

Retirement flood predicted

Taxpayers and teachers win with pension deal, says finance minister

By Susan O'Neill
Staff reporter

This week's changes to the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan will save taxpayers money and could prompt a "flood" of retirements in Durham this year, reports a local federation leader.

Bill Butcher, Durham president of the Ontario Public

School Teachers' Federation, says it's estimated up to 6,000 teachers across the province will opt for early retirement this year and as many as 70 elementary teachers in Durham will call it quits in June.

"I'm really pleased (with the agreement)," Mr. Butcher says. "It alleviates a lot of pressure for teachers in their last three or

four years who are struggling with the speed of change" in the education system.

The agreement, reached Monday between the Province and the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF), creates a renewable four-and-a-half year retirement window allowing teachers whose age and years of service total 85 (reduced from 90) to

retire beginning this June.

Finance Minister Ernie Eves said Monday the agreement, which will also bring an end to the government's special payments to the initial unfunded liability in 1999 and will increase benefits for retired teachers, means taxpayers and teachers are both winners.

Eves added that teachers

have taken my offer of a voluntary early retirement programme," he said. "This will allow 18,200 teachers with many years of service to retire early while it opens up teaching opportunities for an equal number of highly qualified teachers' college graduates."

"At the elementary level it

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BILL BUTCHER

"It alleviates a lot of pressure for teachers in their last three or four years..."

New hazardous house waste depot would serve Pickering residents

Ajax and Pickering residents may soon be able to dispose of household hazardous waste without driving to north Oshawa.

Pickering Council voted Monday to support an effort by Durham Region to locate a household hazardous waste depot at 1220 Squires Beach Rd. in Pickering.

Council had rejected the proposed depot early last summer, when there was some concern about the company which was running the site where the depot was to be located. It's now being operated by a different firm, Miller Waste Systems.

Area residents have been without a convenient location to dispose of hazardous waste since the closure of the Brock West landfill in Pickering. They must currently take waste like paints, pesticides, contaminated oils and pool chemicals to Durham Region's waste management facility at 1640 Ritson Rd. in Oshawa.

"The Region of Durham is anxious to get this operation up and running," said Pickering Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson in bringing forward the motion to approve the site. "With the closure of Brock West we ended up with no facility." Several councillors noted some residents have been dumping hazardous waste at roadsides and in ravines since the closure of Brock West.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Doug Dickerson suggested the Town should also encourage the Region to provide 'toxic tax' service to Ajax and Pickering residents in the interim while they wait for the new depot to be approved by the Province.



RICK JOHNSON

"Durham is anxious to get this operation up and running"

which will likely take months. The service would provide pick-up of household hazardous waste directly from homes.



photo by Ron Pietroniro

Great deals on used wheels

Area residents interested in a bargain or two turned out last Saturday for the annual auction of property recovered and held by the Durham regional Police Service. The annual auction drew a

crowd of bargain seekers at the police force's property bureau in Courtice, including this bicycle being held up for viewing by Peter Smith which fetched \$60.

Pickering dumps on waste facility expansion

By Marianne Takacs
Staff reporter

PICKERING — The Town is attempting to block expansion of a local waste processing facility with a history of non-compliance to regulations.

Pickering Council voted Monday to oppose in principle the application of Can-Sort Recycling Ltd. at 1048 Toy Ave. to amend its provincial permit to increase the maximum amount of solid non-hazardous commercial/industrial waste it is allowed to receive to 750 tonnes from 150 tonnes, and its on-site storage of waste to 1,000 tonnes from 250 tonnes. Councillors expect to pass a final resolution opposing the application when they receive

a staff report May 19.

The recycling facility had its certificate of approval suspended by the Ministry of the Environment last June due to concern about the safety of a building on the site. The certificate was reinstated in September. In March of 1995, a numbered company operating at the site pleaded guilty to an Environment Ministry charge of failing to store, sort and process waste material properly. There have also been complaints in the past from other businesses in the area about odour and dust from the site, as well as its appearance.

Can-Sort representatives who attended the meeting blamed the past non-compliance on the com-

pany which previously managed the recycling facility but went bankrupt last August — Ever Green Cycle Canada Inc. Can-Sort, which owns the site, facility and the provincial certificate of approval for it, has taken over the operation itself.

"Ever Green did create the majority of the problems and it came as quite a relief to the Wiltshires (the proprietors of Can-Sort) that they gained back control of the facility when Ever Green went bankrupt," said Can-Sort general manager Charles Kunc.

Can-Sort president Roy Wiltshire told councillors his company has been running the recycling facility "as cleanly as possible"

since taking over its day-to-day operations and that it has been inspected regularly by ministry officials. He said the expansion was needed to meet rising local demand for waste services and that there was no intention to accept waste from outside Pickering.

Ward 2 local Councillor Mark Holland, who brought the issue before Council, suggested it was no excuse to say the non-compliance took place while the owners had contracted out the facility to another company.

"Do you not concede you held responsibility for what occurred over that period?" he asked Mr. Kunc.

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MARK HOLLAND

"Do you not concede you held responsibility for what occurred over that period?"

Community mourns teen's death, but leukemia fight goes on

PICKERING'S DANNY MCCARTHY BRAVELY FOUGHT DISEASE WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR RESEARCH

By Marianne Takacs
Staff reporter

PICKERING — The community has lost one of its best, and bravest.

Pickering's Danny McCarthy, who worked and walked through illness and chemotherapy to raise more than \$40,000 for leukemia research, died Saturday afternoon at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He was only 14 and had been battling leukemia since the age of three.

"He just kept hitting roadblocks," says Danny's father, Mark McCarthy. "His body wasn't strong enough to cope with it all Friday night he had a brain hemorrhage."

Danny's leukemia had last gone into remission in May of 1996, but returned last October. He underwent three bone marrow transplants between Feb. 19 and April 3, with the first two failing.

"The last one took but other complications set in", explains Mr. McCarthy. "Most kids don't make it past the second transplant." Doctors say all the chemotherapy Danny had to undergo was the probable cause of the brain hemorrhage.

Danny leaves his father, his mother Dawn, and brothers Mark, 16, and Kevin, 12.

Danny first took part in the Walk for a Cure, sponsored by the United Food and Commercial

Workers union to raise money for leukemia research, in 1990 as a six year old, and continued to raise funds and participate in the walk despite being in and out of hospital after a relapse in November of 1993. He was several times the top leukemia fundraiser in Canada and tried to beat his previous year's record every year. "Even when he was having chemotherapy and stuff like that he'd go on the walk," recalls Mr. McCarthy.

Danny had already been collecting money for this year's walk, which will take place in early June. Now, his father will walk in his place and continue the fund-raising to help find the

cure for leukemia his son so desperately wanted. He hopes those who worked with and supported Daniel will continue to walk and donate to leukemia research.

"There are other kids out there who need it," says Mr. McCarthy. "We can do it for them now."

In lieu of sending flowers in Danny's memory, the family would prefer people to make

donations to leukemia research. Anyone who wishes to make a donation that will be counted as part of Danny's fund-raising efforts is asked to send their cheque to Mark McCarthy, 1644 Middleton St., Pickering, L1X 2L4. The cheque should be written out to Mark McCarthy, with 'for Leukemia Foundation' written on the back.



DANNY MCCARTHY

"He just kept hitting roadblocks" noted his father, Mark

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Risk standard for Pickering nuclear plant acceptable: AECB

By Marianne Takacs
Staff reporter

PICKERING — An Ontario Hydro study finding that the Pickering nuclear station would not meet the earthquake safety target suggested for it by the Atomic Energy Control Board isn't likely to create a problem with the federal regulator, says a top AECB official.

John Waddington, director general of the AECB's directorate of environmental and human performance assessment, says he's not particularly concerned the Seismic Assessment of the Pickering 'A' Nuclear Generating Station recently completed by Hydro concluded the older half of the station would not quite meet the earthquake-safety target he suggested at an AECB-sponsored scientific workshop in 1995. That target was the ability to withstand a quake with a one-in-100,000 chance per year of occurring.

The Hydro study found the station would be able to withstand the type of earthquake which is currently considered to have a one-in-10,000 chance per year of occurring in the Pickering vicinity, a quake measuring six to 6.5 on the Richter scale with its epicentre 100 kilometres away from the nuclear



Atomic Energy Control Board (AECB) official John Waddington says he believes the nuclear regulatory agency will find the risk level met by Ontario Hydro's earthquake assessment

station, which would produce a peak ground acceleration (shaking) of 23.5 per cent g at the plant.

"What they've done in essence is taken a very conservative estimate of what a 10-to-the-minus-four (one in 10,000 chance) earthquake looks like, and that's certainly approximately what the best estimate of a 10-to-the-minus-five (one in 100,000 chance) earthquake looks like."

Mr. Waddington says he expects

AECB staff will find the risk level met by Hydro's assessment to be acceptable, though the ultimate decision rests with the AECB board.

Clive Alexander, supervising design engineer for station engineering support in Hydro's nuclear division, points out there "was no stated requirement" from the AECB as to what risk factor the Pickering station should be expected to withstand when it directed Hydro to undertake the

seismic assessment. He also notes Hydro used the industry-standard EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute) methodology to determine the level of earthquake the plant should be assessed at.

"What we have done is entirely consistent with what the U.S. utilities have used."

Two scientists who have done seismological research in the Pickering area, as well as Durham Nuclear

Awareness (DNA), recently challenged Hydro's position that the assessment showed the Pickering station is reasonably safe from earthquake risk.

Arsalan Mohajer, a professor of environmental science at the University of Toronto in Scarborough who specializes in earthquake hazard assessment, and Joe Wallach, who used to assess earthquake risks as an employee of the AECB and who now does the same as a consultant, say the one-in-10,000 risk standard set in the Hydro study is not high enough.

They also maintain Hydro and the AECB have been ignoring recent evidence of possibly-active faults being located in the Rouge River valley area practically underneath Pickering, and nearby at the bottom of Lake Ontario, which could result in a much stronger earthquake than provided for by Hydro's assessment. However, the AECB has recently ordered Ontario Hydro to undertake a study of the Rouge River valley to determine what kind of quake risk is posed by geological formations identified there in recent years, and Hydro is planning to expand the study to include the faults at the lake bottom as well.

Durham College gets \$1 million from GM

CREATING FUTURES CAMPAIGN NEARS TARGET

By Christy Chase
Durham Staff

OSHAWA — The end of Futures is in sight.

With a \$1-million donation from General Motors of Canada on Tuesday, Durham College's Creating Futures campaign is within \$760,000 of its \$12-million goal for the development of a university centre, trust fund and technological updates.

"Today we're a little closer to that capital goal and I understand by the end of June we will have met the goal," GM Canada president Maureen Kempston Darkes, also honorary chairman of Creating Futures campaign, said during the GM announcement at the college.

Ms. Kempston Darkes said GM is pleased to be a partner in the Durham University Centre and is a firm believer in post-secondary education.

"Traditionally we have supported bricks-and-mortar campaigns," she said, adding the company is also interested in contributing to "intellectual capital" campaigns through scholarships to provide better access for all students interested in college or university.

Part of Creating Futures is a trust fund for students in need.

College president Gary Polonsky thanked GM for its contribution to the campaign.

"It's not usual for a company, any company, to give seven digits to a college," he said. "Donations of that magnitude are usually reserved for universities."

Creating Futures co-chairman Peter Bagnell said the GM donation coming close to the end of the campaign matches the \$1 million donation from Local 222 of the Canadian Auto Workers and its members, including GM employees.

"We had two fine bookends to build on," he said.

"I can't believe the time in which you have succeeded," Mayor Nancy Diamond told members of Creating Futures.

The campaign to raise \$12 million for the first phase of a \$30-million project started in 1996.

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Exeter concert on stage tonight

AJAX — Exeter High School is hosting a free concert Wednesday, April 22 featuring music from the Exeter Honour Band.

