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'I will not consider even one penny': Mutton Durham urged not to fund hospital expansions

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

The Region shouldn't be involved in funding capital projects at local hospitals, says John Mutton.

The Clarington mayor told members of the Region's finance and administration committee Wednesday Durham shouldn't be involved in funding Lakeridge Health Corporation and the Rouge Valley Health System site in Ajax.

In fact, he plans to introduce a motion at council next month asking his colleagues to re-consider a motion council approved to investigate options for funding the hospitals this year.

"I will not consider even one penny for hospitals unless there is some movement from the Province," said Mayor Mutton, who introduced a motion urging the Region not to consider making a contribution to hospital capital programs until there are changes to the



JOHN MUTTON
Demands 'some movement
from the Province.'

funding formula or amendments to the Development Charges (DC) Act to allow municipalities to collect

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Pickering man slashed, robbed of cash

Police also investigating robbery of convenience store

An 18-year-old Pickering man was slashed with a knife and robbed Wednesday night, moments after withdrawing cash from a bank machine.

Durham Regional Police said the victim was walking from Amberlea Plaza on Whites Road at 10 p.m., after using the ATM at the TD Bank, when one of three attackers grabbed him from behind and put a metal pipe against his neck.

"The other two males removed his wallet containing the cash that

the victim had just taken out," said police spokesman Sergeant Jim Grimley. One thug urged his knife-wielding accomplice to use the weapon. "The guy coached the other guy to cut him with the knife, which he did by slicing his hand" with what was believed to be a butcher knife, Sgt. Grimley said.

The trio ran off south while the victim made his way to a nearby friend's house. From there he was driven to the Ajax and Pickering Health Centre and treated for a

three-inch-deep cut to his left hand and scratches on the neck.

The attacker with the pipe was described as Filipino, in his late teens, about five-feet 11-inches tall, with a shaved head. The one with the knife was white, also five-feet 11-inches tall and about 180 pounds. The third assailant was black, with short black hair, five-feet 10-inches tall and about 165 pounds.

Police are also investigating after three bandits, one of them armed

with a shotgun, got away with cash, cigarettes and lottery tickets following an early-morning holdup at a local convenience store.

The robbery at Mac's Milk, at 893 Bayly St., at about 4:50 a.m. Thursday, is not related to the mugging, police said. The masked robbers, described only as black males, fled in a getaway car in an unknown direction. The 41-year-old clerk was not injured during the heist.

Anyone with information on either incident is asked to call police.

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Durham politician fights hospital funding bid

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DCs for hospitals.

And, although Mayor Mutton's motion was ruled out of order because Durham council has already voted to investigate making a contribution to area hospitals during the 2001 budget process, there wasn't much support for hospitals from committee members Wednesday.

"There is no way I will support anything for a hospital. It's principle and principle only," said Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor. "We haven't got

enough money to do the jobs we are mandated to do properly... why would we enter into a provincial mandate of health care?"

"It's not a mandate of Regional Council. I don't think we have any business going there," she said, noting although she believes hospitals are "the very foundation on which a community is built... there is no way we are putting even one cent into hospitals."

Whitby Councillor Pat Perkins agreed it simply wouldn't be right to ask Regional staff

and police to cut their budgets and then turn around and fund hospital expansions.

"I have a great deal of difficulty with that," she said.

However, Oshawa Councillor Clare Aker told the committee she's "certainly prepared to support some level of funding" for hospitals.

"I can't support the \$100 million (over five years) they asked for," she added, noting, "it's unattainable".

Options for supporting the hospitals will be reviewed by the finance committee in late March.



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Durham taxes going up, more hikes likely in coming years

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

The Region's finance and administration committee has approved a budget guideline for 2001 that could see the average taxpayer in Durham hit with an increase of at least \$71 in Regional property taxes.

The budget guideline, to go to Durham council for approval Wednesday, calls for a net tax increase of no more than 6.5 per cent this year. However, that budget excludes funding for solid waste, provincially down-loaded services or hospitals.

According to Durham finance commissioner Jim Clapp, the 6.5-per cent target will allow for an \$8.2-million or 11.4-per cent increase to the police budget for staffing increases and related capital purchases; a provision for an increase in conservation authority operating funding by five per cent; the introduction of a new \$1.1 million roads rehabilitation levy to mitigate pressures to improve the road system; and \$9.7 million to fund Regional department operational costs, including funding for Emergency Medical Services.

"There are a lot of budget pressures and they're coming from just about all areas and it's not just in 2001, the pressures are going to be there for some time," said Mr. Clapp, noting Regional tax increases will be required in the range of six to nine per cent for each of the next five years.

He explained an increase is necessary this year to fund police, bring the land ambulance services the Region inherited from the Province last year up to an acceptable standard and to account for normal inflationary pressures.

"The Region is facing significant challenges in maintaining adequate service levels and providing the capital infrastructure necessary to

meet the demands of growth over the next five-year period," Mr. Clapp stated in a report, noting the preliminary budget submissions from the police board, Regional departments and conservation authorities would have required a 12.9-per cent tax increase this year.

Clarrington Mayor John Mutton suggested the police board should be required to make further budget cuts this year than proposed in the report.

The current police budget alone would require a six-per cent increase in Regional taxes this year. But, the bud-

get guideline approved by the finance committee Wednesday works out to a three-per cent increase on the Regional levy for police. However, Mayor Mutton said the increase should be limited to one or two per cent.

He believes the police board should take a more phased-in approach toward their staffing plan, which he describes as "ambitious".

The board has requested funding this year for 47 additional police officers and 20 civilian staff.

