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## Pickering woman killed in house explosion

### HUMBLE HERO SAVES SURVIVING SENIOR

By Susan O'Neill  
 Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — The quick actions of a Pickering man and his son are being credited for saving the life of a senior citizen from a fiery blast that claimed the life of his 81-year-old partner on the weekend.

Effie Little was pronounced dead early Sunday following a fire and explosion at the Fairport Road bungalow she shared with Bill Stenabaugh, 75.

The woman, who had emphysema, smoked and used an oxygen tank, was found in the front room of the house when firefighters arrived, reports Pickering Fire Department Deputy Chief Bill Douglas.

But, Mr. Stenabaugh was able to escape with the help of his neighbours.

"I saw flames flying out of the window and the old fellow was on his hands and knees at the front door," says neighbour Pat Duffield, whose wife Patricia alerted him to the fire when he got up to let out his dog around 5:45 a.m.

When Mr. Duffield saw the flames next door he ran to the house with his 21-year-old son Brent.

"Myself and my son grabbed him and as we were dragging him away the house blew," Mr. Duffield says. "The (oxygen) tank blew out the front door and all the windows...it kind of blew past our ears."

He and his son were "far enough away (from the house) by that time" that they weren't hurt by the flying debris.

But, Mr. Duffield is quick to downplay his role in saving the elderly man. "I don't consider myself a hero. I didn't do anything anybody else wouldn't do."

Deputy Chief Douglas reports when firefighters responded to the 5:49 a.m. call the blaze was going strong.

He says the cause of the fire, which resulted in an estimated \$100,000 damage to the home, is still under investigation. "People seem to have heard an explosion," he says. It's suspected a smaller blaze started in the house before the blast occurred.

Durham Regional Police Sergeant Jim Grimley says the cause of the explosion was "determined to be the oxygen cylinder." However, he reports the cause of the original fire is not yet known.

Deputy Chief Douglas says local firefighters knew Ms. Little as they had been to the house with paramedics "a number of times" when she was having difficulty breathing.

Mr. Stenabaugh, who has lived in the home for 47 years, was taken to the Duffields' house until paramedics arrived. "He had some burns but smoke inhalation was the major factor," Mr. Duffield says. "My wife threw wet blankets over him and took care of him until the paramedics got there."

Mr. Stenabaugh was taken by ambulance to Ajax-Pickering General Hospital and then transferred to Wellesley Central Hospital's burn unit where he remains in fair condition.



photo by A.J. Groen

Durham Regional Police Constable David Robertson (left) confers with Ontario Fire Marshal investigator Bill Hiscott following the explosion and fire Sunday morning that

claimed the life of a Pickering woman. Another person in the home was saved from the blaze by a neighbour's son.

## Province rewrites sex education rules

By Susan O'Neill  
 Staff Writer

The Ministry of Education and Training is setting province-wide standards for teaching elementary students about the birds and the bees in its new health and physical education curriculum.

Education Minister Dave Johnson unveiled the new arts, health and physical education curriculum, which includes guidelines for providing sex education, for students in Grades 1 through 8 at a news conference at the Art Gallery of Ontario Monday.

"Teachers will have to discuss issues and facts" under the healthy living portion of the curriculum which focuses on "acquiring living skills as

well as physical education," says Daniele Gauvin, spokesman for the ministry.

Ms. Gauvin notes the curriculum includes "grade-by-grade" learning expectations for students in an attempt to standardize sex education programmes across the province.

She reports the programmes currently used by school boards fall under "some general guidelines" but are primarily at the discretion of individual boards.

The new material will cover everything from the reproductive system to "concepts around human sexuality" including abstinence, she says.

Ministry officials say the new standards will be implemented in

the new health and physical education curriculum and the new arts curriculum will be taught in schools beginning this fall.

Under the health and physical education portion, students will learn to develop their motor skills through participation in individual and team sports. They will also learn about physical development and issues relating to sexuality, drugs and smoking.

For example, a student in Grade 1 will learn to describe the life cycles of plants, animals and humans. Grade 3 pupils will be able to outline the basic reproductive processes and will be taught to identify nicotine, caffeine and alcohol as drugs. Grade 6 students

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RUTH ANN SCHEDLICH  
 "School boards have the flexibility to meet the needs of their students."

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photo by Jason Liebraght

Blair Gouveia has his Canada flag and his favourite moose hat at the ready for Canada Day celebrations today. Communities around Durham Region have a host of activities planned.

## A day to celebrate

### It's OK to be a proud Canadian: You have every reason to be...

By Allan Britton  
 Special to the News Advertiser

Canadians are not normally a flag-waving, toot-your-own-horn kind of nation. But one day a year, July 1, we act a little bit more like our American neighbours and display unabashed patriotism. And deservedly so. There are countless reasons to celebrate Canada and being Canadian. Here are just a few.

First of all, there's hockey. It's our game. We invented it. We perfected it. And now, thanks to the diminishing number of Canadian-based teams, we're doing a very good job of exporting it.

But it wasn't always that way. Any Canadian alive at the time can tell you where they were the moment Paul Henderson knocked in his own rebound with 34 seconds left in the game to win the 1972 Canada-Soviet hockey series. Fifty years earlier, Canadian teams were winning Olympic gold medals by trouncing teams by scores of 20-0, 30-0 and 33-0.

The greatest names in the game have been kids from Canada — King Clancy, Gordie Howe, Maurice

Richard, Wayne Gretzky and Patrick Roy to name a few.

"Oshawa has been home of sports celebrities such as Bobby Orr who played junior hockey for the Oshawa Generals in the 1960s and went on to become probably the greatest player to ever play the game," says Dave Cutler, head of the history department at R.S. McLaughlin Collegiate Vocational Institute in Oshawa. Before winning Stanley Cups in Boston, Orr led the Generals on their way to the Memorial Cup final in 1966.

Up until the end of the Original Six era in 1967, the Generals were owned by the Boston Bruins, so Oshawa was the training ground for several Bruins stars, including Terry O'Reilly, Wayne Cashman and Harry Sinden, coach of the victorious 1972 Canadian team.

We can dominate other sports as well. The Edmonton Grads, a women's basketball team that played from 1915 to 1940, won 93 per cent of the games they played and 108 titles from local to international levels. The game itself was invented by another Canadian, Dr. James Naismith.

From the Crazy Canucks skiing their way through the 1970s and 1980s

to Ross Rebagliatti, Canadians have, naturally enough, excelled at winter sports.

Mr. Cutler remembers teaching a young Oshawa native named Barbara Underhill. "She had figure skating practice every morning at 5 a.m. and yet she was never late for class," he says. All that practice paid off when she and partner Paul Martini won the 1985 World Figure Skating Championship in front of an ecstatic Ottawa

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Durham board prepares for new sex education formula

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will discuss body image and puberty, set personal fitness goals and describe the effects of illicit drugs.  
Grade 8 pupils will identify methods of preventing sexually transmitted diseases and learn about their symptoms, methods of transmission, and high risk behaviours related to common STDs.

As for the new arts curriculum, government documents claim it



**MARET SADEM-THOMPSON**  
It's a very complex document

will ensure that Ontario elementary students develop a good understanding of the basics of music, visual arts, dance and drama.

The curriculum outlines grade-by-grade expectations in each area of study and while educators are to receive the new teaching materials over the summer, Maret Sadem-Thompson, president of the Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario (FWTAO), says teachers will need a lot of training before the curriculum can be fully implemented in schools.

"It's a very complex document and I'm disappointed the minister is making the announcement after the end of the school year," she says.

"We have been given the curriculum but we aren't going to have adequate resources to implement it in the coming school year."

The Durham educator says in order for area teachers to implement the curriculum to the best of their ability, they'll need time to brush up on skills.

"Everybody has to have time and that's what the government didn't give us," says Ms. Sadem-Thompson. "The timing again is very problematic."

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# Ministry of Environment ignorant of Pickering, councillors charge

PROVINCE ASSAILED OVER RESPONSE TO WASTE STATION EXPANSION CONCERNS

By Marianne Taitano Staff Writer

PICKERING — A reply from the Ministry of the Environment to Pickering's concerns about the proposed expansion of a waste transfer station on Toy Avenue has brought little satisfaction to Town councillors.

On May 19, Council voted to oppose an application to the ministry by Can-Sort Recycling Ltd. of 1048 Toy Ave. to amend its provincial certificate of approval to increase the maximum amount of commercial/industrial waste it's allowed to handle to 750 tonnes per day from 150 tonnes. Can-Sort also wants to increase its on-site storage of waste to 1,000 tonnes from 250 tonnes. Councillors cited a history of non-compliance to regulations at the facility as one of the reasons for their opposition, and voted to send a letter to Environment Minister Norm Sterling stating the Town's position on the application.

