

\$790 million to restart reactors

But Ontario Hydro must improve all troubled nuclear operations before restarting Pickering

BY MARIANNE TAKACS
Staff Writer

PICKERING — It may cost \$790 million to restart the 'A' side of the Pickering nuclear station and it will only be fired up if Ontario Hydro greatly improves all of its troubled nuclear operations.

"It's really important we

keep in mind the Pickering 'A' restart is dependent on sustained improved performance at Pickering 'B', Darlington and Bruce," Gene Preston, who's leading Ontario Hydro's nuclear division improvement strategy, told Pickering Council Monday. And, he said, the restart will also depend on whether the util-

ity can expect a return on its investment in Pickering.

Mr. Preston attended the meeting to explain Hydro's plans for Pickering 'A', following last month's authorization of a \$50-million expenditure by the utility to prepare for the possible restart of the 'A' side of the station beginning in June 2000.

However, he spent much of his visit defending Hydro's fire safety strategy at Pickering in the face of a barrage of questions from Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner.

Coun. Brenner asked why Hydro hasn't come up with a new proposal for an emergency fire response arrangement with

the Town of Pickering a year after the issue was first discussed with civic officials and after Hydro's initial response plan was not accepted by Town staff.

Mr. Preston replied Hydro would have its new plan to the Town within two weeks. He

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Eye in the sky?

Durham police hope to share in possible chopper

BY STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Writer

A helicopter to patrol the skies above Durham Region and neighbouring communities would be a "huge" advantage for police, but won't put an end to high-speed chases, Chief Kevin McAlpine says.

Police departments in the Greater Toronto Area have recently joined forces to explore the possibility of a shared chopper service.

The committee — with representatives from Durham, Toronto, Peel, Halton, York and Hamilton-Wentworth police services — was struck in response to word the provincial government may consider helicopter funding.

Chief McAlpine says the committee is in the process of developing an "operational procedure" in the hope of getting provincial approval for a pilot project.

"I'm not sure if anybody really understands what a helicopter can or cannot do and that's why we need a pilot project," he says.

With Durham Regional Police patrolling an area of roughly 1,000 square miles, the largest of the GTA forces, access to a helicopter could have enormous benefits. Chief McAlpine said his service is in a "unique situation" in that it covers a large chunk of Lake Ontario's shoreline, the urban communities which line it as well as rural communities as far north as Beaverton.

"In terms of ground and water searches a helicopter could make a huge difference," he said, referring to the recent search for a missing canoeist as an example. Police interest in the use of helicopters heightened in the wake of two recent high-speed pursuits in Toronto which ended in the deaths of innocent motorists.

Chief McAlpine, however, says it would be "unrealistic" to



KEVIN McALPINE
'I'm not sure if anybody really understands what a helicopter can do.'

expect a helicopter would eliminate pursuits. In theory, access to a chopper, in some cases, would reduce the need for police to pursue a fleeing vehicle, cutting the risk to officers and citizens. But, "most provinces are not short nowadays I'm not sure a helicopter would make a huge difference," he says.

"Certainly, if the helicopter was here (at the start of a chase) they are going to cover a lot more ground, a lot faster and a lot safer than a police car."

Under the plan to be proposed, a helicopter would patrol the skies across the GTA about 10 hours at a time, though details such as which jurisdictions would have access and when still have to be worked out.

It's hoped the Province will share with municipalities the cost of a helicopter, but at this point there is "no commitment" from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, spokesman Matt Blajer said. He said the ministry's policing division is carrying out a "comprehensive review" of police pursuits and a report is being prepared by former Hamilton-Wentworth police chief Bob Middaugh, now an assistant deputy minister.



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The Young Singers of Ajax joined forces with actor Don Harron (alias television character Charlie Farquharson) to rehearse for their upcoming benefit show to aid of Batten Disease being held Nov. 18 at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto. Here,

Mr. Harron helps young Dylan Carr, a local boy who suffers from Batten Disease, sing along with the Young Singers choir as they prepare for the show. For information on the fund-raising performance, call 416-870-8000.

Treasuring 'every minute' with a boy who has fatal disease

BY LINDA WHITE
Staff Writer

Happiness for six-year-old Dylan Carr comes in many forms. Being greeted at the door by his older sister after being dropped off by the school bus brings a wide smile to his face and sets off a chorus of giggles, as does playing his favourite computer game, particularly when he's doing well. He also enjoys gymnastics and horse riding lessons.

And his parents get much pleasure from such times, too. Indeed, they treasure "every little minute we spend with him," Sue Carr reports.

But while Mrs. Carr and her husband Cliff run a typically

busy household, they do so with a heavy weight on their hearts. They live each day knowing their curly-haired son has a fatal disease that will cut short his life.

Dylan was diagnosed with Batten Disease several years ago, more than a year after he suffered a Grand Mal seizure at age three that "shattered" the Carr family. He soon developed four different types of seizures, occurring many times a day and into the night.

Batten Disease is an inherited, degenerative, neurological disease which may affect a person of any age, but primarily strikes infants, toddlers and school-aged children.

There is no treatment and it is always fatal.

Batten Disease is rarely diagnosed immediately, often being mistaken for epilepsy, mental retardation, sometimes even schizophrenia in adults. Often, it begins with deteriorating vision and seizures, personality and behaviour changes and always progresses through mental and physical deterioration to death.

Indeed, doctors initially believed Dylan suffered from uncontrollable epilepsy before he was diagnosed with Batten Disease. His parents remember being told matter-of-factly that their son's condition was fatal.

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Masked gunmen rob Pickering bank

Same pair being sought in Whitby robbery attempt

PICKERING — A Pickering CIBC was held up at gunpoint 40 minutes before a botched robbery bid at a Whitby branch.

Durham Regional Police said two men wearing balaclavas and armed with handguns escaped with cash following the heist at the branch at 376 Kingston Rd. around 5:40 p.m. Friday.

A short time later, police said, two men wearing balaclavas were seen rushing toward the door of the CIBC at Dundas Street and Thickson Road in Whitby.

The branch was closed. "Once they discovered it wasn't open they then got into the vehicle and fled," Sergeant Jim Grimley said.

A witness provided police the license plates of the gunmen's car, which turned out to be reported stolen.

The robbery squad is investigating both incidents.

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Pickering boy killed in fire remembered forever

Memorial brings closure to 'awful tragedy'

BY STEPHANIE McDONALD
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — A tree and plaque dedication Friday in memory of a Rosebank Road Public School student killed in a fire will help bring closure to the "awful tragedy" for the boy's school mates.

Isaac Crandles, 4, a senior kindergarten student at Rosebank, died in a Sept. 25 blaze at a Rougemont Drive home where he lived with his grandparents after Pickering firefighters and Durham Regional Police

made several unsuccessful attempts to save him.

Funds raised by friends and neighbours of the family were used to buy a granite plaque and two trees, one of which has been planted in the family's backyard.

The Crandles' next-door neighbour of seven years spearheaded the campaign to raise money for the permanent memorial.

"I thought all the local neighbours would send floral tributes to the funeral home," explains Karen Smith. "This is something

that will last a lot longer."

Ms. Smith went door-to-door on Rougemont Drive asking residents to contribute to the cause and later collected money from families on neighbouring Lytton Court who also wanted to help.

It took Ms. Smith only a matter of days to raise the funds she needed.

"People were stopping me on the street asking me if they could help," reports Ms. Smith.

She eventually had to say "no" when the goal for the dedi-

cation had been reached.