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The performance begins at 7 p.m. Exeter High School is at 80 Falby Ct. For information call 683-8125.



GARY POLONSKY
"We are on track to create Ontario's only college and university centre"

will have one-stop shopping," Mr. Polonsky said.

Durham students can opt for a college education with its "can-do skills," a university education with its "higher order of thinking," or an education that combines "the best of both worlds," he said.

He said the college has gotten this far without any provincial funding but will be asking the Province for no more than \$1 million. "It sounds like a pretty good deal to me if I was premier of Ontario," he said.

In September, 1996, the first full-time university students began attending Durham University Centre, located at the college.

Delay cited in extortion case being tossed out of court

By Stephen Shaw
Durham Staff

The owner of a large beauty salon chain will not have to stand trial in an alleged extortion of an Oshawa franchisee who helped expose a tax evasion scheme.

Following a preliminary hearing last year in provincial court, Antonio Conforti of Thornhill was committed to trial on charges of extortion, attempt to obstruct justice and conspiring to commit aggravated assault.

Yesterday, however, those charges were stayed and the case was dismissed by Justice J. B. Shaughnessy of Ontario Court, general division, because of delays in getting the matter to trial.

Under section 11b of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms an accused person has

the right to a speedy trial.

Mr. Conforti, 46, owns the provincewide chain of L'Attitudes and Nino D'Arena hair salons which includes outlets in Pickering Town Centre and Oshawa Centre.

Mr. Conforti was charged in January, 1996 following a lengthy investigation into alleged threats against a 35-year-old Oshawa man, a former franchisee.

The complainant told police two unidentified men came into his store, an independent salon he later opened and which has since closed in Oshawa, and threatened him with a gun.

The complainant was one of several franchisees who were responsible for exposing a tax fraud which resulted in Metro Police and Revenue Canada investigating and

charging Mr. Conforti in 1995.

Mr. Conforti was accused of failing to report more than \$2 million in franchise income between 1990-1994. He was fined \$225,000 last year after pleading guilty to six counts of federal income tax evasion.

According to an agreed statement of facts, Mr. Conforti under-reported his own income and the revenue of his companies Conforti Holdings Ltd. and John Lucas Import Ltd. by a combined total of \$703,959.

In total, he was convicted of failing to pay \$163,000 in taxes.

A source close to the extortion case said the proceedings got bogged down by the disclosure of evidence connected to the Revenue Canada prosecution of Mr. Conforti.

CORRECTION NOTICE

Please take note of the following correction in our April 16, 1998 flyer.

Page 2: The Daytek 17" monitor reads ".26mm dot pitch", it should have read ".28mm dot pitch."

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Pickering opposes Can-Sort bid

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Wiltshire. Coun. Holland played current video footage he took of the Can-Sort site which showed outdoor storage containers, construction waste, plastic oil bottles and other waste he said was prohibited on the site by provincial regulations and/or Town bylaws. The video also showed numerous oil and anti-freeze containers dumped beside and into an abutting small creek.

Council was urged to oppose Can-Sort's application to increase its waste intake by one of its neighbours, Mike Nunes of Sonic Automobile Enterprises Ltd., a company which distributes automotive equipment and paint.

"The impact on Sonic Automobile is tremendous — the dust, the dirt, the smell," said Mr. Nunes. He told councillors he had to rent space off-site to display his products because they were always covered in dust at his own site.

Mr. Nunes maintained the existing Can-Sort facility already can't handle what it's taking in and that when Environment Ministry inspectors visit the facility, they must "come in with their noses plugged and one eye closed".

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Doug Dickerson, who seconded Coun. Holland's motion, suggested the existing building on the Can-Sort property is not big enough to handle the amount of waste being applied for.

"They have not, in my opinion, been good corporate neighbours," he added.



photo by Ron Pietroniro

A Special moment

Steven Wyatt gets some extra attention as part of a new play programme at the Pickering Recreation Complex. Our Special Place provides special needs children with a place to go where they can play and learn. Steven is seen here playing with Leanne McDowell, an intervenor at Stewart Homes in Pickering.

Students, start your engines

PICKERING — Teams of students from across Durham are gearing up for a mouse-trap car race Saturday, April 25 at the Pickering Town Centre.

The event, being organized by the Durham Industry/Education Council for the Advancement of Science and Technology, represents phase two of TECHNO-Challenge 98 for Grade 7 and 8 students from Durham region's two school boards.

The first event, held in Oshawa on Feb. 13, involved students from 38 schools in a competition to design and build robotic arms.

Since then, those students have been busy designing cars powered by the energy in the spring of a mouse trap.

Races will be held in the centre of the mall on the lower level between 9:30 a.m. and noon. Results will be based on distance, speed and design.

Housing focus of seminar

PICKERING — A panel of experts will discuss ways to increase affordable housing for women at a meeting here Monday, April 27.

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Education news in Durham

Parents consulted on school councils

PROVINCE-WIDE CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF IN MAY

By Susan O'Neill
Staff reporter

The Education Improvement Commission will kick off consultations across the province on the role of school community councils with the release of a long-awaited discussion paper next month.

Durham District School Board director Grant Yeo told trustees Monday the EIC's discussion paper, to be followed by consultations in 25 sites across Ontario, is due out within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Yeo reported the discussion paper will provide school boards and community members an opportunity to "make recommendations regarding the role of school councils and ways to increase parental involvement".

Beatrice Schriever, spokesman for the EIC, confirmed the paper is due out the first week of May, but declined to comment on its contents.

She said the discussion paper will "kick off" what is likely to be a year-long process examining the role of school councils and reported the EIC is expected to release a report to the Province early next year.

Mr. Yeo said the paper will look at six areas, including ways to increase parental involvement, the mandate and makeup of school councils, the relationship of school councils with other community organizations, support and training for members and accountability.

School councils were first estab-



GRANT YEO

The role of school councils and ways to increase parental involvement

lished by the Ministry of Education and Training in a 1995 policy memorandum which required all schools to establish them before June of 1996.

According to a provincial handbook on their role, councils are to be an "advisory group of elected parents, educators, students and appointed community members" who provide input in assisting principals on educational issues.

Mr. Yeo reports the public board will make a submission to the EIC regarding the role of school councils when the document is released.

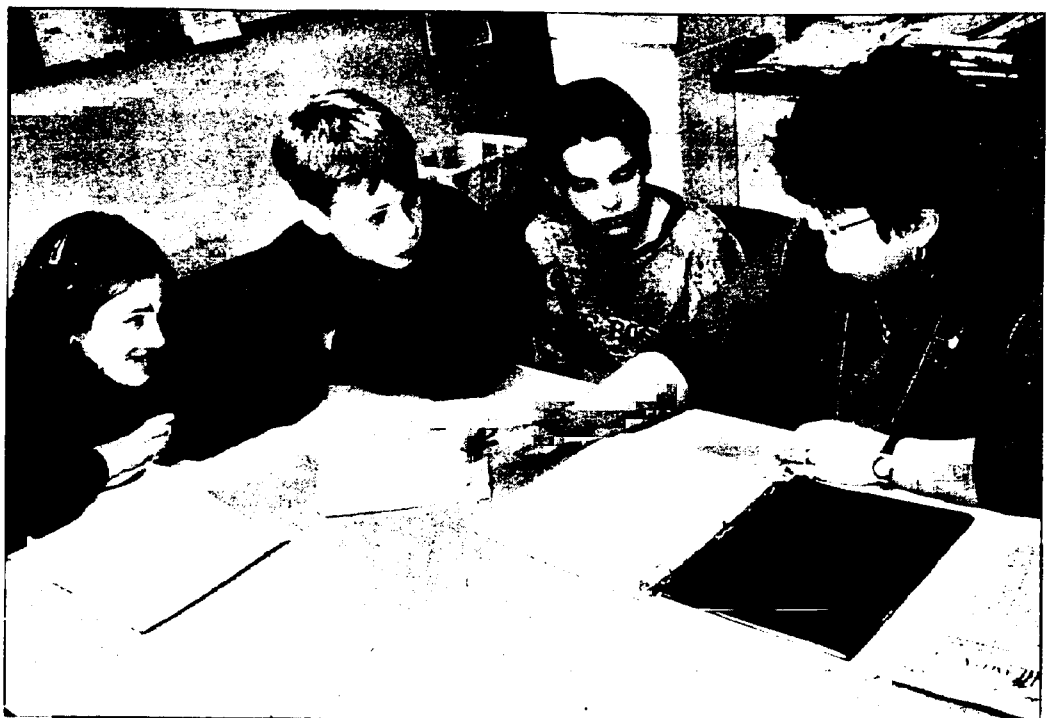


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Quest for perfection

Students from Ajax's Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School work out the details of a school play entitled Sun Quest. The play, created by students, tells the story of a group of young people searching for an alternative light source

when a protective shield is placed over the earth because of a destroyed ozone layer. Brainstorming from left are Jayme Bruckner, Ben Taylor, Daniel Leclerc and director Donna Smith.

Durham teachers says deal provides 'break for all taxpayers'

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will definitely open the door for the hiring of replacement teachers," says Mr. Butcher, who adds exact numbers should be known next month when retirement notices are due.

"I'm expecting a flood of calls by the end of May," he says.

However, Pat Jermy, Durham District president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation,

says she doesn't foresee a lot of retirements this year.

Calling the agreement a "compromise that will certainly make some people happy," she says all improvements to the plan will be financed through the fund's \$10-billion surplus, with no new money from the government.

"They have not put a cent into this

"There is not a cent of new government money in this arrangement." She says the government will save a substantial amount of money as a result of reduced contributions over the next few years.

Mr. Butcher notes the fact the government will no longer be contributing to the plan's unfunded liability creates "a break for all taxpayers in the province"

Students step up drunk driving fight

Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (OSAI) are vowing to step up their drunk driving awareness campaign with the announcement of a \$20,000 grant from the Province.

Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services Robert Runciman announced Friday the grant is designed to "provide the resources to help community groups develop and implement innovative crime prevention and community safety programmes.

"I am especially pleased to give this grant to OSAID, since it is important that our young people get involved as early as possible in the fight against drinking and driving," he said.

OSAI is a volunteer youth pro-

gramme with groups in every school board across the province that works to reduce impaired driving through peer education and prevention.

"This grant will enable us to heighten our community visibility and to increase our efforts to stop impaired driving," said Matt Evans, provincial co-ordinator for OSAID.

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In our Spring TACA insert included in this newspaper. Please note Back cover - Oscar De La Renta exclusive gift set incorrectly described. Copy should read: "Oscar exclusive to Eaton's: Deluxe perfume, 4ml. Eau de Toilette Natural Spray, 50ml. "Active" Body lotion, 60ml. "Active" Body bath, 60ml. A \$133 value. Yours for only \$54!" We sincerely apologize to our valued customers and regret any inconvenience or confusion this may have caused.

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Citizenship Court Judge Clare Westcott (top photo) welcomed a new crowd of Canadians at a citizenship ceremony at Roland Michener Public School in Ajax on Friday and presented certificates to those who took part. At right, Judge Westcott gives a firm handshake and a welcome to young Stuart Gooden during the ceremony. Below, Mark Gooden makes it official (he is Stuart's father) with a handshake and a few words from Judge Westcott

photos by Jason Liebrechts



Shared transportation system on school board meeting agenda

The Durham Catholic District School Board is hosting the second of two scheduled consultation sessions for Pickering parents at 7 p.m. tonight to discuss the development of a shared transportation system throughout the region.

The meeting at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School is being held in an effort to determine whether the staggered start times adopted by

Pickering schools last fall could be set up at schools throughout Durham to enable the region's two school boards to share buses and cut costs.

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OUR VIEWS ON THE NEWS

Tories, teachers play let's make a deal, finally

It seemed as likely as snow in July or a Toronto Maple Leafs Stanley Cup win, but after months and years of bickering, Ontario's teachers and the Mike Harris Tories have reached agreement.

