association in October, 1986.

The keynote speaker at that event, the late Dr. Wilson Head, spoke about the importance of community, the effects of racism, and "The necessity to be proactive." He also spoke about cultural diversity: "We are all immigrants, we all have a building job to do, therefore we need not worry too much about our racial background, that's part of our history, and that's history now."

Efforts to combat racism have often been described as trying to put a Band-aid on a cancerous growth. At a community level, the issue is the critical mass of people and organizations who are actively involved in dispensing a prescription for the disease of racism. Since 1986, the PCCCA and TIRND for example, have organized many community events to promote race relations and combat racist attitudes at an individual, and institutional level.

The Town of Pickering have a race relations policy, an Internet page, and recently produced a harassment brochure.

All these responses, and many more by different organizations and individuals, shows a proactive, strategic, caring, and holistic community response to race relations and dealing with the disease of racism — in all its many forms.

A report detailing the race relations work and specific programs developed by the organizations mentioned above, and a listing of all registered ethno-cultural organizations in the Durham Region, is now available from the Social Development Council Ajax-Pickering at 686-2661.

Details of planned civic events to commemorate The United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination March 21, can be obtained by contacting the Town of Ajax at 683-4550, and the Town of Pickering at 420-4620.

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Around Durham Region

Case dismissed:

Judge throws out drug charges, citing delay

BY STEPHEN SHAW
DURHAM STAFF

A judge has thrown out drug trafficking charges against three men, ruling that a 26-month delay in bringing the cases to trial violated their constitutional rights.

The ruling could trigger an avalanche of similar applications under Chapter 11b of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, warns an Oshawa defence lawyer who represented two of the accused.

Chapter 11b of the constitution states a person accused of a crime has the right to a fair trial within a reasonable time frame.

In his decision to toss the cases on Thursday, Mr. Justice William Lane, of Ontario Court, general division, in Whitby, cited a lack of judicial resources in Durham Region, says defence lawyer Alan Risen.

The three men whose cases were stayed were Oshawa's John Gary Taylor, of Division Street, Gregory French, of Gaylord Drive and

Peter Smith, of Jason Drive, in Whitby. They had faced charges of possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking, among other offences, Mr. Risen says.

They were among dozens of people arrested in an undercover drug sting carried out in September, 1994 by Durham Regional Police targeting street-level crack dealers in downtown Oshawa, Mr. Risen says.

The cases did not get to preliminary hearings until late in 1995 due to delays by the Crown in disclosing evidence, he says. Once finally scheduled for early 1996, the hearings were adjourned because "a police officer was on holidays."

Eventually committed to trial, the earliest date available was in September, 1996, at which time the cases were "bumped" in favor of others because of a lack of judges.

"All of the delay was institutional and was the fault of the Crown," says Mr. Risen.

A sexual assault case was stayed by Mr. Justice Alfred Stong last November, also under

an 11b application.

Mr. Risen says a lack of judges and Crown resources will mean more cases could fall by the wayside.

He blames the government for a failure to appoint more judges to meet a growing case-load and the increasing length of serious trials.

The delays jeopardize the rights of an accused but also undermine the public's right to see justice administered properly, says Mr. Risen.

John Scott, Durham's senior crown attorney, was not available for comment Friday. However, in a recent interview with This Week he said a backlog in court cases, cited in other jurisdictions, is not an issue in Durham.

He said the sudden retirement of one judge, who has since been replaced, and the lengthy illness of another, who has since returned to the bench, created a shortage of judges for a period.

"I don't anticipate 11b becoming a significant problem," he said during the interview.



photo by Ron Patterson

Battle brews over \$1.25 million CAW strike payment

BY BRIAN LEGREE
DURHAM STAFF

OSHAWA - A Canadian Auto Workers national union claim that Local 222 members received a strike fund "overpayment" amounting to \$1.25 million is "not accurate," says Dave Broadbent.

Local 222's secretary-treasurer disputes claims from CAW national officials who say about 10,000

General Motors workers were paid \$125 apiece which they were not entitled to at the end of last October's strike.

Mr. Broadbent says "no one really knows" the figure in question, adding Local 222 has provided CAW national officials with "all our book work" regarding strike expenditures. But Mr. Broadbent maintains "if there is an overpayment," the final figure will be less than \$1.25 million and a CAW national official says he may be right.

"In fairness to Dave, he's probably accurate," says Peter Kennedy, assistant to Jim O'Neil, CAW national secretary-treasurer. "At the end of the day, my guess is it will be less than \$1.25 million. Obviously, there would be people off on sick and accident leave and not participating in the strike."

