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Pickering Markets may flea south

Developer starts process of new home for hundreds of vendors

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE
Staff Writer

PICKERING — An empty lot at the corner of Squires Beach Road and Bayly Street could soon become the new home to the Pickering Markets.

"A deal has not been formalized yet, but the City has received a development application from the owners of a property at Squires Beach and Bayly in which the uses include housing the Pickering Markets," said Ron Taylor, Pickering's economic development officer.

Canada's largest flea and antique market, home to more than 700 flea and 100 antique booths run by more than 250 vendors, the Pickering Markets is now housed at the Metro East Trade Centre at Brock Road and Hwy. 401.

The centre's current owners, First Simcha Shopping Centres Limited, however, wants to tear down the existing structures and replace them with 'big box'-type retail shops, restaurants and a grocery store.

First Simcha's application to rezone the property comes before Pickering council July 29.

Now, a local industrial property owner has stepped up to the plate with a tentative deal to build the new home.

Frank Spain, executive vice-president of Invar building corporation, confirmed Wednesday his company has begun the development application process to construct a building on its property at the corner of Squires and Bayly. Among the permitted uses is a flea market, but he said that doesn't guarantee anything.

"We would be willing to be the new home to the Pickering Markets if they can work out some kind

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Dancin' in the street

PICKERING — Residents of Jaywin Circle hosted their annual street barbecue and dance last weekend, offering plenty of fun and activity. Here, Isha Kahn performs a cultural dance in the central Pickering neighbourhood.

Swarming sends teen to hospital

Arrest made in earlier street robbery

BY STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A dozen young "hoodlums" punched, kicked and stomped on the head of a 15-year-old boy in the latest unprovoked swarming in Ajax and Pickering.

Tuesday's attack was another in a spate of street robberies or swarmings that have police worried about rising youth violence.

"It's a gang mentality, the pack mentality that really concerns me because somebody's going to get seriously hurt at some point," said Detective Sergeant Peter Naimenko, in charge of 19 Division's criminal investigations branch.

"Pretty close" to one street robbery or attack is occurring per day, he said, attributing the violence to

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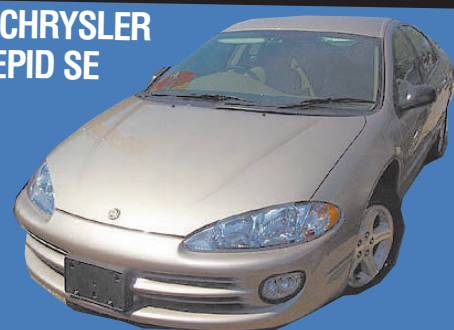


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Inquest date set in train collision deaths

Ajax man, daughter killed in Pickering last year

PICKERING — An inquest into the death of an Ajax man and his daughter, who were killed after their vehicle was hit by a train in Pickering last year, begins in September.

Richard Schewe, 31, and Mikaela, two, died May 7, 2001 when the pickup truck they were in collided with a westbound train. At the time of the collision, Mr. Schewe was talking on a cellphone.

The accident happened at a level crossing on Brock Road, just south of Taunton Road.

The inquest was called by Dr. William Lucas, regional supervising coroner for Central Ontario.

The inquest starts Monday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the provincial courthouse in Whitby, 605 Rossland Rd. E. Dr. James Edwards will preside and Ken Polley of the Durham Crown attorney's office will act as counsel to the coroner.

The inquest will review the events surrounding the deaths and may result in recommendations aimed at preventing similar situations.

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Teen beaten, robbed after youth yells 'let's get him'

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"just regular hoodlums" rather than gangs.

At 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, two 15-year-olds were confronted by 12 youths on the basketball court at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, on Whites Road.

Police said one of the teenaged boys was challenged to a one-on-one fight. During the fisticuffs, the rest of the group swarmed the second teen.

The victim was punched to the ground, kicked and stomped on the head repeatedly by his assailants. Two were brandishing a pipe and piece of wood.

During the beating the group identified itself as the 'Scarborough Crew,' but scattered when school custodians intervened. As they fled, one of the youths threatened to return with his "burner", gang slang for gun, police said.

The victim suffered bruises and superficial wounds to the face, head, chest and arms, as well as a foot imprint on his head.

He was treated at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital and released.

The suspects were described as South Asian, all in their teens and wearing brown Timberland boots.

The investigation continues and arrests are expected, Det. Sgt. Naumienko said.

Meanwhile, a 17-year-old boy was arrested Wednesday and charged with assault in connection with the swarming-robbery of a teen Monday in Ajax.

Police said as many as 50 bystanders watched as the victim was beaten and robbed by 10 to 15 bandana-wearing thugs in broad daylight.

The victim, 17, was riding his mountain bike when he was con-

fronted near Fishlock Drive and Harwood Avenue just after 2 p.m., police said.

Someone yelled, "Let's get him,"

at which time he was punched to the ground and kicked repeatedly.

The thugs took \$5 from his wallet, a piece of jewelry, his baseball

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Investigation into crash called following death of 'Poppa Smurf'

BY JACQUIE McINNES
Staff Writer

PICKERING — An investigation is under way following the death Wednesday of a stock car driver whose vehicle exploded during a Saturday afternoon practice at Mosport International Speedway.

Jan Brigé, 65, of Pickering, known on the circuit and to friends as 'Poppa Smurf' succumbed to "complications of injury due to the accident" at Sunnybrook hospital July 17 according to the coroner in charge of the investigation. All accidental deaths are investigated, explains the coroner, Dr. David Evans. Durham Regional Police are also investigating, said Constable John Payne, Thursday.

Although the stock car accident happened Saturday at 4:30 p.m., Const. Payne said yesterday the investigation was just getting under way.

"The traffic management is on scene now," he said, noting the investigation didn't start until after Mr. Brigé died. "We just got word this morning. At the time, there was no indication there may be a fatality," he said.

In fact, one of the men who pulled Mr. Brigé out of the car, Mikey Lattrulo, said his friend actually walked to the ambulance after he was removed from the vehicle.

"It happened during practice. Jan was trying to restart his car. He was trying to fire it up when another race car hit him," he relates. "Two or three seconds later it exploded." Mr. Lattrulo believes a fuel cell was ignited causing the explosion, which was "like something out of a movie." Seeing the intensity of the



Mikey Lattrulo is using his race car to pay tribute to his friend Jan 'Poppa Smurf' Brigé, a Pickering resident, who died from injuries he sustained in an accident last weekend at Mosport racetrack.

flames, Mr. Lattrulo "debated whether to stay or go" help Mr. Brigé but says, "I thought, 'He's in there, I have to go. I'm going to get him out.'" Another race car driver, Doug Wills was first to the scene. "Dougie jumped out of his car and began dragging him out and I helped him get him out the rest of the way. He couldn't have got him all the way out because his (Mr. Wills's) face was all singed." As the two men pulled Mr. Brigé out, another driver hosed the three down with the extinguisher.

"He hosed us all, otherwise we would have melted. I have no eyebrows and no eyelashes left and no forearm hair and I had a fire suit on," says Mr. Lattrulo. Mr. Wills was treated for minor burns and Mr. Lattrulo and the driver who operated the extinguisher were treated for smoke

inhalation.

"All of us are deeply saddened at his passing," said Myles Brandt, general manager of Mosport. "Our prayers and thoughts are with his family and friends."

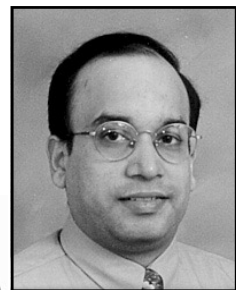
This Saturday is fan-appreciation week at the track where those attending the weekly race

get a chance to get an autograph from the drivers. A memorial to Mr. Brigé is being organized by the drivers as part of the event, says Mr. Lattrulo.

"He's been around here, easy, five years, and a lot of people know him." The event begins at 6 p.m.

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Editorial

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Census good news

Sure Durham's population is aging, but more slowly than elsewhere in Canada

There's plenty to fret about with the latest national census figures, revealed with a big media splash across the country this week.

Much of the data offers little in the way of surprises. Demographers have been talking for years about our aging population noting the Baby Boomers — those born between the late 1940s to early 1960s and comprising the largest single age bracket — are tottering toward seniorhood.

What the census clearly shows is a frightening scenario: while the elderly continue to expand and live longer, not enough babies are being born to replace them. That means fewer workers in future to provide tax revenue to help support more seniors.

That's the bad news and it's a problem faced by all western nations. The good news in Durham is that, outside of Alberta, we have the youngest population in Canada.

With a median age of 35.9, almost two years below the Canadian average of 37.6, Durham's growth is spurred on by young working couples, eager to buy a home and raise a family. This demographic buys many of the homes sold in subdivisions springing up in urban Durham.

What does it all mean?

For the Region as a whole, it requires planning with an aim to providing the services and employment opportunities that make Durham attractive and that keep twenty- and thirty-somethings here. Along with the necessary increase in school construction, Durham must provide the parks, pools, ice-pads and recreation centres to keep the region attractive for children and their parents.