Rosebank principal Jack Houghton says Friday's event at 3:10 p.m. will be important for Isaac's classmates who have been devastated by the boy's death.

"I think it's important that the kids bring closure to this. It was an awful tragedy," says Mr. Houghton.

Also in attendance at the dedication will be Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs, the boy's family, friends and neighbours who contributed to the tree and plaque.

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noted that while there was no agreement on a joint response in place, there was at no time an "inability to respond to fire" at the Pickering plant.

Coun. Brenner suggested a year was "a long time to bring forward a response plan that should have been dealt with as a priority."

When Coun. Brenner asked how many of 75 fire safety deficiencies at the Pickering 'B' plant identified in a 1995 Hydro review have been corrected, including problems with inadequate fire barriers, Mr. Preston said he couldn't comment because he wasn't familiar with the report.

He assured councillors, however, that fire protection was one of several safety priorities being dealt with in Hydro's \$1.6-billion nuclear division improvement strategy announced in August 1997. He noted the Pickering station is getting a full-time fire brigade by June of 1999.

While Hydro has launched an "aggressive fire upgrade program", noted Mr. Preston, it has not yet been completed because the utility has had to prioritize projects in a number of areas to provide the largest "incremental improvement in safety" possible at its nuclear facilities.

Coun. Brenner suggested

that as a former employee at the Brown's Ferry nuclear station in the U.S., Mr. Preston should be demonstrating a greater interest in fire protection.

"I don't understand," said the councillor.

"You were involved in a nuclear facility that had a fire and it's not a priority here at Pickering."

The councillor also wondered what had happened to a fire risk assessment of the Pickering station promised by Hydro at a meeting last winter of officials from Hydro, the Town, the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office and the Atomic Energy Control Board.

Pickering station head Bob Stricker told councillors the fire risk assessment has been under way since September and has included a detailed review of all past reports on the issue and a "walkdown" examination of the Pickering plant. He also noted the risk of fire has been reduced at the facility by the removal of combustibles.

"Fire safety is certainly one of our top priorities," said Mr. Stricker.

On the issue of the restart, Mr. Preston told councillors the \$50-million expenditure authorized by the Hydro board will only preserve the option of firing up Pickering's 'A' reactors. He noted

the Hydro board is also considering the construction of a combined cycle gas turbine plant to provide additional generation capacity, instead of Pickering 'A'. The board is expected to choose between the two options sometime between April and June, 1999.

The \$50 million will cover costs such as a detailed review of what's required for the restart, like the replacement of condenser tubes which were causing the release of copper into Lake Ontario, and the ordering of some materials needed to resume operations.

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A man has been charged with sexual assaulting a female police officer during a prostitution sting in which she was working undercover.

Durham Regional Police said the unidentified man was posing as a prostitute when she was attacked early Friday.

She was talking to a motorist who stopped for her when the driver suddenly reached out of the vehicle and grabbed her breasts, Sergeant Jim Grimley said.

"She moved back but he then lunged from the vehicle and grabbed hold of her," prompting the team of police officers keeping watch to rush to their colleague's assistance.

A suspect was quickly placed under arrest.

Edward Hogan, 49, of Keene, which is near Peterborough, has been charged with sexual assault and communicating for the purpose of prostitution.

Meanwhile, seven more suspected "johns" were arrested during the two-day operation carried out in the city's central corridor.

Charged with communication for the purpose of prostitution are Michael Peterson, 36, of Warkworth, Ont.; David Hughes, 49, Taunton Road, Fampton; Mark Thompson, 28, of Falby Court, Ajax; David Brown, 41, of Homefield Square, Courtnice; Gary Dempsey, 41, of Overbank Drive, Oshawa; and Ricky Willis, 31, of Inverness Drive, Oshawa.

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Police may have 'small surplus' this year: Board

BY KEITH GILLEGAN
Staff Writer

Durham Regional Police could have a budget surplus at the end of the year, a far cry from the department's situation in 1997.

On the other hand, this year's budget called for the hiring of 20 new officers, 14 of whom are at the police college in Aylmer and the remainder working as cadets.

Those new officers helped boost this year's police budget to about \$59.3 million, an increase of \$5 million over 1997.

In that year, the police were over budget by \$3.4 million, mostly because of a salary increase given officers in a \$2.2-million wage settlement and the Guy Paul Morin wrongful-conviction inquiry which exceeded \$1 million.

The chief said work on the department's 1999 budget is under way and requests from the different divisions total about \$71 million.

"We're doing our best to get that down to a much more acceptable level," Chief McAlpine stated.

But, Oshawa Councillor Brian Nicholson expressed concern that police not cut any money out of the budget that might address a 50-per cent increase in the number of people killed in motor vehicle accidents between January and June of this year over the same period in 1997.

There were 18 fatalities in Durham in the first six months of this year compared to 12 in the first half of 1997.

"More people die in accidents on our streets than any other way," Coun. Nicholson noted. "Are you seeing any patterns develop, people running red lights or driving at high speeds?"

The chief noted, "Traffic issues will be a major Durham Regional Police objective in '99. Speeding and traffic are important issues. Traffic is often at the bottom of the list and it needs to be moved up. A couple hundred intersections need major upgrades."

Whitby Councillor Pat Perkins questioned changes in patrolling because of community policing.

"Prior to community policing, we had foot patrols and bike patrols in our parks. Police officers (on bikes) did tend to have a very good grasp of what's going on. They had the ability to go where cruisers can't go." The bike patrols "did lower crime, drinking and vandalism. There was a significant decrease in vandalism and a decrease in under-age drinking. I'll be interested to see if the costs of vandalism have gone down."

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Nuclear plant passes 13 of 14 targets

PICKERING — The Pickering nuclear station has met all but one of the 14 performance indicator targets set for it for September 1998 by Ontario Hydro, according to the latest monthly "report card" released by the provincial utility to make itself accountable to the public.

Hydro bettered the targets in 11 categories, met them in two and missed one.

September report card results were as follows, all for the first nine months of 1998 except for measurements that are quarterly, as indicated:

- * In an index reflecting nine industry standard performance measures set by the World Association of Nuclear Operators (for the third quarter of 1998) — 64.9 per cent, bettering Hydro's target of 63.5 per cent, but short of the industry median of 87.2 per cent.
- * Public safety events — 11, just meeting Hydro's target of 11.
- * "Reactor trips" or the number of unplanned automatic reactor shutdowns per 7,000 hours — 0.68, better than the Hydro target of one.
- * The number of special safety systems which exceeded their yearly unavailability target — zero, bettering the Hydro goal of 0.8.
- * Compliance with nuclear safety commitments to the Atomic Energy Control Board — 100 per cent, meeting the Hydro goal of 100 per cent.
- * Net electrical production by the station — 9.8 terrawatt hours (one terrawatt equals one billion kilowatts), bettering the Hydro target of 8.6 TWh.
- * Capability factor or amount of energy capable of being produced per month as a percentage of perfect performance — 73.7 per cent, exceeding the Hydro goal of 63.8 per cent.
- * Total outage days per reactor — 72.7, bettering the Hydro target of 96.9.
- * Radioactive waste produced — 2,286 cubic metres, improving on the Hydro target of 2,534 cubic metres. Hydro reports radioactive waste produced was lower than target because of a successful program to minimize waste.