Both sides agree the problem is rooted in return dates of employees following the resolution of the strike.

Some workers were back on the job a day after the ratification vote, while others missed up to five working days before returning.

A payment was made to workers who remained off the job after the strike was resolved, says Mr. Broadbent, adding all strike payments are made in conjunction with CAW national officials. But CAW national officials say that payment was "an administrative mistake" and are demanding restitution from Local 222.

"There was a mistake and there's a certain amount of embarrassment attached to the organization,"

says Mr. Kennedy, adding he's "not pointing any fingers about who is responsible."

CAW national officials are trying to "establish a figure as quickly as possible," says Mr. Kennedy.

Once that is done, national and local officials will hold a meeting to discuss the issue further.

But Mr. Broadbent says Local 222 hasn't

committed to any form of restitution to the national union, adding any final decision will be made by the entire (Local 222) membership.

The real issue, says Mr. Kennedy, is "the strike fund belongs to the entire membership. The question is how do we reimburse the entire membership so the strike fund is at the level it should be."

Paddling along

Adrian Stephens keeps the ball in his sights while getting behind it during a table tennis game at The Youth Centre on Jan. 28. It was a PD day for public school students and the centre offered a variety of activities to keep teenagers busy.



PICKERING

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"Watch for Us"
The Town of Pickering page is moving to Tuesdays in the News Advertiser, commencing March 4, 1997

Town/Public Meetings

Feb. 10 - Council Meeting
Feb. 17 - Town Council Meeting
Feb. 18 - Site Neighbourhood Task Force
Feb. 19 - Committee of Adjustment
Feb. 20 - Statutory Public Information Meeting
Feb. 24 - Executive Committee Meeting
Feb. 28 - Budget Meeting

"February is Heart Month"

1997 PROPERTY TAXES DUE

FEBRUARY 25, 1997

The first two months of the INTERIM tax bills are due this month.

VISA and MASTERCARD are no longer accepted for payment of Taxes.

The TELEPAYMENT telephone bill paying services of several Banks and Trust Companies can also be used to pay your property taxes.

Late payment charges are added on the first day of the following month on all unpaid installments and on the first day of the month thereafter. The rate is 1.00% for each month or fraction thereof.

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Sat., Jan. 25

The 'Found Art' sculpture is on display at the Pickering Recreation Complex.

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Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter E 18

Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Roads - Schedule B

NOTICE

Respecting retirement of a portion of Begley Street, Pickering, Plan 355 being Part 1 on Plan 40R-XXX and Parts 6, 7 and 8 of Plan 40R-16457.

Subject to any comments received as a result of this Notice, and the receipt of any necessary approvals, the Town intends to complete the retirement of the road below.

This section of road is no longer required as part of the municipal road system as a result of the reason for closure. There is no need to the Town of the retirement of this section of road, which is expected to be completed by February 17, 1997.

Further information is available at the following location:
The Corporation of the Town of Pickering, Department of Public Works, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, Ontario L1V 6K7, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Interested persons may provide written comment to the Town respecting this proposal within 30 calendar days of the date of this Notice. Comments should be sent to the Director of Public Works at the above address. If concerns regarding this project cannot be resolved in discussions with the Town, any person party may request that the Minister of the Environment and Energy "bump-up" the project to an individual environmental assessment. "Bump-up" requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of the date of this Notice.

Minister of the Environment and Energy
15th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5
If there is no "bump-up" request received by February 17, 1997, the Town will complete the retirement of this section of Begley Street as proposed.
Notice issued at Pickering, this 4th day of December, 1996.

ON EXHIBIT

On exhibit in the Civic Complex until February 28, a collection of watercolors by Pickering artist Shelley Beach

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Household Hazardous Waste will continue to be accepted at the Brock West Landfill Site all day Wednesday and each Saturday morning until the end of March, 1997. Household Hazardous Waste is considered non-collectible under Town of Pickering By-law and includes such materials as paints, oils, thinners, propane tanks, automotive batteries, antifreeze, etc. The Brock West Landfill Site is located on Concession Road 3 west of Brock Road in Pickering. For further information, please contact the Landfill Site at 686-1294.

As a result of the Brock West Landfill Site being closed to the acceptance of all new non-hazardous waste, all materials must now be taken to the Durham Materials Recovery Facility Inc. waste transfer station located at 1220 Squires Beach Road in Pickering. A deposit may be requested if your total load is approaching the 100 kg free dumping allowance. For further information, please contact Durham Materials Recovery Facility Inc. at 619-2619.