The two parties, which locked horns over Bill 160 the latter half of 1997, leading to the two-week teachers' strike and other ill will, finally buried the hatchet to join together in an accord which satisfies all.

And really, we have the massive, incredibly wealthy teachers' pension fund to thank. Because the fund has assets of \$54.5 billion, the teachers and government have been able to agree to drop the teacher retiring factor number to 85 from 90 (the number signifies the retiree's age added to years of teaching experience, for example, a 55-year-old teacher can retire after 30 years of teaching).

That means a whopping 18,200 teachers across the province will be eligible to call it quits over the next four years.

Those retirees (and not all will choose to leave) may be replaced by recent teachers' college graduates who will start at about half the salary of outgoing teachers. The savings to the government will be at least \$200 million over the next four years.

In addition, the deal means the government will only have to contribute about half what it now does to the pension plan.

Those \$1.1-billion annual government contributions will be cut by about \$500-million per year.

The Province was forced to overcontribute since the early 1990s because of pension holidays negotiated by the Liberals in the late 1980s and the NDP in the early 1990s.

Because the fund has grown at a massive rate over the last six years, the requirement for overcontributions is over.

The pension is expected to have a surplus by next year (meaning it will have enough money in it to cover all current and future expected expenditures).

The deal offers new blood to the teaching profession, helps give hope to recent teaching grads and those now in teachers' college, and offers older teachers a chance to retire and enjoy themselves a few years earlier than before.

It's important to note the deal is only for the next four years and will be renegotiated in 2002.

At that time the retirement factor could be ratcheted back up to 90 and other considerations could come into play. However, if the pension fund is managed as well in the next half-decade as it has been these past five years, it's likely the retirement factor will stay permanently at 85.

It's nothing but a win-win situation for all. Taxpayers will get a \$700-million-a-year break on education and the Tories will be able to keep their promise of keeping spending in the classroom, instead of putting dollars into pensions. Teachers are not guaranteed a fixed number of jobs, but the profession will get younger and more vibrant.

That's good for students.



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THE QUESTION IS: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF
CANADIAN BANK MERGERS?



Jennifer Adamson says, "Banks have been merging for as long as there have been banks. I don't think it will affect me one way or the other."



Pat Cameron says, "I don't like it because I don't think there is going to be enough competition."



Milt Campbell says, "Too much, too big. There aren't enough choices anymore."



LETTERS

OUR READERS' VIEWS ON THE NEWS

Nuclear critics should become part of solution

To the editor:

Re the News Advertiser story about questions being raised over the possibility of an earthquake affecting the Pickering nuclear station:

I have questions for Durham Nuclear Awareness and its consultants. If the nuclear station's containment buildings — with walls over 1.2 metres thick, made of reinforced concrete, and anchored in bedrock — will not withstand the massive earthquake that DNA predicts can happen at any time, shouldn't we consider every other structure in this area to be collapsible deathtraps? How many tens of thousands will die immediately in an event of such a catastrophic magnitude, thus forestalling their worries about possible radiation damage affecting them in the future? Should we all evacuate so dangerous an area immediately? Why, at the very least, if this 'news' is true, we should have our taxes lowered, since local property must now be considered worthless!

Seriously, what motivates DNA and your paper to continue the constant attacks on nuclear power? Call me a skeptic, but such vehement activism is rarely altruistic. Indeed, just how strong is DNA's membership? In all your articles, you have only ever mentioned the names of two of its members! What are their qualifications? For example, I know from personally talking to her that, although Irene Kock has consistently compared Pickering and Chernobyl, she really did not know what she was talking about! What does the general scientific community (as opposed to DNA's "hand-picked experts") think about Pickering's seismic problems? Does anyone at DNA or on your staff recall the November/December 1996 Canadian Geographic article written by E. Shalts on this very subject? What conclusions did it reach?

In truth, haven't groups such as DNA and your paper scared and depressed us enough? You certainly have met some of your goals...the public is angered, confused, frustrated, fearful and anti-nuclear. Having accomplished this feat, will any critic of nuclear power do what I have always asked you to do...will any of you

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suggest any practical, alternate source of electricity that we can implement now? Remember, if you can answer this one simple question, Hydro could then shut down all its nuclear stations! Isn't that, after all, your main objective?

Finally, it's true that Ontario faces — and is trying to correct — the problems at its nuclear plants. It's also a fact that, without the efforts of groups like DNA, many of these problems might never have received public attention. Good work! However, now is the time for such agencies to channel their efforts, not into endless criticism and fear mongering, but into more constructive avenues. Try working with Hydro! If the plants really are unsafe, help change them! Monitor Hydro's efforts! Make helpful, practical suggestions for improvements! In short, stop your unceasing antagonism and become more proactive. We know the problems (real, or like your earthquake scenario, improbable exaggerations). Now offer us solutions. Then help implement them!

Raymond Metcalf,
Pickering

Tax act unjust to one-income families

To the editor:

Linda Wainwright was right on when she told Finance Minister Paul Martin to task in her April 15 letter to the News Advertiser for not sharing tax relief with stay-at-home mothers. This is blatant discrimination.

The government goes out of its way to help with child care expenses when both parents are working, but when only the father is employed and the mother stays at home to look after the children, she is deprived of any financial child-care aid.

Not only that, the Income Tax Act is stacked against the single-

income family in other ways. Take two families, A and B, both with two children and a family income of \$60,000. In family A, both the husband and wife work to earn that money. In family B, only the husband works. So, family B has to pay over \$1,600 more in federal income tax.

Will our good MP, Dan McTeague, look into this unjust situation and make an effort to correct it?

George Heron,
Ajax

Ajax on road to rewarding law breakers

To the editor:

I live off Chapman Drive in Applecroft Village near Durham Centre in Ajax. In 1991, we were told a big mall was being built, but not to worry, the entrance would be north of Chapman.

In 1994, we attended a Town presentation on the project. Surprise! The entrance was connected to Chapman, but not to worry, only left and right turns would be allowed.

Since the mall opened, drivers have been breaking the law by going straight from the mall directly onto Chapman. I have requested that the Town enforce the law, but this has not happened. Now the Town is contemplating rewarding the lawbreakers by changing the law, instead of enforcing it.

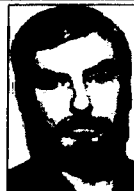
I'm sure that some of the drivers are heading to Chapman or Coles, but I have observed many lawbreakers going straight down Chapman to Hwy. 2 or turning onto Old Harwood. They may not be going to the Pickering Town Centre, but they don't live in Applecroft either.

People who live in Applecroft can use the mall exit south of the Loblaws, come north on Harwood and turn west on Chapman. This only takes an extra couple of minutes, which would still be an inconvenience for lawbreakers.

This alternative will allow the Town to enforce the existing law by charging the lawbreakers and allow Applecroft residents to legally enter the area. It will reduce the number of cars speeding down Chapman and make the area safer for everyone.

C. L. Antram,
Ajax

MIKE
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A Pickering resident for many years, Mike Archer describes himself as "something of an optimist" with a passion for the written word going back further than he can (or cares to) remember.

Vive la difference

I am very logical. Whether it is in my genes or whether it is due to 30 years of playing with computers, my life runs on order. That's not true of my wife. Don't get me wrong; I am not trying to belittle the woman. She has an abundance of all those great qualities that we men profess not to care about but, nevertheless, love. She's an excellent homemaker, a loving mother and, as my best friend, she puts up with my bad habits, nurses me back to life from ailments she would merely shrug off and tells me when I need a haircut. But, logical? No.

It was always a source of good-natured amusement between us as to how anything actually got done around the house but, since meals always appeared on the table at the advertised time, we managed to pay the mortgage regularly and the kids survived (just) through their teenage years, life continued in its diverse way until I recently visited the doctor.

Since my malady concerned both of us, my wife, too, was invited into the office where a nurse started by asking me some preliminary questions. Had I ever had surgery? When? I knew it had been about 15 years previously, but forgot exactly how long ago it was. That's when I first heard the voice beside me. "July, 1982." Just like that. Absolute. Incontrovertible. Well, if my perfectly ordered thinking couldn't come up with the answer, where did this shot in the dark come from? "It was just after Ian broke his elbow in the season-end judo tournament. He was 10 when he did that and judo always finished in June."

The nurse, totally unfazed, wrote down the date. "Last chest X-ray?" she continued.

Would you know? I didn't. My wife did. "May, 1994. It was a couple of weeks before Paul came home with his new girlfriend. He was 24 and took early vacation that year." When the nurse asked me about my last tetanus shot I realized I was surplus to the conversation and relinquished the floor to my wife. However unorthodox (to my way of thinking), she was absolutely unassailable.

Later I got to thinking just how typical that episode was of life. So often, there are no "wrong", just many equally good, ways of achieving a goal. Nobody has the monopoly on "right". One of the strengths of Canada, up to now, has been the way we have enjoyed each other's differences while, at the same time, using them for the common good. Today, however, we get constant reminders of how fragile the veneer has become; how dangerously near to collapse that ideal is. This faction has "rights" or that group deserves "special treatment"; because one doesn't subscribe to a politically correct view, one is a social pariah. That saddens me. It saddens me deeply. Living together in harmony is not about one person (or group or whatever) getting their own way. It's about accepting that we all bring something to the equation, equally. Notwithstanding the protestations of our elected representatives, this is not something that can ever be legislated. It can only work if we accept, and rejoice in, each other's differences; if we can all learn to adapt with tolerance.

By the way, my next column is due three weeks before my grandson's first birthday. That won't mean much to you but it'll guarantee I get a timely reminder to write it.

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Tackling the sometimes overwhelming costs of higher education



BY SUSAN O'NEILL
DURHAM STAFF WRITER

Higher education Higher costs

What will it cost to send my child to University?

Students facing rising tuition costs for post-secondary education and thousands graduating each year with sizable loan repayment obligations, financial planners advise parents to begin saving for their children's education when they're young.

Worst-case projections indicate children born in 1998 could face annual tuition costs as high as \$20,000 when the time comes for them to choose a college or university programme.

That \$17,000 increase over today's average tuition fees has John Sessions, senior district manager for the Canadian Scholarship Trust (CST) Fund, urging parents not to delay another day before they start saving for their children's education.

Mr. Sessions, who sells Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP), warns procrastination is a big mistake when it comes to planning for such a large expense.

"The biggest problem is putting this off or thinking you can always do it tomorrow," he says. "The decision you make today is going to have an enormous effect tomorrow...the need for education has never been greater and the cost for that education has never been higher."

According to Statistics Canada, the average cost for a student attending a college or university while living away from home, including expenses such as tuition, books and residence, is roughly \$12,000 per year.

Richard Snowden, director of student support services at Oshawa's Durham College, says while the college offers roughly 125 scholarships on a yearly basis — although students have the option of applying for a loan through the Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) — the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education is "overwhelming" for some people.

He notes student anxiety over the debt load encountered upon graduation has an impact on the decisions people make in selecting a post-secondary institution and a course of study.

"It's somewhat unfortunate that people make choices that are less than ideal for them because of the staggering debt they'll face," he says, noting the average graduate has a debt load of between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for each year of post-secondary study.