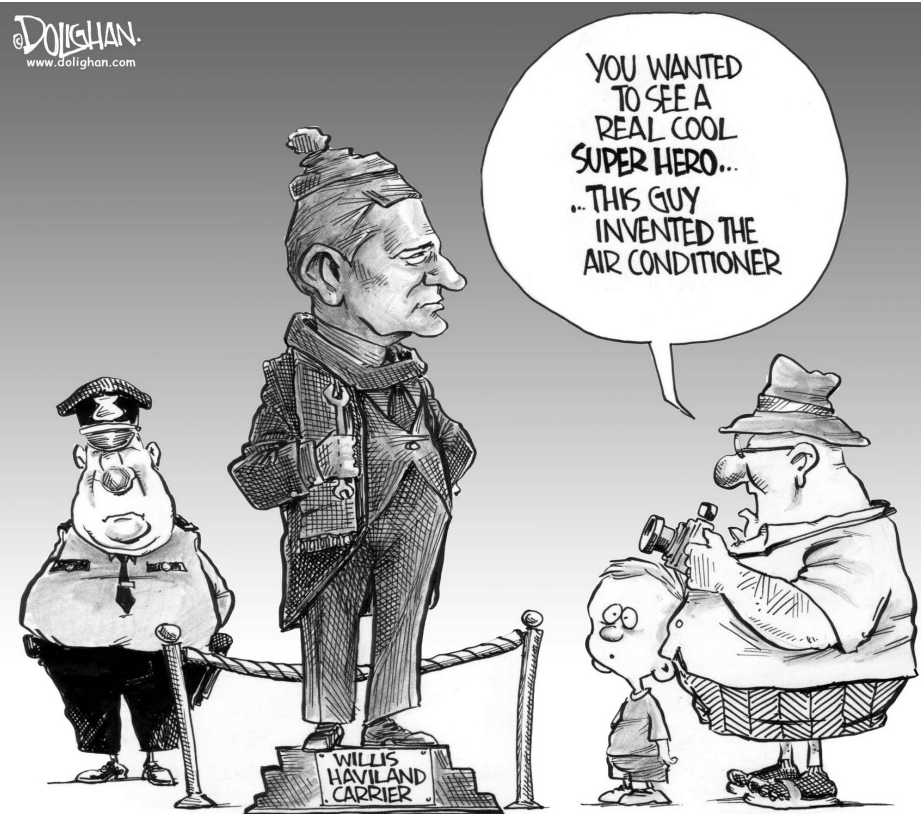
But there's more.

Exhibit No. 1 in Durham's new look has to be the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, which works on a number of levels. The post-secondary school will keep many young Durham high school grads studying close to home; it will employ working-age region residents and will attract businesses to the Region.

Exhibit No. 2 for the Region could be the attraction of ITER, the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor. The decision on where to locate the high-tech project, either in Clarington or in competing sites in Spain, France or Japan, is expected by early next year. Should Durham win, ITER will provide a huge number of construction jobs followed by world-class scientific and technical positions. And, like UOIT, it will draw businesses to the Region.

As Durham grows, accommodating the needs of youth and keeping them here will be a challenge. More young people also means an increased need for police services to contain the inevitable bad apples and an aging population will require seniors' homes and expanded health services.

The challenges will be immense but Durham has an advantage on most of the rest of the country. For that we can be thankful.



Letters to the editor

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Give voters a say on region projects

To the editor:

I hope all Durham taxpayers are in line for the same increases in pay, or business, as the amount Pickering councillors have given themselves, because we are going to need every penny.

Why should Durham council, which complained bitterly about former premier Mike Harris's downloading, now be doing its own downloading?

Why should we be asked to pay for Hwy. 401 interchanges costing millions of tax dollars? Why should we be contributing to a cancer centre that is obviously needed, and to a new university?

The items are the responsibility of the federal and provincial governments. If individuals wish to contribute to the cancer unit or the university they can, and maybe obtain a charitable donation slip for their income tax return.

There is no way that any of the above should come from property taxes in Durham. The above items are not the responsibility of the Region or its taxpayers. The regional responsibilities are clearly outlined, and council should stay within the mandate its has been given. If one looks, as I have, at the highways and interchanges to the west of Toronto, we look like poor neglected cousins. Certainly we need highway improvements in this region, but I don't think anyone has told the Province that.

Can anyone imagine a problem at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station requiring evacuation around 3 to 5 p.m. any day of the week? You would not get to Church Street in Ajax.

If we cannot get this roadwork done while we have ministers in the present government, I think we need a change, at the provincial and regional levels.

Why not put questions on election ballots and give people a say before council starts doling out our money?

**John Williams Sr.,
Pickering**

So, how much is your vote worth?

If you live in an expensive house and pay higher taxes, should your vote count more than someone who lives in an apartment?

Do rural residents deserve more representatives because they have more land?

After hours of debate last week over how a regional chairman should be elected, that decision remains with council, not the public. But as if that question isn't contentious enough, councillors decided to include a feisty side debate on whether members of council should be given a weighted vote on the matter, based on how much money their municipality contributes to regional coffers.

In the end, they decided to chuck that idea too, going back to the standard one vote per councillor. Unfortunately, at the moment, not everyone in



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Durham is being represented equally.

Comprised of 28 representatives from the eight municipalities, Durham councillors oversee our regional roads, water and sewer, ambulance, police, health and social service programs to name just a few. Just under 50 per cent of our property tax bill is spent in these chambers.

But the composition of council is unbalanced based on the population and assessment each municipality

brings to the table. The northern municipalities of Uxbridge, Brock and Scugog are all over-represented while others, including Clarington and Pickering, are currently under-represented.

Clarington Mayor John Mutton and Pickering Councillor Mark Holland have been vocal lobbyists to have the vote for regional chairman weighted by assessment or population.

"If you're not going to have a chairman elected at large by the public at least have the councillors that represent the majority of Durham residents elect the chairman," says Mayor Mutton. "It would add a bit more credibility to the process and a bit more democracy."

Scugog Councillor Ken Carruthers argued votes based on assessment are undemocratic. "Does a person with a \$500,000 home get three votes instead

of one for a person with a \$200,000 home?" he asked.

Coun. Carruthers is right. Rich people shouldn't have more say than their less wealthy neighbours (although that is how it seems to work elsewhere in life). But neither should those who happen to live on 100 acres instead of in an apartment.

The inequity of representation based on population that exists on regional council needs to be addressed, openly, fairly and soon. Council should skip the anticipated fall retreat to dance around this issue yet again. Just make it happen.

Growing municipalities deserve to be fairly represented, not based on how rich they are, but based on how many people live in them. That is Canadian democracy. That is fair. And it's just that simple.

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Specialty police services to use TASERS on stun

DURHAM — Specialty police services in Ontario will now have another tool to help officers stop criminals in their trucks - the TASER Less-Lethal System.

TASER is an acronym for Thomas A. Swift Electrical Rifle, a device which uses an electrical current to temporarily overpower the body's normal electrical system, causing temporary loss of muscle

control, according to the Ministry of Public Safety and Security. Medical experts say it does not cause permanent damage.

"The TASER system has proven effective and is especially useful when police officers are involved in situations that could lead to having to use their firearms," said Bob Runciman, Minister of Public Safety and Security in a statement. "The

TASER system offers safety benefits to both police and suspects during apprehension."

Ottawa and Toronto police services conducted TASER pilot projects in 2000 with positive results, said the ministry, which led to recommendations for the device to be put into use.

For now, the TASER guns will only be used by police containment,

tactical and hostage rescue teams.

Durham police Sergeant Paul Wassill, of the Tactical Support Unit and Nuclear Site Response Team, welcomed the new weapon to the police arsenal.

Sgt. Wassill said the stun guns give police another choice that isn't lethal and noted they have proven successful, especially in resolving incidents involving emotionally dis-

turbed persons.

"We're very pleased, there are no negatives. It's a non-injurious weapon and the more less-lethal options available the better," said the use-of-force instructor.

He said Durham police are in the process of arranging to host an instruction program to train tactical officers around the GTA in the use of TASERS.

Vendors looking for assurances

VENDORS from page 1

of arrangement," he said. "The question is can they unhinge themselves from whatever deal they have with (the trade centre's owners)?"

According to a lawyer representing a group of about 25 of the markets' vendors, those who run the booths at the weekend market are in favour of the move, but want some assurances the gap between closing the market at its old home and opening the new one is minimized.

"All we're trying to do is work with the City and (the trade centre's owners) to move the market off to a new site," said lawyer Arley Karpman. "The only issue is timing; we don't want the tenants kicked off the land with nowhere to go."

Mr. Karpman said First Simcha officials told him they want the flea market out by January 2003, but Invar said, if everything goes perfectly, the new building still wouldn't be ready until June of that year.

"I don't think (First Simcha) needs to have the markets out by January, it's a wish not a need," he said. "We fully support the City's goal of brand new development and the developer's right to develop their land, we just want people to give us the time and appropriate mechanisms to move over to the new site."

Mr. Taylor said the City would do all it can to help. "We're looking into what we can do. We're looking into every option and ideally we want a win-win for everybody," he said. "We're glad the markets will stay in Pickering; it'll just move from the north to the south."