"From what you've seen with the budgetary pressures we have, maybe we need a

more phased-in approach (regarding the police's five-year staffing plan)," said Mayor Mutton, who called on his colleagues to revise the budget target for police this year.

But, Mr. Clapp warned if the Region limits the budget increase for police, it would only delay costs until next year.

"If you attempt to cut them back too far, the pressures are going to be there in 2002 and 2003," he said.

Mayor Mutton's motion to lower the target for the police budget was defeated.

Oshawa Councillor and Police Services Board chair-

man Bob Boychyn said in an interview Thursday, "I think we're presenting a responsible budget...we're charged with the responsibility of (providing) adequate and effective policing."

However, he noted the

PSB will "do our best" to meet the Region's budget target.

The current deadline for the Region to set its 2001 tax rates is April 30, although councillors are requesting an extension from the Province.

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Increased mileage pay for Durham board staff delayed

BY MIKE RUTA
Staff Writer

On a night of close votes, public school board trustees on Feb. 19 narrowly approved a motion to delay a decision on increasing car travel expenses.

Durham District School Board employees are reimbursed, at a fixed per-kilometre rate, when they use their vehicles for board business.

Business superintendent Ron Trbovich, in a staff report, recommended raising the rate from 32 cents per kilometre to 35 cents, noting this would cost the board an estimated \$45,000 per year.

Mr. Trbovich stated the cost of operating a car has gone up over 10 per cent in the last three years. As well, he said Durham municipal governments have rates that vary from 35 to 38 cents, while most school boards in south and central Ontario have rates of 35 cents or higher.

Whitby Trustee Doug Ross acknowledged fuel costs have increased in recent years, but he motioned any decision be delayed until trustees are in budget talks.

"We are about to enter a budget process... and we may well be scratching for that \$45,000," said Trustee Ross.

He worried the board may have to cancel the increase at a later date if it was prematurely approved.

Oshawa Trustee Susan Shetler argued it's time the rate was brought up to match what exists elsewhere.

"We have been well behind," she said, adding the proposed hike is almost "crucial" for trustees who travel great distances. "I think this would be unfair to our colleagues to put it off."

The public views any change in compensation with a, "why are you doing this now and who is benefiting from it?" attitude," commented Brock-Uxbridge Trustee Nancy Loraine.

She supports increasing the rate, but agreed with Trustee Ross that making the decision now "would be precluding the budget process".

Scugog Trustee Martin Demmers asked where the \$45,000 would come from.

Mr. Trbovich replied that in the board's \$404-million budget, the move would have "no appreciable impact," just \$18,000 for the remaining months of the budget year.

The board has received "many requests from employees who use vehicles for board business," he said.

Trustee Demmers argued while the financial impact of increasing the rate is negligible, in terms of showing good-will toward employees it is "tremendous".

"We should act on it right now," he said.

Pickering Trustee Jennifer Bridge agreed with her colleagues who said trustees should wait until budget time. She called for a recorded vote on Trustee Ross's motion, which passed 6-5.

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Trio nabbed following Ajax video store holdup

Surveillance of suspects leads to arrests, one gets away

A police stakeout of an Ajax video store Wednesday night ended with a dramatic takedown of three masked suspects just moments after a robbery.

A team of Peel Regional Police robbery detectives, tactical officers and K-9 units had earlier followed a "suspicious vehicle" from Mississauga to Durham Region and watched it pull into the plaza at 15 Westney Rd. N.

Durham Regional Police spokesman Sergeant Jim Grimley said the Peel police officers maintained surveillance on four occupants of the vehicle, which was later reported stolen, as they entered the Rogers Video outlet just prior to midnight.

Minutes later four masked suspects, one of them armed with a tire iron, emerged from the store and were immediately "challenged", the officer said.

A police cruiser blocking the path of the suspects sustained minor damage when it was rammed by the fleeing vehicle.

Three of the four suspected bandits were taken into custody, but the fourth got away, Sgt. Grimley said.

One suspect suffered a bite wound to the buttocks area when grabbed by a police dog and was treated for his injuries at Lakeridge Health Oshtawa.

The employees of the store were not hurt during the robbery, said Sgt. Grimley.

adding police recovered cash and video equipment.

Ty Van Tran, 18, and two 17-

year-old boys, all from Mississauga, are charged with robbery, wearing a disguise with intent to

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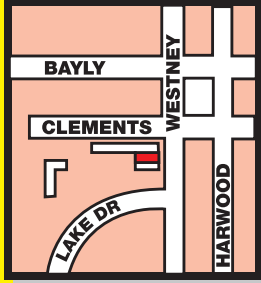
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Editorial & OPINIONS

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EDITORIAL

After some negotiating, trustees see the light

Change of position by Hopper means those interested can continue to bargain

Oshawa Trustee Kathleen Hopper, the longest serving trustee on the Durham District School Board, made a big difference Monday.

After deciding Feb. 5 in committee to vote against trustees sitting on bargaining committees, the veteran representative changed her vote to ensure trustees who want to, have the right to negotiate new contracts.

Trustee Hopper had originally been part of a group that included fellow Oshawa trustees Cynthia Steffen and Susan Shetler as well as Scugog Trustee Martin Demmers, Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford and Ajax Trustee Melinda Crawford. Those six backed a motion to take trustees out of the bargaining process.

This time around, with Trustee Hopper changing her mind and Trustee Melinda Crawford abstaining from the vote, the result was a 6-4 turnaround. The five trustees who were firmly in favour of a place at the bargaining table in both votes were Whitby's Doug Ross and Elizabeth Roy, Uxbridge-Brock's Nancy Loraine, Ajax rep Marilyn Crawford and Jennifer Bridge of Pickering. These five were firmly backed by both student trustees, Karmyn Giesbrecht and Chris Skinner.