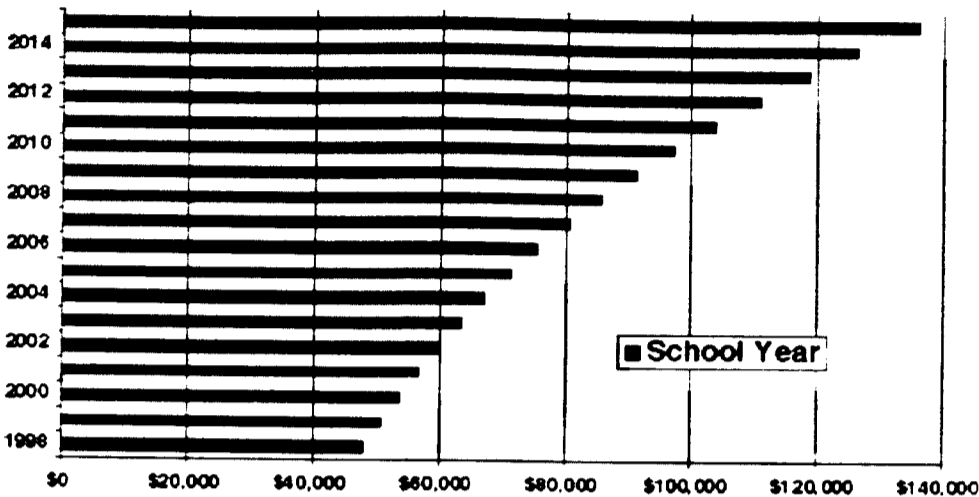
And according to the CST's estimates, a four-year university degree, including expenses, could cost as much as \$136,000 for the parents of a newborn who will be attending college or university in 2016.

"That's \$272,000 if you have two children," says Oshawa resident and former separate school board trustee Stan Karwowski, who has enrolled his four-year-old twins in a CST plan.

"When you have twins you have to do something," he says, noting he started planning for his children's education with his wife shortly after Alexander and John-Patrick were born.

"It's very competitive out there and you need to give your children a competitive edge," says Mr. Karwowski.

So, he chose the RESP route because of his belief in post-secondary education. "It's very rare that someone with only a high school education will be able to have a successful career. As a parent you don't want to tell your child they can't study computer engineering at the University of Waterloo because you don't have the money."



* figures provided by Canadian Scholarship Trust Fund include tuition, books, supplies, residence, transportation and misc over 4 years.

Nick Fallon, a financial adviser with The Equion Group in Whitby, says when you do the math, it's essential for parents to start planning today.

Mr. Fallon reports the two most common vehicles used by families to plan for college and university costs are in-trust accounts and RESPs, both of which, he says, have advantages.

He explains an informal in-trust account is not a legal trust and says the interest and dividends are taxed on behalf of the contributor, while the capital gains are taxed in the child's name.

"The only way you can avoid paying the tax is creating a formal legal trust," Mr. Fallon says. "That can be relatively expensive...it's fairly rare for the man on the street."

However, he reports one of the benefits of an informal in-trust account is the fact that parents can contribute as much as they want each year, whereas RESP contributions are capped at \$4,000 annually.

And, he says, if the child decides not to go to college or university, the money still belongs to the parents.

Mr. Fallon says there are distinct advantages to saving for post-secondary education through RESPs, especially given the changes announced in the federal government's recent budget.

The government will now contribute 20 per cent on the first \$2,000 in contributions that parents make to RESPs each year up to a maximum of \$400 each year.

"From our perspective as financial planners we weren't really thrilled with RESPs up until two years ago," Mr. Fallon says. But, when you weigh the pros and cons of RESPs and in-trust accounts today, "The new budget plan probably tips the balance in favour of RESPs."

While Scott Bernier, vice-president of student affairs at Durham College, says it's a good idea for parents of small children to start planning early for post-secondary expenses, he adds it's also important for students to make a personal investment.

"Some students say they don't want to get into debt. I don't think of it as debt. It's an investment."

Despite the fact thousands of stu-



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dents across Ontario recently participated in protests against rising tuition costs, Mr. Bernier says he thinks post-secondary institutions and the Province are doing what they can to ease the financial burden.

He reports he's not against the 7.5-per cent tuition hike facing Durham College students this fall as "It's hard for colleges because they're continually getting cuts from the provincial government."

Daniele Gauvin, spokesman for the Ministry of Education and Training, reports the Province gave colleges and universities the green light last December to raise tuition fees up to 10 per cent in each of the next two years.

However, she points out, "30 per cent of any tuition fee increase has to be set aside for financial aid for students."

Feds pitch in with RESP grants

The federal government is giving parents an added incentive to save for their children's post-secondary schooling through recent changes to the rules governing Registered Education Savings Plans (RESPs).

With the announcement of the Canada Education Savings Grant in the February federal budget, the government will now contribute 20 per cent on the first \$2,000 in annual contributions for children up to the age of 18, to a maximum annual grant of \$400 per child.

In delivering the budget, Finance Minister Paul Martin said the government believes RESPs will soon be considered as essential for future financial planning as Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) are now.

Under the new system, if a family contributes \$25 to an RESP every two weeks, for a total of \$650 per year, the RESP will receive a grant of \$130 from the government which will be paid directly to the RESP firm chosen by the contributor.

Parents can also now contribute up to \$4,000 per year — an increase from the previous annual limit of \$1,500 — and can carry contribution room forward to future years if they can't take advantage of the full Canada Education Savings Grant in a given year.

And if a child chooses not to pursue



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a secondary education, parents can transfer RESP income into RRSPs or can receive the investment income directly.

RESP contributions are not subject to a deadline and can be made at any time throughout the year. They are also the only government registered tax shelter specifically designed to help parents save for their children's post-secondary education.

Tuition fees price you have to pay for good future: OAC student

The price of a university education is "expensive, but not bad when you consider what it means for your future," says a Pickering high school student who'll graduate this June.

And while St. Mary Catholic Secondary School student John Phillips has applied for a student loan and hopes to earn a scholarship to offset costs, he knows he's in for some tough years.

Already, he is considering sharing an apartment with fellow St. Mary students who'll also attend the University of Waterloo "because it'll be cheaper than residence."

Still, Mr. Phillips thinks he's luckier than many if he's accepted into a co-op programme because he will study one semester and work the next with pay.

"It would help tremendously," he predicts.

"If I can work one semester, it will pay for a semester. And I'll be getting excellent work experience that will help me when I graduate" after almost six years.

Mr. Phillips faces tuition fees of \$4,000 for a four-month term. Books and living expenses will be on top of that. His parents have managed to put some money aside for his education over the past few years, but Mr. Phillips knows he will need to work while at university and will have to do a better job of saving money.

"When I put my mind to it, I'm pretty good at it. In general, I'm not that great."

Still, he's looking forward to furthering his education. "I'm nervous about not knowing anyone there, but I'm excited about it at the same time."

ERIC DOWD
AT QUEEN'S PARK



Premier must face 'question period'

For a premier who is supposedly part-way through a revolution, Mike Harris is remarkably reluctant to get back to the barricades.

The Progressive Conservative premier has kept the legislature closed for more than four months, among the longest winter breaks on record, mainly to avoid giving opposition parties a forum to raise issues that could embarrass him.

Mr. Harris, who has not had the legislature operating since before Christmas, has finally announced he will call back MPPs this Thursday (April 23).

This is both a much later than normal start and inconsistent, because one of Mr. Harris's constant laments until a few months ago was that he has so much to do to complete his Common Sense Revolution but so little time to do it.

Previous governments generally had the legislature sitting earlier, and sometimes much earlier, each year. The big exception was in 1995 when New Democrat premier Bob Rae, who preceded Mr. Harris, did not call a session because he was on the ropes and facing an election that June and desperate to avoid opponents.

The Liberal government before the NDP had the legislature in session in January in three out of its five years in power.

While in opposition, Mr. Harris made a point of complaining that neither the Liberals nor the NDP made the legislature work enough and derided Mr. Rae particularly for dodging facing the legislature.

To his credit, Mr. Harris had the legislature sitting within three months of winning an election in 1995. Last year, he made a show of having it sit even on the day of the federal election, which was unheard of because MPPs normally spend that day helping federal candidates.

At the time, Mr. Harris's spokesman explained, "This is a new era. What was good in the past is not necessarily good now. These days we have a lot of work. It is going to require this house to be sitting every day."

Mr. Harris no longer has enthusiasm for having the legislature sit every day because, while not in as deep trouble as the NDP in 1995, he faces sensitive issues he would have difficulty handling that have emerged a year before the next election.

For example, he would not want to be in the legislature day after day trying to answer questions on his policies for reforming and dumping provincial costs on municipal property taxes. Those policies are just starting to be felt and have many communities protesting that they cannot maintain adequate services.

In Toronto, Mr. Harris has forced tax increases on downtown residents that are unfair compared to those in the suburbs and on businesses that are unfair compared to other communities, and tried to find stopgap help as he went along. Questions would have underlined that he had no clearly thought-out policy.

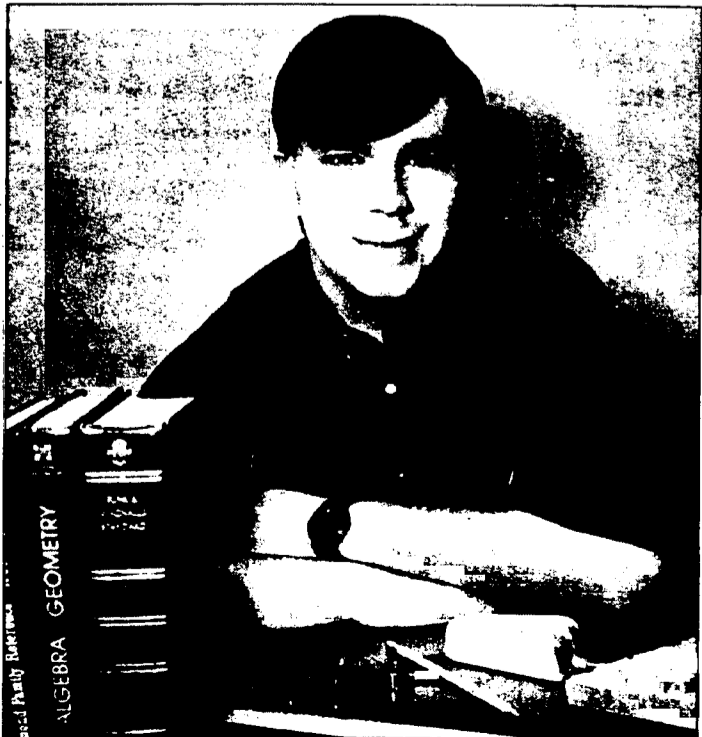
Mr. Harris also had plans to set up a flood of casinos which most residents do not want and particularly to bring in video lottery terminals, the most addictive form of gambling. He has suddenly dropped VLTs in favour of slot machines, which he claims are less addictive, but his whole gambling policy is so shaky and changeable he is better off not to have it examined in the legislature.

He would not want to be put on the spot explaining why he will not allow cameras to catch motorists who ignore red lights, because his concern about privacy and protecting a driver from being photographed with his mistress will not stand up at a time when people are being killed.

Mr. Harris also does not want opponents to remind him that he refused fair compensation to the three surviving Dionne quintuplets and improved it only after public pressure and admitted "this has not been our finest hour."

The premier has tried a couple of tactics to disguise the fact he has not been in the legislature. He organized a series of so-called town hall forums at which he was questioned by community leaders, but they turned out to have been handpicked by local Tories and let him say anything he wanted.

Mr. Harris also had a parents' group question him about education and his party filmed half-an-hour of it and paid to put it on TV, but it all looked too kind and none of it was any substitute for a legislature.



John Phillips hopes the answer to his post-secondary costs lies in co-operative education.

Tomorrow's leaders honoured today

PICKERING AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

By Adrienne Jones
Special to the news advertiser

PICKERING — Students who've given their time to make their school and their community a better place and who have overcome obstacles were among those honoured at a ceremony Thursday.

Durham Student Recognition Night, hosted by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, Durham district, and the Durham District School Board, was held at Anderson Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Whitby.

Students were selected for the annual awards by their teachers.

Locally, the following were recognized:

At Dunbarton High School:

- Justin Fisher was honoured for his commitment to the Student Activity Council, yearbook committee and his various contributions to the Dunbarton drama department. He volunteers in the community and is involved with a Pickering food bank and Town-sponsored summer day camps. His hard work and enthusiasm have enabled him to be successful in both school and community relations.