On April 21, councillors viewed video footage Ward 2 local Councillor Mark Holland said he took only a few days earlier at the Can-Sort site. It showed outdoor storage containers, construction waste, plastic oil bottles and other waste prohibited by provincial regulations and/or Town bylaws. It also showed numerous oil and anti-freeze containers dumped beside and into an abutting small creek. The video was sent to the ministry as well.

However, a response received recently from the MOE stated regulations have been complied with and significant improvement in operations had been made at the site since Can-Sort took it over last Sept. 17. (The facility had previously been contracted out by Can-Sort to Ever Green Recycle Canada Inc. to run, but that company went bankrupt in August.)

"Complaint follow-up has not substantiated complaints against Can-Sort's operations," noted the MOE.

The ministry thanked the Town for bringing its concerns forward, but also stated, "The director must consider relevant and substantiated facts when rendering a decision on the application to amend the certificate of approval."

Councillors roasted the minister's office for its letter of response at their last week.

According to Coun. Holland, the letter "clearly showed they have no idea what's going on in the com-

munity." He maintained the ministry response was "downright scary" and demonstrated the need for municipal autonomy on waste issues. The councillor added there were still dumpsters outside the Can-Sort building even though there was no site plan approval for them.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Doug Dickerson noted the MOE letter was copied to Durham York MPP Julia Munro, who does not represent the area, instead of local MPP and Minister of Community and Social Services

Janet Ecker. The response, he said "only serves to point out the absolute, total ignorance the Ministry of the Environment has of the area."

Town staff were directed to send a letter back to the minister's office correcting the inaccuracies in the MOE response, and reaffirming Pickering's opposition to the Can-Sort application.

Last Monday night, Council voted to ask the MOE for an Environmental Protection Act hearing on the application.



photo by Celia Brookhorst

## Made in the shade

Grade 10 students at Pickering's Pine Ridge Secondary School joined forces with Ontario Hydro's Pickering Nuclear Generating station to purchase materials and build a bench for seniors outside the Village Retirement Centre. Here (from left) Matthew Schinkel, Emily Cowan, Brian Thompson and Justin Teschner welcome senior Marjorie Shedwick to the new bench.

## Rouge Valley should host cardiac care centre: CEO

WHITING SAYS EASTERN GTA NEEDS ONE

A new regional cardiac care centre should be established as part of the Rouge Valley Health System being formed by the amalgamation of Ajax-Pickering General Hospital and the Centenary Health Centre in Scarborough, says Al Whiting, who is to be CEO of the joint hospital.

"Now that the Ontario government has put a regional cardiac centre in place for residents in the western part of the 905 area, we hope it will turn its attention to the need for such a centre in the rapidly-growing south-eastern sector of the GTA," says Mr. Whiting in a media release issued in response to the announcement of the new western centre by Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer.

He says Pickering, Ajax and Whitby residents should not have to travel to downtown Toronto to have cardiac surgery, and suggests the Centenary Health Centre is ideally placed to

provide this service. Centenary has been expanding its cardiac services for several years and has been planning to eventually offer cardiac surgery as well.

"We are well-positioned, both medically and geographically, to become a regional cardiac centre," states Mr. Whiting. "We have the only community hospital-based cardiac catheterization lab in central Ontario (used to diagnose and treat people with known or suspected heart disease), and we have cardiac nuclear testing facilities and a new cardiac prevention and rehabilitation centre.

"And because Centenary is located halfway between Oshawa and downtown Toronto, we are the best option for residents in this part of the GTA. Just as important is the fact that, with the cardiac services we already have in place, we would require little new funding and less than a year

to add cardiac surgery to complete the list of what would be needed for a regional cardiac centre."

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# Pickering politicians are

# Making the Grade

## The News Advertiser puts them to the test

In the sections for each council member below, 'expenses' include items such as mileage, newsletters, postage, cell phones, lunches and dinners, special events, outside services and conferences. Attendance is to June 1 at executive committee and Council meetings; the reasons cited for absence are as described in meeting minutes. Summaries of the most important issues facing the Town were based on submissions from the mayor and councillors themselves.

Grades may be interpreted as follows: A = excellent, best among peers; B = good solid performance, good attendance, moves fair share of motions; C = fair, only average in most categories, doesn't speak up much, no extra effort; D = weak, not up to the task, not involved at meetings, not accessible; F = awful, shouldn't be there



**MAYOR WAYNE ARTHURS**

Forty-nine years old, now into fourth term as mayor after serving two terms as local councillor for Ward 3.  
**Attendance:** No meetings missed.  
**Expenses:** Most of the mayor's expenses are not calculated separately but are considered part of the Town's operating expenses. His office does have a public relations budget of \$8,000 in 1998, which includes items such as pins, floral tributes and special events. No conference expenses yet this term.  
**Committees:** Regional Health and Social Services committee, ex-officio member of most Town committees.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Ajax-Pickering General Hospital Foundation board member; a director of the Children's Aid Society of Durham Region, honorary co-chairman of Ajax-Pickering United Way, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance board member.  
**Most Important Issues Facing Town:** Management of the financial impact of provincial downloading and reassessment, including revenue losses of at least \$1.5 million in 1998 and increasing in 1999 and beyond which he says must be recovered for current operation of the Town. Municipal restructuring — new governance models in Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Area.  
**Comments:** Mayor Arthurs continues his low-key, no-fuss approach to his role as Council leader, letting councillors take the lead on most issues, though he has quite forcefully pursued some matters such as an environmental review of the Pickering nuclear station. Good at building consensus when possible. A less cantankerous Council and the absence of major Town financial losses and errors so far has made things somewhat less difficult to date.



**WARD 1 LOCAL COUNCILLOR DAVE RYAN**

Fifty-one years old. Serving second term. Manager of health and safety at IBM Canada.  
**Attendance:** Missed April 20 Council meeting — away for municipal business.  
**Expenses:** \$522.10 to end of April.  
**Committees:** Pickering Advisory Committee on Race Relations and Equity (chairman), Pickering Public Library Board, Pickering Site Plan Committee, Council liaison to Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together (PACT) for the Environment.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Founder and past president of Rouge Valley Community Association; founder and past chairman of the Pickering Waste Reduction Committee; past executive member of PACT; chaired Mayor's Task Force Against Dumps; past chairman of Pickering Philharmonic Orchestra board; past member of Seneca College Business Administration Faculty Advisory Committee.  
**Most Important Issues Facing Town:** Answering public concern about the safety of the Pickering nuclear station by obtaining an environmental review of the operation, with full public disclosure; coping with financial impact of provincial downloading and restructuring; developing a new governance model that will optimize service delivery, at minimal cost, and be responsive to the community — this will demand "objective consideration" of issues such as amalgamation, the roles of various levels of government, part-time vs. full-time political representation, etc.  
**Comments:** Deserves credit for straight shooting and lack of grandstanding, though he does occasionally take an extra dig at the provincial government. Has shown particular interest in matters relating to the public library, waste management and the environment this

term, but does not take the lead on issues as often as some of his colleagues. Has made commendable effort behind the scenes for Joint Universities' review of nuclear station.



**WARD 1 REGIONAL COUNCILLOR MAURICE BRENNER**

Forty-seven years old. Now in third term as regional representative, after two terms as Ward 1 local councillor. Race relations adviser specializing in conflict resolution and mediation.  
**Attendance:** No meetings missed.  
**Expenses:** \$8,656.09 to end of May.  
**Committees:** Pickering Audit Committee (chairman), Pickering Site Plan Committee, Pickering Transit Services Committee (chairman), Pickering 2000 Millennium Committee, Pickering/Ontario Hydro Nuclear Liaison Committee, Durham Region Health and Social Services Committee, Durham Region Transit Coordinating Committee, Durham Region Municipal Non-Profit Housing Authority (vice-chairman), Region of Durham Children's Advocate.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Involved in fund-raising initiatives for Ajax-Pickering General Hospital Auction, Pickering Museum Village, Save the Rouge Valley System, Riders for the Environment; provided race relations training and sensitization to organizations such as the Pickering Public Library, the Pickering Culture and Recreation Department, the Durham District School Board, and the Pickering Carb-Canadian Cultural Association.  
**Most Important Issues Facing Town:** Impact of provincial downloading on the present and future budgets and taxation levels of the Town and Region, the role of the Greater Toronto Services Board and its impact on Pickering and Durham, maintaining an adequate level of policing together with an acceptable level of taxation, the social/environmental/economic impact of the Pickering nuclear plant on the town, the rising level of child poverty in Durham and increased need for children's services, the future need for seniors' services as the Durham population ages, developing a Durham solution for waste management; the Pickering waterfront, reducing costs while maintaining quality of services (through shared services and partnerships).  
**Comments:** Still an unapologetic grandstander who says that's the best way to get issues into public discussion and to get his views on them across. Not shy about pushing for changes he considers important — such as a bylaw making carbon monoxide detectors mandatory in Pickering homes, and fire safety improvements at the Pickering nuclear station. Continues to exhibit puzzling lack of interest in his membership on the Pickering/Ontario Hydro Nuclear Liaison Committee, even though he accepted a second appointment to the committee this term and fought hard when the committee was formed to have a broad range of community representation on it.