Why did Trustee Hopper have a change of heart?

"I've always felt if other trustees value something they should be able to do it. I don't think other trustees should be blocking them from doing it," said Trustee Hopper.

Indeed, the decision does not mean trustees are forced to sit on committees, merely that they will not be prevented from doing so. And why should they be?

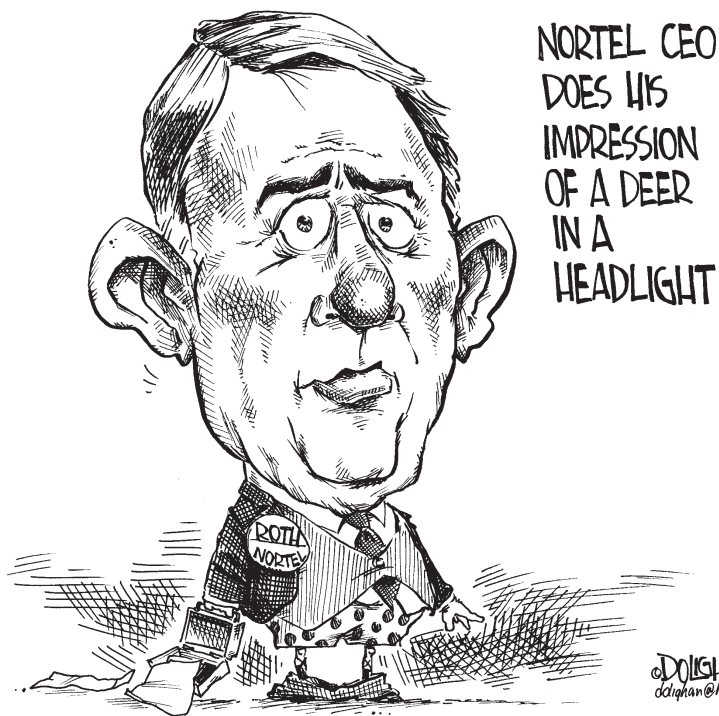
If some veteran trustees like Ms. Hopper, Mr. Ross or Ms. Roy wish to take part in bargaining, why shouldn't they be allowed to? Why should trustees Shetler, Steffen, Demmers and Paul Crawford be able to tell the other board members what role they can play? If this latter group would prefer to spend their time doing other trustee functions, great. But don't slam the door on the desires of other trustees to take an active role in bargaining.

The excuse that "negotiating is an art that takes years of experience to acquire", from Trustee Demmers, who moved the original motion, doesn't hold up.

Yes, negotiating is tough, but it's also a fundamental part of management-labour relationships. As directly elected representatives of the taxpayers, trustees should be at the table, making sure all concerned get a fair deal.

We applaud Trustee Hopper for once again showing leadership in a difficult situation.

E-mail your comments on this opinion to steve.houston@durhamnews.net. Submissions that include a first and last name, or first and middle initials and last name, as well as the city of residence, will be considered for publication.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorial only told one side of story

To the editor:

Re: 'Cynical Liberals show gall with ethics vote,' editorial, Feb. 16.

This editorial demands a reply, especially as it calls for "convincing explanations" from Liberal MPs who voted against the Alliance motion dealing with the ethics counsellor.

I gave your paper my explanation for voting against the Alliance motion when I was interviewed by staff editor Tim Kelly. For some reason it never made it to your editorial. Ironically, the inability of

your paper to put forward both sides of a story invites the very public cynicism you condemn in politicians.

I viewed the Alliance motion as what it was, a thinly veiled attempt to discredit the prime minister without any evidence to support their charges of impropriety. In fact, the Alliance didn't raise the matter much until they had to take the spotlight off Stockwell Day's less-than-stellar performance in the 2000 election. Canadians, however, including a vast majority in your circulation area, overwhelmingly put their faith in the Liberal Party.

In September 2000, an Alliance motion pitted gasoline tax cuts against a fuel rebate I proposed to help 11 million Canadians cope with rising heating costs. The Alliance put forward half of a recommendation stolen from the Liberal Committee on Gasoline Pricing. They then resorted to a procedural ploy to prevent any constructive amendment being made to their motion. They used this ploy again with the ethics counsellor motion. No one could amend it to give the motion a better chance to pass. Obviously, the Alliance couldn't care less about parliamentary reform.

Regrettably, your paper chose not to recognize all of the facts before criticizing Liberal MPs who did not vote for a duplicitous Alliance motion. Your editorial does a shameful disservice to objectivity and the fight for reforming Parliament. It is also an affront to the public who are far more adept than your paper realizes at discerning fair comment from patronizing editorials.

When it comes to proffering an opinion without providing your readers the courtesy of all the facts, perhaps the time has come for your paper to have its own ethics counsellor.

Dan McTeague, MP
Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge

We are rich – consider the facts

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A New Democratic Party theme in the recent federal election was that all the other parties favoured 'the rich' and gave them tax cuts while they ignored the needs of ordinary working families. Who are these 'rich' people anyways?

Are they the ones with the latest Jaguar or BMW? Are they the people who live in that extravagant house not too far from where you live? Are they those ruthless individuals who have climbed the corporate ladder by stepping on whoever was in their way? What income bracket makes them 'rich'?

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It may surprise you when I say every time you look in the mirror you will see someone who is rich. You may respond, "Who me? Rich? Far from it!" Perhaps you are not



Harriette Mostert

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part of the rich society NDP leader Alexa McDonough spoke of, but if you take a global view of things, you will see you are neither poor nor average.