- Glenn Ikeda was recognized for his generous contribution of time to various activities within the school community. He has been involved in several leadership programmes, including the running of a conference for other Ontario stu-

dents. He is an active member of the athletic association and has strongly influenced the promotion of fly fishing at the school.

- Leanne Morrison received an award because of her active membership in Dunbarton's Environmental Club and her leadership skills. She is a conscientious student who has demonstrated her passion for the environment by participating in an assortment of activities. She serves on the Ontario Secondary School Student Association and has used her skills in leadership workshops for students around the province.

At Pine Ridge Secondary School:

- Sophia Ali Khan was applauded for her academic success and organizational skills. She has been named technical student of the month twice and is known for her willingness to help with any task at any time of day. She displays her thoughtfulness and gentle nature by volunteering with senior citizens and many other organizations.

- Heather Grinton stood out because of her heavy involvement in athletics and positive outlook that provides inspiration to both players and coaches. She is the chairman of the Pine Ridge Athletic Association and has spent a lot of time updating a "points" programme which tracks student participation in athletics for more than 500 student athletes. Her leadership and drive led her to represent



photo by A.J. Green

Awards were handed out to student leaders at a ceremony in Whitby last week. Celebrating with the students were teachers and trustees. From left here are Trustee Ruth Ann Schedlich, Frank Easton, Glenn Ikeda, Justin Fisher, Leanne Morrison and school principal Arend Dekker.

her school at the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre.

- Maryanne Small was recognized for her willingness to learn and ability to apply what she has been taught. She is a gifted writer, speaker and listener and is always willing to participate in activities. She is always kind to others and maintains a positive outlook.

At Pickering High School:

- Andrea Henwood received an award for her involvement in community projects, work with children, organizational skills and dependability. At Pickering High, she acts as a peer helper to Grade 8 students during orientation and is responsible for organizing presentations for the Parents Against Drugs Program. She has

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- Nathalie Borque, an active student, was honoured for her involvement with special-needs students as a peer helper and lunchroom supervisor. Her participation in the Sunrise Youth Group, where she works with special-needs students on weekends, and her service on the student council also earned her recognition.

- Michelle Vivian received an award for her commitment to the annual toy drive which she has co-chaired for the past three years. She participates in many school sports and committees and is an active member of the student council, presently serving as finance head. Her gifts of leadership and organization have enriched both her

school and her community," teachers wrote.

- Oliver Moh was recognized for his energy, dedication and spirit. He has been actively involved in the student council throughout his high school career, while attaining academic success and participating in many sports teams. His outstanding organizational skills and tremendous effort enabled him to successfully revive Ajax H.S. Field Day.

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At Exeter High School:

- Shaun Cobbett was recognized for his major contributions to his school community despite medical difficulties. He used his expertise in computers to help operate an electronic classroom and has shown his dedication to assisting others by working at a local public school, helping with its computer systems.



Ajax area high school students and educators celebrating last week were (from left) Steve Jesso, Amanda Middleton, principal Pam Christoff,

to feel at ease at school.

- Danielle Skinner was honoured for her leadership skills and committed, caring role in working with developmentally handicapped students. She has been involved in the school community council and works in a senior adaptive physical education class with special-needs students.

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- Steve Jesso received an award because his desire for independence and excellence has made him an outstanding role model for all students. After losing his sight at age 14, he coped with his loss using great strength and went on to excel at mathematics, physical education and wrestling. He competed in a wrestling tournament against sighted students and is ranked provincially. He also won a bronze medal at the national championships.

- Amanda Middleton stood out because she has never hesitated to help someone in need. She has served her peers more than 60 times and is well known for her punctuality, reliability and intelligence.



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Keeping the peace

'Good old-fashioned games' help reduce fights on the school playground

By Linda White
Staff reporter

AJAX — While students at Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School have always enjoyed recess, the playground has become an even greater favourite in the past weeks.

"Before, fights were starting out of nowhere," admits Yashpal Sirgool, 11. "You'd be playing football or soccer and people would argue over things like goals.

"Most of us haven't gotten into trouble in a long time," he reports.

And where many students once hung around in groups, you're now more likely to find them playing "good old-fashioned games," reports principal Tom Collins.

The change is the result of an initiative called More Peaceful Playgrounds, which offers instruction to teachers and students in time-honoured games that can be played with small groups.

Its goal is to make the playground a more peaceful place to learn and socialize.

"I know it's working," says Grades 6 and 7 teacher Brad Livingston. "Before, a lot of students would find themselves in the office after recess because of any of a number of conflicts, from pushing and shoving to taking



photo by Ron Pietroniro

Students at Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School in Ajax are enjoying recess more than ever after old favourites like skipping and hopscotch are making a return as a result of a Peaceful Playgrounds initiative. Here, Latysa Samuels plays Four Square with some friends.

something that belonged to someone else."

Students learned many of the new activities in gym class. "After that, they made up their own rules," notes Mr. Livingston, who

remembers the days when activities such as Jumpie, Dolly Dutch and Pom Pom Pullaway were the norm.

"Something happened in the (1980s)," he believes. "Physical contact became a no-no and we saw a hands-off policy emerge."

And while full contact games like Red Rover remain prohibited, Mr. Livingston is pleased with the physical activity involved in the games students have embraced since the programme was introduced last month.

"Their muscles are working, but they don't come back to class overexerted or sweating."

Most importantly, it's winning rave reviews from students.

"Even when the field's wet, we can still play games," says Christine Ruppraine, 12. "We only need a ball and chalk."

Swetha Gupta, 11, is pleased because "everyone gets a turn" in many of the games.

While Adrian Parsons, 12, appreciates the games which "take good eye co-ordination", Justin Sinclair, 13, likes them because "there are no ball hogs like in soccer and basketball."

The programme was developed by retired physical education teacher and consultant Ken Runstedler. He has introduced the programme to numerous school boards throughout the province.

Walk raises \$74,000 to fight MS

More than 650 Ajax and Pickering residents didn't just talk the fund-raising talk, they walked the MS walk on Sunday.

They joined more than 19,000 participants across Ontario in the Super Cities Walk for Multiple Sclerosis. In all, the local residents who took part raised approximately \$74,000.

Held in 30 communities in the province, the

walk raised more than \$1.8 million.

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There are five and 10-kilometre runs and a five-kilometre walk. In addition, the Ontario Masters 10-kilometre championships is being held.

The walk and runs both start and finish at Rotary Park on the Ajax waterfront, opposite Parkes Drive. The walk begins at 9:30 a.m. and the runs at 10 a.m.

There are male and female categories for ages 14 and under, 15 to 19, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49 and 50 and over. For the masters run, age categories are 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79 and 80 and older.

The run entry fee is \$15 if mailed by June 9 and \$20 on race day. The walk costs \$10 per person. The first 250 people to pre-register will receive a T-shirt.

Awards will be presented in the five and 10-kilometre runs to the first overall male and female and the first overall masters male and female. The first three in each category will receive medals. All participants in the five-kilometre walk will receive a certificate. The event is being sponsored by the Ajax and Pickering Rotary Clubs and Subway Sandwiches. Entry forms are available from Ajax parks and recreation department locations and Pickering culture and recreation department centres. For more information call Lisa Warth at 427-8811 or Peter Tollefsen at 619-2529, ext. 250.

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The band played on

Out of the basement and into the bars, Durham group hopes for the big time

By Allan Britnell

Special to the News Advertiser

It's a long climb from jamming in your parents' basement to playing before sold-out crowds in stadiums around the country. The guys from Oshawa-based band Odin Red are about halfway there.

"There's still a long way to go for us and we're probably just at the beginning of another hard road," guitarist Jason Lovell says in a phone interview minutes before heading out on the highway for an opening set for Big Wreck in London, Ontario. "We've got our fingers crossed and we're hoping to go all the way."

The five-piece band — Lovell, Tyler Smith on lead vocals and acoustic guitar, bassist Derek Rogers, guitarist Mike Shaw and drummer Brad Yarrow — met at high school in Newcastle. Bored during summer vacation, they decided to form a band.

Now, six years later, they've opened for Canadian bands such as Spirit of the West, Big Sugar, and the Headstones and U.K. group Catherine Wheel. Odin Red's debut CD *Lost For Days* was released last November and they've just finished shooting their first video (directed by Tragically Hip lead singer Gordon Downie's brother, Mike Downie).

Odin Red would seem to have had a charmed life. In 1995 they won radio station HTZ-FM's (97.7 Hits FM) talent contest and their first single *Birthday Girl* appeared on Toronto alternative rock station CFNY's 1996 *New Rock Search CD*.

But it hasn't always been easy.

"The first gig we ever played was in our bassist (Derek Rogers) parents' basement," says Lovell. "We were dying to play so we set it up ourselves. It went really well. We packed 300 people into his basement."

Then, Rogers' parents came home. "It wasn't a good scene when they got home," says Lovell. But, "It was a great party."



Durham's Odin Red is seeing hard work and dedication pay off. The band is made up of (from left) Jason Lovell, Derek Rogers, Tyler Smith, Brad Yarrow and Mike Shaw.

Over 350 shows later, the band has seen good times and bad.

"We played a night at the Opera House (in Toronto) about four-and-a-half years ago. I think we had three people there. Not a great turnout," admits Lovell. But a sense of

'If you have your goals and you don't give up, eventually you'll reach them.'

— Jason Lovell

humour helps on nights like that. "I think the chairs liked it."

The CFNY CD has led to a few prominent shows, including the Edge Electric Christmas, where they opened for the ghandharvas and Catherine Wheel, and a mid-day gig at the corner of Bloor and Bay streets.

And Odin Red recently signed with a new booking agency which led to the *Spirit of the West* and *Big Wreck* shows.

So, they're hoping to reach the top. Three-and-a-half years

ago, for example, Toronto-based band Our Lady Peace was playing shows for less than 100 people, mostly friends, in venues like the now-defunct Ultrasound Showbar on Queen Street West. In January they were the headliner in a sold-out show at Maple Leaf Gardens.

But it can also go the other way. Your first gig could lead to a long and not-so-illustrious career as a house band. Or you may never get out of your mom's basement.

"The biggest thing is to not get discouraged. All I can say is keep plugging away," Lovell advises aspiring bands.

"For any independent bands that are trying to get a record contract I think the best thing they can do is get out and play in the important places (like clubs in Toronto)," says Lovell.

The band signed with record label newcomer RipChord Records after replying to a newspaper advertisement.

RipChord execs scouted a couple of shows, liked the fact that the band had been together so long and signed them last January.

Contests and indie hours on radio stations are another good way to get your name out there.

Without band members knowing it, Lovell's mom entered them in the 97.7 Hits FM contest where they finished in the top five and walked away with some much appreciated cash.

Lovell also stresses the importance of making contacts with other bands. Rather than viewing the business as a competition, try to make contacts with people you can work with. "We'll open a show for you and you can come open a show for us," says Lovell. "Be good to people and they'll be good back to you."

The last thing is dedication. Despite the fact all Odin Red members have other jobs, the band tries to practise up to four times a week and they're constantly writing and revising songs.

(They have so far written about 60 original songs.)

"If you have your goals and you don't give up, eventually you'll reach them," says Lovell.

The CD *Lost for Days* is available in record stores across the country.

Odin Red is currently enjoying some television exposure in the meantime; a video is currently on the rotation of hits at MuchMusic.

MP gives babies head start on reading

AJAX — Some of Whitby-Ajax MP Judi Longfield's newest constituents will receive a gift Thursday, April 23.

All babies born tomorrow at Ajax-Pickering General Hospital and Oshawa General Hospital to parents living in Mrs. Longfield's riding will receive a book written by a Canadian children's author.