Please help keep our environment clean and toxic free by disposing of your waste materials at the locations outlined above.

For any additional information regarding Waste Management Services, please contact the Town of Pickering Public Works Department at 420-4630 or 683-2760.

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL

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Saturday, February 15, 1997
Pickering Recreation Complex
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To set up a booth/display or provide a demonstration, please call the Department of Culture & Recreation (905) 420-4620

Public Open House East Duffins Study

The Town of Pickering has undertaken a land use and urban design study for the East Duffins Area, as shown on the key map. You are invited to attend an open house, to review and discuss the Preferred Land Use Plan for the area. Your comments on this plan will guide staff's recommendations to Council.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Geoff McKnight of the Planning Department at (905) 420-4660 extension 2032, or (905) 683-2760.

What: Public Open House - East Duffins Study
When: February 18, 1997
Open House Presentation & Discussion Session: 4:00-6:00 p.m. **Discussion Session:** 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Where: Council Chambers, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, Ontario

EAST DUFFINS STUDY AREA

Durham volunteers sought to help abused women

Volunteers interested in the issues and concerns of the abuse of women are being sought.

The Oshawa YWCA is looking for people willing to lend a hand with its APPLE (Ajax-Pickering Protected Living Environment) Community Project.

The Ajax-Pickering advisory committee is responsible for planning, evaluating and supporting a counselling outreach service for abused women and their children, and a public education service regarding abuse of women in Ajax and Pickering.

In one recent year, the

APPLE Community Project provided outreach counselling to 84 abused women in the Ajax-Pickering area and, in collaboration with Ajax-Pickering Counselling Services, provided 131 hours of group counselling to 24 abused women.

The primary focus of the program is counselling, information, referral and public education.

Volunteers who live and/or work in Ajax or Pickering are needed to help identify community needs and help develop and implement a recruitment and training program for

service volunteers.

Volunteers are also needed to continue fund-raising efforts for the APPLE Community Project. The YWCA

is encouraging women's groups to participate.

For more information, call Elizabeth Peacock at 724-0222.

CORRECTION NOTICE

We wish to draw your attention to the following error which appeared in our "LOWEST PRICES GUARANTEED" flyer, issued February 5 '97.

Page 4: The price of the 2-drawer Legal File Cabinet (#10114/10116/10188) is \$129, not \$179 as shown. The 4-drawer Legal File Cabinet (10123/10124/10125) is \$179.

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United Way funds available to groups providing services in Ajax, Pickering

Non-profit groups needing financial help for a project might get help from the Ajax-Pickering United Way.

Through the organization's Community Initiative Funding Program, community groups may qualify for financial assistance. To be eligible, the group must be providing an essential community service to the residents of Ajax and Pickering.

Capital projects, such as buying equipment or constructing a building, are not eligible for funding under the program.

Groups seeking financial help must provide the group name and address, a list of the board of directors, the name and phone number for a contact person, a description of the program, evidence of community need for the program, a proposed budget and a charitable registration number.

Requests should be submitted to the Allocations Committee, United Way of Ajax-Pickering, 407-95 Bayly St. W., Ajax, L1S 7K5. Attention: Edna Klasek.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.

Call the United Way office at 686-0606 for more information.

Food for thought on food

PICKERING -- A German nutritional expert currently touring Canada will give a lecture Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's on-the-Hill Anglican Church, 882 Kingston Rd., Pickering.

Gertraud Radke, who has 30 years of experience in the field of nutrition, will provide general information on healthy eating and explain her own Whole Rice Energy Balancing Diet.

Born in Germany in 1939, Ms. Radke has dedicated her life to the theoretical and practical application of dietary therapy. She describes her whole rice diet as a way of "detoxifying" the body, clearing the mind and restoring energy. The diet is in use at a number of health spas in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Admission to the lecture is \$7 to cover travelling and photocopying expenses.



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TOASTMASTERS: Ajax Pickering Toastmasters meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ajax Kinsmen Heritage Centre, 120 Roberson Dr., Ajax.

The group helps people improve their communications skills, speech giving, listening and understanding skills, organization abilities and presentations in general. 619-0647 or 509-1645.

OSTEOPOROSIS: The Osteoporosis Ajax Pickering Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Durham Regional Police station (rear door) at Hwy. 2 and Brock Rd., Pickering. Guest speakers. All welcome. 683-3948 (Marg) or 420-9197 (Moira).