If the whole world's population were condensed into a village of 100 people, six of these people would possess 59 per cent of the entire world's wealth. These six represent the equivalent of the total population of Canada and the United States.

Only one person in the village would have a college education and it is probably the same one who

owns the sole computer. We are the rich minority in this global village where 50 people suffer malnutrition, 70 are illiterate and 80 live in substandard housing.

If this is true, how is it that we have convinced ourselves we are just struggling to get by? It is because as a society we have expanded the definition of basic needs. For many, this includes considering such things as cellphones, paid vacations, one car per licensed driver and endless types of insurance to be necessities.

A glimpse of the big picture shows we are rich in material goods and in opportunities. This perspective may help us when we are inclined to feel deprived and want to whine about those who have more than we do.

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Trustee Ross honoured for service as chairman

Whitby public school Trustee Doug Ross was presented with a ceremonial gavel at the Feb. 19 meeting of the Durham District School Board.

Trustee Ross, board chairman for the last two years, received the gavel from Whitby Trustee and current chairman Elizabeth Roy.

Trustee Roy paid tribute to her colleague, who led the board and, she said, helped her personally to become comfortable in the trustees' job. Brock-Uxbridge Trustee Nancy Loraine also thanked Trustee Ross for the guidance he gave her when she was elected to the board.

"It was a great privilege to have been chair of this board, which I still believe is the greatest school board in the world," said Trustee Ross.

He added the chairman needs the support of fellow trustees and board staff, which he received and for which he was grateful.

Education director Grant Yeo said the gavel is presented "as a symbol of leadership and of his dedication to students in Durham".

He noted the last two years were "a time of confusion" in education with many changes at the provincial level.

Speech work earns award for board employee

Theresa Young has been recognized as one of the finest in her field.

The speech language pathologist with the Durham District School Board, who works in Ajax and Scugog schools, recently received an 'Honours of the Association' award from the Ontario Speech Language Association.

The award recognizes her outstanding work in the field of speech language pathology and audiology.

Education director Grant Yeo said at the board's Feb. 19 that the 11-year board employee is also a leader in educating others about multicultural issues.

Extra-long March break highlight of new school calendar

Public school board trustees have approved the 2001/2002 school year calendars at Monday's meeting.

The proposed calendars, which must receive education ministry approval, will see students receive a head start on the

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS FEB. 23, 2001

March break. The break is scheduled for the week starting March 11, but Friday, March 8 is slated to be a board-designated holiday.

Administrative officer Mary Shea, in her report on the Feb. 19 Durham District School Board agenda, stated school community and secondary student councils, employee groups and others were consulted in developing the

calendar. The March 8 holiday "was the overwhelming choice of all the groups consulted," she stated.

Professional activity days shared by secondary, elementary and modified elementary school students are set for Feb. 22 and June 28.

Ajax Trustee Marilyn Crawford suggested Durham parks and recreation facilities should get a copy so they can add staff if they wish on PA days.

Education director Grant Yeo added libraries should also be informed, but only when the calendars are approved.

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Members of the Ajax Chapter of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Zeller's store Manager, Pete Jefferson are saluting community volunteers and Zellers associates thanking them for their stellar fund-raising achievement.

The fight against CF has reached new heights with a record breaking \$2 million gift to The Canadian Cystic Foundation (CCFF). Zellers associates and community volunteers across Canada achieved this galactic feat as part of the Moonwalk 2000 Program, an ongoing effort to raise funds for cystic fibrosis research.

"We are thrilled to have reached this milestone in our efforts to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis," said Thomas Haig, Zellers' President and C.O.O. "I am tremendously proud of all of our associates and volunteers who work so hard to make Moonwalk a success. CF is a cause that is close to the Zellers family because it is a life threatening illness that affects the lives of countless Canadian children and adults in the communities where we live and work."

"This is the largest single annual donation in the history of the CCFF," said Cathleen Morrison, the Foundation's executive director. "Since 1986, Zellers associates have raised a total of \$17.5 million for CF research. This year's donation will permit us to further the ground-breaking work of Canadian CF scientists."

In Ajax, Zellers associates and community volunteers held bake sales, chocolate bar sales, staff bingo, special occasion draws, held 50/50 draws, to raise approximately \$4800.00 towards this year's donation. "We salute our associates and all the wonderful members of our community who have helped us reach this stellar goal," said Zellers Durham Centre manager Pete Jefferson.

Zellers' Moonwalk Program includes an annual nationwide walkathon originally conceived as a challenge to Canadians to cover a combined distance of 240,000 miles - the distance from the Earth to the moon. Participation in this fun family-event has steadily increased over the past 15 years to include over a hundred local communities across the country.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dr. George Blake's life takes winding turns

Local storyteller tells his own personal tale

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Special to the News Advertiser

For a hundred years the ancient clock that dominates Dr. George Blake's living room has been timekeeper for the famous Oshawa resident.

Mr. Blake learned to read the time on this very clock when he was a little boy in a tiny village in Jamaica in the 1930s.

Now, in February 2001, Mr. Blake consults the clock and sees he has to rush: he doesn't want to be late for his oral Story Telling appointment as part of a Black History Month celebration. And it has started to snow outside.

At 77, the veteran Durham resident is in demand as an oral story teller. He hardly has time and has to rush his newspaper interview. All week he is booked for appointments.

This tall man with his faint Jamaican accent is a fascinating figure. People who listen to his tales see a fit, and distinguished-looking man wearing a well-cropped white beard and moustache. He looks at least 10 years younger than he is. His eyes are alive and very alert.