- * Radiation dose to the public — 0.5 millirem, bettering the Hydro goal of 0.8 mrem.
- * Spills reportable to the Ministry of the Environment — two, surpassing the Hydro goal of four.
- * Total collective dose of radiation to all on-site personnel and visitors — 24.3 rem/unit, bettering the Hydro goal of 42 rem/unit.
- * Worker accidents resulting in temporary absence from work, per 200,000 work hours — 0.66, failing to meet the Hydro target of 0.46. Hydro reports analysis of accident data shows muscle strains are the cause of most lost-time accidents and improvements are in place to correct this trend.
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Durham anniversary plans taking shape at regional HQ

Plans to celebrate Durham Region's 25th anniversary are starting to take shape.

Clarrington Councillor John Mutton, the chairman of the Durham '98 Committee, told Durham Regional Council last week coins commemorating the event are currently in the works.

A coin for Durham Region and one for each of the eight municipalities could be minted.

Also, a logo to mark the Region's silver anniversary is being designed.

"We're looking at a landscaping project for each end of the Region," he added.

Four people will be hired, through a federal government subsidy, to work on the anniversary project, he said.

Safety measures near seniors' home to be studied

Durham Region's works department will look into possible safety measures that could be installed near where an Ajax senior was killed.

Dora Howard was struck and killed last month while crossing Westney Road South between Harwood Avenue and Monarch Avenue.

The 82 year old lived in a seniors' residence on the south side of Westney and was returning home after shopping when she was struck.

Ajax Councillor Scott Crawford asked if any safety measures could be installed in the area to remind motorists that seniors live in the nearby residence.

Works committee chairman Rick Johnson said works staff will look into the matter.

Townline slowdown planned to reduce collisions

The speed limit on a portion of Townline Road is going to be reduced to 50 kilometres an hour.

Durham Region will consider dropping the speed limit on Townline from Hwy. 2 north to Nash Road.

And, the Region is going to sit down with Clarrington officials and landowners to find solutions to traffic problems on Townline, including installing a partial or full median.

Commercial development on the road has increased traffic and line-ups of cars as motorists try to make turns.

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Batten benefit aids Ajax student

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"We didn't cry when we first found out, though we did later," recalls Mrs. Carr, a day-care supervisor in Toronto. "It's not that we didn't believe it, but we were angry. We didn't have any information on the disease, which kept us focused and kept us busy for several weeks."

"It's been very much a learning experience," admits Mr. Carr, a Durham Regional Police detective. Mr. and Mrs. Carr point to the resource library at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, which "didn't have anything" on the disease but a name and phone number to contact following their son's diagnosis.

Still, "we have to consider ourselves blessed," Mrs. Carr

says in an interview at the family's cottage-style bungalow in Whitby, where they recently moved from Ajax because Dylan was having problems getting up and down stairs. "Others who have been diagnosed have deteriorated more quickly than Dylan."

Yet Mr. and Mrs. Carr and Dylan's sister Jenny, who attends Durham College, worry even when Dylan gets a cold. "We always worry that he won't pick up again," Mrs. Carr admits. "We don't know if tomorrow he'll lose his ability to speak."

But the Carrs refuse to give in to their fears. "We try and provide him with the best quality of life we can," explains Mr. Carr. "We try to control his seizures as best we can" and they applaud a

pediatrician who is willing to change drugs to alleviate Dylan's condition.

Dylan, who continues to attend Lord Durham Public School in Ajax, is now using an experimental drug from France. Meanwhile, Dylan's seizures "aren't that bad," Mrs. Carr notes.

He suffers them mostly in the early hours of the morning and his parents listen for him on a monitor.

He wears a helmet at school and at gymnastics classes but doesn't wear it at home. On days when his balance is particularly poor, he may crawl, and he can get frustrated when he's unable to do something.

But Mr. and Mrs. Carr aren't looking for sympathy and encourage family and friends "not

to look at him and cry. We feel we have to comfort them when that happens and emotionally, we just can't support them," explains Mrs. Carr.

Still, they devote much time to raising money for the Batten Disease Support and Research Association.

Mr. Carr has raised awareness of the rare disease among the police force, which has adopted Batten Disease as a charity of choice and he has helped collect some \$30,000 for research.

They have found much support among friends and have organized Batten Benefit '98, which will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at the George Weston Recital Hall at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto.

It features Don Harron, creator of Charlie Farquharson, the North Metro Chorus (the 1997 Sweet Adeline International Champions), the MegaCity Chorus (a barbershop chorus) and the Young Singers of Ajax.

It will be hosted by Erin Davis of CHFI's Don and Erin Morning Show.

Tickets are \$15 and are available through Ticketmaster or the Ford Centre box office.

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EDITORIAL

Flip-flop on schools a bad move

Politics a factor in Province 'finding' extra \$200 million

While it's clear the Tories are now in pre-election-year overdrive, the decision to backtrack on the sensible demand that school boards across the province make the best use of their school space is a disappointment.

In what was clearly a naked political ploy, the Harris government suddenly 'found' an extra \$200 million, allowing the Toronto School Board an extra year before it must close 138 schools.

The reason for the school closures was clear from the start: many of the facilities were only half full and the use of buildings across the board was grossly inefficient and wasteful. While school closings are not popular, the wasting of hundreds of millions of tax dollars per year is obscene.

However, it's also clear the Province heard the wailing and gnashing of teeth with Toronto School Board chairman Gail Nyberg in the lead, and backtracked badly on its demands. The current policy appears to be a call to the board to dump employees and close and sell non-school buildings to help make up some of the board's deficit.

Here in Durham, we could be seeing a similar plan unfold. A policy to close nine schools (and build two new ones) slated for September 1999, which was adopted this past June by the board, will likely get the same one-year, politically motivated reprieve the Toronto board received.

There has been a concerted effort in some of the communities affected to overturn the closures and, with a provincial election likely by the fall of 1999, the Tories are loathe to go into a campaign where the finger for the closings will be pointed in their direction.

The problem is with the inconsistent policy presented by the Tories. The closings make fiscal sense and, in the long run, serve taxpayers and students best. Pupils get to go to more modern, up-to-date schools and resources are used in the most efficient manner.

Sure, it will mean a slightly longer walk for some students and some neighbourhoods will lose the schools they've had for nearly a century, but that's the price of progress.

By delaying the inevitable, the Province is playing political football with the future of our education system. It's time to stick to a policy that makes good common sense.

Gone fishin' on a mission

Are you such an avid angler that you already miss fishing? Perhaps you're a graffiti artist just itching to leave your mark on Pickering.

Well do we have some fun for you. Volunteers are sought all year to paint the town yellow. Actually, groups and organizations are needed to paint yellow fish symbols in the Frenchman's Bay Watershed to remind residents that unwanted household products such as paint, paint thinner, used motor oil, pesticides, herbicides, detergents and salt should not be dumped down curbside drains.

Since water in the storm sewer system is not usually treated at sewage treatment plants, the hazardous household products that enter a storm sewer drain usually flow directly into rivers, streams and lakes, where chemicals in the products can harm fish, aquatic organisms, wildlife and the health of the community.

Volunteering will require only a minimum half-day of your group's time. Call Patricia Lowe at the Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project at 420-4660, ext. 2155, or e-mail plowe@town.pickering.on.ca.

If you don't have the time to volunteer, you can still do your part.

Don't dump hazardous household products down storm sewer drains. Next time you change the oil in your car and are tempted to pour it down the sewer, consider the fact one drop of motor oil in 25 litres of water contaminates the water so badly you can't drink it. More than 300 million litres of oil are poured down Ontario's storm drains every year — more than seven times the amount released from the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

If you make a habit of polluting the storm sewer system, cease and desist.

If you want to take on a more active role to help the environment, go on a mission — a fishin' mission.