EXETER H.S.: Exeter High School, 80 Falby Ct., Ajax, hosts a Grade 8 Parents Night from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be information on integrated curriculum, Grade 9 evaluation, extra-curricular activities and electives. Call 683-8125 (Mr Bradshaw).

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

NATURALISTS: The Pickering Naturalists hold their monthly meeting at 8 p.m. at Rouge Hill Public Library, Rougemont Dr. south of Hwy. 2.

Well-known naturalists and authors Sally and Ian Wilson present a slide show and talk about their experiences in the Yukon.

TUMOR SUPPORT: The Adult Brain Tumor Support Group meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, Fellowship Room, 65 Kings Cres., Ajax.

The group is open to adults with brain tumors, their families and friends in Durham Region. Wheel-

chair accessible. Call 427-4900.

PARENTS: Parents Without Partners Chapter 204 meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. upstairs at St. George's Anglican Church, 51 Centre St. S., Oshawa. Orientation for new members, social gathering for others. 571-5452 (Debbie), 723-1699 (Ron).

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

ADDICTION RECOVERY: The Serenity Group holds a 12-step recovery meeting at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering.

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AJAX - Safety tips for female teens will be offered during an upcoming workshop.

The Youth Centre is hosting the free course for females aged 13 to 19 and their families living in Ajax or Pickering Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 360 Bayly St. W. (between Westney Road

and Finley Avenue) in Ajax.

Durham Regional Police Constable Brad Durnt will teach you how to be aware, how to recognize potentially dangerous situations and how to take action to ensure your safety. Call 428-1212 for more information or to register.

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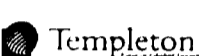
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ITEMS WANTED

- 1) Computer with color monitor, four or five filing cabinets, paper folder, envelope sealer, paper shredder, label maker, basic collator, paper cutter -- for a non-profit and non-funded youth group at 471-5505.
- 2) Girls' toys and clothing, sizes 6X to 14, especially long pants and dresses -- 686-7066.
- 3) Small 21-inch record player with cover, steamer for medication, cat litter box. Only Pickering residents reply after 11 a.m. -- 892-1407.
- 4) Wheelchair, walker and hand rails -- 420-6933.
- 5) Kitchen chrome two-step stool (two steps swing inside) -- 683-6090.
- 6) Apartment-size freezer -- 428-6699.
- 7) Station wagon-size dog cage, plastic child safety gate -- 686-5660.
- 8) Two double or queen-size beds, two or three chests of drawers, kitchen chairs, shelves, desks, small sofa bed, household furniture and appliances, bathroom vanity and sink for a needy family -- Connie at 839-9255.
- 9) Piece of property wanted by a Girl Guide group that would like to

- use it in order to create a nature and vegetable garden -- 428-2978.
- 10) Used tennis balls -- 427-4350.
- 11) Supply of envelopes for Durham Environmental Network -- 509-9565.
- 12) Basic computer for learning and games -- 420-0146.
- 13) Wool, partial balls, any color to knit cat blankets for the Humane Society -- 839-2679.

- 14) 30-inch range in good working condition -- Marion at 686-0377.
- 15) CPU for IBM, PS1 model 2121 -- 839-8260.
- 16) Used bicycle parts -- 619-2980.
- 17) Child-size soft body doll for a Girl Guide display, also old Girl Guide and Brownie scarves -- 427-7366.
- 18) Paper cutter, guillotine style

- 839-3887.
- 19) Good used clean bedding, towels, baby clothes, thermal wear and light curtains to be sent to the Northwest Territories -- 427-2085.

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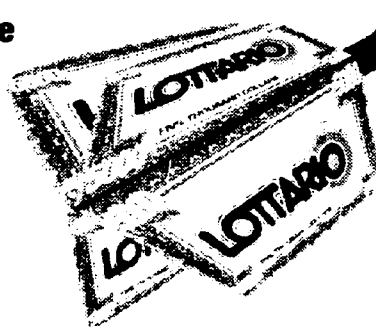
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Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade busy, busy, busy in February

Clarnet CEO guest speaker at board of trade breakfast

The chief executive officer of Clarnet Inc. is the guest speaker at the February networking breakfast of the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade.

George Cope will address the meeting Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 a.m. at Kelsey's Restaurant, Pickering.

Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register, call 837-6638.

Ajax and Pickering firms network, display their wares

A network evening and display showcase will be held Tuesday, Feb. 18 by the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade. Local business people are invited to attend, make some new contacts

and let others know more about their businesses. The event will be held at the Victorian Garden in Ajax from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. The cost of a display table is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

For registration information, call 837-6638.