And, babies born elsewhere

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THEATRE REVIEW

Bad Seed is good entertainment

By Bill Simpson

Special to the news advertiser

PICKERING — In the middle of a fine season of comedies on the local theatre scene, we now have a real change of pace. Pickering Players are presenting *The Bad Seed*, a haunting drama written circa 1955 by Maxwell Anderson. The play is interesting both for the originality of the plot, and for its '50s style.

The *Bad Seed* raises the chilling question of whether some people are inherently evil. The title refers to the parable of the good and the bad seed in the 13th chapter of the Gospel of Saint Matthew. Although the play is fictional and more than 40 years old, it raises disturbing memories of news stories of recent years. Don't go to *The Bad Seed* expecting a comedy. It isn't one, although there is humour in it. It is also a fairly long play by modern standards, over two-and-a-half hours, including the intermission. Because of the subject matter and the length, I personally would not recommend it for children. This is a very good production of a fascinating play. Despite the large number of actors needed, director John Downs was able to find a strong cast for this play. This indicates a growing level of interest in

theatre locally. Some particularly noteworthy performances:

Lynn Valiquette gave a fine performance in the role of the deeply-distressed and drunken Mrs. Daigle, alternating between pathetically vulnerable and strong. The character Leroy was portrayed excellently by Dustin Boyd. Like Mrs. Daigle, he alternated between distinctly different personalities, and made the changes convincingly.

Stephanie Langstaff was very natural and believable as neighbour Monica Breedlove. The Penmark family, the focus of the play, was acted by Rhonda Brewster, Derek Genova, and Lisa Manis as their daughter.

Genova did very well in this dramatic role, which is very different from the many comic parts he has played.

Manis was outstanding as Rhonda Penmark, a very challenging role requiring humour, timing and quick changes of mood. Her performance was intelligent, convincing and very entertaining. Brewster was wonderful in the difficult role of Christine Penmark, sometimes warm and happy and at other times in total despair. She gave a very moving and compelling performance.

Roly Richard as Chris-

tine's father, Patrick McMahon as Mr. Daigle, Raymond Kiomall as Reginald Tasker, Lynn Giberson as Miss Fern, and Bruce Taylor as Emery Wages completed the strong cast for this demanding show.

On the technical side, the set representing the Penmark apartment is first-rate. Cos-

times, makeup and lighting are very well done.

I highly recommend this show. *The Bad Seed* continues April 24 and 25 and May 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. at Dunbarton-Fairport United Church, 1066 Dunbarton Rd Call 416-410-0211 for tickets and information.



photo by Ron Pietroniro

Gone to pottery

A show and sale of Nicaraguan pottery creation was held last weekend at the Turning Point Pottery Studio in the Pickering Recreation Complex to aid indigenous potters in underdeveloped countries. Here, Gay Liddell displays one of the creations displayed at the event. The show continues until April 26.

Fancy footwork for local dancers

Students of two local dance studios dazzled judges with their fancy foot work at the recent Dance Festival '98 in conjunction with the Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto last week.

Members of the Pickering-based Denise Lester Dance Academy and The Dance Experience of Ajax competed. Denise Lester Dance Academy hoofers placed first in the following categories:

- Tap dance duet/trio 12 and under;
- jazz dance duet/trio 12 and under;
- stage dance in freestyle duet/trio 10 and under;
- jazz dance solo 12 and under;
- Brittany Gray; jazz dance solo 12 and under;
- Lauren Wightman; modern creative solo open;
- Carolyn Young; jazz dance group, 12 and under;
- jazz dance group, large group, 12 and under;
- jazz dance group, small group, 16 and under;
- stage dance, large group; jazz dance group open, large group;
- jazz dance group open, small group;
- classical ballet group, 10 and under;
- Oriental March; classical ballet group, 14 and under;
- Paquita; classical ballet demi character solo 14 and under;
- Tammy Vanderstarr.

The Dance Experience dancers won the following divisions: jazz dance solo, 10 and under; Karen Belfall; jazz dance solo, eight and under; Melody Ngri; jazz dance group, 10 and under, large group.

Denise Lester Dance Academy students also finished second in jazz dance group, 14 and under, large group; jazz dance group, 16 and under, large group; and stage dance in freestyle duet/trio, 10 and under.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
LUPUS: The Lupus Association of Durham Region meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Durham Regional Police station, corner of Brock Rd. and Hwy. 2, Pickering. Guest speaker Sharon Mendyk, RN Msc N, will discuss dealing with stress through coping strategies such as progressive muscle relaxation, meditation, breathing exercises and guided visual imagery. Admission \$5. Entrance and parking at back of the building. Wheelchair accessible. 619-0000 (Sharon).

ALZHEIMER: Alzheimer Durham holds a support group meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 487 Westney Rd. S., Units 19 and 20. All caregivers welcome. 576-2567 (Kim).

TOASTMASTERS: The Ajax-Pickering Toastmasters Club meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Fortune Financial offices, corner of Bayly St. and Finley Ave., Ajax. Help with public speaking and leadership skills. 619-0647 (Peter Dowse), 683-4439 (John Johnstone).

CANCER: Yoga for Bodies Under Stress, for cancer patients or their caregivers, is held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre, 86 Colborne St. W., Oshawa. Bring blanket and a small pillow. Limited space, registration required. 579-4833.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
VEGETARIAN: The Durham Lake-side Vegetarians meet at 7 p.m. at the main branch of the Ajax Public Library, corner of Harwood Ave. and Kings Cres., next to the Town hall. Second part of a two-part session on Getting Started as a Vegetarian. 416-283-2970.

PARENTS: Parents Without Partners, Pine Ridge Chapter 204, meets Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the upper hall of St. George's Anglican Church, 51 Centre St. S., Oshawa. The group serves all of Durham Region. 438-0063 or 435-9748 (Brenda), 697-0773 (Doug), 668-1204 (Julie).

CHRISTIAN WOMEN: The Ajax-Pickering Christian Women's Club holds an All That Glitters Ladies Guest Night at 7 p.m. in the Gallantry's Banquet Room, on the lower level of the Pickering Town Centre. Fashion show by Fifth Avenue Jewelry. Admission \$7.50 at the door. Reserve by April 20. 427-5445 (Karen).

CANCER: Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre holds a session on relaxation and guided imagery techniques for cancer patients and their caregivers from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre 86 Colborne St. W., Oshawa. 579-4833.

BREAST CANCER: A Breast Cancer Peer Support Group for women living with breast cancer meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre, 86 Colborne St. W., Oshawa. Drop-in group, no registration required. 579-4833.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
CLOTHES SALE: St. Martin's Anglican Church, 1201 St. Martins Dr., Pickering, holds a sale from 7 to 9 p.m. of used clothing, white elephant table, toys, books. Donations needed. 839-9281.

DINNER/DANCE: The Young Singers of Ajax host a Spring Fling Dinner/Dance at the Ajax Community Centre HMS Room from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. All proceeds to trip to England in July. \$35/couple; \$20/single. Door prizes, buffet, cash bar, D.J. 427-8811 (Tracy McMurray).

ADDICTION: The Serenity Group holds a 12-step recovery meeting at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd. east of Whites Rd., Pickering. The group deals with addictions of all kinds, including co-dependency. Child-care programme available as required. All welcome. 428-9431 (Jim, evenings).

Bay boys and girls clean up

PICKERING -- Area residents here cleaning up at Frenchman's Bay. The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in partnership with community and government organizations, holds a clean-up, tree-planting and tern-raft-building day for Frenchman's Bay Saturday, April 25.

Participants are asked to meet at 10 a.m. in Kinsmen Park, on the east side of Sandy Beach Road. Take a shovel if possible and dress appropriately. Activities will proceed rain or shine. Call 416-661-6600, ext. 298 (Susan O'Neil, TRCA) or 420-7667 (Marilyn Hedge, evenings) for information.

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Earth Day Canada (EDC) operates year-round to provide networking and resources. Among programmes EDC offers are the EcoKids Club for children seven to 12 years of age and the Middle R for students in Grades 5 to 8 in Ontario. The Middle R is a curriculum programme that focuses on the issue of Reuse.

One statistic from EDC's newsletter: In North America, we produce enough garbage each day to fill 70,000 garbage trucks. Lined up bumper-to-bumper, they would stretch halfway to the moon.

LARRAINE ROULSTON RECYCLER'S REPORT



Take time today to reflect upon your environmental conscience. Learn to compost; recycle diligently; walk or bike; turn off a light; don't put pesticides on your lawn; use vinegar and baking soda as a cleaning agent; take reusable bags or hampers when shopping; have a shorter shower tomorrow; lug-a-mug. There is lots we can do; every little bit helps. To find out more about EDC, call 416-599-1991 or visit the website at: www.earthday.ca.

Water: the basis for all life! The Children's Groundwater Institute (CGI), initiated in 1994, holds three major festivals a year in Ontario to educate people about the need to protect and conserve water.

This is achieved through hands-on interactive events and activity centres which are educational and fun for students in Grades 4 to 6. Teachers who have attended the festivals have told CGI they witnessed a significant change in attitudes by students toward both water use and environmental concerns after attending the festival.

A festival is scheduled for May 26 to 28 at the Markham Fairgrounds. Interested teachers wanting to register their class must call Sonya at 276-0528.

Green Tip: Do not let the water run while brushing your teeth. Keep one hand on the tap to turn it off after rinsing your brush.

Coming event: May 9, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pickering Town Centre's south-east parking lot between Sears and Hwy. 401. One-day truckload sale of the Earth Machine Composter for \$25 apiece.

Lorraine Roulston's column exploring environmental issues regularly appears on Wednesday.

Panel shows how to make greenbacks in green business

You can learn to make a living in recycling at a free panel discussion being held Thursday, April 23.

Creative Recycling Opportunities could be of interest to people with an entrepreneurial spirit or individuals wanting a career that makes a difference.

The Durham Environmental Network (DEN) and the Durham Region works department are hosting the event which features panelists Stephanie Jukes, founder of Hand Me Downs; Kevin Brady of The Brady Group; and

ole Burnett of The ReStore; Charles Kunc, general manager of Can-Sort Recycling; and Cathy Twaites, a service delivery specialist with Human Resources Development Canada.

The panelists will share their experiences in the world of recycling and offer suggestions for people wanting to start a business. Participants will hear about businesses that have become a success by recycling clothing, computers and building supplies.

You can also pick up information on the Recycle Bin at the event.

and some programmes available through Human Resources Development Canada. Literature on starting a business will also be available.

The discussion is being held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Region's works department offices, 105 Consumers Dr., Whitby.

It's part of the Region's Community Economic Development Strategy to promote new businesses in Durham.

For more information call DEN representatives Gail Lawlor at 509-8390 or Susan Larsh at 623-1595.

Vegetarian lifestyles take root in upcoming workshop

LEARN HOW VEGETABLES PROVIDE VITAMINS

The second session of a two-part presentation on getting started as a vegetarian is being held Thursday, April 23.

Presented by the Durham Lakeside Vegetarians, the evening session will be led by Bonnie Kumer, a vegetarian dietitian and volunteer with the Toronto Vegetarian Association.

She'll explain how vegetarians can obtain protein, iron, calcium, vitamin B12 and other vital minerals.

Following the presentation, there will be a question-and-

answer session.

Vegetarian cookbooks, nutrition guides and magazines will also be for sale.

The session is being held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the main branch of the Ajax Public Library at the corner of Harwood Avenue and Kings Crescent.

There's no cost, but people attending are asked to make a donation to cover the cost of the room rental.

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Pride of the Panthers

The Pickering Panthers handed out their award to deserving players with the Metro Junior 'A' Hockey League team Sunday. The Brad Shearer Memorial Award went to Stu Vandergeest, far left. With him were Panthers' GM Ron Blizzard, Pat and Gary Shearer and son Brent and team owner Michael Boyer. The Boyer Cup winner this year was Chris Hunter, far right.

Ajax curler in the house at nationals

By Jim Esson

Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Ajax resident Bob Turcotte will skip in a third national mixed curling championship after bringing home the Ontario title last weekend.