The question was:

A recent study indicates that there is no increased health risk to people living near the Pickering nuclear plant. How do you feel living in the shadow of the nuclear station?



Ellen Saczkowski says, "It doesn't bother me, but I think there is a health risk for kids despite what the report says."



John Allan says, "I think it's all right. There doesn't seem to be any problems with it. I think it's safe."



Michelle Hearn says, "It doesn't bother me at all. I'm sure my kids get sicker going to school than being near the nuclear plant."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Theft at store run by family very cruel

To the editor:
The News Advertiser recently ran a story which has struck a chord with me.

The story was about police trying to control the pawn shops and second-hand stores to help combat the resale of stolen goods. I applauded this venture as a small business owner who has been robbed.

My family owns Eastend Skateboard and Snowboard shop at 1660 Kingston Rd. in Pickering. We were the unfortunate victims of a break-in. The thieves got away with more than \$20,000 worth of merchandise, including skateboards, snowboards, related clothing and accessories like wheels.

This seemed to me like a very cruel twist of fate to have been targeted as we are a small family-operated business. Some may say the type of business we are in just asks to be robbed, as juvenile delinquents may be very attracted to the type of merchandise we carry. Not to mention the fact that skateboards and snowboards would be easy to sell on the black market.

This is why I am writing, to make a plea to all skateboarders and snowboarders and their parents. If you come across someone trying to sell you items which you don't



Elizabeth Wilczynski's business partner and relative Monika warns readers against buying snowboards or skateboards stolen from her Pickering store.

know where they came from, please think about it. Notify police if you think the stuff is stolen. It may be tempting to buy it at a reduced price, but please think of how it would feel to have been the one robbed.

It feels bad to see something you've worked on for years and you put your heart and soul into it become jeopardized. My parents and I opened this store because we like the sports and we like to see young and old alike enjoy them.

I am acquainted with a few carpenters and these men have a code among themselves to never buy second-hand tools or tools of dubious origin. Tools are an item also often targeted by thieves. Just like snowboards they are expensive and easy to sell. That is why these guys refuse to buy something which may

have belonged to one of their friends or co-workers.

I invite skateboarders and snowboarders to develop such a code of honour. This would help change their image of being delinquents and punks. How many of you out there have had a piece of your equipment stolen? Many of you can sympathize.

We will offer an exciting reward to anyone who helps police solve this crime. You can find out at the store what this reward is.

Pertinent information can be given to police by calling 1-800-222-TIPS or Crime Stoppers at 436-8477.

Monika Wilczynski,
(and the rest of staff and management of Eastend),
Pickering

Where's Mike Harris?

Premier has terrible legislature attendance



Eric Dowd

At Queen's Park

Premier Mike Harris figures if his opponents cannot get close to him, they will be unable to land any damaging blows.

The Progressive Conservative premier has adopted a strategy as he approaches an election of not being around when opposition parties want to ask him tough questions.

Mr. Harris and his advisers recognize the premier has a habit of blurring out off-the-cuff views that can hurt him as, when cutting a nutrition allowance for pregnant welfare recipients, he said they might spend it on booze, for which he apologized.

Or, also when trying to justify cutting welfare, he claimed he had had his own tough times and once had to live on baloney, but no one in his fairly well-off family could remember it.

The legislature is traditionally the most watched forum for the government to make statements and opposition parties to ask questions because it is covered by virtually all news media.

But after Mr. Harris called it back in session at the end of September he almost immediately took off for a week on a trade mission to Israel.

He could have organized his mission for some other time — trade missions can be held all year round — but chose not to.

When he came back, the premier was quickly on the road again on a series of trips around the province seeking ideas from businessmen for improving their local economies and confident they

would not subject him to more penetrating questions than "how are you today?" Business loves him, because he has been kind to it, sometimes at the expense of others.

Mr. Harris spent three more days travelling trying to justify his plan to close hospitals and spread ointment on what pollsters consider his No. 1 danger — that residents are worried that health care is deteriorating.

The premier took more time to tour stores on what he called his Salute to Small Business and was greeted like a valued customer.

Mr. Harris found three days for a Tory conference and more time for a fund-raiser, drove a new tourist train and joined a groundbreaking for a high-tech company's headquarters.

He got together with a club which his party had set up and whose members each donated \$500 toward his re-election, so they had much stronger claim to his company.

One result of all this journeying is Mr. Harris showed up in the legislature to face MPPs' questions on only five of the first 23 days it sat this fall, which is the worst attendance record ever by a premier.

In an election, this shielding of a

party leader so he can avoid embarrassing questions is common and called "cocooning," but Premier Harris and his party are practising it many months before an election is likely to be called.

They recognize Mr. Harris is the founder, chief apostle and heart and soul of their Common Sense Revolution and its promise to cut government and taxes, and that he will be the centrepiece of their campaign for re-election.

The Tories want to avoid him both blurring out views that damage his image and being seen in the constant rows that have marked his term in office. Ontarians often are said to prefer leaders who are not repeatedly bawling, but rather appear stable and composed.

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Pickering juniors claw Cobourg Cougars, soar past Bowmanville Eagles

Panthers rack up fourth consecutive win

BY AL RIVETT
sports editor

PICKERING — The Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers ended a productive weekend by soaring past the host Bowmanville Eagles Sunday night, extending the Panthers' winning streak to four games.

The Panthers clipped the wings of the Eagles 6-4 at the Garnet B. Rickard Sports Complex. Pickering led off the weekend by recording an important 5-2 victory over Cobourg Cougars in OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League play at the Pickering Recreation Complex Friday night. Last Tuesday, the Pickering juniors beat the host Oshawa Legionnaires 5-3 at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium.

The victories lifted the Panthers (12-6-0 for 24 points) into a tie with

Cobourg for fourth place in the 13-team East Conference standings. The Panthers sit two points behind Kingston and Lindsay, both tied for second place.

Sunday's game wasn't the prettiest of efforts by the Panthers, who joined the Eagles in a particularly lacklustre affair through the first 40 minutes, before the play intensified in the final period. Pickering jumped in front 2-0 in the first period and maintained their two-goal advantage throughout the game.

"It looked like a game played by a couple of tired teams," notes Panthers' assistant coach Eric Ross. "There wasn't a lot of physical play and there didn't seem to be much intensity until the third period."

Luc Chiasson, Marcel Rodman, Jeff Milroy, George Trifon, Sean

Macrury and Brett Macrury scored for the Panthers against Bowmanville.

Saturday's contest against Cobourg was an important test for the Panthers, who trailed the Cougars in the standings. Pickering responded with a solid effort to post the win over the visiting Cougars.

The Panthers, noted Ross, used sustained forechecking which forced Cougars' turnovers in their own zone. This was used effectively in the third period when Pickering scored two goals to break up an otherwise close contest.

"We were able to exploit their defence," explains Ross. "We score a lot of our goals off the rush, but in this one we were able to work down low and grind and wear them down in the third period. We really took it to them in the third period."

One of the more tenacious forward lines on the forecheck was the line of Chiasson, Steve Farquharson and Oliver Lopez, who drew Ross' praise for their work in the contest. Ajax-Pickering Raiders' midget defenceman Aaron Wilson was called up by the Panthers and provided solid work on the blue-line.

Mike Hanna, Farquharson, Trifon, Joel Johnston and Bill Duncan scored for Pickering against Cobourg.

In last Tuesday's win in Oshawa, the Panthers broke up a 3-3 tie with Rodman's powerplay goal with 4:37

remaining in the contest. The goal, Rodman's second of the night, served as the game-winner in a hard-fought victory over the rival Legionnaires.