For his story telling he prepares well in advance at home. Books, magazines and reading matter dominate Dr. Blake's house. His living room has books and reading matter everywhere. Even more books dominate his office in the basement, although his chess set and his two large African music drums are very prominent.

The clock is the centrepiece of the living room, and hangs on the wall above several sculpted artworks, and the framed picture of a lady who was 100-years-old when he interviewed her in Vancouver and told her story to a group of listeners.

Also in the living room is a statue of Buddha.

Dr. Blake came from very humble roots in the British colony of Jamaica to establish himself as an icon in the Oshawa community.

As the community celebrates Black History Month, This Week turned to this Region's Story Teller and medical pioneer to showcase the mosaic of the City.

Like many of Oshawa's residents, Dr. Blake migrated here from postwar England. He left his native Jamaica in the 1940s to join the British Royal Air Force.

He remembers his first visit as a soldier to North Scotland,



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Dr. George Blake says, 'very few black or Caribbean people were here in the 1960s' when he first emigrated from Scotland.

a place that he loves. Coming from tropical Jamaica, he was planted in the heart of a winter land where people "had never seen a black man before. They used to come up to me and touch me. But they were wonderful people."

After the war, he felt lost and rudderless in London. He wondered what his future would be. He enrolled in university there as an economics student, but soon wandered off to Asia to become a Buddhist monk.

He studied as a Buddhist for a while, then returned to England - this time with a clear vision: he wanted to be a psychologist. His decision would later affect the health sector of Durham Region.

He decided he wanted to study the effects of alcohol on people. This was an infant area of research then. He got a grant to do research on the topic and publish his findings.

It was during this phase of his life Dr. Blake met a Toronto university professor, who, impressed with his work, invited Dr. Blake to come from England to work at Whitby Psychiatric Hospital.

"Here was a job offer, and Canada was looking good. It seemed to be welcoming new immigrants. And at the same time, its Prime Minister, Lester Pearson, won the Nobel Peace Prize. I thought if the country can have such a Prime Minister, it would be worth it to migrate here," Dr. Blake said during an interview at his home office.

He came to Whitby from Scotland in 1966.

He started working in Whitby, living in an apartment in the then tiny village of 3,000 people. One day, he heard a knock on the door. It was an insurance salesman. Dr. Blake told the man he was just a week in Canada and could not

afford insurance. He invited the salesman in and they chatted. When the insurance broker learned Dr. Blake was new here, "he reached out his hand and shook mine, welcoming me to Canada. No one had ever done that to me anywhere before. It felt wonderful. And when he left, he wished me a nice and peaceful day! I was amazed at this. He was so welcoming and I felt really good. That experience certainly caused me to stay here," Dr. Blake said, noting the man is still his insurance agent to this day.

He said, "very few black or Caribbean people were here in the 1960s. One day I saw a black man across the street and we ran to each other and embraced, total strangers. It was so strange to see another black guy here then."

Dr. Blake was one of the people behind the Pinewood Centre for the Treatment of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, now a striving treatment centre in the region.

He also taught psychology at York University in those days.

Dr. Blake retired in 1980, enrolled in a Toronto oral story telling school, learned the craft, and became a story teller.

Now he is famous across Canada as a story teller and feels the answer to his success is straightforward.

"I think it comes down to how you conduct yourself. You have to be confident in yourself and your abilities. And you have to have a skill. If you have the training to do what you do best, no one can push you around."

And as a veteran Oshawa resident, where does he think the city is heading?

"I think the population will increase. Oshawa has basically remained steady since I came here, unlike places like Whitby, Ajax and Pickering. Those places really took off. However, I don't see many Caribbean migrants moving out here. For one the immigration trek from the Caribbean to Canada has slowed considerably. And Oshawa's job range is very limited. It is still basically a one-industry city, with the GM plant."

But he isn't planning on moving.

He loves the city and feels comfortable living here, even in the cold winter season. It is the reason he brought the 100-year-old clock from his grandmother's home in Jamaica to dominate his living room in Oshawa.

Prominent Black Canadians

Lincoln Alexander, *Canada's first black member of Parliament*

Lincoln Alexander was first elected to the House of Commons as MP for Hamilton West in 1968, a post he held for 12 years. He made history as the first black member of Parliament, and the first black cabinet minister. He was Ontario's 24th lieutenant governor serving as the Queen's representative in Ontario.

Most recently, the Prime Minister appointed Mr. Alexander chairman of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation in 1996.

Donovan Bailey, *World-renowned sprinter*

Donovan Bailey is the first Canadian since Percy Williams, in 1928, to win the Olympic 100-metre sprint (Note: Ben Johnson won the event in 1988, but later tested positive for drug use and was stripped of his gold medal.) At the 1996 Atlanta Olympics he broke the world record in the 100m event - and ran 27 m.p.h.!

Abraham Shadd (1801-1882) *First black person elected to public office*

Abraham Shadd was one of the conductors of the underground railroad. One of the stations was at his home! In 1833 he was elected president of the National Convention of the Improvement of Free People Of Colour. In that same year he was an active participant in the founding of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

Later in his life, Mr. Shadd entered politics and became a councillor of Raleigh Township. He is also notable because his daughter Mary Ann Shadd and son Alfred Shadd, were publishers of the 'Provincial Freeman.'