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Libraries – not by the book anymore

There's more to libraries these days than meets the eye

BY LESLEY BOVIE
Staff Writer

DURHAM – Walk through a library on any given day and you'll find people like Joan Halman, sinking into a plush couch and flipping through the latest copy of 'In Britain' magazine.

A member of Scugog Memorial Public Library for the past 14 years, Mrs. Halman and her husband make at least two to three trips a week. Today, she has a half hour to spare and just popped in for a light read by a set of large lakeside windows.

"I've always loved reading," the senior says. "Reading has gotten me through some tough times in my life."

Across the room, Anastacia Calnan, 24, logs on to her email account at one of the library's six Internet workstations. Having recently moved here with her fiancé, Ms. Calnan isn't hooked up at home yet and drops in a few times each week to keep up with friends and family in Cobourg.

Both women are prime examples of the way libraries have evolved over the last decade.

If you haven't checked out your local library in a while, you'll be surprised to find CDs, DVDs, and books on tape lining the shelves. Most have their own Web sites too.

In fact, anyone with Internet access can now search most library catalogues in Durham. They can hold materials, renew them, check their card information and even ask quick reference questions from their own homes. So far, Uxbridge Public Library is the only library in the region still working towards offering those services, but that kind of automation will soon be on its way.

Rather than turning away from technology, libraries are embracing it. They say traditional users like Mrs. Halman will never be eclipsed by the conveniences of the Information Age. Cuddling up with a good computer just doesn't cut it.

"People use electronic sources in a certain way," says Wendy Brown, Chief Executive Officer of Oshawa Public Library. "People still want the ability to browse through the shelves or sit down with a magazine."

If anything, the Information Highway has provided a wealth of new opportunities to local libraries. As managers of information, librarians say it's only natural they be the navigators for the new technology. In a way, it makes their role in society even more important.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Internet is a gold mine (for us). There's so much wrong information out there on it. It's like job security for the next 100 years," says Tom Bonanno, Chief Executive Officer of Scugog Public Library.

Since the vast majority of people don't know how to search on the Internet, they usually end up going to librarians anyway, says Uxbridge chief librarian Stephen Whelan. Libraries can focus a specific search and offer specialized data bases not necessarily accessible through your PC at home.

And let's face it, most of us are busy and don't have a lot of time to spend hours on the World Wide Web, says Mr. Whelan.

Automation doesn't seem to be hurting the library industry. Most libraries in Durham report their circulation and number of members have remained steady over the last few years.

In fact, a snapshot around the region shows a number of libraries planning new central buildings. Bowmanville expects the construction of its new 24,000 square-foot facility as part of Clarington's municipal headquarters on Temperance Street to be complete by the end of the year. It replaces the current 5,000 square-foot main library built in 1965 and will include computer common areas.

Ajax Public Library is planning to have double the amount of space when its \$8.5 million new central library opens this fall at the same site as its current 37-year-old main facility on Harwood Avenue. New features include more Internet workstations, meeting rooms and a multilingual section.

Public libraries in Scugog and Oshawa say they, too, are considering expansions in the near future. Mr. Bonanno says another 5,000 square-feet would allow for a new children's wing at Scugog Public Library. Oshawa Public Library is contemplating a branch to service the northeast quarter of the city, says Ms. Brown.

The most ambitious project on tap and perhaps most indicative of the way libraries are heading, is the \$15 million new central public library planned for Dundas and King streets in Whitby. Construction on the 45,000 square-foot building should begin next spring and will include a civic square as part of an overall downtown redevelopment.

Like Ajax and Bowmanville, the project brings Whitby Public library not only up-to-date but up to speed with its skyrocketing population. The current building was never actually built like a library, but was once the Town's municipal headquarters before it moved in 1970.

"Libraries traditionally have been a place in which you don't talk. They are very rules oriented. You don't do this and you don't do that at them," says Chief Executive Officer Ian Ross. "But the library I envision is not going to be that."

Mr. Ross says the new Whitby building will be high tech, offering

an electronic research training centre as well as self-serve checkouts. Bar-coded material will allow patrons to check out their own material if they wish. Staff will be able to take a complete inventory of the shelves by using a wand, much like the system used at grocery stores today.

But at the same time, the CEO wants to create a comfortable atmosphere, where people will naturally want to come and enjoy. Some areas of the library will be

lively to inspire young families and teens, but there will also be quiet areas for deep thinkers. A contemporary café is also being considered for the project, which is currently in its preliminary design stage.

In short, librarians don't feel threatened at all by the onslaught of the Information Age.

They relish it.

Libraries do fail, however, when they no longer adapt to the changing needs of the public. As Mr. Bonanno puts it, there are two types of librarians - those who think they know what the public is reading, and those who actually do.

"It's not a private collection," he says.

"It's not rocket science either. I usually pick

up two newspapers a day or have a look at the Internet. We also have regular requests from our patrons."

But typically, programs are constantly being introduced at libraries to inspire more participation from the public. After all, that's what funds the industry, points out Cynthia Mearns, Chief Executive Officer of Pickering Public Library.

Ontario statistics show library use is high among young children, drops off among teens, but then starts to climb as those young adults begin families. Seniors are also heavy users. Subsequently, you'll find a lot of preschool programs and senior book chats are offered at your local library.

Recently, most libraries in Durham have started to add teen and young adult sections to their collections. Pickering even carries a collection of non-fiction 'e' books with quick 'how-to' facts for those busy to make it physically to the library but want information.



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Ajax Public Library chief librarian Geoffrey Nie and chairman of the library board, Val Marshall are anxious for the completion of construction of the new central branch.

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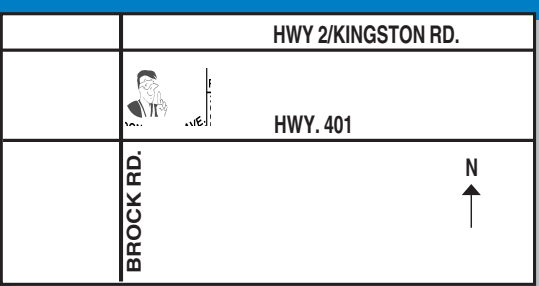
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Flaherty woos investors

Whitby-Ajax MPP in England drumming up business

BY NATALIE MILLER
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A local MPP has gone abroad to sell Ontario.

Travel was expected to be a significant part of Whitby-Ajax MPP Jim Flaherty's new cabinet post as Minister of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation.

The former finance minister and man who wanted to be premier is in England this week to encourage trade and investment in the province.

He's on a mission to attract foreign investors,

which account for half of Ontario's major industries. Seventy-five per cent of all manufactured exports are directly linked to foreign investment, according to the Province.

Mr. Flaherty's itinerary included a dinner Sunday for Ontario aerospace representatives in London. On Monday, he attended the Farnborough Air Show, a priority on his travel agenda. He returns to Canada next week.

Mr. Flaherty, who had been finance minister, was given the cabinet post in April when Ernie Eves was

sworn in as the new premier.

His job also includes expanding small business and training young people for future jobs and generating growth in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

"I'm a minister of the future growth of the province," he said in an interview following the announcement.

"Innovation is contributing to a better quality of life and a higher standard of living for everyone in Ontario, and in many cases, the world."



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Youth got games – and TV

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Museum gardens have grown up around them

PICKERING — It was a time to tell stories of years gone by and a chance to catch up recently at the Pickering Museum Village. From left, Aileen Howes, Rhoda Almack and Joan Currie, discuss the museum gardens with Julie Oakes, head gardener of Bloomers and Britches. The three women were members of the Taproots Garden Club, which planted the original gardens.

Ajax legion celebrating diamond anniversary

AJAX — The Royal Canadian Legion branch in Ajax is turning 60.

There's a week of activities planned, culminating in an anniversary dinner Monday, Aug. 12 at the legion, 111 Hunt St.

An open house runs Aug. 5 to 12, and there's entertainment lined up for several days.

Everyone is welcome to take part in activities, such as snooker, shuffleboard and darts.

Tickets for the 60th anniversary dinner are now on sale and the cost is \$10. In addition to the dinner and dance, Hugo Strom will provide entertainment. A commemorative souvenir will be available to all attending.

Open house entertainment includes J&J Entertainment Aug. 5 from 2 to 6 p.m., Ray Paradis Aug. 9 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Lindsay Morgan Aug. 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Jimmy Fraser Aug. 11 from 2 to 6 p.m.

On Aug. 11, a horseshoe tournament and a triple crown tournament will be held for members. There's also a barbecue for everyone to enjoy.

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Ajax, Pickering students figure out top marks at challenge

DURHAM — A local student has placed first in the fifth annual Ontario Chartered Accountants Challenge.

Nicholas Milosh, who has just completed high school studies at McLaughlin Collegiate, topped the accounting competition, taken by high school students considering an accounting career. He'll receive \$1,500 for placing first provincially and \$100 for a first-place regional finish. He was one of four regional winners.

"I entered the competition to test my knowledge," he said. "I was very surprised when I learned that I was the top

in the province."

After a summer studying French in Trois-Rivieres, he'll head to Queen's University for a bachelor of commerce degree and an eventual career in corporate finance and/or accounting.