Chiasson also scored a pair of goals, with Johnston adding a single marker.

The Panthers play at home this Friday against the Legionnaires at the Pickering Recreation Complex at 7:30 p.m.

PANTHERS' POSTSCRIPT: Defenceman Sean McMorrow may miss Friday's game against Oshawa after minor surgery on his lip...



RON PIETRONIRO/News Advertiser photo

Cobourg Cougars' Troy Thompson buries a shot over the shoulder of Pickering Panthers' netminder Paul Guthrie for the Cougars' first goal of the OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League regular-season contest. The game, played at the Pickering Recreation Complex Friday night, was won by the Panthers 5-2.

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Dolphins continue football playoff march

Ajax-Pickering Dolphins football teams will continue their playoff march this weekend. The Dolphin tykes will host the Burlington Stampede in a semi-final playoff tilt at Kinsmen Park on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The tykes finished second during the Central Ontario Minor Football League season and received a bye into the semi-finals. The Ajax-Pickering atoms and peewees will play their semi-final matches at Lamoreaux Park in Scarborough against the Thunder on Sunday.



ANDREW IWANOWSKI/News Advertiser photo

Falling down on the job

Bowmanville Eagles' Seth Gray (21) falls to the ice while he and Pickering Panthers' Marcel Rodman (22) race for the puck during second period action in a OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League game at the Garnet B. Rickard Sports Com-

plex in Bowmanville Sunday night. The Panthers posted a 6-4 win over the Bowmanville Eagles, their fourth victory in a row. The Panthers take off against the rival Oshawa Legion in the final game of the Pickering Recreation League.

Selects beat Uxbridge Hat trick scorers lead mighty mites

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers six-year-old mite select hockey team skated to a convincing 6-1 victory over the Uxbridge Lions at Don Beer arena Saturday.

Rebounding from a 6-4 defeat earlier in the week at the hands of the Vaughan Rangers, the Panthers dominated Uxbridge from the opening face-off and outshot their opponents 28-6.

Spencer Bentley opened the Panthers' scoring in the first period on a goal assisted by Carter Finlayson. Alex Clements then scored two goals, both assisted by Louis Del Re with a lone helper by Ryan Bailey. In the second stanza, Bentley fired two more goals for his first league hat trick with assists from Charles Dorey and Blake Fraser. Clements closed the scoring in the third frame with one second left on the clock for his first hat trick. David Mott earned an assist.

Del Re was named the player of the game based on his strong two-way play and overall team contribution.

The Pickering Panthers mites' next home game is on Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. at Don Beer Arena against Stouffville.

Injury-riddled Axemen lose fourth in a row

AJAX — One period of sustained effort wasn't enough to push the Ajax Klondike Axemen past the Cobourg Cougars in league action at the Cobourg Memorial Arena Saturday night.

Ajax spotted the Cougars a 4-0 lead after two lacklustre periods, then woke up in the third to play some inspired hockey only to lose 5-2 in OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League action.

The Axemen's fourth loss in a row and 11th of the regular season drops them into ninth place in the 13-team East Conference with a record of 7-11-3 for 17 points.

Kyle Wailes and Mike Stollar scored for the Axemen. Mike Thompson, Ryan Van Asten, Bryan Friedman and Sean Uniacke recorded assists. Ajax was outshot 44-38.



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Theatre Review

Here come the laughs in There Goes the Bride

BY BILL SIMPSON

Special to the News Advertiser

Two writers of British comedies are easily confused, because their names both start with C, and because they have similar tastes in play titles.

Ray Cooney's work includes "Keeping Down with the Joneses" and "Key for Two".

John Chapman wrote such plays as "Run for your Wife", "Wife Begins at Forty", "One for the Pot", and "Two Into One".

Though they added to this confusion by collaborating on "Move Over Mrs. Markham" and "There Goes the Bride", their combined talents made these two scripts especially good.

The Herongate Barn Theatre demonstrates this with its new production of "There Goes the Bride," which opened last weekend.

The plot in brief: On a wedding day, everyone is ready except the frazzled father of the bride who is trying unsuccessfully to juggle his role in the wedding party with the pressing business of his ad agency, where he is plugging the concept of

a new campaign based on an image of a 1920s flapper.

The stress he is under, plus an accidental blow to the head, causes a hallucination in which the flapper appears real to him.

Being a figment of his imagination, she can be seen only by him (and the audience).

This little quirk in Papa's mind brings many complications to his daughter's wedding day.

Though it may sound a bit flimsy in outline, this light-hearted concept results in a very funny plot, with many laughs.

The set is a masterpiece, bright, spacious-looking, and functional. The costumes are generally excellent, including a wonderful dress for the flapper.

However, the black costume of the bride's grandmother seemed more appropriate for a funeral than a wedding.

The cast is led by Marion Reid-Clarke and Craig Tallman as the parents of the bride, and Sarah Mitchell as the long-suffering bride.

The comedic talents of George

Waugh, as the bride's grandfather, and Arthur Sugarman, as the groom's father, make their scene together a highlight.

The flapper is played by Anne Robinson with great sparkle and energy, which helps to convey the idea that she is a hallucination, or perhaps vision is a better word.

Marmie Richards as the bride's grandmother, only just coping with the antics of her family, and Jeff Foote as the only sane partner in the ad agency, complete this fine cast.

In some places, lines were rushed and some of the humour was lost. While this is already a very funny play, I suspect it will improve as the run progresses and the timing of some lines changes.

I highly recommend this play for viewing.

There Goes The Bride runs Thursday through Sunday until Dec. 20. Herongate Barn Theatre is on Altona Road in Pickering, 7.5 kilometres north of Hwy 2.

Call Herongate Barn Theatre at 905-472-3085 for tickets and information.

Gospel music in Pickering

PICKERING — Two upcoming evenings of gospel music can be heard here.

Gospel music, featuring Marlene O'Neill, Linda Evans, Carre Guse and Mark Masri, the musical director of the 100 Huntley Street television show, is at the Herongate Barn Theatre on Tuesday, Nov. 24 and

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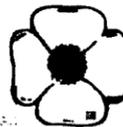
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That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singly, fly
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We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
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To 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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Author to speak at writers' breakfast

Author Nancy-Gay Rotstein will read from her works at a breakfast hosted by the Writers Circle of Durham Region.

The Writers and Editors Dialogue Breakfast is set for Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Jackson's Touch of Class, 104 Consumers Dr. in Whitby.

Ms. Rotstein wrote *Shattering Glass* and has just returned from her novel launch in England. In addition to reading, she'll share insights she's gained as a poet and novelist.

The cost for the breakfast is \$8 for Writers' Circle members and \$10 for non-members.

Call Gwynn Scheltema at 905-720-2172 for more information or to reserve a spot.

Substance abuse on meeting agenda

AJAX — St. Bernadette's Outreach Team on substance abuse is holding an information evening on Monday, Nov. 30.

The event will feature guest speaker John Campbell, the current president of the Oasis Addiction Recovery Society. St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St. E., will be the venue for the event. Tickets are free.