Board of Trade president hosts inaugural dinner

The Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade will hold its first president's inaugural dinner Thursday, Feb. 13.

The 1997 president, John Wiersma, will deliver his inaugural address and set out the board's goals this year at the event, to be held at Regalis Restaurant in Pickering beginning at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a question-and-answer period.

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Band with local influence promises to give you the creeps

Vertical Creep plays Ajax gig Friday

AJAX -- You don't usually want to come across creepy crawlers at night. But, if you are a fan of moody hard-edged music, you may want to make an exception Friday, Feb. 7 when up-and-comers Vertical Creep scurry into the Annandale Golf and Curling Club in Ajax.

The Annandale gig (with special guests Loco and Funks Hybrid) will showcase Vertical Creep's brand new self-titled album, released in Canada this past weekend, which many listeners will find to be a richly textured collaboration of big guitar undercurrents and dark, carefully etched lyrics. However, Pickering native and Vertical Creep bassist Dean Oelkers has a different take on the music. "Well, it's not dark. It's heavy and progressive at the same time, but also alternative. I always have a problem explaining it to

people who ask. It's more melodic with an alternative edge, I guess. To someone else it may seem dark. But, compared to stuff I used to do before, it's quite a bit lighter."

Oelkers says the songwriting process is very much a band-wide effort.

Vocalist/guitarist Chris Calderbank is the chief lyricist. "It's whatever hap-

pens to be kickin' around his head at the time. He comes up with an idea and we'll help him along with the story line."

The process is reversed when music lines are set down and Oelkers with drummer Paul Corseadden collaborate on music with the help of Calderbank's musical refinements.

Oelkers says, "We just want to write

music that we like. We figure if we like it, hopefully others will like it, too."

Produced by Mark Berry (also responsible for recording The Headstones, David Bowie and Teenage Head), the album is also being released in Japan, Germany, Australia and Belgium.

Oelkers reports the band is close to signing a deal with a U.S. management

company which should open some doors. Plans for the band also include exploring offers from big-name record labels, a video for the first single 'Me' and an upcoming Canada-wide tour.

Tickets to the Annandale show are \$5 per person at the door.

The concert starts at 9 p.m. Annandale is at the corner of Bayly and Church streets.

Muralists sought to put their mark on Oshawa buildings

The Downtown Oshawa Festival of Murals is seeking artists interested in receiving a commission to paint outdoor wall murals this summer.

The City has had five murals painted both last year and in 1995 and pending funding approval from council, plans are under way for additional murals.

Interested area artists should submit a letter outlining any past experience in mural painting and any particular area of specialization, as well as a resume and four to six slides of previous work (to be returned).

Submissions should be sent to the Downtown Oshawa Festival of Murals, City of Oshawa, 50 Centre St. S., Oshawa, Ont. L1H 3Z7. The deadline is Feb. 25.

It's expected that the painting of murals will take place during July to mid-September.

Entertain yourself in Ajax's great outdoors

AJAX -- Rather than whine about winter, you can celebrate the season.

The Ajax parks and recreation department is holding Winterfest with activities like snowshoeing, wagon rides, indoor and outdoor children's games, entertainment, a barbecue, crafts, a bonfire and marshmallow roast.

Winterfest is being held Saturday, Feb. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the McLean Community Centre, at the corner of Westney Road North and Magill Drive.

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Pickering Panthers win two OT thrillers

BY AL RIVETT
SPORTS WRITER

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers clawed and scratched their way to a pair of wins over two of their poorer cousins in the Metro Junior 'A' Hockey League this past weekend.

On Friday night, the Panthers travelled to the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex for a game against the Shelburne Wolves, the cellar dwellers of the league's Western Division. The Wolves stayed with the Panthers until the bitter end before Pickering pulled out a 4-3 overtime victory.

The Panthers' Saturday night tilt against the Port Hope Buzzards at the Jack Burger Sports Complex was a virtual repeat of Friday's contest. Again, the Panthers were pushed to the edge before fighting back to steal a 4-3 overtime victory.

Panthers' head coach John Blackburn, instead of dumping on his charges for cutting it too close against the bottom feeders of the league, heaped praise on the opposition.

"They almost knocked us off. It's easy for them to get pumped up for the top clubs," says Blackburn.