Second-place regional winners were Kip Linton, of Ajax High School and Christopher Bateman, of Bowmanville High School. Christopher Van Abbema of Pine Ridge Secondary School in Pickering, was a third-place regional winner.

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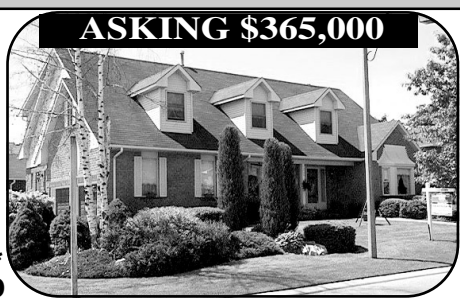
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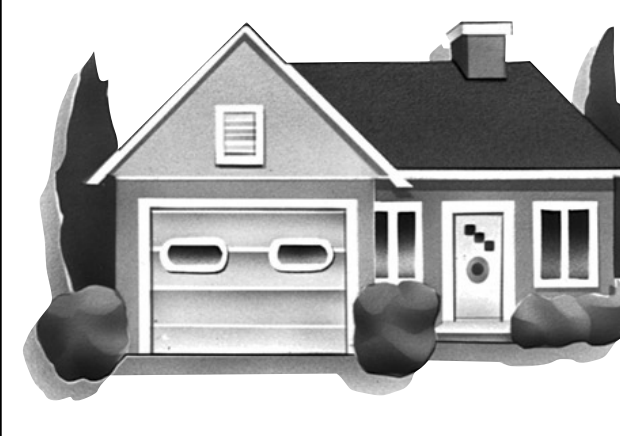
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Body could be missing Durham teen

Family last heard from daughter in 2000

BY STEPHEN SHAW
Staff Writer

DURHAM — An OPP investigation into human remains found on a Lindsay-area farm has turned its focus to the disappearance of a teenage Oshawa girl two years ago, the News Advertiser has learned.

A senior detective confirmed OPP are probing a possible link between the unidentified remains and the case of missing teen Michelle Robichaud.

Police were searching the Hwy. 35 property in Cameron on June 24 for evidence in connection with an earlier homicide case when a cadaver dog discovered the skeletal remains under a thin layer of hay in a barn loft.

The search was part of an ongoing investigation in the beating death of Kent Knights, 35, whose body was found in Haliburton County last December. Cousins John Robertson, 38, and Ryan Robertson, 21, residents of the farm, are charged with the first-degree murder of Mr. Knights, who was a tenant.

Forensic anthropologists determined the remains found on the property last month were those of a white female between 15 and 20 years, OPP said.

Post-mortem examination revealed the female victim died of blunt force trauma. Aside from location, OPP are not saying if the homicides are linked.

Police said clothing found with the remains was made and shipped to stores in 1999, helping investigators narrow down when she was killed.

Detective Inspector Jim Wilson said police have reviewed about a hundred missing persons files in Ontario and Canada in efforts to identify the remains. A potential break in the case came late last week when investigators received a phone call from a worried relative of Ms. Robichaud.

She ran away from her Oshawa home in April 1999, at the age of 16.

Family members have not heard from Ms. Robichaud since March 2000. At the time she indicated she was staying with an older man in Peterborough.

Det. Insp. Wilson, of the criminal investigations branch, said the relative was spurred to call OPP after hearing about the remains in the news media.

As a result of speaking with investigators, the family filed a missing persons report Thursday with Durham Regional Police. Durham police said the report has been turned over to OPP.

"Certainly this missing person is of interest to us, it falls within the parameters (of the human remains investigation)," said Det. Insp. Wilson, referring to Ms. Robichaud's age and time frame of her disappearance.

"We were not aware of her missing until Thursday, although she hadn't been seen by her family in some time," he added.

Det. Insp. Wilson would not discuss what, if any evidence other than clothes, was recovered with the remains.

Police planned to obtain a possible sample of Ms. Robichaud's DNA for comparison with the remains. Investigators met with the family Monday.

Relatives of Ms. Robichaud living in Whitby could not be reached.



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Bite back against West Nile Virus by taking proper precautions

BY JACQUIE McINNES
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The West Nile Virus has arrived in Ontario this summer and the Durham Region Health Department is recommending precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes, the virus carrier.

Eleven birds have been confirmed positive for West Nile Virus, including in Peel Region, Oxford County, Chatham-Kent, Middlesex-London, Halton Region, Perth and Windsor-Essex, says Dr. Donna Reynolds, Durham's associate medical officer of health. In addition, a mosquito trapped in Peel was confirmed to have the virus.

West Nile Virus was first found in Ontario's bird population last summer after the virus travelled on infected birds from the United States. In the state of New York, it has resulted in human fatalities but no human cases have yet been reported in Ontario.

The virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito that has become infected from feeding on the blood of a bird carrying the virus. The disease is not passed person-to-person or bird-to-person but it is fatal to birds and to some humans, especially those with depressed immune systems. This summer three human cases have been confirmed in Louisiana says Dr. Reynolds who suggests this part of North America is more likely to experience human cases in August and September.

"The likelihood is quite high we will find an infected bird in Durham Region (this summer)," says Dr. Reynolds. "The positive aspect is, the level of infection in the bird population this year remains quite low," she adds. However, she says, this is the time of year when the cycle of transmission of the disease from mosquito to human potentially begins, so residents are being encouraged to reduce the risk of being bitten.

"We want to emphasize that the risk of human illness remains low," she says.

Ways to reduce the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes include:

- Avoid areas with high mosquito populations;
- Wear light-coloured clothing including long sleeves, pants and a hat to cover exposed skin;
- Use mosquito repellent containing DEET, following manufacturer's instructions. Adults should look for repellents con-



DR. DONNA REYNOLDS
'We want to emphasize that the risk of human illness remains low.'

taining 30 per cent DEET or less while children should wear repellent with no more than six to 10 per cent DEET. Children under six months should not use DEET products while those six months to two years should only have it applied once per day. Children three to 12 should have it applied no more than three times a day;

• Ensure all windows and doors in the home have screens in good condition; and

• Take extra precautions from dusk to dawn when mosquito activity is high.

The Durham Health Department recently began a mosquito surveillance program in addition to bird surveillance. Mosquitoes are captured and sent to Brock University in St. Catharines where they are counted and identified by species before being sent to Health Canada to be tested for the virus.

In addition to personal protective measures, residents are encouraged to continue to reduce potential breeding areas on their properties such as:

- Draining all areas of standing or stagnant water on the property;
- Removing old tires, turning over pails, toys and wheelbarrows;
- Frequently changing the water in bird baths, at least weekly; and
- Keeping eaves troughs clear to avoid trapped water.

Residents are also reminded to call in any sightings of dead crows for the bird surveillance program. For more information on West Nile Virus or to report dead birds, call the environmental help line at (905) 723-8521 or 1-800-841-2729. Also, visit the Region's Web site at www.region.durham.on.ca.