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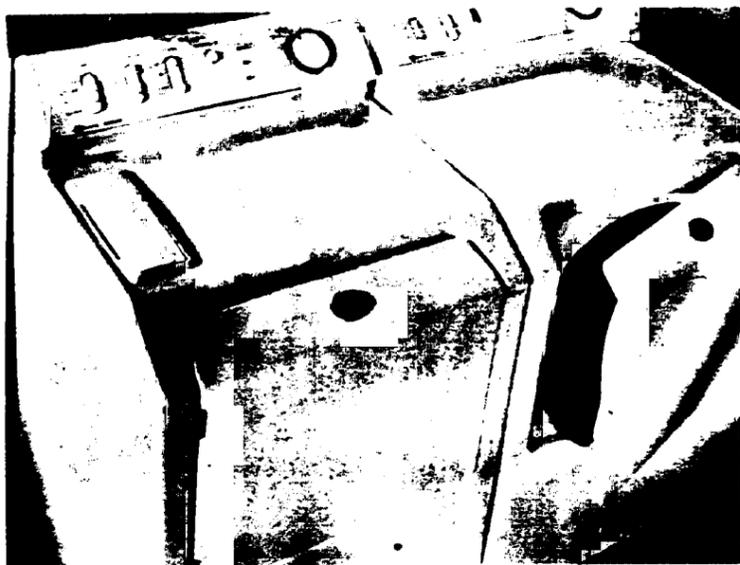
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Curling club to host Nokia Cup event in December

Annandale curlers prepare for zone playdown on home ice

BY JIM EASSON
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — The Annandale Curling Club will be the host site for an upcoming playdown next month. Annandale will host the Nokia Cup Zone Playdown Dec. 12 to 14. The zone event is one of the few entry points for any men's team with aspirations of competing at the world championship. Two zone winners advance to the regional event which decides two spots in the provincial final. The only other route to the final are two challenge round spots or to be the defending champion of the Labatt Brier.

This season, the Mike Harris rink from the Tam Heather Curling Club of Scarborough received a bye to the Ontario championships by virtue of their Canadian Olympic Trials victory. The Harris team contains two Pickering residents — Collin Mitchell and Richard Hart — who'll also be joined by George Karrys at the championships in Brantford in February.

Annandale currently has two teams signed up to compete on their home ice at the Nokia zone event. Warren Leslie will skip his team of Harry Nolte, Marvin Harrison and Mike Nelson. The Gord Norton rink will consist of Rich Poole, Mike Susko and Ron Alexander.

This weekend, the Ajax curling club will host its first bonspiel of the season. The annual Annandale Stakes will feature 32 mixed teams playing three

eight-end games. It takes place this weekend, Nov. 13 and 14. The men's competitive teams will soon be looking for some ice time to get their Skins Playdown double-knockout games completed. With all the leagues busy, there is competition for spare ice time. Thirty of the 32 available spots for the skins playdown are presently filled.

SCOREBOARD

NOV. 11, 1998

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL JUNIOR 'A' HOCKEY LEAGUE

Standings as of Nov. 9

TEAM	G	W	L	OTL	P	A	PTS	GGA	
Trenton	18	13	4	1	0	105	72	27	400
Kingston	18	13	5	0	0	81	65	27	361
Lindsay	19	12	5	1	1	82	49	26	258
Pickering	18	12	6	0	0	80	56	24	311
Cobourg	20	10	6	3	1	101	64	24	220
Wellington	17	11	6	0	0	80	80	22	471
Oranville	20	10	10	0	0	84	50	20	415
Peterborough	22	7	11	2	2	79	90	18	409
Ajax	21	7	11	3	0	67	92	17	438
Bowmanville	18	7	9	1	1	66	73	16	431
Aurum	16	7	8	1	0	72	69	15	431
Port Hope	19	5	10	2	2	86	107	14	583
Bancroft	17	1	14	1	1	37	86	4	518

EAST CONFERENCE SCORING LEADERS

As of Nov. 9

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PM
Ben Blawie	Trenton	17	16	27	43	11
Kurtis McLean	Trenton	16	16	19	35	16
Rob Gordon	Lindsay	18	17	14	31	13
Todd Bowler	Trenton	18	14	16	30	26
Rob McLean	Cobourg	19	9	21	30	17
Donald Patrick	Aurum	15	12	16	28	2
Tomas Miesner	Port Hope	18	8	20	26	23
Troy Thompson	Cobourg	19	12	14	26	26
Ken Chesler	Trenton	17	10	15	25	9
Adam Rivers	Wellington	15	11	13	24	25
Paul Mathucci	Lindsay	16	7	17	24	24
Jeff Patrick	Port Hope	19	11	13	24	14
Jason Cassels	Ajax	19	10	13	23	19
Shane Diamond	Cobourg	19	8	15	23	24
Just Johnston	Pickering	18	8	13	22	34
Tom Pilon	Aurum	13	10	11	21	1
Gary Jugie	Wellington	15	6	15	21	25
Jason Wealey	Kingston	17	6	15	21	20
George Triton	Pickering	17	7	14	21	8
Stacey Britstone	Oranville	20	8	13	21	22
Rob Martin	Port Hope	15	9	11	20	45
Janet Robertson	Kingston	17	9	11	20	38
Cam Kuciad	Kingston	17	4	16	20	25
Miss Somerton	Wellington	16	3	16	19	47
Tristan Senor	Peterb.	17	10	9	19	15
Josh Sands	Wellington	17	4	11	19	22
Clara Duncan	Lindsay	19	10	9	19	8
Jason Hutchins	Oranville	19	8	11	19	38
Cameron Lyall	Ajax	20	7	12	19	22
Brad Oakley	Peterb.	20	8	10	19	26
Ryan Jackson	Bowmanville	15	15	9	18	46
Matt Skora	Port Hope	19	12	8	18	2

EASTERN CONFERENCE GOALTENDERS

As of Nov. 9

PLAYER	TEAM	MIN	GP	GA	AV	SO
Jared Rushton	Lindsay	322	5	17	11	2.05
Nate Bedford	Lindsay	760	12	75	36	2.75
Jeff Cameron	Pickering	701	11	88	34	2.91
Andrew Sam	Cobourg	1201	16	88	50	3.00
Mike Sheno	Oranville	322	5	37	18	3.54
Mike Smith	Kingston	421	7	62	25	3.96
Josh Ross	Ajax	448	7	47	27	3.82
Raj Bhargava	Bowmanville	753	12	55	47	3.75

PANTHERS' SCORING LEADERS

As of Nov. 9

PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS	PM
19 George Triton	14	5	13	18	6
16 Joe Johnston	13	7	9	18	28
23 Luc Chesneau	14	6	8	12	22
5 Bill Dunson	14	2	8	11	32
22 Marcel Rodman	7	6	3	9	4
17 Mike Hanna	14	5	4	9	10
25 Jeff Mero	10	2	6	8	8
15 Oliver Lopez	13	4	4	8	6
4 T.J. Kemp	14	1	7	8	23
11 Tyler Madorsbrook	13	4	3	7	12
9 Neal Raymond	13	3	3	6	9
14 Tom Conroy	14	4	2	6	48
21 Brett McInroy	14	2	4	6	20
24 Steve Farquharson	14	3	3	6	8
3 Doug Carr	13	2	3	5	12
18 Darren Forbes	7	1	2	3	28
20 Sean McInroy	13	0	3	3	8
10 Tyrone Woodall	7	2	0	2	0
12 Justin Squares	7	0	2	2	21
9 Garrett Windsor	11	1	1	2	14
7 Kevin Vandergast	11	0	1	1	4
Aaron Wilson	1	0	0	0	0
Sean McMoran	1	0	0	0	0

GOALTENDERS

As of Nov. 9

PLAYER	MIN	GP	GA	AV	SO	
1 Jeff Cameron	58	1	9	27	2	0
20 Scott Evans	80	1	3	7	5	0
Paul Guthrie	180	3	0	9	3	0