Turcotte, joined by his wife Kristin, Roy Weigand and Andrea Lawes, tied for second place in round-robin action at the Labatt Mixed 2 Provincial Finals in St. Thomas April 16 to 19. But, the rink, which plays out of the Scarborough Golf & Country Club, won in the semi-final and final to capture the Ontario mixed crown.

In the semi-finals, the Turcotte rink won the right to compete for the title after defeating the Peter Mellor four-some from Kitchener 9-3. In the final, Turcotte dethroned the Howard Rajala rink of Ottawa 8-3 to lay claim to the championship.

After finishing second in round-robin, Turcotte explains it was a matter of stepping their curling up another notch in the playoffs to secure the title.

"The competition was good and it was fairly equal. We played really well in the semi-final and final," says Turcotte.

The Turcotte rink now advances to the AT&T Canadian Mixed Curling Championship in Victoria, B.C. in January.

The rink curlers will have plenty of national experience working for them when they compete for the Canadian title. For the Turcottes and Lawes, it's their third trip to the mixed nationals. Weigand is making his first appearance at the mixed event, but he has competed previously at the 1981 Labatt Brier and has won two Canadian senior men's titles with Bob Turcotte.

The familiarity among the team members, says Turcotte, will put the rink in good stead when they compete for the national title.

"It's an advantage for us. We don't get any surprises out there on the ice. We all know what to expect," he says.

— with files by Al Rivett

Pickering tweens sterling in winning silver medal

PICKERING — The Pickering Innovative Awards tween 'B' ringette team put on a sterling performance to win the silver medal at the regional ringette championship in Woodville, Little Britain and Oakwood recently.

After putting together four successive victories to advance to the final, the Pickering tweens met Ajax in the championship match.

Numerous penalties against the Pickering tweens put them at a disadvantage as Pickering had to play three-on-five several times in the contest. In the end, Ajax prevailed 3-1. Nicole Delory scored the lone Pickering goal, assisted by Lisa Flatman.

Pickering started the tourney with a 5-2 win over Ajax. Emily Mikus and Lori Mark each scored twice. Delory had one goal. Lorissa Dowdell, Mikus, Melissa Gibson and Ashlea Harder earned assists.

In the second game, Pickering defeated the Pickering second 'B' squad 3-1. Dowdell scored all three goals, assisted by Nancy Gallagher, Marks and Jenna Valera.

Pickering doubled the score



The Pickering Innovative Awards tween ringette team captured a silver medal at the regional championships this year. Team members are Lorissa Dowdell (assistant captain), Nicole Delory, Lisa Flatman, Nancy Gallagher, Melissa Gibson, Ashlea Harder, Ashleigh Howell, Lori Marks, Emily Mikus, Ashley Nascimento, Julie Ross (captain) and Jenna Valera (assistant captain).

on Manvers 4-2 in the third game. Ashley Nascimento, Delory, Harder and Dowdell scored for Pickering. Nascimento, Marks, Delory and Valera recorded assists.

Pickering blanked Port Perry 3-0 in the fourth game. Harder, Mikus and Julie Ross scored. Assisting were Dowdell and Marks.

The Innovative Award teams earned four medals in eight tournaments it entered this season, including one gold and three silvers.

The team thanks coaches Larry Dowdell and John Valera, assistant coach Debbie Delory and manager Sheena Dowdell for their time and effort this season.

Two Pickering teams squash foes for titles

PICKERING — The Pickering Squash Club's Toronto and District League teams ended a banner season on the courts by winning two division titles in Toronto recently.

The T&D league features men and women playing from the lowest 'E' calibre right up to the top 'A' level of competition. Approximately 50 clubs from Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area entered teams in the loop. This season marked the first time the Pickering Squash Club had squads in all 10 divisions in the league, the only club to do so.

This season was also the first for women's 'E' division play in the T&D, and Pickering was one of only two teams in that category.

The Pickering Squash Club's men's 'B' squad and the women's 'D' club won their respective divisional crowns, while the Pickering men's 'A2' team was runner-up at the season-ending championship at the Mayfair Lakeshore Club in Toronto.

The Pickering men's 'B' team defeated the Fitness Institute 3-2 in

the final to claim the division title. Team members are Steven Dunslow, Darrell Babcock, Jim Shoemaker, Kevin Cahill, Raj Vadera and Martin Nugent.

Meanwhile, the women's 'D' squad from Pickering had little trouble winning the division crown over the Fitness Institute 4-1 in matches in the final. Team members are Dianne Pearce, Rosemary Aiken, Heather Swartz, Victoria Templer and Karen Borda.

The Pickering men's 'A2' team of Scott Coleman, Jeff Evans, Steve MacLinnis, Matt Ferguson and Sean Aiken went through the regular season undefeated, but ended up losing in the final to the Glenway Club of Newmarket 3-2 in matches. Pickering had defeated Glenway in both of their regular-season meetings.

Pickering Squash Club member and Pickering Recreation Complex squash pro Scott Coleman reports the club enjoyed a season of T&D league play like no other in recent memory. This season

seven teams from Pickering qualified for playoff action.

"For Pickering to have two men's teams playing on the final night and one win and to have the women's 'D' team win is quite an accomplishment. We've had a very successful season," says Coleman.

In other news, the Pickering club had several junior players entered in the recent Ontario Provincial Junior Squash Championships at the Glenway Club in Newmarket.

Sameer Vadera

placed fourth in the province in the boys' under-10 division. Dane Sharp finished fifth in the boys' under-14 bracket, while Brian Ernst placed sixth. In girls' under-19 play, Chrissie Evans earned a fifth-place finish and Vanessa Steinwall was sixth. Jeff Evans placed sixth in Ontario in the boys' under-19 category.

Some of the club's junior players are expected to compete at the Canadian National Junior Squash Championships in St. Catharines April 23 to 25.

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Ajax badminton player courts stardom at nationals

AJAX — An Ajax player with the Harwood Badminton Centre was the pleasant surprise of the recent Canadian Junior/Juvenile Badminton Championships in Winnipeg.

The nationals attracted 243 of the best young players in the country representing every province.

The Ajax High School-based Harwood club was represented at the Canadian championships by five players — Chris Kondracki, Richard Piskor, Seth Malcolm, Phillip Bennington and Tony Chan.

Bennington was the story of the tournament. An unranked player entering nationals, he posted upset victories over numerous seeded players in under-16 singles, doubles and mixed doubles play.

In singles, Bennington finished in the top eight in Canada after winning his way to the quarter-final match before losing to Jeremy Hilland of Calgary 17-16, 15-

7. He opened play with a first-round victory over the top 14-year-old player in Canada, Mathieu Laforest of Montreal 15-13, 15-4. He also upset number-three ranked Jason Yu of Edmonton 15-10, 17-15 in the second round, then followed up with a relatively easy win over Kevin Wilton of Woodstock 15-11, 15-2 in the third round.

In doubles, Bennington teamed up with Harwood club teammate Tony Chan to defeat Matthew Dorion and Aireck Duguay of New Brunswick 15-1, 15-8 before losing to the number-five seeded team of Frederic Parent and Nicolas Brousseau of Quebec City 15-6, 15-4.

In mixed doubles, Bennington paired up with Erin Parkes of Woodstock to finish in the top 16 in the country.

Bennington and Parkes defeated Sean Town and Talitha Lemoine of Winnipeg 15-6, 15-8 in the first round, then conquered

Chris Johnstone and Jessica Huguet of Vancouver 17-15, 15-11. In the round of 16, the Ontario duo lost to the fifth seeds Jeremy Hilland and Janice Lo of Calgary 15-11, 15-12.

Konracki, Piskor and Malcolm all played in the under-19 age group at nationals. The Harwood players were in the qualifying section of the draw, with 32 players trying to earn one of six positions in the main draw. Piskor won two matches, but lost his third match and failed to qualify. Malcolm played two intense matches, but lost both. Kondracki earned his way to the main draw, but lost his first match, then won his first round of singles consolation play before losing in three games in his second-round consolation match.

In doubles, Piskor and Kondracki lost their first two matches. Malcolm and teammate Erik Mathias of Woodstock met the same fate.



photo by Andrew Iwanowski

Loose ball

Mud Hen's Tom Letros, left, and Penny's Auto Service's Mike Sinclair attempt to corral a loose ball during the championship game in the non-

master division of the Pickering Men's Basketball League. The game was played at Dunbarton High School Monday night.

14 Aerial gymnasts take on Ontario's best

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WHITBY THIS WEEKEND

PICKERING — A whopping 14 members of the Pickering Aerials Gymnastics Club will advance to two upcoming provincial meets.

Seven members of the club qualified for the Ontario Provincial Gymnastics Championships in Whitby Thursday to Sunday.

Seven other members will advance to the Provincial Youth Championships in Cambridge May 8 to 10.

All 14 will join the Metro East team in their respective age groups.

The gymnasts are advancing to their provincial meets after competing at the recent third provincial qualifier at the Scarborough Olympians Gymnastics Club.

Alanna Weston qualified for the provincials after capturing the overall gold medal in the open level 2 category. Weston won gold on vault, uneven bars and floor exercises and a bronze medal on balance beam.

Kathryn Newton, competing in the senior 3 division, booked her ticket to Whitby after finishing second overall. She captured the gold medal on vault and earned silver medals on bars, beam and floor.

Weston and Newton will be joined by Aerials' national-

level athletes Brooke Lynne Primrose, Julie Ann Passy and Vanessa Robinson who received a bye to the provincial competition.

Each will be looking to advance to the national championship, depending upon a good effort at the provincials.

Meanwhile, Alycia Mokedanz finished third all-round to earn a spot at the provincial youth championships. She won the gold medal on bars and silver on vault in the novice level 1 bracket.

In the pre-junior level 1 category, Brittany Lloyd captured three bronze medals on vault, bars and floor to finish fifth overall to qualify for her first Ontario championship meet.

Jessica Lamarre won a bronze medal on vault to earn a spot at provincials. Elyse Mikhelson earned a gold medal on floor and a bronze on bars.

Joy Cretney, competing in junior level 1, placed fourth overall with a silver medal on beam and a bronze on vault.

In the pre-novice level 2 category, Alicia Calderone placed third all-round with a silver medal on beam and a bronze on bars.

Teammate Kendall Patterson also secured her spot at the provincial youth meet with a fifth overall finish, including a gold medal on vault.

Two other gymnasts will serve as alternates to the provincial youth meet. Bridget Primrose will be an alternate in the pre-novice level 1 category after finishing sixth overall at the provincial qualifier. She earned the silver medal on vault.

Talyn Andrews will serve as an alternate in the pre-junior level 1 bracket after finishing fourth overall with silver medals on beam and floor.

Other Aerials competing at the provincial qualifier were Jessica Man who placed seventh overall in the pre-novice level 1. She earned a silver on vault.

Danyelle Sora finished ninth overall with a fourth on vault.

Alicia Wald, competing in the pre-junior level 1 division, placed fourth on vault and bars and fifth on beam and floor.

Briann Cassidy finished seventh all-round with a bronze on bars in the junior level 1 category.

Aerials' gymnasts reside in Ajax and Pickering.

Ajax United senior soccer team seek new players for '98 season

AJAX — The Ajax United Soccer Club senior men's team is making a pitch for new recruits to join the squad for the coming Motor City Soccer League season.

The highly successful team, which has captured the league title, the John Barnes Cup and Terry Kelly Cup over the years, will begin try-outs later this month. Any players age 18 and over are welcome to attend.