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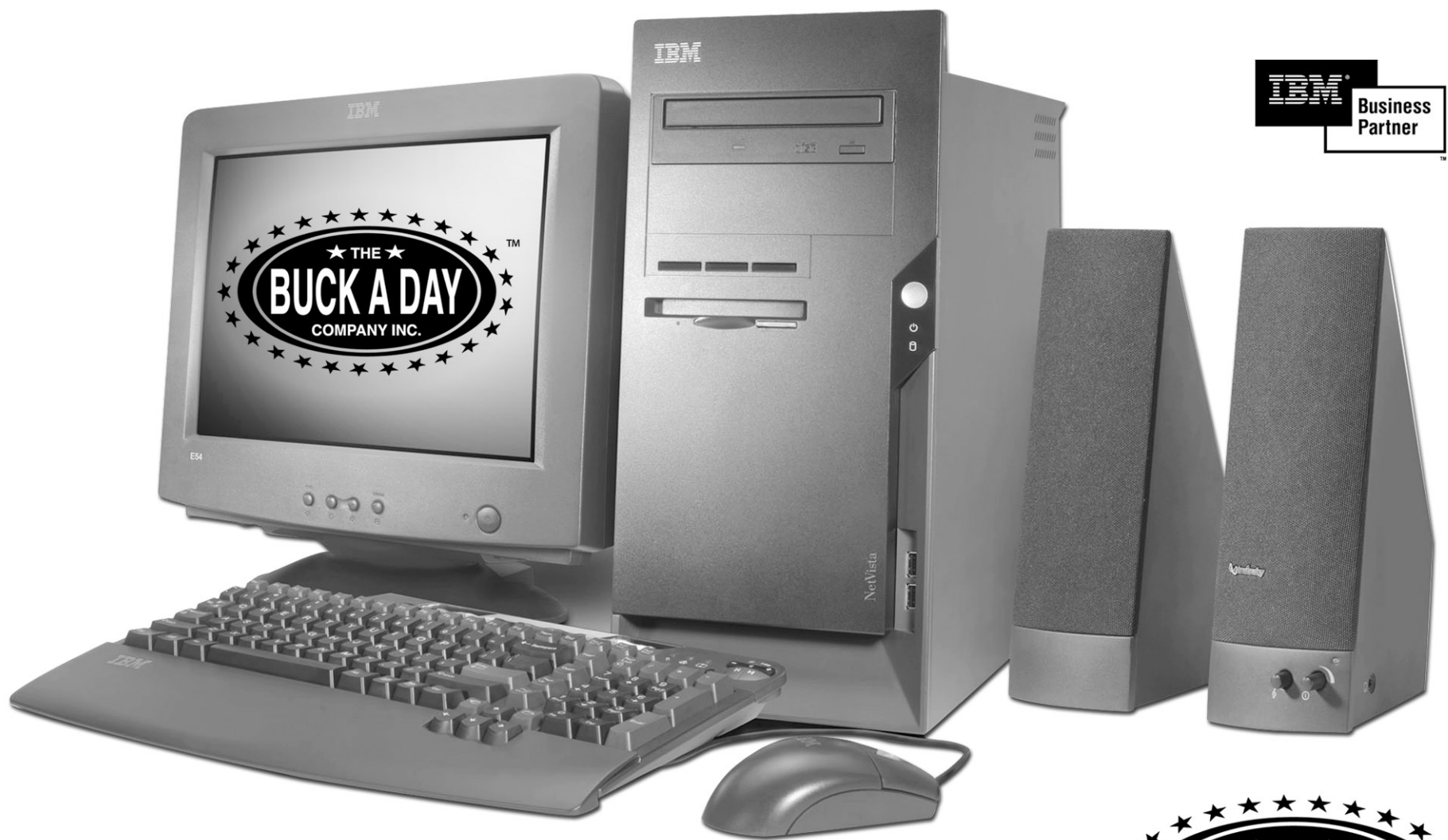
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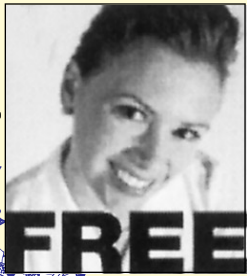
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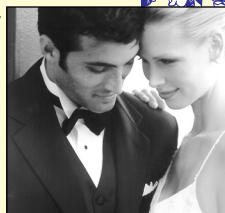
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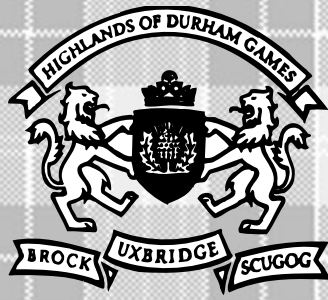
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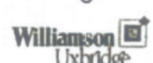
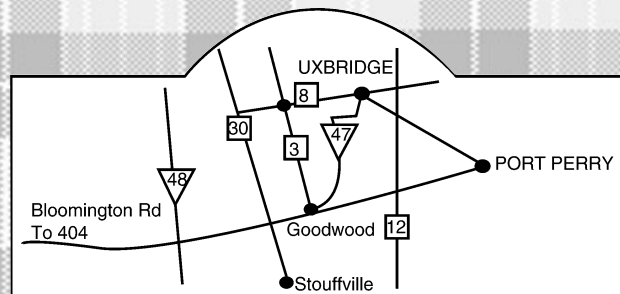
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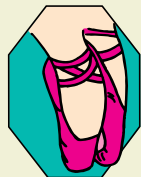


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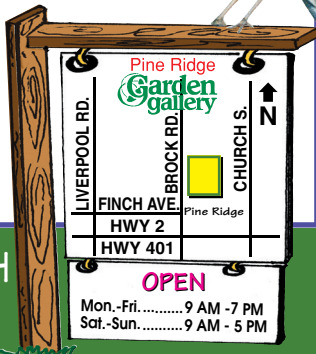
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It is important to understand the particular shade types, their permanence and density when choosing plants that grow in differing light conditions. Here is a breakdown of the types of shade.

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The two easiest shade conditions in which to raise plants are light and dappled shade. Even plants that are normally grown in sun may thrive in these types of shade, although they can



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Light shade is the type of permanent shade that is cast by a building or wall on sites that are otherwise open to the sky. It also occurs at woodland edges or at the margins of a tree canopy.

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is directly opposite yours? Just these two examples alone will determine the treatment you require, as with the former a blind that can swivel for privacy, but would still let in some light would be best, but in the later problem, an opaque shade that you only close in the evenings but keep open during the day, should solve the problem.

Other factors can include daily sunlight exposure. Do the windows of the space face west or east? If so, heat and possibly too much light in the early mornings if it were a bedroom, would be major considerations. If the sunlight were going to fade the rugs and furniture in your living room you would need to protect against that too. If the problem is keeping the heat out and so maximizing your air conditioners potential, you may choose drapery out of a heavier fabric, so as to create a barrier preventing the heat, from entering the room through the window. Similarly, light

can wake you at 5 am, so a treatment that carries a blackout lining will leave you in dreamland for as long as you choose.

But finally, the one issue that has no bearing on needs, is simply aesthetics. That is to say the "need" to create a mood, a theme, a way of beautifying the appearance of a room, even if the treatment is unnecessary for all the reasons outlined above. (NC)

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Huge honour in Order for Durham native

Michael Hurst's efforts to tell the brave and harrowing stories of former PoWs grabs attention of Queen Elizabeth II

BY JANE McDONALD
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Born and raised here, Michael Hurst, the son of late local Sports Hall of Famer Earl 'Peg' Hurst, has also gone on to distinguish himself, far from the playing fields of Durham.

"I'm like a 55-year-old Indiana Jones," Mr. Hurst joked from his mother's Oshawa home while on a recent visit. The past he has unearthed may not be the Holy Grail, yet his quest has brought him to the attention of international historians, a distinguished but neglected group of Second World War veterans, and to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Now living in Taipei where he runs a promotions and advertising business, Mr. Hurst will be inducted into the Order of the British Empire this fall in recognition of his exploration into - and championing of - an almost forgotten tragedy. As founder and director of the Taiwan PoW (prisoners of war) Camps Memorial Society, the determined history buff has been instrumental in bringing belated appreciation - and in some cases, pension and medical benefits - to Commonwealth and Allied prisoners of war held in Japanese prison camps during the Second World War.

The ordeal of these PoWs was as cruel as can be imagined. Despite the terms of the Geneva Convention, the Japanese military code of honour at the time was such that any soldier who surrendered was thought to be worthless. The Allied prisoners suffered hunger, beatings, starvation and lacked basic medical care. They were used as slaves to work in mines, construction and to dig out riverbeds by hand.

These harsh conditions were shown in the popular 1957



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Former Oshawa resident Michael Hurst will be inducted into the Order of the British Empire this fall for his work in telling of the horrible tragedies suffered by Second World War PoWs.

movie, 'Bridge on the River Kwai.' But that story was only loosely based on the building of two Kwai River bridges in Burma (one of steel, one of wood), to help move Japanese supplies and troops from Bangkok to Rangoon. In fact, the bridges were destroyed two years after their construction - in late June 1945 - quite the contrary to the film's dramatic conclusion.

"The PoWs hate that movie," offers Mr. Hurst, adding he does

"not hate the Japanese," but wants to tell the story of the PoWs.

Working tirelessly to accurately document PoWs' experiences in the camps once located in Taiwan, the former Oshawa resident discovered extraordinary details to rival the academy award-winning extravaganza. One was the account of a Canadian military doctor who worked valiantly to save the lives of his fellow captives at a camp located

just 80 kilometres from Mr. Hurst's Taipei home.

"Major Ben Wheeler was from Alberta," he explains of the Canadian Army physician who was taken prisoner during the Fall of Singapore. "He had saved the lives of hundreds of men interned in Kinkaseki Camp, one of the most notorious of all Asian prisoner of war camps."

This discovery moved Mr. Hurst to establish a committee in 1997 to find out all he could about the prisoners who lost years, their health and, too often, their lives.

"Because the doctor was Canadian, I wanted to do something to acknowledge his contribution and to remember the men who suffered and died in this camp," he adds.

Most of the men in the Kinkaseki Camp were British soldiers, forced to work in a copper mine. With no medicine or medical equipment, the sick and injured didn't fare well.

"But Dr. Wheeler performed many miracles, operating with razor blades and with no anesthetic," says Mr. Hurst. More than 1,100 PoWs went through that camp in three years.

The National Film Board documentary made by Anne Wheeler, Dr. Wheeler's daughter, inspired him and is one he recommends people see. 'A War Story' was made in 1981, based on the diaries Dr. Wheeler kept during his internment in Kinkaseki.

The years of investigating and contacting government veterans' groups

have culminated in a monument being built on the site of the infamous camp. Three former PoWs were able to attend the dedication and Mr. Hurst has been able to ascertain there were a total of 15 camps located in Taiwan. Known during the Second World War as Formosa, Allied prisoners were sent there after being captured at various locations in the Pacific theatre of war.

"Two guys tried to escape in the spring of 1943," says Mr. Hurst. "But white people don't survive long in an oriental environment. They were recaptured in a couple of weeks, beaten and mutilated and paraded before their men. Then they were either shot or beheaded...."

About 200 survivors of the camps have contacted him. And by bringing their stories to light, he was influential in seeing British PoWs finally receive pensions and medical benefits in 2000. This group and their families and friends were, in turn, responsible in part for Mr. Hurst being awarded the MBE.