**WARD 2 LOCAL COUNCILLOR MARK HOLLAND**

Twenty-three years old. Serving first term. Former aide to Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MP Dan McTeague, just starting job as investment adviser for Royal Bank of Canada Dominion Securities.  
**Attendance:** No meetings missed.  
**Expenses:** \$5,042.18 to end of May.  
**Committees:** Pickering Public Library Board, Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering, Pickering Audit Committee, Pickering Personnel Committee, Pickering Committee of Adjustment, Pickering 2000 Millennium Committee, Pickering Festival of Lights Committee (chairman).  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Pickering Block Parents (vice-chairman); Amnesty International; POWER Surfers Project (to provide Internet access to information for cancer and heart and stroke patients).  
**Most Important Issues Facing Town:** Balancing finances in the wake of provincial downloading; developing Pickering's economic potential by focusing on its unique strengths; cultivating the potential of the waterfront and Frenchman's Bay; stormwater management; realizing the objectives of the Kingston Road Corridor Study; developing a downtown for Pickering.  
**Comments:** An eager rookie who doesn't hesitate to wade into any issue yet defers to those with experience when appropriate. Brings forward a steady stream of resolutions on big-picture issues such as provincial downloading

and municipal reform — critics would say he's grandstanding but he says it's important for Pickering to stake out a position. Has taken initiative on Frenchman's Bay problems such as stormwater management and removal of barges. Excellent work for a beginner.



**WARD 2 REGIONAL COUNCILLOR DOUG DICKERSON**

Fifty-one years old. Serving fourth term (non-consecutive) as Regional Councillor, including a term for which he was appointed to the position.  
**Attendance:** Missed Feb. 23 executive committee meeting — away on municipal business; and May 4 Council meeting — to attend Ontario Good Roads conference.  
**Expenses:** \$8,807.41 to end of May.  
**Committees:** Pickering Library Board, Pickering Transit Committee, Pickering 2000 Millennium Committee (chairman), Pickering Festival of Lights Committee, East Shore Community Centre Building Committee, Durham Region Planning Committee (vice-chairman), Durham Region Non-Profit Housing, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.  
**Volunteer and community activities:** Rouge Park Alliance, Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606, Founders Club and Ducks Unlimited; past member of the Kinsman Club of Pickering and the Kwanas Club of Pickering.  
**Most Important Issues Facing Town:** Dealing with the impact of provincial downloading and property reassessment while containing the pressure they create for higher property taxes, holding the Province accountable for increases in municipal costs as a result of downloading, developing a vision for and a start on the revitalization of Pickering's waterfront so all residents will be able to enjoy its amenities — this includes preservation of the ecosystem and developing an overall stormwater management strategy.  
**Comments:** Tends to get carried away with the oratory. Will light tooth and nail when he wants to see something done — like the expansion of the seniors facility at the East Shore Community Centre. Those who are not on his side on a particular issue might describe him as wily and manipulative, those who are might say he's clever and persistent.



**WARD 3 LOCAL COUNCILLOR DAVID PICKLES**

Thirty-four years old. Serving first term. Policy adviser with the provincial Native Affairs Secretariat.  
**Attendance:** Missed May 11 meeting of executive committee — missed due to personal business.  
**Expenses:** \$3,164.84 to the end of April.  
**Committees:** Pickering Library Board, Pickering Personnel Committee, Pickering Performance Appraisal Committee, Pickering Site Plan Committee, Pickering Museum Management Board, Pickering Community Centre Board, Cemetery Board.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Past member of Pickering-Ajax Citizen Together (PACT) for the Environment; Heritage Pickering; and the Town of Pickering Official Plan Community Working Group.  
**Most Important Issues Facing Town:** Coping with the financial impact of provincial downloading and property reassessment — taking on new responsibility to provide services while revenue sources are stripped away; dealing with residents' concerns about residential and business developments which affect their homes and families such as the proposed J & F Waste transfer station near the Brock East community.  
**Comments:** Probably the quietest one on Council, though not reluctant to take the lead on issues which directly affect his constituents, such as the J & F Waste facility. Not given to the overkill some of his colleagues occasionally indulge in, but persistent. Fought doggedly together with Councillor Holland for watershed protection plan for Frenchman's Bay. Stays in the background on some issues, a tendency which may diminish as he gains experience. A rookie who is off to a good start.

**WARD 3 REGIONAL COUNCILLOR RICK JOHNSON**

Forty-four years old. Now in his third term as Regional councillor, after one term as local representative. Farmer/entrepreneur.  
**Attendance:** Missed Feb. 23 executive committee meeting — away on municipal business; May 4 Council meeting — to attend On-



tario Good Roads conference, and May 25 executive committee meeting — to attend a fund-raising event.  
**Expenses:** \$8,231.70 to the end of May.  
**Committees:** Pickering Hydro Commission, Pickering Committee of Adjustment, Pickering Museum Advisory Committee, Rural Study Committee, Durham Region Public Works Committee (chairman), Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Authority, Durham Region Development Charges Committee, GTA Solid Waste Planning Committee, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (chairman), Ontario Traffic Conference (chairman), Ontario Conservation Foundation, Pickering-Ajax-Whitby Animal Control.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Various forms of volunteer assistance (including acting as charity auctioneer) to Heart and Stroke Foundation Pickering (past chairman), Royal Canadian Legion Branch 483, Reena Foundation, Starlight Foundation, Reach for a Rainbow, Hospital for Sick Children, Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade, Ajax-Pickering General Hospital, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Easter Seals, Community Living Association, Providence Centre, Bay Ridges Hockey Tournament; sponsor for local sports teams.  
**Most Important Issues Facing Town:** Dealing with provincial downloading; taxes; developing a long-term waste strategy; the J & F Waste application for a transfer station on Norton Road; road reconstruction and resurfacing; completion of the Ajax water plant; lawn watering restrictions; new programmes for youth; new parks and ice arena facilities; speed and traffic control near schools and neighbourhoods; rural planning; planning for Seaton; sustainable development; municipal restructuring at Regional and local level; fire protection in north Pickering.  
**Comments:** Not usually given to grandstanding or big speeches but will on occasion carry on at great length. Tends to pick his spots as far as issues are concerned — exhibits a particular interest in waste management, roads, and anything to do with rural Pickering, and works on those issues. Knows his constituency well. Appears frequently to be torn between his loyalty to the Town and his loyalty to the provincial Progressive Conservatives, but usually chooses the Town.

**CATHOLIC TRUSTEES**

A few notes. No reasons are recorded for absences. Attendance is from December 1997 through June 1998, as are expenses, which include mileage, conventions and conferences.



**JIM MCCAFFERTY**  
**Attendance:** Perfect attendance.  
**Expenses:** \$1,690.57.  
**Committees:** Board chairman serving his third term on the board. Also sits on the suspension appeal committee, the special education advisory committee, the CUPE negotiating committee, the principals and vice-principals negotiating committee, the joint services committee, the archdiocesan/board liaison committee and the teacher liaison committee.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Member of the Hospital for Sick Children's Family Advisory Committee, active member at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Pickering and a member of the Knights of Columbus.  
**Occupation:** Senior computer analyst.  
**Accessibility:** Easily accessible, returns calls promptly.

**Notable Issues:** Main concerns include implementing the new elementary science and technology curriculum, the budget process and staffing issues at secondary schools. Also concerned with the impact the Province's cap on class sizes will have on local schools which suffer from overcrowding. Supports the development of a joint secondary school in north Ajax which would alleviate overcrowding at St. Mary Secondary School in Pickering and Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School in Ajax.  
**Comments:** A caring and dedicated trustee who believes strongly in Catholic values. Provides leadership at the board table and presents a regional view on issues while representing concerns of local constituents. Committed to ensuring money goes to classrooms.

**FRAN PEREIRA**

**Attendance:** Perfect attendance.  
**Expenses:** \$1,491.02.  
**Committees:** Serving her second term, is currently sitting on the non-union/middle manage-

ment negotiating committee, the archdiocesan/board liaison committee and is chairing the transportation review committee.