Dr. Anderson Ruffin Abbott *(1837-1913) Canada's first black doctor*

Dr. Abbott was born in Toronto. Dr. Abbott went to medical school, graduating in the early 1860s. He is noted for being the first black Canadian doctor. Dr. Abbott served as one of the eight black surgeons for the Union Army due to his strong feelings against slavery in the United States. After the war, he returned to Canada to become Coroner of Kent County and resident physician at Toronto General Hospital. In his later years, he was independently wealthy due to his father's good business practices and became occupied with writing articles. He wrote about a lot of subjects, including racial discrimination.

Elijah McCoy *(1844-1929) Has over 57 inventions*

Elijah McCoy was born May 2, 1844 in Colchester, Ont. From a young age, Mr. McCoy was especially interested in the way mechanical devices worked. He liked to take machines apart and put them back together. His parents realized he had a special talent for working with tools and machines. In 1872, the young inventor applied for a patent for his first invention, the automatic oil drip cup which was the world's first automatic lubricator. Mr. McCoy's invention was the first installed on the locomotives under his supervision with the Michigan Central Railroad.

In 1916, Mr. McCoy developed the graphite lubricator, the invention of which he was most proud.

Harriet Tubman *Freed slaves via the underground railroad*

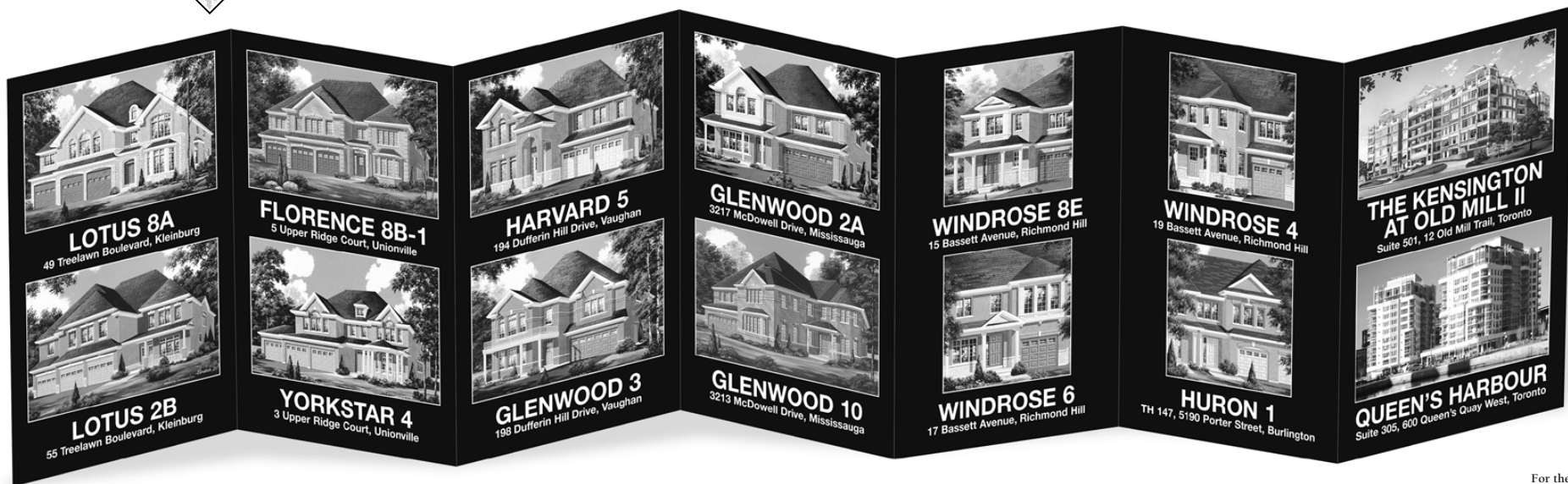
Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in the United States. Between 1851-58 Harriet Tubman guided blacks along the underground railroad to freedom in Canada. During these years she lived in St. Catharines, Ont. She was the most famous conductor of the underground railroad: returning to the South 18 times to free 300 black slaves. Her work was especially important after the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act made it a crime to help runaway slaves. During the 1860s she became active in the women's rights movement.

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Community Care looks to boost delivery ranks

A shortage of drivers has Ajax/Pickering Community Care in desperate need of volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels.

Many of the organization's volunteer drivers are themselves seniors who spend February and March down south, explained administrator Heather Tim.

With the number of meals delivered in the community up 33 per cent this year, routes are getting longer and existing drivers are meeting the demand by doing double duty. Even community care staff is delivering meals, taking them away from other duties.

"I would like to appeal to people who do shift work," said Ms. Tim.

Factories and other businesses that she believes are a rich source of volunteers surround the organization's Hunt Street office. Ms. Tim said she realizes many of these people assist in the United Way campaign which funds Community Care, and thanks them for their efforts. But she's asking these people to go the extra mile and "show some community spirit and get involved".

Volunteers deliver meals

Monday to Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. But volunteers aren't just delivery people.

"It's a little bit of a friendly visit and a security check to make sure the person's OK," said Ms. Tim.

Community care is very flexible in terms of utilizing what time people have available to them. Even an hour a month can make a big difference. And Ms.

Tim says if a volunteer can only deliver in Ajax or Pickering, that's fine as well.

Other volunteer opportunities also exist at community care, "but at the moment this is the most urgent need," she said.

For more information on delivering Meals on Wheels and volunteering with Ajax/Pickering Community Care, please call Ms. Tim at 686-3331.

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NDP leader looking for a raise — to minimum wage

Howard Hampton promotes hike as beneficial to business growth

BY JACQUIE McINNES
Staff Writer

Ontario NDP leader Howard Hampton came to Durham this week to sell the merits of raising the minimum wage to boost the local economy, and planted a seed for co-operation between business and unions.