"The most rewarding thing for me, though," he clarifies, "is to see the happiness and joy in the faces of PoWs; that they haven't been forgotten."

For more information about the Taiwan PoW Camps Memorial Society, visit www.powtaiwan.org or if you are or know of a PoW held captive in Taiwan, Mr. Hurst asks that you contact him by email at society@powtaiwan.org or write to him at P.O. Box 665 Yung Ho, Taipei 234, Taiwan, R.O.C.

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Durham family sues school board

Lawsuit claims wrongful expulsion; asks for \$250,000 in damages

BY MIKE RUTA
Staff Writer

DURHAM — An Uxbridge student and his parents are suing the Durham District School Board, five of its trustees and three staff members, seeking \$250,000 in damages and the clearing of the pupil's record.

At issue is the expulsion of the student, now 18, in January 2001. While he has since been readmitted, the defendants claim he was expelled based on unproven information from Durham Regional Police, and that the board bungled the expulsion hearing, violating the Education Act.

Whitby trustees Elizabeth Roy and Doug Ross, Brock-Uxbridge Trustee Nancy Loraine, Oshawa Trustee Kathleen Hopper and Pickering Trustee Jennifer Bridge are named in the suit. As well, the statement of claim filed with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice lists education director Grant Yeo, Uxbridge schools superintendent Bev Freedman and Uxbridge Secondary School principal Peter Morris as defendants.

The student and his parents cannot be identified because he was under 18 at the time of the incident.

In an interview, the student's mother said the family has been through "hell". She did not deny police caught her son off school property with marijuana during a holiday break, but denies he sold drugs at the school, as Durham Regional Police and the board claim. Sergeant Paul Malik, Durham police spokesman, said Tuesday the teen was given a conditional discharge in the case.

The parent said she realized something might be amiss when she read an Uxbridge Times-Journal story about a school board meeting in which a trustee alleged his colleagues violated the Education Act in conducting an illegal expulsion hearing. When she saw that the hearing took place on March 19, 2001, she realized they were talking about her son's case.

The issue has been a contentious one amongst trustees. Five trustees formed a committee to conduct an expulsion hearing, and the entire board of trustees later ratified the decision, a course of action sanctioned by the board's lawyer.

Two weeks later at a standing committee meeting, Scugog Trustee Martin Demmers argued his colleagues had no authority to form their own committee. Other trustees, including Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford and Oshawa Trustee Cynthia Steffen, supported Trustee Demmers' motion the board solicit a second legal opinion. That motion was defeated.

Earlier this year, when board members feuded over a controversial legal bill incurred by some trustees, the trustees involved indicated they sought advice from a lawyer after rejecting the opinion of the board solicitor regarding an expulsion hearing.

The parent confirmed some of the trustees involved in the legal bill, and their lawyer, had contacted her about her son's case.

In the board's statement of defence, it claims neither the student nor his parents "took any steps in 2001, whatsoever, to appeal and/or review the decision of the trustees."

"The defendants plead that the expulsion hearing was properly conducted and the plaintiff's remedies, arising therefrom, if anyone or more of them felt aggrieved, were to immediately appeal or seek judicial review of the decision and that by their failure to do so, they are now estopped by, amongst other things, their delay and laches from advancing any such claim in this honourable court."

The statement says the student's arrest "was a continuation of an investigation that was conducted at the school, relating to (the student's) direct involvement in the distribution of narcotics on school property."

Alan Farrer, the board's lawyer, said in an interview there are two parallel proceedings, a judicial review and a lawsuit, that will be dealt with at different times. He expected the review to take place sometime this year but estimated the trial likely would not be held this year.

Mr. Farrer said it was not appropriate to get into details of the case. However, he acknowledged Mr. Morris was not present at the expulsion hearing. The family claims that's a violation of the Education Act, a claim rejected by Mr. Farrer.

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Sunday afternoons present good times for race enthusiasts at Picov Downs on Hwy. 2, just west of Lakemore Road. Above, jockey Keith Dimech is pictured riding Rare Silks.

Quarter-horse racing, below, accounts for only \$300,000 of the \$32 million wagered each year at Picov's. All that could change with the addition of up to 800 slot machines.



Watching the race are brothers Will, visiting from Australia, and John Wylie.

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Picov's

off to the races

Racetrack owner predicts big things will come with \$60-million expansion

AJAX — It seems big things are coming to Ajax. "Ajax will be a boom town, in a nice way, a tourism way," Mr. Picov predicted.

Mr. Picov wants to greatly expand his quarter-horse racetrack in conjunction with the installation of slot machines. His \$60-million business plan calls for up to 800 machines and he's waiting for word from the Province on how many he'll get.

Last year, he said, approximately \$32 million was wagered on horse racing at Picov's, although the vast majority was done at three telephone betting sites. The quarter-horses accounted for less than \$300,000.

But, with expansion, he's expecting the big time. "Interest is building. I never thought it would build (up) so great," Mr. Picov said.

Picov's is the only quarter-horse racetrack in Ontario. With a new track — the building schedule calls for an opening late next year — the racing season would be lengthened. And, it's expected tourists will flock here.

"With the race track, we expect a lot of tourists. We'll have a lot of American horses racing in the first two years. Owners will follow their families. Owners like to be with their horses," he noted. "We expect a lot of tourists from Oklahoma, Indiana and Texas."

He noted quarter-horse racing is a "niche market. We'll get a lot of European tourists, from Belgium, Holland and Germany. I don't know why. I guess they have friends in the area."

"We're a big, big tourist attraction. We hope to get bus tours with people from border states, like Michigan. You'll see a lot of Quebecers. They're heavily involved in quarter-horse racing. There'll be a lot of people from over."

Mr. Picov is also trying to "work a circuit with Alberta and Saskatchewan. They'll bring their horses here to race."

While walking about the community, he suggested, "half the people will be from somewhere else."

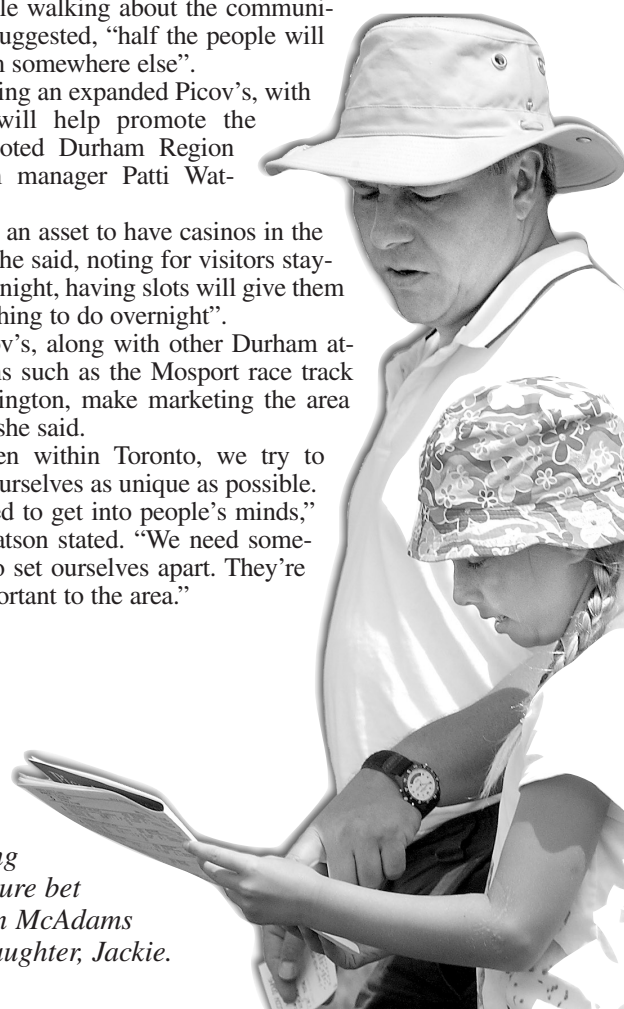
Having an expanded Picov's, with slots, will help promote the area, noted Durham Region tourism manager Patti Watson.

"It's an asset to have casinos in the area," she said, noting for visitors staying the night, having slots will give them "something to do overnight."

Picov's, along with other Durham attractions such as the Mosport race track in Clarington, make marketing the area easier, she said.

"Even within Toronto, we try to make ourselves as unique as possible. We need to get into people's minds," Ms. Watson stated. "We need something to set ourselves apart. They're all important to the area."

Looking for a sure bet are Ian McAdams and daughter, Jackie.



'I'll have to mortgage my wheelchair'

Seniors across Ontario brace for Aug. 1 implementation of steep \$213 monthly hikes to nursing home rent

BY TIM FORAN
Staff Writer

nursing homes, which means they share the room with three other people, will now be paying approximately \$1,567 per month for accommodation, food and to help maintain the facility.

For Mrs. Podpora, who pays an \$8-a-day premium to live in a semi-private room with one other person, her rent will go up to more than \$1,800 per month. That's almost \$1,000 more than she collects from Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security, said her son. Her savings

pay for the difference.

"It's her investments and once her investments are gone, we'll have to sell her home," said Mr. Podpora, who takes care of his mom's finances.

Doreen Thomson, another resident of Versa-Care Uxbridge, said earlier this week she simply doesn't have the money to pay for the rent increase.