**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Volunteer member of children's liturgy program at St.



Isaac Jogues Catholic Church and works with the Catholic Women's League at the parish. Also works with school community council at St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School. Part-time student at University of Waterloo.  
**Occupation:** None.  
**Accessibility:** Very accessible.  
**Notable Issues:** Concerned with the new funding model and its impact on local schools and staffing throughout the region. Also concerned with accommodation issues as enrolment increases. Favours keeping portables off school grounds where possible.  
**Comments:** Believes strongly in Catholic education and is a strong voice for constituents, Pickering schools and students at the table. Is a firm believer in communicating with parents and schools about changes to the system.

**PUBLIC TRUSTEES**

A few notes. Attendance is from Dec. 15, 1997 to June 5 — a total of eight board meetings, seven standing committee meetings and 13 budget meetings. No reasons given for absences. Expenses include mileage, telephone, conventions, conferences.



**PAUL CRAWFORD**

**Attendance:** perfect attendance at board meetings, has missed two budget meetings and one standing committee meeting.  
**Expenses:** \$1,271.64.  
**Committees:** First term on board. Sits on the Regional Parent Advisory Council and the suspension appeals committee.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Executive member of the Pickering East Shore Community Association, umpire and referee in minor sports, member of Pickering's GTA committee and the Town's Safe Streets committee.  
**Occupation:** Sales consultant.  
**Accessibility:** Can be reached without difficulty and is prompt to return calls.

**Notable Issues:** Believes in fiscal responsibility and is vocal about finding savings throughout the board to redirect money into the classroom. Supports increasing communication between the board and taxpayers and establishing a sound business plan to set the stage for the coming school year.  
**Comments:** Actively participates in board events and functions outside board meetings. He speaks his mind at the table and doesn't hesitate to question staff or colleagues if he's unsure about matters, although sometimes it appears he hasn't done his homework.



**RUTH ANN SCHEDLICH**

**Attendance:** perfect attendance at standing committee and board meetings, has missed one budget meeting.  
**Expenses:** \$2,250.80.  
**Committees:** A trustee for over nine years, is currently chairman of the board and has served as board vice-chairman in the past. Also sits on the Ontario Public School Boards Association and the joint services committee.  
**Volunteer and Community Activities:** Sits on the board of directors for the Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering and board of directors for The Learning Partnership.  
**Occupation:** Sales representative.  
**Accessibility:** Very accessible.  
**Notable Issues:** Believes strongly in the fundamentals of public education. Is concerned about the impact of education reforms on Durham schools and students. Supported the board's pupil accommodation plan; supported continued use of the Life Facts document. Is concerned with reaching first-time contracts with the board's employee groups.  
**Comments:** A no-nonsense trustee, Mrs. Schedlich does not beat around the bush. Her experience and leadership are an asset. She is fair in her approach with constituents and fellow trustees and takes a regional view on many issues.

# Canadians have plenty to be proud of...

CANADIANS/From page 1

crowd. Throughout history it has been war that has shaped nations. Canada is no different.

We first grew out of a conflict between France and England over control of the fur trade. We have two distinct founding nations today because the British decided to allow the French in Canada to maintain their culture after winning that war. (Although John George Lambton, first Earl of Durham, for whom this region is named, recommended complete assimilation of the French Canadians in his 1839 Durham Report.)

The tolerance shown in that decision has filtered down to today in the form of our multicultural society and our two national languages.

There are 3,500 children in Durham enrolled in French immersion classes. The programme, which offers classes from Grade 1 to OAC, is taught in 11 elementary and six

secondary schools in the region. And it is not just French-speaking families who are participating.

"The vast majority of parents are English speaking who are looking for enrichment opportunities for their children," says Bev Freedman, superintendent of programmes for the Durham District School Board. "We also have many parents for whom English is not their first language; it may be Hindi or something else. It's a fairly diverse group of students in the programme."

Tolerance aside, the two World Wars have done a lot for Canada's self-image. Canada entered the First World War automatically when Britain declared war in 1914. The bravery shown by Canadians in battles such as Vimy Ridge earned us the right to declare war ourselves, a full week after Britain in 1939.

On the home front, Durham Region was greatly influenced by the Second World War.

Prior to the war there was no town of Ajax. Shortly after the outbreak of war about 50 farms were expropriated to make way for Defence Industries Limited.

By the end of the war it would be

the largest munitions plant in the British Commonwealth, employing 9,000 people. Many of the temporary homes built for workers still stand today (modified and upgraded) as home to modern-day Ajacians.

Sam McLaughlin located his carriage works, which later became General Motors Canada, in Oshawa because of access to railway lines and a deep water port.

That access made the location an ideal spot to produce needed war materials.

"After 1941 GM in Oshawa completely switched to war production," says Dave Moutenay, supervisor of service and parts operations.

"They built everything from half-ton trucks and anti-tank gun mechanisms to the fuselages for the Mosquito bomber."

He estimates that one-half million vehicles were produced for the war effort to be shipped all over the world. "There's still lots of them running in Third World countries today."

But we're not a nation of warmongers. Lester B. Pearson won the Nobel Peace prize for his efforts to maintain peace during the Suez Crisis by proposing the creation of a

United Nations peacekeeping force. Since then Canadian soldiers have served as peacekeepers in the Golan Heights, Cyprus, Haiti, the former Yugoslavia and many other world hot spots.

Our contribution to Western pop culture is undeniable, and often bilingual. Whether you listen to Neil Young or Celine Dion, Alanis Morissette or Bryan Adams, Sloan or Bran Van 3000, you can take pride in the fact they're Canadian.

We've produced shows like SCTV and The Kids in the Hall that have been the stomping ground of many of Hollywood's top comedians. And, Canada is the birthplace of actors

like Mary Pickford, Lorne Greene, William Shatner, Jim Carrey and Pamela Anderson.

Finally, it wouldn't be Canadian if we didn't highlight what it is that sets us apart from Americans: Americans treasure their right to bear arms. We prefer safe and quiet streets. Americans brag about living in the greatest country in the world. We quietly know ours is. (And it doesn't hurt to have the United Nations say so.)

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## Youth charged in Ajax man's stabbing

AJAX — A 19-year-old Ajax man suffered minor injuries to his neck when he was stabbed by a knife-wielding, baton-twirling youth on Sunday night.

Durham Regional Police were called to a doughnut shop at 250 Bayly St. E. around 10:45 p.m. after a fight broke out between two males which resulted in the stabbing.

Following the altercation, police say a boy matching the suspect's description was picked up by uniformed officers a short distance from the scene.

The canine unit was also called in and the police dog found a collapsible baton the youth was reported to have been carrying at the time of the fight.

The victim was treated for non-life threatening injuries and subsequently released from Ajax-Pickering General Hospital.

A 14-year-old Ajax boy is charged with assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon and breach of recognizance.

Under conditions of the Young Offenders Act the identity of the youth cannot be disclosed.

He was scheduled to appear for a bail hearing in Oshawa court Monday.

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## EDITORIAL

OUR VIEWS ON THE NEWS

# Always a great nation

Let's celebrate the best day of the year — Wednesday, July 1, Canada Day.

Get out there and breathe in some fresh air, enjoy a ride on a local midway, wear the red and white proudly, salute the flag and sing the anthem. Because, Canada, truly one of the very best places in the world in which to live, is worth it.

As we turn 131 and on the verge of a new millennium there is much to be proud of.

We're still united — the True North Strong and Free.

The economy is in the best shape it's been in in more than a decade with unemployment dropping, inflation nearly zero and interest rates as low as most people can remember.

There's a renewed commitment to cleaning up the environment, to making sure our children and their children have a safe, pure country to grow up in.

We're at peace, we're looking at a projected great summer.

What more could you want.

Often times in this land, we tend to focus on the negatives. Really, they're so small — crime, taxes, the Senate (who doesn't have problems?) — in comparison with the rest of the world they only serve to make us realize what a great country we live in.

So, really, have a good time today and enjoy the privilege of being a Canadian. Try to realize just how lucky you are.

# Pickering well served

You can love 'em or hate 'em, but you can't call the people who run your town shrinking violets or bench warmers.

So the News Advertiser concluded when we compiled our Report Card on members of Pickering Council, who have just finished serving the first half of the first year of their three-year term.

You might disagree with your local councillor's stand on a particular issue or you might detest the way a Town politician grandstands.

But, Pickering Council members all seem to be putting in a decent effort at the jobs they're doing. That's why you won't find any poor grades on the Report Card on Page 4 of today's News Advertiser.

Wayne Arthurs, now in his fourth term as mayor, has pretty well perfected his leadership role. He gives councillors ample opportunity to state their case; it's unfortunate that some may take advantage of the leeway he gives them. The mayor isn't afraid to speak his mind on matters about which he's passionate: the need for an environmental review of the Pickering nuclear plant, for example. Mayor Arthurs is also good at getting council members to compromise. Of course, it helps that this crop at Town hall isn't as irascible as the last crew.