At a Clarington Business Group meeting Tuesday morning,

Mr. Hampton told business owners he believes increasing the minimum wage from the current \$6.85 to \$7.50 per hour would give a boost to local business, not hamper it.

"I believe the minimum wage in Ontario ought to be raised. It has been frozen six years. It's now much lower than our major trading partner, the U.S."

But, Mr. Hampton wasn't asking business to consider the idea on moral grounds. He suggested companies would benefit directly from the move.

"Minimum-wage workers tend to spend in the local economy," he said, noting in the U.S. "they found when they raised the minimum wage it didn't result in inflation. The biggest

(beneficial) impact was on small business in the local community."

Mr. Hampton also took the opportunity to raise concerns about the new provincial labour law expected to be finalized at Queen's Park in this session and to assure businesses they can prosper in a unionized environment.

"The most advanced parts of the world economy are all heavily unionized," pointed out Mr. Hampton.

"Workers join unions not necessarily for financial issues. The top of their list is respect and dignity."

He encouraged businesses to strive to have their employees work "smarter" not "harder and longer", noting that is the key to productivity.

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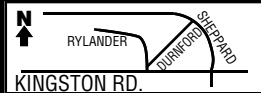
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Rogers Launches Interactive Television Service in the Durham Region

Oshawa, Ontario - February 6, 2001: Rogers Cable Inc. is pleased to announce that following a successful customer trial in Toronto, it is launching Rogers Interactive TV in the Durham Region.

This is the retail launch of Phase One of Rogers Interactive Television and Rogers is the first cable company in Canada to provide it. The service is offered on the Rogers Digital Choice platform and provides Rogers' customers the ability to surf the Web, receive e-mail, save 'favourite' sites and conduct on-line banking and shopping - all via their existing television set and from the comfort of their living room. TV viewers will be able to use the wireless keyboard to easily switch from video channels to the Internet in a matter of seconds, allowing for a seamless Internet and TV experience.

"Phase one of Rogers Interactive TV is an entry level service geared specifically for people who do not have Internet access at



On hand for the launch of Rogers Interactive TV were Earl Dusek, VP, GM, Rogers Cable GTA East; Roger Anderson, Durham Region Chairman and Bruce Danford, President of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce.

home and who want to use the basic Internet services of e-mail and web browsing," said Earl Dusek, VP, GM Rogers Cable GTA East, "and we are delighted to be the first to bring this service to our customers."

Rogers Interactive TV is available for \$19.95 a month. The Start-up Kit with wireless keyboard is \$79.95 (one time charge) and can be picked up at any Rogers Video store that

sells cable products.

Based on Microsoft WebTV Networks' technologies and services Rogers Interactive TV is the first product to be delivered as part of a July, 1999, agreement between Rogers and Microsoft Corp. to deliver enhanced TV services via digital cable.

In the future, Rogers will deliver additional enhanced TV services built on Microsoft TV platform

software to Rogers' customers nationwide. These additional services will be deployed on next generation Advanced Set Top Boxes and will include faster two-way Internet connections, new interactive programming, and more.

Rogers Cable Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rogers Communications Inc. [Toronto: RCL.A and RCL.B; NYSE: RG]. Its hybrid fibre-coaxial network is the most advanced in North America, delivering high quality entertainment, information and communication services to approximately 2.2 million customers in Ontario and New Brunswick. As Canada's largest cable operator, the company also owns and operates over 230 Rogers Video stores.



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Durham children's aid gets \$7-million boost

The Durham Children's Aid Society is receiving an additional \$7 million to pay for increased child protection services across the region, the Province has announced.

Community and Social Services Minister John Baird announced last Wednesday the government is investing an additional \$123 million to protect children from abuse and neglect. "The funding announcement today is important because it will increase the ability of the CAS to react quickly and with the training required to help the most vulnerable in society — children at risk," said Whitby-Ajax MPP and

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

The ministry reports the new funding is intended to help Children's Aid Societies respond to increased service demands that have resulted from greater public awareness of child abuse and neglect, and the strengthening of the Child and Family Services Act. The funding will be distributed to the province's 53 societies based on the number of children being served in each community.

Jim Dubray, executive director of the Durham CAS, said the organization is "pleased that the Ministry of Community and Social Ser-

VICES has taken steps to improve services and funding in Ontario's child protection system over the last three years."

During that time the government has introduced new standards for service as well as a new way of funding children's aid societies that is designed to reflect the workload and needs in a community. The Province has also focused on improving training programs for children's aid society boards and staff, foster parents and ministry staff.

Mr. Dubray reports the additional funding announced Wednesday is a "retroactive allocation from the

government" to cover expenses incurred in the 2000-01 year, which comes to an end next month.

"It's almost used up," he said, noting the additional money was needed to pay for services that have already been provided.

"With the change in the legislation, it's increased our volume," he added, explaining the government has lowered the threshold for children who qualify for services.

"It used to be (for children who were at) a substantial risk of abuse, now it's just a risk of abuse," he said, noting the referral process has also changed. "It just seems to be

more and more," he said. "This agency was under-funded for a long period of time."

Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP and Education Minister Janet Ecker added, "Our government's child welfare reforms have led to significant improvements in all key areas of child protection, so that vulnerable children are protected from abuse and neglect."

The funding means the government will spend more than \$772 million on child protection this year. Funding for Ontario's children's aid societies has more than doubled since 1995, the ministry reported.

Brenner continues as advocate for children

Pickering Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner has been reappointed as Durham's children's advocate.

Durham council first selected Coun. Brenner for the position in June 1998 and reappointed him earlier this month.