"They take everything I got now. I'll have to mortgage my wheelchair," she added laughing, proving she's keeping a sense of humour despite the increase.

Rosalind Robertson, a spokesman for Dan Newman, the minister responsible for long-term care, said this week the Province's decision would not result in the less-wealthy being thrown out of nursing homes.

Any resident with an income less than \$20,000 per year can apply for a rate reduction, she said. The government also does not punish people by taking into account assets such as homes or investments, nor family members with money, she added.

The government made the decision because it hopes to take some of the \$50 million it currently spends to subsidize accommodation costs for nursing home residents and put it toward nursing and personal care at the facilities, said Ms. Robertson.

She added the basic (wardroom) daily rate of \$51.53 that residents will pay starting Aug. 1 is the fourth lowest among Canada's provinces. The national average is \$79.04, she said.

"This was an incredibly difficult decision to reach, it was not an easy decision

for this government to make," Ms. Robertson said. "However, we felt it was important for us to ask the people who can afford not to be subsidized to not be subsidized."

Ontario's long-term care industry, which has been calling for the Province to invest substantially more money for nursing and personal care in nursing homes, expressed disappointment the government decided to answer that call by upping rents.

"We don't believe this increase should be put on the backs of seniors with fixed incomes," said Greg Fougere, chairman of the Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors. "There's something fundamentally wrong about the thinking behind this decision. We're asking the government to rescind the decision."

Mr. Fougere said many seniors make only slightly more than \$20,000 annually and will not qualify for any rate reduction. However, he said they also won't have much money left over for drugs, dental care, clothing or even transportation. Mr. Fougere said the Province

has simply forced the cost of subsidizing low-income residents onto other residents in the homes.

The Liberals have also called for the Province to rescind the nursing home rate hike, arguing it is far higher than the 3.9 per cent rent increase landlords are able to charge tenants this year.

Ms. Robertson said that is "comparing apples to oranges."

"This is not rent for a regular place," she said of nursing homes.

"There is cleaning staff, there is laundry staff, there is hydro and air conditioning and food."

At Versa-Care Uxbridge, resident council president Mervin DeNure said he's unimpressed with the way Mr. Newman chose to announce the rent hike to the public on a Friday afternoon, after the legislature finished sitting.

"It was sneaky. We weren't asked about it," he said.

But he maintains the fight is not done.

"I don't think it's over yet. It's just unfair. There's a lot of people who can't afford the increase."

Care by the numbers

New monthly rates at Durham nursing homes as of

Aug. 1: TYPE	COST
Basic (usually 4-person wardroom)	\$1,567.24
Semi-private	\$1,810.57
Private	\$2,114.74

The following is a list of Durham facilities affected:

MUNICIPALITY	NAME
Ajax	Valleycliff Lodge
Ajax	Winbourne Park
Brock	Lakeview Manor
Brock	Bon Air Nursing Home
Clarington	Marnwood Life Care Centre
Clarington	Strathaven Life Care Centre
Clarington	Fosterbrook Long Term Care
Oshawa	Extendicare
Oshawa	Hillsdale Manor
Oshawa	Thorntonview
Pickering	Community Nursing Home
Scugog	Community Nursing Home
Uxbridge	Versa-Care Centre Uxbridge
Whitby	Fairview Lodge
Whitby	Sunnycrest Nursing Home

DURHAM — Through-out her life, Uxbridge resident Jessie Podpora was careful with money.

"She didn't smoke, she didn't drink. She watched her money," said her son Bill Podpora.

Her thrifty attitude paid off. Despite raising nine kids, Mrs. Podpora managed to retire from Dominion Auto 15 years ago at the age of 60 with savings and ownership of a house in town.

In February of this year, though, Mrs. Podpora entered the Versa-Care long-term care centre in Uxbridge, and her savings have dwindled since then, said her son.

Starting Aug. 1, her pocketbook will take a major hit. That's because the Province, just prior to the government's summer break and the Canada Day long weekend, announced a \$213 per month rent increase for the 60,000 residents in Ontario's 525 nursing homes. The Province regulates rents at all nursing homes, both public and privately owned.

The price hike, which takes effect Aug. 1, equates to \$7 more per day — a 15-per cent boost. Last year's increase was only \$1.49 a day.

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Ford, Neeson struggle for sub's control

K19: The Widowmaker tells tale of Russian nuclear missile submarine during height of Cold War

The following movies are opening this weekend.

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nal commander Captain Mikhail Polenin (Liam Neeson). Vostrikov's mission is to quickly ready the ill-prepared sub for her maiden voyage - no matter what the cost.

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and Vostrikov's daring embrace of his duty toward his country and his men, which will ultimately save K-19... and stave off what surely would have been a nuclear disaster.

STUART LITTLE 2
Animated

Plucky, pint-sized hero Stuart Little (voiced by Michael J. Fox) returns to the big screen in Stuart

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This time, Stuart must go on a journey through New York City with a reluctant Snowbell (voiced by Nathan Lane) to rescue a new friend, Margalo (voiced by Melanie Griffith), from a villainous Falcon (voiced by James

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THE BOURNE IDENTITY Matt Damon	Violence 1:05, 3:10, 7:05, 9:10	AA
LILO & STITCH Animated	1:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:00	PG
SCOOBY DOO Freddie Prinze Jr.	1:00, 3:00, 7:00, 9:00	F
HALLOWEEN RESURRECTION Jamie Lee Curtis	Brutal Violence, Coarse Language, Frightening Scenes 1:10, 3:10, 7:10, 9:10	Subject to Classification
HEY ARNOLD: THE MOVIE Animated	1:00, 3:00	F
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WINDTALKERS Nicolas Cage	Coarse Language, Not For Children, Violence 7:00, 9:20	AA
DIVINE SECRETS OF YA YA SISTERHOOD Sandra Bullock	Mature Theme 1:10, 3:10, 7:10, 9:10	AA
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St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St. N., holds a potluck supper and dance presentation Saturday, July 20, with the dinner at 6

p.m. and dance at 7:30 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring their favourite dish.

The teens are raising money for the St. Joseph's Home for Boys and Wings of Hope Children's Home, both in Haiti.

St. Joseph's began in January 1985 as a haven for street children abandoned by their families and left to survive on the streets. Wings of Hope is in the mountains above Petionville, with about 30 children. Half the residents have some kind of physical or mental disability.

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Eight Legged Freaks attack local theatres

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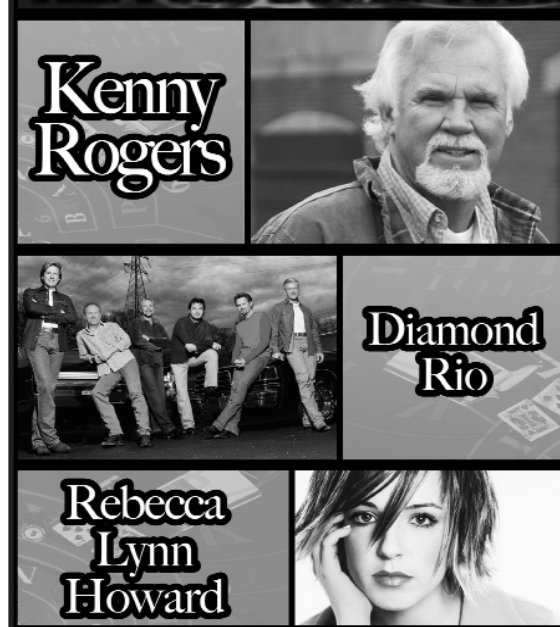
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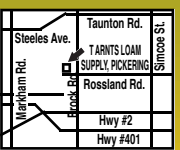
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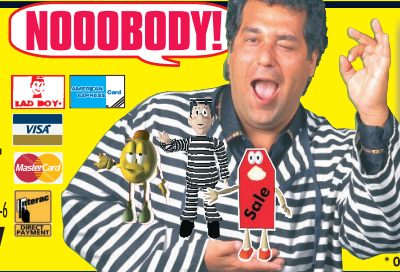
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McDonald's	10	5	5	0	10	0.50
Mr. Rooter	10	2	8	0	4	0.20

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House league scores for the week ending June 23/02

UNDER-FIVE MICRO DIVISION 3

June 24 - Tim Horton's Steel Grey (MVP Madison Watson) vs. Tim Horton's Light Brown (MVP Ashna Ganeshan), Tim Horton's Purple (MVP Barrington Smith) vs. Tim Horton's Hunter (MVP Andrew Jegg), Tim Horton's Gold (MVP Sean Foreman), Tim Horton's Red/Black (MVP Lauren Crumme) vs. Tim Horton's Royal Blue/Black (MVP Carly Narmna).

UNDER-SIX GIRLS' DIVISION

June 14 - HTS Engineering Turquoise (MVP Deanna Chaikalis) vs. Jazzy Gold black.

UNDER-SEVEN BOYS' DIVISION 'A'

June 20 - RVHS Ajax Site 2 (Eric Finnegan, Jeremy Marinelli) vs. Vachon Kelly Green 1 (Alexander Ritchie, MVP Jesse Hewitt); Cam Tool and Die 2 (Brayden Jones, MVP Nastich, MVP Brayden Jones) vs. Vachon Orange 0 (MVP Travis Quirk); Griffin Leasing 4 (Jamal Fingal, Nicolas Lambis 2, Taylor Easson) vs. Vachon Sky Blue 1 (Connor Jackson).