AJAX TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

GAME ONE
Raven Electric 14 vs. B.N. Customs 7
SCORERS
Raven Electric: Dale Baxter 8, Kar Jorgensen 6
B.N. Customs: Jim Leach 7

GAME TWO
Lighthouse Ltd. 35 vs. Major Travel 14
SCORERS
Lighthouse Ltd.: Stu Royal 18, Todd Tolan 10, Dave Douglas 2, John Boyd 8
Major Travel: Joe Mars 14

GAME THREE
Froan Images 28 vs. OSCON 21
SCORERS
Froan Images: Pino Florio 8, Mike Ince 8, Bill Weick 6
OSCON: Tim Campbell 6, Scott Taylor 7, Brian Spencer 8

GAME FOUR
Discovery Bay Chiropractic 6 vs. Royal Scot 0 (default)

AJAX WARRIORS SOCCER CLUB

Indoor soccer play

UNDER-SIX DIVISION

As of Nov. 8

TEAM	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Puppies	1	1	0	0	5	2	3
Cats	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Kittens	1	0	1	0	2	5	3
Cubs	1	0	1	0	0	3	0

GAME RESULTS

Cats 3 (Alfredo Campello, Lawrence Pham-Hung, Gerrit Tryon) vs. Cubs 0; Puppies 5 (Melissa Guerrero, Lucas Guerrero, Daniel Veale, Michael Stobert) vs. Kittens 2 (Marco Salarik, Ryan Raposo)

UNDER-SEVEN DIVISION

As of Nov. 8

TEAM	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Panthers	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Jaguars	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Cougars	1	0	1	0	1	3	0
Lions	1	0	1	0	1	5	0

GAME RESULTS

Jaguars 3 (Eric Buckingham, Dean Archer 2) vs. Cougars 1 (Jennifer Grant); Panthers 5 (Dylan Nobis 2, Miles Whyte 2, Jennifer D'Alencastro) vs. Lions 1 (Tyst Samuel)

UNDER-EIGHT DIVISION

As of Nov. 8

TEAM	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Meteors	1	1	0	0	9	1	3
Asteroids	1	1	0	0	7	5	3
Comets	1	0	1	0	5	7	0
Stars	1	0	0	1	9	0	0

GAME RESULTS

Asteroids 7 (Beau Johnson 6, Jeffrey Donahue) vs. Comets 5 (George Helm 5); Meteors 9 (Ernest O'Connor, Brian Cox, Daniel O'Connor 4, Dominic Roberts 3)

UNDER-NINE DIVISION

As of Nov. 8

TEAM	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Storm	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Cyclones	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Tornadoes	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Typhoons	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Hurricanes	1	0	1	0	3	4	0
Blizzard	1	0	1	0	0	4	0

GAME RESULTS

Storm 4 (Keegan Ferguson, Adam Albanese, Michel Dean, Brandon Cheng) vs. Blizzard 0; Cyclones 4 (Jamil Henry-Thompson 2, Steven Rios, Eric Pham-Hung) vs. Hurricanes 3 (Ryan Stal, Nevan Chenail 2); Tornadoes 1 (Cameron Watson) vs. Typhoons 1 (Courtney Milton)

UNDER-11 DIVISION

As of Nov. 8

TEAM	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Dolphins	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Barracudas	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Sharks	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Stingrays	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Porpoises	1	0	1	0	2	3	0
Orcas	1	0	1	0	0	2	0

GAME RESULTS

Sharks 0 vs. Stingrays 0; Barracudas 3 (Melissa Park, Melissa Jason, Andrew Peters) vs. Porpoises 2 (Andrew Thorley, Mark Settle); Dolphins 2 (Rodrigo Novos, Carly Mayhew) vs. Orcas 0

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Veteran's plea: Keep the peace

Lessons in war

BY STEPHANIE McDONALD
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Charles Presley joined the Royal Canadian Navy for two reasons — to help support his family and to embark on an adventure.

As a teenager growing up in Verdun, Quebec, he was restless and looking for a way to help his family while Canada was coming out of the Great Depression.

"My brother and I felt a need to join (the Navy) in 1942. Canada was in a very deep depression in the '30s. Then with the war on, they were looking for people to go and try to stop the atrocities in Europe," recalls Mr. Presley, now 75.

'The thought of going to war and being shot at or killed was secondary.'

-- Charles 'Chic' Presley

Patriotism didn't have much to do with his decision to enlist, since he had no remaining family in Europe.

"We didn't have any ties with the British people," says Mr. Presley, known as Chic to the many area residents familiar with him.

"In searching my mind as to why I had joined, I would think it was more a need to help support my family at that time and maybe a little adventure thrown in but I don't think it could be defined as patriotism."

Mr. Presley was one of seven children living on their father's meagre salary as a Pentecostal minister in a three-

bedroom "cold-water flat".

He says most people joined the Armed Forces because they needed a job.

At the time, there wasn't much work in Canada other than in munitions factories and other plants whose production supported the Allied forces' efforts.

Entering the service was an attractive option since recruits were guaranteed a salary — a precious commodity in those times.

During the war, Mr. Presley and his brother sent home half their salaries to their family.

"The thought of going to war and being shot at or killed was secondary," says Mr. Presley, a member of the volunteer reserves.

The Navy also provided him three square meals a day, his own uniform and boots — priceless articles for someone who had grown up wearing his siblings' hand-me-downs.

Mr. Presley served for a while on the HMCS Pictou, a submarine destroyer that picked up ship convoys in the mid-Atlantic and took them to just off the shores of Northern Ireland, where the British Navy would pick them up.

Mr. Presley chose the Navy over the Army and the Air Force because the Navy had a lower age requirement. He was able to join the Navy at 17-and-a-half years while 18 was the minimum for the other two forces.

"I was young and anxious to do something," says the resident of Ajax since 1966.

He joined the war with a group of his schoolmates; some he never saw again but still remembers them vividly.

"Quite a group of us joined the different Armed Forces. Three of those boys were killed before their 20th birthdays."

They were among approximately 45,000 Canadians who gave their lives during the war out of more than one million Canadians who served.

"They were all volunteers who put their lives on the line in various ways to recover freedom for the people in Europe," notes Mr. Presley. "It was a costly price to pay for a fight that wasn't fought on Canadian soil."

'We need to bring them the message that war is not a desirable thing.'

-- Charles 'Chic' Presley

He plans to have an active role in the events at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322 in Ajax during Veterans' Week from Nov. 5 to 11.

"Remembrance Day to me means remembering those who paid the supreme sacrifice, so that we could live in peace," says Mr. Presley. "The poppy to me is not a reminder of the war years but it's to remind (the rest of the world) to keep the peace."

Today, while Branch 322 members held a service in front of the Legion, Mr. Presley was speaking to an assembly of students at St. James Catholic School.

He's one of several veterans who planned to go into area schools today to talk to students about the meaning of Remembrance Day, why they should wear a poppy and what it signifies.

"The Legionnaires go to the schools and talk directly to the youngsters, so that we can



RON PIETRONIRO/News Advertiser photos

Navy veteran Charles Presley stands at attention while taking a moment to remember fallen comrades in the Second World War. His experience has galvanized a belief that peace is worth fighting for, although war "is not a desirable thing".

help prevent any further major world conflicts," says Mr. Presley.

"We need to bring them the message that war is not a desirable thing."

Today's ceremony at the Legion followed tradition with

an 11 a.m. service in front of the cairn.

Veterans and service clubs laid wreaths commemorating fellow Canadians who died fighting in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War.

School children were also on hand to sing the national anthem and recite 'In Flanders Fields'.