Also bringing lots of experience to the table are Council veterans Maurice Brenner, Doug Dickerson and Rick Johnson. Messrs. Brenner and Dickerson have never met a camera, a recorder or a reporter they didn't like. But, they're committed to serving their town well. Coun. Johnson is equally dedicated to his community and his constituents, but prefers to put on his show as an auctioneer for countless charities.

Coun. Dave Ryan, in his second term, is more quiet, but still manages to get the job done.

And, newcomers Mark Holland and David Pickles have proved they were worthy of election to Council last November.

All in all, we think, the people of Pickering are being well served thus far.

## WE ASKED

THE QUESTION IS: WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ASPECT ABOUT LIVING IN CANADA?



**Alfredo Colalillo** says, "It's a clean, safe country."



**Heather Corcoran** says, "All of my family lives here."



**Jim Clarke** says, "We have the best health care system."



## LETTERS

OUR READERS' VIEWS ON THE NEWS

### Treat nuclear workers for drug abuse

**To the editor:**  
Your paper recently ran a well-balanced article by Marianne Takacs on the issue of drug screening for Ontario Hydro employees working in critical areas of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. It stated that in August 1997 a recommendation had been made by the Independent Integrated Performance Assessment, and accepted by Ontario Hydro and the Power Workers' Union, that a drug screening programme was needed and was to be implemented. Such a requirement exists in the U.S. nuclear energy industry. The union approval was, I believe, predicated upon the proviso that no innocent employees would lose their jobs as a result.

This screening programme would be directly linked to a substance abuse treatment programme to help the afflicted employees recover, keep their jobs, and improve the safety of the nuclear station and the citizens living near the reactors. The natural assumption one would make from this series of events is that there is at least a reasonable suspicion that substance abuse on the site of the nuclear plant exists, and that there may be impaired workers operating, inspecting or servicing the reactors. Mr. Andognini and Mr. Murphy both agreed it was necessary and reasonable so why then is it not happening? The issue of mandatory testing is irrelevant if all parties are obviously in agreement to the parameters set forth in Mr. Murphy's letter to Mr. Farlinger, whose response clearly indicated he concurred with the union's concerns.

I both live and work in Pickering and am naturally concerned for the safety and welfare of my family, my neighbours, and my patients. As a physician whose expertise includes identifying and treating people with substance abuse problems, I have great compassion for people who are trapped in the vicious grip of substance dependency, a medical and social problem which should not be a legal problem.

I also know through direct experience that workers are suc-

cessfully being treated for substance abuse, with the full awareness and co-operation of their employers. Not only have their lives, and the lives of their families, dramatically improved, but job performance escalates and workplace safety dramatically increases.

This is a scenario where all parties benefit greatly, and no one loses. Yet this opportunity is being missed at Ontario Hydro for reasons which apparently elude rational explanation. I, and I hope the rest of the citizens of Ajax and Pickering, would like to know why.

Mike Semoff, M.D.,  
Pickering

### Revenue neutral defined

**To the editor:**  
There still seems to be a great deal of confusion regarding the provincial Tories' claims of "revenue neutral" changes to our tax system with respect to "downloading". I believe this simple explanation will assist the average citizen's understanding of exactly what "My Way or the Highway Mike" had in mind:

Take the amount of money you've saved due to reductions in your provincial income tax, deduct the amount your property taxes go up due to downloading and there you have it! Revenue neutral!

Don't worry though, the Conservatives will ensure that every community receives just enough one-time grant money to offset any huge increases that would otherwise occur before the next election. You'll never know what hit you until it's too late.

Nelson Cross,  
Ajax

### Help keep kids off deadly weed

**To the editor:**  
I have a private member's bill I before Parliament that would place a 50-cent levy on every carton of cigarettes sold in Canada.

This is one of those issues that Canadians seem unwilling to tackle because this stinking habit has been with us so long. We throw up our hands. By now we know some people can quit and some can't. Some would rather go out gasping for air than give up their little friends. So what are you going to do about human nature?

Well, I'm not trying to put every Canadian on the patch. I say adults can do what they want to about the weed, as long as they don't blow it in my face. But I think we do have an obligation to the kids. They get hooked before they know it, and suddenly one generation's agony becomes the next generation's agony.

And I do mean agony. Many people have had a loved one die from tobacco, and many more watch in constant anxiety, knowing that someone close to them is playing Russian roulette with their addiction.

Men in our society are at least starting to get a handle on tobacco addiction, but women — particularly young girls — are easy prey to the tobacco companies' depiction of a lean, independent lifestyle.

Kids right now aren't getting the message. For every \$100 the federal government collects in tobacco taxes, only a penny goes back into tobacco education. Tell me that isn't a disgrace.

The 50-cent levy at the centre of my bill would raise \$120 million a year. In the first year, \$60 million would go to community-based efforts to curb smoking among young people, \$50 million would go to cultural and sports groups to compensate them for their sponsorship losses under bill C-71, and \$10 million would go to Canadian tobacco farmers switching to other crops.

Please write your MP in support of the Tobacco Industry Responsibility Act.

Senator Colin Kenny,  
(Liberal — Ontario)

RUTH HENDRICKS  
OPINION SHAPER



Pickering resident Ruth Hendricks is an insurance broker by day and a writer by night, the latter being her one great passion.

## Home sweet home

Durham Region is populated by some fortunate people who manage to live and work here. Then there's the rest of us. We're the commuters. We chose to live here, but for the time being at least we have to work there — there being Toronto. It has been over two years now since I purchased my first home here and Pickering adopted me. I have never regretted it. Not for a minute.

When I made the decision to live here, I also made a promise to myself to frequent the local businesses, making a concerted effort to spend my meagre bucks right here at home, rather than in Toronto. I wanted to put my money back into the economy of my own town, and not the big city of Toronto, a city which in my opinion has more than its fair share of pay-cheques spent there. When the recent talk of downloading began, I reaffirmed that I would work even harder to spend as much of my money as possible here, putting it back into my own community.

Now, before there is a big uproar over this, let me state quite clearly that I think Toronto is a great place. I just don't choose to live there. I live here, and for the first time in my life I have a sense of community. I cherish this feeling of belonging. I feel not only a responsibility, but a joy in helping our region flourish and prosper.

In my humble opinion, all of us who live here owe it to our community to put our money back into it, to invest in ourselves and each other, by spending as much of our money as we can right here in our own backyards. What kinds of things am I talking about? Our banking, music/dance lessons for the kids, hairdressers, specialty shops, libraries, doctors, dentists, pharmacies, book stores, health clubs, coffee shops, groceries, CD and electronic equipment stores, as well as corner stores. It's often tempting to run into a shop near the office, but I try to fight the urge and shop here at home, helping another mom-and-pop business flourish.

Durham has nightclubs, bingo halls, gas stations, opticians, a college, auto dealerships and repair shops, office and computer equipment stores, clothing retailers, great malls, travel agents, movies and entertainment. This is just a small cross-section of the goods and services offered in Durham. In fact, I think of more ways to spend my money here every day (sometimes too many ways to spend it!) All of us who love our communities need to focus on investing in ourselves and our local businesses so that when we reach into our pockets and purses in Toronto, it becomes an automatic reflex to say, "Hey, wait a minute. Can't I buy that nearer my home?" Our local business people will be stronger for it.

My point is that though Toronto is unquestionably a great city, Pickering is my home. As we make Durham region more economically viable, perhaps sometime in the near future more of us will be able to not only live here, but work here as well. How tantalizing is the idea of dropping the daily commute? Besides, the upcoming downloading is a great inspiration. We always hear that we shouldn't bite the hand that feeds us, but in this case, after already being overtaxed in the first place, then bearing the added burden of downloading, if we were to drop most of our money in Toronto rather than at home, it would be more like feeding the mouth that bites us. We're smarter than that.

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# Durham still waiting for a commitment from Province to battle downloading costs

## WITHOUT MONEY, REGIONAL PORTION OF TAXES COULD JUMP BY \$150

By Keith Gilligan  
Staff Writer

Durham Region councillors are still waiting for the provincial government to come through with "money, a cheque or commitment" to combat downloading costs they say will hurt taxpayers here.

Councillors originally demanded definitive answers from the Province by Wednesday, June 24.

If no revenue relief is made available to taxpayers here, they could be on the hook for a property tax increase of \$150 for Regional services.

Durham Chairman Roger Anderson told the finance committee last Wednesday. "I was told we'll have an answer Friday or Monday. It's in the hands of the Province until Monday. Tuesday is too late" as Regional Council holds what is usually the final meeting before the summer recess that day.

Durham is facing a bill of \$28.5 million to pay for service responsibilities, being downloaded by the Province.

That could be higher if more people than expected appeal their property assessments.