UNDER-SEVEN BOYS' DIVISION 'B'

June 20 - Vachon Steel Gray 5 (Malcolm Shaw 2, Kyle Smith, Mateo Haza, Kevin Crosswell, MVP Kyle Smith) vs. Vachon Hunter Green 3 (Hartley Russell 2, Ryan Chiu, MVP John Lenza); Vachon Navy Blue 2 (Dustin Giglio 2, MVP DJ Cushway) vs. Vachon Purple 3 (Kelvin Galano 2, Kadeev Bembridge, MVPs Lekan Agunbiade, Kyle Manning and Peter Lindsay); Movie Magic 1 (Jeremy Scott, MVP Jeremy Scott) vs. Binns 2 (Connor Smith, Deshawn Crawford, MVP Connor Smith).

UNDER-SEVEN GIRLS' DIVISION

June 11 - VLS Inc 3 (Christine Di Rosa, Alannah Hamdic, Jada Murrell, MVP's Sydney Vandersluis, Jada Murrell) vs. Vachon Green 0; Vachon Teal 1 (Brownyn Hill) vs. Carpet-Towne 1 (Carly Cook); Green Gecko Photography 1 (Cassandra Stevens) vs. Contex Roofing 5 (Isabelle Oke 3, Holina Millington, Aliya Lindo, MVP Isabelle Oke); Constantine's Independent Grocer 0 (MVPs Jordon Cartmill, Alexandra James) vs. CAA 7 (Jamie Laing 3, Kendra Smith 2, Jacqueline Geldart, Kaylyn Kinnear, MVP Kaylyn Kinnear).

UNDER-EIGHT BOYS' DIVISION 'A'

June 17 - Arnrs Topsoil 5 (Markel Sutherland 2, Daniel Moy, Ryan Hickey, Micheal Giardino, MVP Jacob Arnrs) vs. Parmalat Silver 1 (Scott Jones, Jordan Roberts); Ontario Power Generation 3 (Connor Bess 2, Christopher Evans) vs. Dr.M. Lean 6 (John Milonas 3, Wil Pointon 2, Bradley Kotsopolous); Parmalat Teal 3 (Shane Satar 3) vs. Village Plaque Attack 3 (Nicholas Gucciardi, Peter Nicol, Patrick Henchey).

UNDER-EIGHT BOYS' DIVISION 'B'

June 17 - Boyer Pickering Panthers 4 (Daniel Auer 3, Sebastien Petterson) vs. NR Midrange Consulting Home 5 (Joseph Vocino 3, Mitchell Carke, Christopher Jacovou, MVP Christopher Jacovou); Jacques Whitfield Environment 4 (Joseph Roccasalva 2, Aaron Hong, Colin Goodham) vs. Home Lifecare Services 6 (Nolan Casey 2, Ryan Clarke 2, Jaret Halsall, Jarrett Wood, MVP Ryan Clarke).

UNDER-EIGHT GIRLS' DIVISION

June 19 - Golder Associates 9 (Natalee Wise 4, Emily Bassett 2, Charvel Rappos, Lexie Bird, MVP Lauren Sayers 1) vs. Parmalat Teal 1 (Michelle Barbaro); Ryswin Graphics 2 (Katllyn Arathoon 2, MVP Kristi Riseley) vs. Parmalat Dark Green 1 (MVP Erin O'Hearn 1); Kool Kats 1 (Meaghan Kimball, MVP Christi Wright) vs. Doria's Garage 0 (MVP Jennifer Mueller); Mikala 5 (Olivia Mikalajunas, Kaitlin McGillvray, Cetti Zammit, Christina Caruso 2, MVP Christina Caruso) vs. Dalar Contracting 2 (Melissa Seely 2, MVP Cassidy Smith).

UNDER-NINE BOYS' DIVISION 'A'

June 18 - Hepcoe Credit Union Royal Blue 3 (Nathaniel Harraves, Stephen Arnold, Kyle Scarlett, MVP Kyle Scarlett) vs. Parmalat Kelly Green 0 (MVP Tyler Manoryk); Lentequip Maroon 3 (Kirk Thomas, Braydon Lawrence, Alexander Grant, MVP Desmond Flowers) vs. Parmalat White 6 (Jhazz Paulino 3, Joshua Small 2, Keon Tappin, MVP Jhazz Paulino); Belstone Electric Hunter Green 4 (Andrew Eng 2, Alexander Chiakalis 2, MVP Nathan Grant) vs. RE/MAX Joe Pinto Red 9 (Khalid Alli 4, James Beatty-Wilson 3, Christo Delina, William Lee, MVP William Lee).

UNDER-NINE BOYS' DIVISION 'B'

June 18 - Parmalat Purple 4 (Jordan Kotsopoulos 2, Derek Luening 2, MVP Nashane Moran) vs. Parmalat Orange 1 (Brian Khan, MVP Brian Khan); Parmalat Teal 2 (Ashani Shields, Carmelo Abarino) vs. Parmalat Sky Blue 5 (Joseph Doherty 2, Michael Walker 2, Nicholas Spence-Yacub, MVP Ryan Heath); Parmalat Turquoise 1 (Patrick Gregor, MVP Patrick Gregor) vs. Parmalat Gold 5 (Malcolm Marcus 3, Thane Barnett, Kevin Odorico, MVP Matthew Vieira).



Eric Pham Hung, left, and Lawrence Pham Hung, right, let fly with kicks directed at older brother Adam. The three siblings — who all possess black belts in taekwon do — achieved outstanding results at the recent 2002 national junior championships in Richmond, B.C.

Band of brothers

Pham Hungs get their kicks...and medals...at Canadian Junior Taekwondo Championships in B.C.

BY AL RIVETT

Sports Editor

PICKERING — Their mother playfully refers to them as her “bodyguards” and with good reason.

With three black belts, including a two-time Canadian taekwon do champion, in the house, there's good reason to feel safe.

The three Pham Hung kids — Adam, 13, Eric, 11, and Lawrence, nine, — all enjoyed a phenomenal season of competition in taekwon do at the provincial and national level.

The three first-dan black belts, along with younger brother Michael, six, all receive instruction in the martial art at the Young Choung Olympic Taekwondo Academy. They've all studied taekwon do since age four under the tutelage of Grand Master Young Su Choung, the academy's head master.

Their mother, Shirley Nguyen, said the boys train almost every day, for an hour-and-a-half at a time, at the Toronto-based academy.

“They train as much as they can,” she said, adding the club and Choung have helped the boys in every way possible, including financially, to fulfil their promise on the national

stage. “During the school year, it's pretty hard. Every day, if we can, we get them down there.”

She noted, at first, it was merely an activity to give the boys a physical outlet. There was never any thought it could lead to national titles.

“We first enrolled them in the sport for fitness,” said Nguyen. “We never dreamed that they would accomplish so much. We're 100 per cent behind them. As long as it keeps them busy and out of trouble, we're all for it.”

The capper for the Pham Hungs was their outstanding performances at the 2002 Canadian Junior National Taekwondo Championships in Richmond, B.C. recently.

Adam, the defending national champ in the fin division (ages 11 to 13, 36 to 40 kilograms), moved up to the fly category (ages 11 to 13, 40 to 44 kilograms) this year and was equally successful. In sparring, he won all four of his fights, while not giving up a single point, to earn gold. He also earned a bronze medal in patterns at nationals.

Adam won his first two fights by knockouts over Quebec and B.C. opponents, respectively, before winning his third fight, by an 8-0 count over a Quebec fighter to earn his shot at gold. In the gold-medal match, he won with a 4-0 decision over his Quebec opponent.

“It felt good that I won,” said Adam, who's also a two-time provincial champion in the martial art. “I was nervous at the beginning of the competition, but at the end, I was feeling very good.”

Meanwhile, brother Eric won his first three fights to make it into the final of the super fin division (ages 11 to 13, 32 to 36 kg) at nationals. He won his first fight by KO over an Albertan and then went on to earn a second-round KO and a third-round 8-0 decision over two British Columbians. In the final, which pitted him against clubmate Siddhartha Bhat of Toronto, they battled to a 1-1 draw, but the decision was awarded to Bhat, leaving Eric with a national silver medal.

Lawrence also qualified for nationals and received his gold medal by default, as there were no other fighters who met the qualifying standards in the fin ‘C’ division (10 years and younger, 26 kg and under). He was also the 2002 provincial champion in his weight division at the championships in Sarnia earlier this year.

All three brothers plan to train in order to earn their second-dan black belt designation at the taekwon do academy. They also have full intentions of returning to the junior nationals next year in order to compete for medals once more.

When they're not training, all four brothers also compete in elite soccer, too. Adam plays at the under-13 regional level for Markham. Meanwhile, Eric plays for the Ajax Warriors under-12 premier division squad, while Lawrence and Michael also play on Warriors' teams.

They also hope to compete in their first international competition, the U.S. Open Taekwondo Championships, in February.



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