In Saturday's victory over Port Hope, the hometown Buzzards led 1-

0 after one period before the Panthers got the better of the play in the middle frame to stake themselves to a 3-2 lead. However, the Buzzards scored to tie the game with 1:29 remaining and their goalie on the bench in favor of a sixth attacker.

In the five-minute overtime period, Pickering's Cory Hass scored on a breakaway to give the Panthers their fourth straight victory.

Also scoring for the Panthers were Jeremy Schott, Stu Vandergeest and Paul Howes.

Meanwhile, the Friday night contest against Shelburne saw the Wolves take a 2-1 lead after the first period before the Panthers replied in the second stanza to end the frame 2-2. Pickering scored early in the third period, but Shelburne tallied midway through the final frame to send it into overtime.

George Triton, with his second goal of the night, scored to give the Panthers the victory.

Other Pickering marksmen were Mike McCormick and Hass.

Marc Sheridan, getting a rare start in the cage, faced 26 shots and played a solid game to pick up the victory.

While Pickering lost 13 one-goal decisions in the 1995-96 season, all the close games seem to be going the

Panthers' way this season. Blackburn chalks this up to the team's brimming confidence that he hopes will carry the Panthers through the remaining 12 games of the regular schedule and into the post season.

The Panthers are home to the always tough Caledon Canadians on Friday night at the Pickering Recreation Complex at 7:30 p.m. Then, the Panthers travel south of the border to play a two-game set with the Syracuse, New York Junior Cunch on Saturday night at the Tysander Radisson Ice Arenas at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday afternoon at 3:45 p.m.

PANTHERS' POSTSCRIPT

The Panthers host their second annual **Bic Panthers' pen night** for fans against the Caledon Canadians on Friday. Pens will be given out at the door while supplies last. The event is being sponsored by Bic Inc. in association with Payless Drug Emporium in Pickering. Tickets are still available for the Panthers' draw for a 1997 Pontiac Sunfire or \$15,000 cash. The draw will be made at the last Panthers' regular-season home game against the Westford Raiders on Friday, March 7. Left winger Justin Collins was out of the line-up for the weekend games with a concussion. He's listed as day-to-day.



photo by A.J. Groen

Canadian curling champ wasn't ready to hang up his broom

BY AL RIVETT

SPORTS WRITER

AJAX — Ajax's Bob Turcotte contemplated retirement from the curling rink prior to this season. He's now glad he didn't hang up his broom.

On Sunday, Turcotte and his rink from the Kitchener Waterloo Granite Club captured the CIBC Canadian Senior Men's Curling Championship for the second consecutive year. Even more impressive was the fact the Turcotte foursome went 12-0 en route to the national title at the Thornhill Country Club.

"Yes, I was considering retirement, but now we're going to try for three in a row," Turcotte says.

The 52-year-old skip led his Ontario rink past Saskatchewan's Murray Eddy by a 7-4 score in the final. Turcotte's team fought back from an early 2-0 deficit to eventually tie the match. In the ninth end, Turcotte scored two to tie the title.

Turcotte thought of retirement after last year's victory in the senior men's championships at Medicine Hat, Alberta. The demands of his young family, as well as the curling schedule of wife Kristin, a top-

ranked nation, led to his own right, made Turcotte's decision to return for another season especially hard.

"I've got a seven-year-old and a five-year-old at home and they were going to be playing hockey. My wife is a competitive curler, too, so with babysitting and getting the kids to hockey it was going to be tough when you're out curling."

However, the urging of his team mates at the conclusion of last season brought Turcotte back into the fold.

"We had a team meeting to wind things up after last year. We got talking about it and that got the fires burning again. With my wife's schedule, we thought we could fit it in and give it another shot," he says.

Everything went right for Turcotte's rink of third Roy Weigand, second Bob Lichti and lead Steve M. Dermot at the nationals. The Ontarians sprinted out to an 11-0 record during round-robin play to earn a bye into the final.

"We had some breaks, but we played really well. Everyone on the team was above 80 per cent. That's a barometer that you're curling well. We knew someone would

have to curl awfully well to beat us," he says.

Above all, Turcotte notes the team didn't wilt under the pressure of going for a repeat of last year's national title. In fact, the team members relished the challenge of defending the crown.

"There was pressure, but it was mostly positive pressure. I really like it when someone wants to beat me. We took it as a positive thing."

Last season, the Turcotte rink curled out of the Brampton Curling Club. This year, because of a last minute scheduling conflict, the team opted to curl out of Kitchener-Waterloo, the home club of Lichti.