For more information on the the Ajax branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, contact Ted Griffin at 683-7811.

Royal Canadian Legion opens its doors

Legions seek Canadians who want to serve their communities

The Royal Canadian Legion is seeking Canadians who want to serve their communities.

The Legion was formed in 1925 with a membership of 50,000 growing out of the need to help First World War veterans. The Legion's defining commitment remains to remember those who gave their lives — the more than 114,000 Canadians who have been killed in conflicts in which Canada participated — and has grown over the past 73 years to assist seniors, youth and the disabled, as well as veterans. Now the largest community service organization in Canada, the Legion has more than 500,000 members and 1,690 branches in Canada, 26 in the United States and three in Germany.

Most Canadians associate the Legion with Remembrance Day ceremonies and the National Poppy-Remembrance Campaign when Legion members distribute poppy emblems to raise funds for disabled, sick, aged and needy veterans, ex-service members, and their



Local veterans marched in Ajax in the annual parade to commemorate Remembrance Day. It is a solemn and important occasion for the men and women who served.

families. But there is much more going on behind the red poppy emblem and all that the revered symbol represents.

The Royal Canadian Legion puts \$347 million into Canadi-

an cities and towns each year, providing services to seniors, youth and numerous community-based charities. Its youth programmes in particular sponsor a variety of sports, public

speaking and student poster, poem and essay competitions, while distributing bursaries and scholarships to students from secondary school to the university level. The Legion is the

largest single supporter of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

As the years take their toll on Canada's population of aging veterans, the legion needs the infusion of new blood in order to maintain the many services it provides. Membership was originally restricted to war veterans and those serving or retired members of Canada's Armed Forces.

Eligibility was expanded over the years to include immediate family members of veterans and to members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, other police forces and, with limitations, the public in general.

Currently, four categories of Royal Canadian Legion membership are open to Canadian citizens or Commonwealth subjects who are of the age of majority. They include ordinary, associate, affiliate and affiliate non-voting.

As of Oct. 1, members of the latter category, who include those from the general public, will be able to apply for affiliate voting status, with full privi-

leges, following two years of service.

"Our purpose is strong and our people are just as dedicated and committed as they have been in the past, and we are evolving and changing as required," says Dominion President Chuck Murphy of Port Moody, B.C.

"We've had some problems in the last few years with a slight decline in membership, but we're taking steps and making provisions where necessary to change that. The legion's future looks bright and we're looking forward to the next century with a great deal of anticipation."

Pickering has two legion branches, one in the southern portion of town and the other in Claremont, Ajax, meanwhile, has one.

Pickering Branch 606 is located at 1555 Bayly St. near Brock Road. Claremont Branch 483 is at 4937 Old Brock Road in the northern part of town.

Ajax Branch 322 is located at 111 Hunt Street near Commercial Avenue.

count. I also think they should be giving back the children their extra-curricular activities.

It's important for parents not to attach too much meaning to these test results. First of all, a lot of the material is new to the kids because of curriculum changes. Secondly, they'll show better as they become familiar with it.

My child will be tested next year, so I'm worried that Grade 2s aren't being properly prepared. I want all kids to have the best education they can, but I worry about all the changes.

The lowest in the GTA? I can't say I'm too surprised. Blame the provincial government.

This Week's Question: A recent study related to the effects of living near a nuclear generating station indicates that the incidence of childhood leukemia and other diseases aren't any higher in Ajax and Pickering than in other parts of the province. What's your reaction?

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WORDS FROM THE WISE

Politics, Points of View and Parodies

Public meetings

PICKERING TOWN COUNCIL
Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. — Council, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade.

DURHAM REGION
Thursday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. — Finance Committee, Finance Department Boardroom, 3rd Floor, 60 Bond St. W., Oshawa.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m. — Health and Social Services Committee, 850 King St. W., Oshawa.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. — Regional Transit Co-ordinating Committee, Durham Region Headquarters, 605 Rossland Rd. E., Whitby.

SCHOOL BOARDS

Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. — Durham District School Board, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby

Monday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. — Durham Catholic District School Board, Catholic Education Centre, 650 Rossland Rd. W., Oshawa

News Advertiser Reader Poll

Last Week's Question: What's your reaction to the latest province-wide Grade 3 test results which indicated Durham Region's public school students posted scores which were among the lowest in the Greater Toronto Area?

The local teachers should learn from this result. They really have to realize that results do



YOUR LIPS SAY NO NO NO - BUT I SAY YES YES YES



Provincial funding available for local charities

Pickering groups urged to apply

PICKERING — Local charities are being invited to apply through the Town of Pickering for interim financing under the Ontario Lottery Corporations 'Advance Funding Program'.

The Province is providing up to \$40 million in interim funding through the program.

Each municipality is responsible for compiling a roster of local charities to share in the funding. Charities must apply to their municipality for inclusion on the roster. To participate in the program, the charities must meet provincial eligibility criteria.

Application forms and guidelines are available on request at the clerk's department at the Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade. All applications must be completed and returned to the clerk's department by Nov. 30, 1998.

Pickering Council will make recommendations to the Province on how the funding available here should be allocated to eligible local charities.

For more information call lottery licensing officer Maureen Martin at 420-4615, ext. 2142, or Town clerk Bruce Taylor at 420-4611, ext. 2153.

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PAR-

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CHRISTMAS-

The Ajax Toastmasters Club meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Financial Centre, 100 Church St., Ajax. (1)

COLLEGE: A

College of Applied Arts and University of Applied Sciences Information Program is held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at 100 Church St., Oshawa. (1)

CANCER: Yoga

for Bodies Under Stress, for cancer patients or their caregivers, is held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at Hearsh Place Cancer Support Centre, 86 Colborne St., Oshawa. (1)

CANCER: A

weekly Caregiver Support Group drop-in meeting, where people supporting a cancer patient can share feelings and coping strategies, is held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hearsh Place Cancer Support Centre, 86 Colborne St., Oshawa. (1)

EAST CAN-

A Breast Cancer Peer Support Group for women living with breast cancer meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Hearsh Place Cancer Support Centre, 86 Colborne St., Oshawa. (1)

WEDNESDAY,

Nov. 12

EATERS:

Community eaters meet at 7 p.m. at the Community Centre, 100 Church St., Oshawa. (1)

FRIDAY,

Nov. 13

The Pan-Am Hockey League is held at the Community Centre, 100 Church St., Oshawa. (1)

These volunteers help make sure the sun shines on Variety Village.

Royal Bank staff in Scarborough and Durham Region have adopted Variety Village's Sunshine Games as their charity of choice. Variety Village is a sports training and fitness centre for children with special needs that focuses on what the kids can rather than can't do.

Their annual Sunshine Games is a friendly, non-competitive event that raises money to support the vital programs and services that Variety Village provides. Corporate sponsors form teams made up of company representatives, kids from Variety Village and, whenever possible, a celebrity.

Many staff from Royal Bank put their hearts into Variety Village and these Games. This year, they held raffles, BBQs and rummage sales, sold cookbooks



Variety Village volunteers (top l. to r.) Donna, Dawn, Gerni, Valerie (bottom l. to r.) Sybil, Lorraine, Suzanne and Nadia share a moment with Sharon.

and baked goods, and wore Village t-shirts and hearts to promote donations and the event. On the day of the Games, 150 staff were on hand, most as volunteers, others as participants, and helped raise over \$103,000 in this, their third, Sunshine Games.

They're just some of many Royal Bank staff across Canada who take time out to help in their communities. And we'd just like to take this opportunity to thank them for doing what they do.

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