Coun. Brian Nicholson said once the Region's budget, the download-



**BRIAN NICHOLSON**  
"We want to give them every opportunity to come forward."

ing costs and the 2.3-per cent increase in the waste budget are taken into account, homeowners could be hit with a property tax increase of about \$150.

Finance Commissioner Jim Clapp said only \$12.40 of that per-household increase can be attributed to additional spending in the Region's budget, while downloading costs

will run at \$127.50 for each homeowner.

Coun. Nicholson said the Region is anxious to hear from provincial officials on whether the downloading will be revenue neutral and, if not, whether Queen's Park will compensate Durham.

"We want to give them every opportunity to come forward. I guess we're saying hold your comments for another week."

"They're fully aware of the impacts on regional taxpayers. The Province is aware, our MPPs are aware and the premier is aware. A 14.5-per cent increase rests with the Province," he added.

Mr. Anderson fears this area's taxpayers will be especially burdened by downloading costs. "It's safe to say I don't know of a municipality or region as hard hit as Durham."

And, "It's not because we haven't been fiscally responsible."

Mr. Clapp predicted the Province won't come through with a promise next week that downloading will be revenue neutral.

Instead, there will be a "year-end reconciliation" when Queen's Park will write a cheque to compensate Durham, he anticipates.

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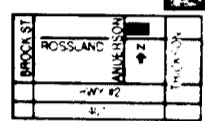
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Ontario Hydro and the Power Workers Union have reached an agreement on a new contract for the period to March 31, 2000.

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The new collective agreement was reached with the assistance of a mediator and provides for wage and benefit improvements and the establishment of five new collective agreements for the successor organizations that are to take over when Ontario Hydro is restructured.

It calls for a wage increase of 2.5 per cent this year, retroactive to April 1, and 2.5 per cent next year, as well as enhanced pension benefits.

It also stipulates Hydro will not request the provincial government to exempt the company or the union from the successor rights provisions of its electricity restructuring legislation.

"This agreement is an excellent example of how Ontario Hydro and the PWU can work effectively in developing an efficient organization that is well positioned for competition," said Hydro president and CEO Ron Osborne in a joint Hydro/PWU media statement announcing the contract. "It ushers in a whole new era of cooperation between the company and the union, and the creation of a new productive relationship."



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### TOWN PUBLIC MEETINGS

- JULY 8 Site Plan Advisory Committee @ Town Hall
- JULY 8 Committee of Adjustment @ Town Hall

### TOWN OF PICKERING HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1998

**CIVIC COMPLEX - TOWN HALL**  
Wednesday, July 1 Closed

**GARBAGE COLLECTION**  
Wednesday, July 1 Pick up on Saturday, July 4

**PICKERING MUSEUM VILLAGE**  
Wednesday, July 1 Closed

**ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES**  
Wednesday, July 1 Closed

**Pickering Central Library**  
Closed Sundays until Mid-October  
**PICKERING TRANSIT**  
Ride Pickering Transit Buses to Canada Day Celebrations from the GO Train every 1-2 hour starting at 12 Noon  
19 & under FREE, all others \$1.00  
Wednesday, July 1 No Service

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Wednesday, July 1 Closed

**RECREATION COMPLEX POOLS**  
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Wednesday, July 1 Closed

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
Emergency Services will not be affected by the Holiday Schedule.  
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Emergency Telephone Number is (905) 683-4319

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- Fall Leisure Programs
- Learn to Swim & Public Swim
- Fitness Classes & Memberships
- Squash, Tennis, Racquetball
- Pickering Museum Event Listing
- Youth Programs & Volunteer Opportunities
- Town Services & Events

For Fall Registration Details Call 420-4621.

## 1998 CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

At Kinsmen Park, Sandy Beach Road, south of Bayly  
Great Family Activities starting at 12:00 noon

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<p>Canadian Progress Club, Pickering Men Canadian Progress Club, Pickering-Ajax Women</p>	<p>1st Westshore Scouts K.G. Old Severin (German Canadian Club) Pickering Concert Band Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association Pickering Rep Softball Pickering Nuclear</p>	<p>Kinsmen Club of Pickering Ontario Hydro <b>PICKERING NUCLEAR</b></p>
<p>Children's Stage Show 12:30 p.m. To 4:30 p.m. &amp; Main Stage Show 6:25 p.m. To 11:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Pyromusical Fireworks Show 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>1st Bay Ridges Boy Scouts Pickering Softball Association South Pickering Seniors' Club #753 Pickering Citizens Club Amnesty International Knights of Columbus</p>
<p>Free Parking with Shuttle Bus Every 1/2 hour between the Pickering GO Train and Kinsmen Park</p>	<p>Bus Fare 19 &amp; under FREE All others \$1</p>	<p>Pad Parking near Kinsmen Park \$2.00 per vehicle while spaces last! (very limited parking)</p>

### NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that the **Town of Pickering** has been selected as the "Best Town for Families" in Canada by the Readers' Choice Awards of Canadian Living magazine. (see page 47 of the July issue of Canadian Living magazine)

### NOTICE RE: 1998 FINAL TAX BILLS

Due to delays by the Province of Ontario with respect to changes to property assessment and tax legislation, the Municipality will not be setting their tax rates until sometime in June.  
The final tax bill will not be mailed until at the earliest August.  
Tax Department

### PICKERING OFFICIAL PLAN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CONTROLS

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Pickering enacted By-law Number 5324/98 at its regular meeting of June 15, 1998 to adopt Amendment 1 to the Official Plan for the Town of Pickering to add an appropriate policy on property maintenance and occupancy controls to the Pickering Official Plan. The purpose and effect of this policy is to provide Town Council with the authority to pass municipal by-laws related to property standards.  
Information relating to Amendment 1 to the Official Plan is available at the Clerk's Department, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, Ontario, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.  
Amendment 1 to the Pickering Official Plan has been submitted to the Regional Municipality of Durham for its approval. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision is made to the approval authority.  
All written requests to be notified of the decision respecting Amendment 1 to the Pickering Official Plan must be sent to:  
Regional Municipality of Durham  
Planning Department  
2615 Dundas Street East, 4th Floor  
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Should you require any information with respect to Amendment 1 to the Pickering Official Plan, please contact Geoff McKay, Planner 1 at (905) 420-4660, or (905) 683-2760, extension 2032, or Catherine Rose, Manager, Policy Division at extension 2038.  
Bruce Taylor, AMCT, CMM  
Town Clerk

### NO PARKING ON TOWN STREETS

No person shall on any Town street park any vehicle for a period longer than three (3) hours unless indicated otherwise.

### 1998 SUMMER "DROP-IN"

June 28th-Aug. 14th  
"AGES 13-19"  
Schedule subject to parent approval

<p>First Edge Secondary School Mon, Wed. &amp; Fri. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. "Large Gymnasium"</p>	<p>St. Mary Catholic High School Monday 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. &amp; 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. "Gym" &amp; "Drop In"</p>
<p>East Shore Community Centre 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays &amp; Fridays 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. "Gym and Games Room"</p>	<p>Brougham Hall "Drop In" Fall in a wheelchair at the "Vanguard Street, the west of June 16th"</p>

★ CANADA DAY - WED., JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> ★  
★ "FREE" Bungee Run & Velcro Olympics  
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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Artful quilters

Members of the Durham Quilters proudly display one of their creations being donated to the Festival of Trees, a fund-raising event organized to support health care in Durham Region. From left are Terry Keys, Alice Carnegie, Shirley Hallett and Judy Skinner.

## Award-winning Hoofers head to Lake Tahoe

Students from Hoofers Performing Arts are on their way to Lake Tahoe!

Several students from Hoofers competed in Niagara Falls, New York this past May, coming away with numerous awards qualifying them for the National Finals in Lake Tahoe July 6 to 9. Special nominations were awarded to Jennifer Maciocia, age 10, for Jr. Sweetheart and Ashley Schofield, age 12, for Sr. Sweetheart.

Nathan Blake, age 11, was both nominated and awarded the title of 'Junior Heart Throb' of Niagara Falls, New York and will be performing and competing along with 10 other boys all across the United States eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship.

All three students along with students Julie Allin, Brenna Hurley, and Victoria McAllister have won other prestigious awards this past dance season.

At Champions Dance Festival held in Oshawa, Ashley Schofield won the only 'Platinum' award of the festival of 657 entries for her tap solo 'Axel F' under soloist, overall highest tap mark of any tap solo, duo, trio, group, line or production and 'Champion of Champions,' highest mark of the Festival. Ashley will

compete with her tap solo this summer in Lake Tahoe also qualifying and competing with her jazz and ballet solos.