"They changed the timing of the zone playdowns and we had already committed to play in an Ottawa bonspiel, so we went to the Kitchener-Waterloo club to get into a different zone. We would have liked to play again for Brampton, but it didn't fit our schedule."

Now, Turcotte has set his sights on coming back to win a third straight national senior's title, something that's never been done before.

"I think we're going to give it a shot."

Taking the ball to the basket

Timothy Harpersaud of the Exeter High School Falcons has eyes for the basket at his tries to elude a Dumbarton High School Spartans player. The Lake

Ontario Secondary School Athletics midget boys' contest was played at Exeter High School in Ajax last Thursday afternoon.

Pickering novice tweens win tourney silver medal

PICKERING — The Pickering tween C Legion Branch 606 ringette team captured the silver medal at the Pickering Ringette Tournament at the Pickering Recreation Complex on the weekend.

The Pickering tweens dropped a 4-1 decision to Stratford in the tourney final to finish as runners up. Amanda Wallace scored the lone goal, assisted by Christina Ward and Cerrianne Mackenzie. Goalie Ivana Savovic was outstanding in net, turning back 36 of 40 shots she faced.

Pickering started the

tourney by posting a 9-5 win over Ennisville. Leading the way were Wallace and Jessie Cater with hat tricks. Teresa Reed added a pair of goals and Brittany Taylor connected once. Taylor also added three assists, with Lindsay Vine and Ashlea Harder each picking up two.

In the second game, Pickering was defeated by a strong Stratford team 7-3.

Reed scored two goals, while Wallace added a single. Lisa Munson and Cater contributed assists.

Pickering needed a win in its third and final preliminary-round contest against

Cambridge. In the end, the Legion tweens got past a stubborn Cambridge side 5-2 as Pickering outshot Cambridge by a 5-1 ratio. Cater led the way with a pair of markers, with single tallies to Wallace, Reed and Taylor. Kelly Dunn played a strong game, adding a pair of assists.

Contributing to the win were the solid defensive efforts of Lauren Goldsmith, Kristy Barlow, Allison Piercey and Brooke Jameson.

The Pickering tweens are coached by Brian Jameson, Herb Goldsmith and Bob Munson.

Panthers' atoms drop three close contests to finish regular season

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers atom 'A' rep hockey team is heading into the playoffs after finishing off regular-season play with a well-earned tie and three close losses recently.

Pickering peewees poised for playoffs

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers Miwel Construction peewee 'A' rep hockey team is headed toward the playoffs after ending regular-season play with a win and two losses recently.

The Panthers finished just below the 500 mark during the regular season with a record of 10 wins, 11 losses and three ties. The peewees don't yet know their playoff opponents or when the post-season begins.

The Pickering peewees gave up five unanswered goals to the Newmarket Redmen in a 5-2 defeat. Pickering outshot Newmarket 27-24 in the contest. Kevin Kearn and Stephen Phillips scored for the Panthers, with assists to David Strepnek, Brandon Gifford and Mark Gosse.

The Panthers rebounded to post a 5-1 victory over the Barrie Flyers. With the scored tied 1-1 after two periods of play, Pickering blew the game open in the final frame with four unanswered tallies. Michael Rapson led the way with two goals, followed by Paul Delsey, Brandon Boyer and Phillips with singles. Assists went to Boyer with three, Gosse with two, Kearn and Phillips with singles. Robert Follett played a solid game in net.

The Miwel Construction peewees also dropped a 3-1 decision to the Aurora Tigers. Greg Cusack scored Pickering's lone goal, assisted by Joel Markham.

The atom Panthers open the playoffs tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 5, against the Richmond Hill Stars at the Don Beer Arena at 7 p.m.

The Panthers dropped a 4-3 contest to Aurora in their final regular-season tilt. Pickering fought back from a 3-0 deficit to tie the contest in the third period before Aurora scored late to take the win. Scoring for Pickering were Stephen Farmer, Everett Hanna and Cameron Watters. Assists went to Derek Farmer with two, Watters, Lenny Bell and Stephen Farmer. Goalie Michael Tadman was strong in net, keeping his team in the game. Defencemen Billy Keith, Chris Lauder and Giancarlo Domingo had strong games, while winger Michael Krasnowski and centre Chris Thorpe played solid two-way games.

The Pickering atoms also dropped

back-to-back contests to the Clarington Toros by identical 3-2 scores. In the first game, Jennifer Sadler and Stephen Farmer scored, with assists to Derek Farmer and Craig Burrell. In the rematch, Derek Farmer and Sadler tallied. Adding assists were Chris Lovering and Matthew Lawrence.