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Bantam AA	April 25th	9:00 pm-10:30 pm	Don Larabie	683-0662
Super 7's	April 26th	9:00 am-10:30 am	Bob Kirk	427-0684
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Minor Novice AA	April 26th	3:00 pm-4:30 pm	Len Smart	686-2699
Novice AA	May 2nd	4:00 pm-5:30 pm	Dave Shortt	427-3468
Minor Pee wee AA	May 2nd	5:30 pm-7:00 pm	Wayne MacDonald	427-7328
Minor Bantam A	May 2nd	8:30 pm-10:00 pm	Ron Hawkshaw	427-2530
Minor Atom AA	May 3rd	3:00 pm-4:30 pm	Rod Cooper	427-3751
Atom AA	May 3rd	4:30 pm-6:00 pm	Kevin Davidson	686-7116
Bantam A	May 8th	8:30 pm-10:00 pm	Peter Polson	428-6678
Minor Novice A	May 10th	9:00 am-10:30 am	Stewart Gilmour	427-6171
Pee wee A	May 10th	4:30 pm-6:00 pm	Mike Kelly	686-4912
Novice A	May 23rd	12 pm-1:00 pm	Steve Boule	686-3280
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"ARE YOU MR. RIGHT?"

Are you 48 to 58, handsome, outgoing, good sense of humor, good personality, dancer, honest and romantic? Likes country music, no dependents, established and charming. What you get is a whole package. All calls returned. BOX 26421

A NEW START

Divorced white female, 38, 5'8", medium build, dirty blonde hair, blue eyes, loves horses and horseback riding, traveling and long walks. Non-smoker, no children, seeking single or divorced white male, with similar interests, for a friendship and possible relationship. BOX 30461

EASY GOING

37 yr old, white female, 5'7", 130 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, likes quiet times, seeking a single male, 30-40, who is a non-smoker with similar interests. BOX 30461

WILD FIRE

22 yr old, white female, 5'7", 130 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, likes quiet times, seeking a single male, 30-40, who is a non-smoker with similar interests. BOX 30461

ONE OF A KIND

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UNCOMFORTABLE FUN

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CLEAN & DISCREET

55 yr old, good looking, active white male, 5'8", 175 lbs, with all my hair and a sense of humor. Interests include music, outdoor activities, fitness, fun times, etc. Seeking a good looking female with a good sense of humor for friendship and relationship. BOX 15361

LOOKING TO SHARE

32 yr old single father of two, 6'2", 210 lbs, enjoys fishing, movies, staying home, etc. Seeking a female to share life with. BOX 17334

WORK THINGS OUT

41 yr old single male seeking a single female for friendship, possible relationship. Children welcome. Likes camping, hunting, drives, shopping and more. BOX 17401

IN THE BALL PARK?

Why? Area male seeking an employed, white female who is a Sagittarius. BOX 17447

DON'T HESITATE

25 yr old attractive, single male, 5'8", 175-180 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, seeking a female, 20 to 35, for a casual relationship. BOX 17637

NOTHING SERIOUS

35 yr old attractive male seeking an attractive female, 25 to 35, for a casual relationship. BOX 17654

MATCH IN HEAVEN

36 yr old, white male, 5'7", 180 lbs, honorable, family oriented, sincere, honest. Seeking a female, 25 to 32, non-smoker with moral values. Children welcome. COBBURG to Pickering area. BOX 19679

DO THINGS WITH ME

40 yr old, white male, 5'7", 180 lbs, attractive and fit with interests in movies, long drives, walks, quiet evenings at home, etc. Seeking a single female for companionship and friendship. BOX 17415

COSMIC SEEKER

Attractive, single white male, 45, non-smoker, open minded, easy going, interests include weekend get aways, the outdoors, driving out, and quiet evenings at home, etc. Seeking a single female for companionship and friendship. BOX 17415

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AFFECTION TO OFFER

34 yr old, good looking, active white male, 5'10", 170 lbs, brown hair, eyes and mustache, reliable, dedicated. Interests include cottage life, sports, movies, golf, playing cards, etc. Seeking attractive, white female, 32 to 38, for possible long term relationship. BOX 19505

MERCURY MAN

44 yr old, divorced, professional father with an excellent sense of humor, independent, multi-talented, handsome, slim, positive attitude. Seeking an attractive, Sagittarian woman, 38 to 43, with a career. BOX 26483

NEW BEGINNING

45 yr old, single white male, non-smoker, artistic, easygoing and open minded. Enjoys travel, dining, quiet times, camping, outdoors and quiet evenings. This 31 yr old white male, 5'8", 185 lbs, would like to talk to you! BOX 19234

BRUNETTE SOUGHT

35 yr old, attractive male seeking an attractive female, 25 to 35, for a casual relationship. Friendship and good conversations. Brown hair preferred. BOX 19528

ARE YOU SINGLE?

Employed approximately, 30 to 40, 5'8" or less, trim, attractive, looking for the right man, to be best friends and future partners with? Are you easy going, capable and ready to share your life and affections with someone capable of doing the same? 38, 5'9", average build. BOX 26444

FIT AND ACTIVE

53 yr old, white male, fit, easy going, no dependents, likes being active, movies, dancing and quiet times. Looking for white female, 40 to 55, who is fit, intelligent, and fit. Northumberland and Durham areas. BOX 26441

CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Looking for a professional, financially stable, 5'10", fit young lady, 30-40, who is intelligent, fun loving, responsible and fun. Enjoys collecting, roller skating, movies and dining out. Seeking a white female, 30-45, non-smoker, interested in a long term relationship. BOX 19113

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY...

Attractive white male, 45, seeking an attractive white female, 25 to 35, who is family oriented, enjoys hockey, dogs, movies and reading. BOX 12583

FRIENDS FIRST

28 yr old, white male, 5'7", 130 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, likes quiet times, seeking a single female, 30-40, who is a non-smoker with similar interests. BOX 12618

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QUEST FOR MORE

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LOVE THE COUNTRY...

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MEET WITH ME SOON...

44 yr old, white male, 5'7", 130 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, likes quiet times, seeking a single female, 30-40, who is a non-smoker with similar interests. BOX 16975

RUN TIMES

28, 6' attractive male seeking a couple for discreet fun. BOX 15073

TRYING NEW THINGS

25 yr old, white male, 5'7", 130 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, likes quiet times, seeking a single female, 30-40, who is a non-smoker with similar interests. BOX 16421

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SCOREBOARD

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LOSSA WEST BADMINTON RESULTS

SINGLES DIVISION

JUNIOR GIRLS

1st - Mana Yen, St. Mary, 2nd - Stephanie Feigemacher, Ajax, 3rd - McKenzie Angus, Exeter, 4th - Melanie Chan, St. Mary, 5th - Anne Derry, Ajax, 6th - Melissa Taylor, Exeter.

JUNIOR BOYS

1st - Tony Chan, Ajax, 2nd - Vik Mohindra, Ajax, 3rd - Calvin Lopez, Anderson, 4th - Andrew Ferguson, Anderson, 5th - Brad Johnson, Port Perry, 6th - Brian Kormos, Pickering

SENIOR GIRLS

1st - Nicole Gerron, St. Mary, 2nd - Andrea Handler, St. Mary, 3rd - Kim Wells, Dunbar, 4th - Laura Spencer, Anderson, 5th - Rebecca Cohn, Port Perry, 6th - Suzanne Byers, Pickering

SENIOR BOYS

1st - Scott McDavid, Austin, 2nd - Marko Glavic, St. Mary, 3rd - Daryl Paulin, Pickering, 4th - Paul Winkley, Anderson, 5th - Kael Racoppa, St. Mary, 6th - Adrian Baird, Ajax

DOUBLES DIVISION

JUNIOR GIRLS

1st - Savarino/Renaud, St. Mary, 2nd - Billinger/Arisey, Brock, 3rd - Waters/Pees, Anderson, 4th - Parsons/Davidson, Port Perry, 5th - Anderson/Fowler, Ajax, 6th - Jebamoney/Powell, Dunbar

JUNIOR BOYS

1st - Subryan MacKay, Ajax, 2nd - Peal Goldman, Port Perry

Anderson, 3rd - Johnson/Barry, Port Perry, 4th - Gerron/Shue, St. Mary, 5th - Brown/Gardner, Pickering, 6th - Halton/Smid, Anderson

SENIOR GIRLS

1st - Hood/Bigamma, Anderson, 2nd - Simpson/Mitchell, Uxbridge, 3rd - Acedillo/Wroblewski, St. Mary, 4th - Evans/Lachapelle, Port Perry, 5th - LoJames, Anderson, 6th - Neoham/Smith, Exeter

SENIOR BOYS

1st - Allard/Lee, Ajax, 2nd - Danforth/Peel, Anderson, 3rd - Men Styles, Ajax, 4th - Esposito/Hnatuk, St. Mary, 5th - Lake/Hirsh, Uxbridge, 6th - Edwards/Fletcher, Port Perry

MIXED DOUBLES

JUNIOR

1st - Dominguez/Derry, Ajax, 2nd - Mantie/Sadler, Anderson, 3rd - Kormos/Kapraios, Pickering, 4th - McKenna/Yeo, Austin, 5th - Stephens/Forde, Dunbar, 6th - Morrison/Krasak, Dunbar

1st - McGill/Vivian, Ajax, 2nd - Ally/Anderson, Ajax, 3rd - Luthra/Punyaprateep, Anderson, 4th - Fletcher/Domk, Port Perry, 5th - Womnar/Smith, Exeter, 6th - Lindgren/Erize, Anderson

LOSSA WEST STANDINGS

SCHOOL PTS
Ajax High School 129

Anderson Collegiate 105

St. Mary C. Secondary School 99

Port Perry High School 96

Pickering High School 27

Austin C. Secondary School 21

Exeter High School 18

Dunbar High School 18

Uxbridge Secondary School 15

Brock High School 12

LOSSA finals will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at Kingsway College Athletic Complex. Oshawa and will be hosted by Ajax High School Rams badminton team.

Glendale Tennis Club serves up 20th season

PICKERING -- The Glendale Tennis Club will start the 1998 season with its annual Opening Day Round-Robin Tournament this Sunday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.

This year's opening day event is also a chance for the Glendale club to celebrate its 20th year in existence.

The club will mark the occasion with a birthday cake to be served at noon. All members are invited to help blow out the candles.

Confirmed guests for the occasion are Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs, Regional Councillor Doug Dickerson and Local Councillor Mark Holland.

Since Glendale members served up their first aces in Pickering in 1978, the club has been a strong neighbourhood tennis organization. It has grown to more than 800 members who play on four Laykold courts.

The Opening Day Round-Robin Tournament is open to all senior club members 18 years and over. Registration will take place prior to the event.

In case of rain, the tourney will be rescheduled to Sunday, May 3. Call Ashley Jones at 831-0264.

Ball tourney makes a pitch for more teams

AJAX -- The Ajax Men's Slo-Pitch League is looking for teams of all levels to compete in its 14th annual Spring Tune-Up Tournament next month.

The tourney, May 15 to 17, welcomes men's 'C', 'D' and rec, masters rec and masters intermediate, ladies' intermediate and co-ed rec division squads.

The event will use a round-robin format with four teams per pool.

More than \$5,000 in prize money and travelling expenses will be up for grabs. Labatt awards will be given to first and second-place teams in each division.

All games will be played rain or shine.

Registration is \$235 for Slo-Pitch Ontario Association members. All teams must be members of SPOA to play. Payment is by certified cheque or money order.

Tournament headquarters is The Ranch Bar & Grill on Commercial Avenue.

Applications will be accepted until Sunday, May 10. They should be mailed to AMSA, P.O. Box 352, Ajax, Ont., L1S 3C5.

For more information or an application, call Bill Thompson at 428-8020 or the AMSA at 428-3650.

Ringers needed for league

AJAX -- Calling all ringers: The Ajax Horseshoe Pitchers' Association is looking for new players for the coming season.

The association offers mixed teams, league and tournament play and social events throughout the season.

The league gets under way on Wednesday, May 6 and continues each Wednesday night at the Heritage Centre, Church Street North, throughout the spring and summer.

No prior experience is necessary. For more information call 686-1985 or 426-1044.

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