Jennifer Maciocia won overall 10 and under soloist at Champions with Victoria McAllister behind her by .333 as runner-up. Jennifer and Victoria were also part of a group 'Hokey Pokey' winning runner-up 'Most Entertaining' 10 and under group.

At the Can-Dance East Pageant and Competition, Nathan Blake was awarded the title of Jr. Mr. Can-Dance East and Julie Allin winning second runner-up Jr. Miss Can-Dance East.

This pageant consisted of solo performance, modelling, interview and audition classes in tap, jazz and ballet. Age six and under tap group (Chelsey Prosser, Robin Blake, Riley McAllister, Hilary Brough and Amanda Lembo) were runner-up overall Mini Group. Also winning an overall scholarship was Jennifer Maciocia, Brenna Hurley, and Victoria McAllister for 10 and under duo/trio at the Trillium Dance Festival.

Students at Hoofers are now taking a break before starting up at their summer while preparing for their trip to Lake Tahoe.

## Kids invited to 'Follow the Son'

**PICKERING** -- A Vacation Bible School for children four to 12 is being offered this summer at Church of the Nazarene, 1367 Altona Rd., Pickering. The school from 9 a.m. to noon and

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# 'Unruly' party irks neighbours

## HUNDREDS OF UNINVITED REVELLERS SPILL ONTO PICKERING STREET

PICKERING — Concerns remain after a Father's Day party at a home here drew hundreds of revellers and spilled out onto the street, leaving in its wake trampled gardens, trash and bitter neighbours.

Residents living near the Blue Ridge Crescent home where the Sunday bash was held "were upset and distraught and they felt threatened and unsafe in their own homes," reports Ward 3 local councillor David Pickles. "They are still very upset about the whole thing," says Coun. Pickles, who reports party-goers also left scuff marks on garage doors "and were going to the washroom all over the place. There was a lot of litter and damage."

"I hear (from neighbours who've called him) there were illegal activities taking place — drinking and drugs — and that they were being threatened. "It was rather unruly. It's not the kind of thing you'd expect to happen in a suburban neighbourhood."

Durham Regional Police received more than a dozen complaints about the party, beginning at around 5:45 p.m. But the initial call was listed as a noise complaint, which is a "typical call" and is considered a low priority, reports Staff Sergeant Dave Wilson.

That's because police want to ensure officers can report to emergency calls, explains Staff Sgt. Wilson. Another seven officers were on duty at the Ajax Home Week fireworks display at the time of the first complaints. "Everybody was tied up and busy."

The incident was upgraded to a priority call around 7 p.m. after repeated complaints that revellers were spilling onto the street, and onto neighbours' driveways, yards and porches. Six officers arrived on the scene about 15 minutes later and started to clear the area of people who showed up at the party uninvited and were turned away at the door. Police speculate that many of the estimated 300 party-goers came from the Greenwood Conservation Area where other festivities were taking place after hearing about the house bash through word of mouth.

By 9:30 p.m., about 15 officers were at the scene, some from the public order unit. A paddy wagon was sent to the scene. The last officer left at 11 p.m., with no charges being laid.

"It's much better to gain control slowly than it is to come in using force," Sgt. Wilson says of the time it

took to disperse crowds. "You don't want a confrontation."

Public order unit officers "are trained to gain control in a peaceful manner and have (people) move out in an orderly fashion. Sometimes this does take time."

But Coun. Pickles still has concerns, which he took up with police Wednesday and plans to discuss with the police services board. "What I've committed to do for the residents is find out how it occurred and to ensure it doesn't occur again in any neighbourhood."

And while residents "say police did a good job (once officers got there), they're wondering if police have enough resources," he says.

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Richard Gaboury (left) was spoiled this Father's Day by his son, Kevin, 10, (centre) who won tickets to take his dad to a Toronto Blue Jays game in a News Advertiser contest. Children in Durham were invited to submit a piece about their dad and tell us why their dad is special. Kevin wrote that his dad has taught him "to be a good sport, and most important, a good person." Ad coordinator Natalie Miller (right) presents the ball fans with their tickets.

## Kids

# learn to babysit, handle a crisis

AJAX — St. John Ambulance has two courses designed to teach young people safety while keeping them busy during the summer. The first course, "What Every Babysitter Should Know" is a one-day, seven-hour programme designed to teach kids diapering, bottle feeding, bathing and other child care responsibilities. The course also provides information and guidelines on dealing with shy-ness, colic, nightmares, temper tantrums and dangerous snacks. Basic first aid and artificial respiration are also included in the course.

The babysitting will be offered in Ajax Fridays, July 10 or Aug. 21.

"We Can Help" is a one-day course designed to teach kids basic first aid skills with an emphasis on safety awareness, choking, bleeding/bandaging, poisoning, sprains/fractures, frostbite and more. The course also instructs children how to use the 911 system and give participants skills to cope with common non-life threatening emergencies. The 10-step information components provide information on shock, hazardous products, unconscious/reco very positions, neck/spinal injuries and burns.

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### Stop and go...

Julia Lewis of the Soccer Connection meets up with opponent Paul Sheppard of the Christian Life Centre in midfield during Pickering Village Soccer Club play at the Pickering High School Fields. Kids across the region are in full soccer swing as leagues and teams enter the middle portion of the season.

### Pickering Powers its way to the top

**PICKERING** — The Pickering Power under-9 boys' soccer team did their hometown proud recently in the Pickering Invitational Tournament hosted at Kinsmen Park.

The under-10 squad blanked Barrie 3-0 in their first match of the day with two goals from Erik Zenatis and one by Chad Gaudet.

The Power defeated St. Catharines in the second game 4-2 with two goals from Chris Chappell and singles by Zenatis and Alex Trujillo.

Pickering came up against a tough West Rouge team in game three and pre-

served the 2-2 win with a spectacular mid-air grab by goalkeeper William Mitchell in the dying seconds of the game. Pickering goals were tallied by Chappell, Zenatis and Stephen Boyle.

A nail-biter followed in the semi-final when overtime was required to settle the score. Whitty tied it up on a penalty kick awarded during injury time, but Pickering's goal in the opening minutes of the first overtime half gave the Power a 4-3 win and a berth in the championship game. Scoring for Pickering were Gaudet, Trujillo, Chappell and Boyle.

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**Summer basketball sign-ups set for Thursday**

**PICKERING** — Registration for a new summer boys' basketball league in Ajax is set for Pickering Thursday, July 2.

Sign-ups are at the Pickering Recreation Complex from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The league will be split into two divisions — one for boys 12 and 13 years and another for boys 14 and 15. Games will be played at Lincoln Alexander Public School on Church Street North in Ajax on Saturday mornings.

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## Pickering Pirates perfect in major mosquito select play

COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN AGAINST AJAX RECORDED

**PICKERING** — The Pickering Pirates Grand and Toy major mosquito select baseball team remains undefeated at the mid-way point of league play.

The Pirates have a perfect record of six wins and no losses with six games remaining in the regular season.

The Grand and Toy mosquitoes recently took a doubleheader against the Ajax Spartans, winning by scores of 7-5 and 8-7.

Stephen Lopez, Greg Beurling and Shawn Mayhew combined to pitch a two-hitter in the Pirates' victory in game one. The trio posted eight strikeouts and seven walks through six innings.

Andrew Bergman and Lopez each recorded home runs in the four-run second inning. Defensively, third baseman Matthew Perrault assisted on two outs in the sixth inning to squelch a potential Ajax rally.

Game two featured Pickering's first come-from-behind victory of the season. Ajax produced four runs in the first two innings, forcing three Pickering errors. The Pirates went ahead in the fifth inning and further padded their lead in the sixth when Zach Bader scored on a home run by Bergman to put Pickering up 7-4 heading into the final frame. Ajax tied the game with a three-run seventh. But, in the home half of the inning, Perrault scored the winning run when a hit by Taylor Gray forced an overthrow to first base. Pitchers Justin Bruce, Perrault, Gray and Bergman combined for four earned runs on eight hits and nine strikeouts.

The Grand and Toy Pirates swept Whitby Red in a doubleheader by 10-5 and 16-8 counts.

In game one, Pirates' pitchers Brandon Silcock, Josh Acheson,

Buerling, Gray and Bergman teamed up to record the win, allowing five earned runs on four hits and five walks. Gray and Bader led the 10-run Pickering onslaught as each posted a double.

Tessa Thomas and Lopez each drove in two runs.

Whitty stayed even with Pickering through the first two innings of game two. But, the Pirates sent 10 hitters to the plate in the fifth and last inning, scoring six runs on six hits, including back-to-back doubles by Brandon Mazerall and Mayhew. Acheson led the hit parade, going three-for-three, while Bader, Gray, Thomas and Mayhew pitched the team to its sixth win, allowing five hits and striking out five.