The Panther atoms also played to a 4-4 tie with the first-place Newmarket Redmen. With 10 seconds to go in the game, Newmarket broke a 3-3 tie and appeared to have the win. Then, with three seconds left, Lovering tied the game on a beautiful three-way passing play with Derek Farmer and Sadler. Derek Farmer scored two goals and Lawrence added a single. Burrell, Lovering and Sadler had two assists each. Derek Farmer and Hanna had one each. Ryan Sabourin was solid in net.

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Whitby-Ajax PCs pick candidate in vote March 6

Durham Centre MPP Jim Flaherty will be the guest speaker at the Whitby-Ajax Federal Progressive Conservative nomination meeting to be held Thursday, March 6.

The nomination meeting will be held at Sinclair Secondary School, 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby.

Candidates seeking to represent the Tories in the new riding in the next federal election include Rob Chopwick, financial consultant with CIBC Wood Gundy Securities Inc.; Bruce Kelly, public affairs supervisor for the Toronto Transit Commission; and Frank

Snyder, self-employed engineer, owner/operator of Snyder Construction.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and nominations begin at 7:30.

Anyone interested in voting at the meeting must purchase a \$10 membership by Thursday, Feb. 13 at 10 p.m.

For more information call Christine Charest-Morris at 721-7592 or Allen Wright at 666-4696.

Breast-feeding workshops in Pickering

PICKERING -- Prenatal breast-feeding workshops are being offered at the Durham Lactation Centre.

The workshops are designed to provide participants a sound knowledge base on breast-feeding and show them how to get off to a good start, what to expect and how to have a happy breast-feeding experience.

The classes are hosted by an international board-certified lactation consultant.

Group workshops are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27; Wednesday, March 26; Thursday, April 24; Wednesday, May 28; and Thursday, June 26. They run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per couple for one two-hour session or \$35 for a private two-hour session.

Classes are held at 1592 Alwin Circle, Pickering. Call 427-9547 to register for the sessions.

Friends of Ajax Public Library go for romance

AJAX -- Love will be in the air when Ajax Public Library patrons caress the covers of thousands of romance books during an upcoming sale.

Friends of the Ajax Public Library are hosting the sale, with proceeds put toward buying new computers for the junior library at the main branch. Other items to be sold include children's books, lamps, book bags and Friends memberships.

The sale's opening held Sunday, Feb. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. The program

will be held in a room at the rear of the main library branch at the corner of Harwood Avenue and Kings Crescent, next to the Town Hall. Refreshments will be available.

Call Friends president Val Marshall at 428-1328 for more information.

Literacy group wants kids to fall in love with reading

BY SUSAN O'NEILL

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS ADVERTISER
The Canadian Children's Literacy Association is hoping children across the Region will fall in love with reading on St. Valentine's Day.

The non-profit organization is launching the Read Aloud Buddy Program in elementary schools throughout Durham on Feb. 14.

Literacy association president Sophia Bishop says the number-one reason children have difficulty learning how to read is that they don't receive enough exposure to language.

"A lot of the kids who need our help don't get enough read to them," she says.

So the association designed a buddy program which will target "at-risk kids" within the school system.

It will work with resource teachers in each school to pair children with volunteers. The buddies will then spend time reading together.

The program is about building a relationship, Ms. Bishop says. "It's an investment."

Durham Regional Police have endorsed the program and officers will have the opportunity to participate in special reading circles in the schools, Ms. Bishop says. Celebrity readers will be planned once a month.

The literacy association wants the children to have fun in the program, she says. "We don't want children to be stigmatized."

Constable Colin Shaw says the department's involvement will bring a "role model aspect" to the program and will allow children to develop a positive relationship with police.

"We're always interested in building new community partners," he says.

Ms. Bishop says the literacy association is also considering the possibility of involving high school students in a peer-tutoring program.

She thinks the idea would be "mutually beneficial" to all students.

The literacy association is also launching a magazine this month entitled Kids Times.

It will provide children with reading material of their own and will invite children to become involved in writing articles.

Ms. Bishop says the magazine will also include "tips for parents about things they can do to encourage a love for literacy."

The literacy association uses phonics and the whole-word approach to language to help children develop their skills.

"We strongly believe in phonics... which allows a child to decipher words on their own," Ms. Bishop says. "But there is also something to be said for the whole-word approach... the two approaches compliment each other."

The literacy association has rounded up about 25 volunteers, but it can always use more. She says the literacy association wants the buddy program to be "standardized" across the board.

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