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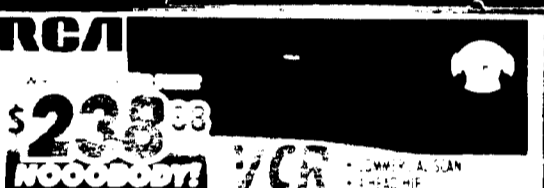


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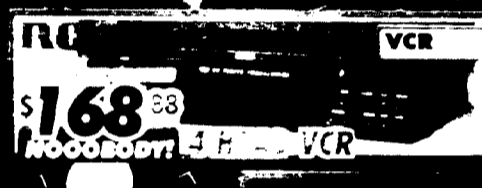
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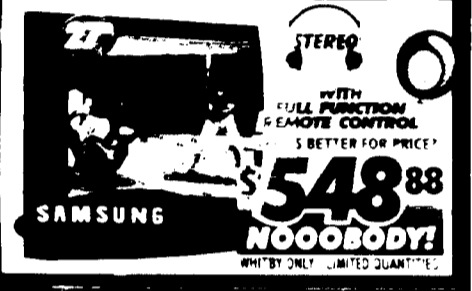
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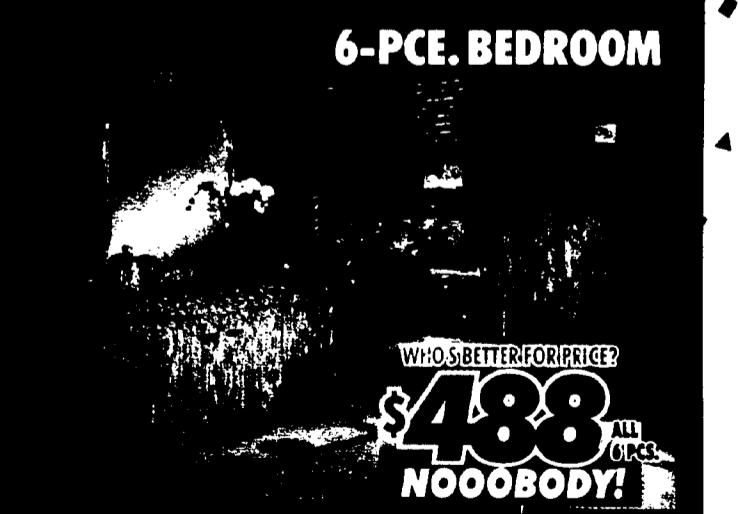
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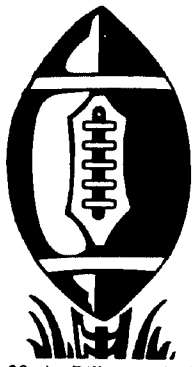
Scott Fryer had a touchdown and a convert to lead the Falcons in the contest at Lord Elgin Public School. Brandon Carne and Andrew Miller also had majors. Jason McMaster chipped in with a convert and also grabbed an interception. Sean Mensour also picked off a pass.

Scoring for the Bills were John Burgess with two touchdowns, one coming on a kickoff return, a convert and an interception. Brian Horner also had a major.

In the junior division match the same day, the Cowboys ran roughshod over the Raiders 27-6. Jason Jurimae scored three touchdowns, one on an interception return, and three converts. Thomas Roach scored a major and picked off a pass for the winners.

Marcus Brennan scored the Raiders' lone touchdown. Jarrett Risebrough and Shawn Roach each had an interception.

In senior division action on



June 23, the Bills sent the Packers packing with a 27-0 victory. John Burgess led the way for the Bills with three touchdowns, one on an interception, and three converts. Ola Allen added a touchdown on an interception and Brian Horner picked off two passes. Kieron Gogven was credited with two quarterback sacks, while Marc Pepin had one.

Scott Nasato and Steven Durst recorded interceptions for the Packers.

In the junior match-up, the Cowboys rode past the Dolphins 14-8. Jason Jurimae

scored a touchdown and added two converts. Thomas Roach recorded a major and Shawn Roach had an interception.

Shawn Walker ran back a kickoff return for a Dolphins' touchdown. Nigel Fingal had a one-point convert and A.J. Lozanovski recorded a single point.

In senior division action on June 22, the Falcons soared past the Packers 18-0. Stephan Mootoo, Sean Mensour and Scott Fryer scored touchdowns for the Falcons. Brandon Carne had three quarterback sacks. Andrew Miller, Brendan Hendel-McCarthy and Jason McMaster each had one sack.

Jared Roth had one interception for the Packers.

In the junior game, the Dolphins scored a 27-6 win over the Raiders. Kyle Herroitt scored a touchdown and added a convert and an interception. Jeff Draga and Shawn Walker each had a major and a convert. Maxime Tremblay added a touchdown and an interception and Adam Crooks picked off a pass.

Mark Fryer scored the lone touchdown for the Raiders.

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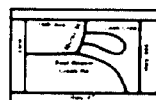
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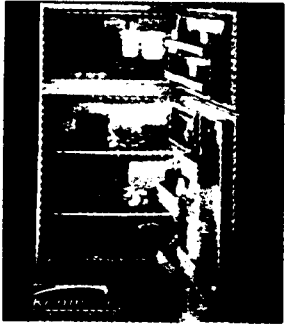
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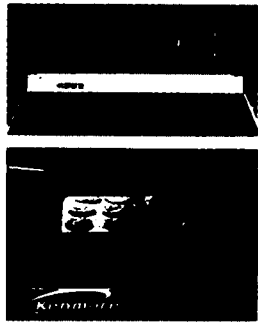
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As is our tradition, Recycler's Report and the Ajax-Pickering News Advertiser bring you the Treasure Chest on a regular basis.

The monthly feature allows you to give away items you no longer use and list articles you need.

The Pregnancy Help Centre of Durham, located in Oshawa, sends a warm thank you to the many residents of south Ajax who responded enthusiastically last month to the centre's request for baby items.

To use the Treasure Chest, call 420-5625 during regular business hours. Requests must be made by the last Wednesday of the month.

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Dogs have no sweat glands so even a short

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# Employment Insurance system ripped by unemployed

LIBERAL MP DENIES ATTACK, BUT WORKERS FEEL DISCRIMINATION EXISTS IN SYSTEM

By Brian McNeil  
Staff Writer

Claims that the Liberal government's Employment Insurance Act is inherently discriminatory have been dismissed as "ridiculous" by Oshawa MP Ivan Grose.

A tour by three members of the Unemployed Workers' Council (UWC) made a stop at the United Steelworkers' Office in Oshawa on Friday, where Mike Clancy, a former employee of Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) said EI discriminates against workers, especially women re-entering the workforce, visible minorities, injured workers, the elderly and people with disabilities.

"The mechanism deliberately discriminates," said Mr. Clancy, pointing to vast differences in money available from region to region.

Mr. Clancy, who worked as a counsellor for HRDC for 12 years until 1997, says he was gradually forced out of his job when he took up the cause of clients in Kenora.

He has since gathered information from people looking for a fair shake and says that certain regions in Ontario deliberately withhold or hide funds from potential claimants.

As an example of discrimination, Mr. Clancy pointed to discrepancies between Greater Toronto Area municipality Richmond Hill, where he says a person on extended EI benefits can claim up to \$413 a week plus tuition for training, and neighbouring Brampton, where he says the same person would receive nothing.

"This, in my mind, is a very blatant example of discrimination," Mr. Clancy says.

Contacted at his Oshawa riding office on Friday, Mr. Grose vehemently denied the charges.

"I absolutely reject that word:

## Nuclear station radiation doses still low

The latest Radiation Index released by the Atomic Energy Control Board indicates total public radiation exposures from the Pickering and Darlington nuclear stations in the first quarter of 1998 remained extremely low.

During the three-month period from Jan. 1 to March 31, the public radiation doses due to the operation of the Pickering and Darlington stations were 2.5 and 1.2 microsieverts, respectively.

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"discrimination," he said. "At the very worst, there may be holes in the system."

Mr. Grose said he would be happy to sit down with members of the UWC and try to rectify any problems that may exist in Oshawa, but said he knew nothing about the press conference.

Also making the 27-stop tour across Ontario are UWC co-ordinator John Maclelaan and executive member Richard Hudon.

"We think the EI surplus should go back to those who put the money in," Maclelaan says of workers who

have contributed to EI. "There's a lot of money there."

Mr. Clancy has filed a letter of complaint to the Canadian Human Rights Commission, and is looking among other things for an apology for the treatment he received at HRDC and a commitment from the

government to design EI legislation that is fair for all.

The UWC encourages anyone with a story to tell of EI discrimination to call 1-888-741-5359.

Whitby-Ajax MP Judi Longfield and Durham East MP Alex Shepherd were unavailable for comment.

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