MAURICE BRENNER
"High level of child poverty across the region."

He noted a number of milestones during his first two-and-a-half years, but said there's still work to be done.

"There still remains much to be accomplished. Issues such as the lack of substantial, affordable housing contributes to the high level of child poverty across the region," he said.

Coun. Brenner is also president of Durham Region's Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

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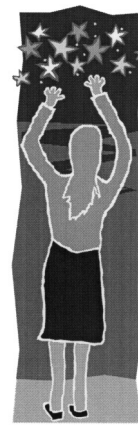
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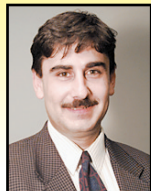
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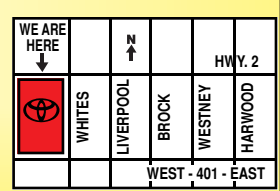
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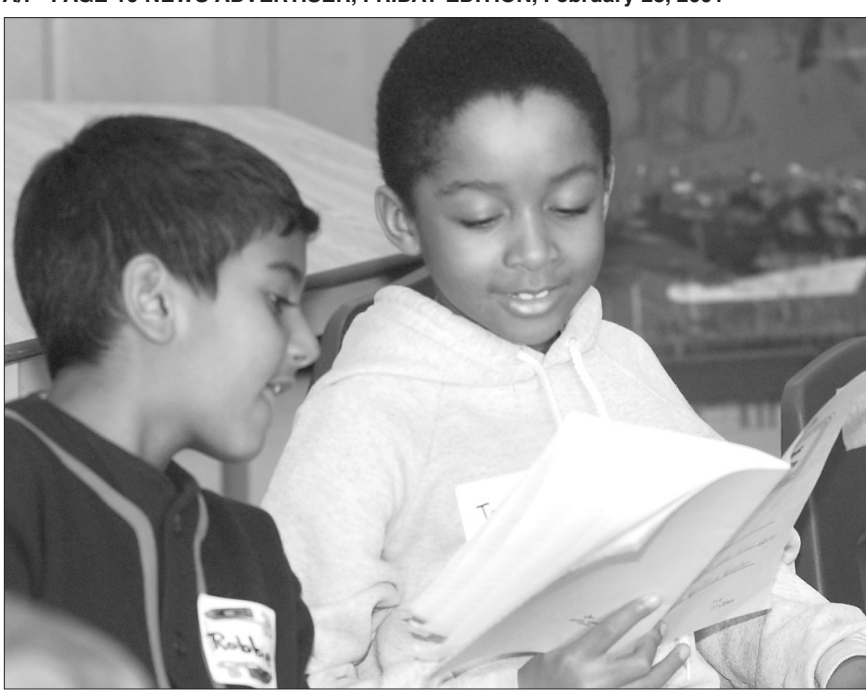
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SUPPORT GROUP: The Serenity Group 12-Step Recovery meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. The group deals with all types of addictions, including co-dependency. Child-care available. Call 428-9431 (Jim, in the evenings) for more information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24
CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE: The public is invited to understand the heart of God and know His will in your life at a weekend conference at the Christian Life Centre in Ajax. Workshops are held at the centre, at 1030 Ravenscroft Rd., between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. worship

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CHARITY CONCERT: The Durham Chamber Orchestra performs a charity concert in aid of the San Salvador Relief Fund at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's United Church (Centre and Colborne streets Whitby). The program features

Boyce's Concerto for Two Violins and selections by Bizet and Clementi.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors/students and \$2 for kids under 12. dcochamberorchestra@yahoo.com (John).

CULTURAL AWARENESS: Revivaltime Tabernacle Worldwide Ministries at 550 Kingston Road will be holding a Cultural Awareness Day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Learn about different cultures and watch the performances which will be held at 1p.m. and 4 p.m.

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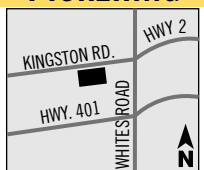
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Two Ajax elementary schools to get some relief

A new public elementary school is scheduled to open in north Ajax in one year.

Ajax Wards 1 & 2 Trustee Marilyn Crawford, at Monday's Durham District School Board meeting, announced tenders will open April 5 and the construction work is slated to begin May 11. Construction is expected to be completed by March 2002.

She said the unnamed school, to be built at Fletcher Avenue and Kerrison Drive, will relieve accommodation pressure at Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School and, to a lesser extent, at Applecroft Public School.

"Bondar is extremely overpopulated at this point," said Trustee Crawford in an interview. "It's definitely good news for Bondar and for the people in that area."

The school was one of 11

new elementary schools approved in the board's system-wide accommodation and school improvement plan, passed by trustees in December 1998. That plan expires at the end of this year, to be replaced by a new, five-year plan. Previously called the Unnamed Ajax A7 Public School, the board has \$5.6 million set aside for the project. But facilities superintendent Jack Massie said that price tag is two years old. Actual costs have gone up because of the high volume of construction work going on in the Greater Toronto Area, which creates greater demand for skilled tradespeople.

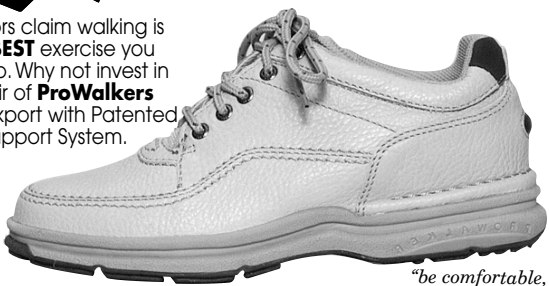
Mr. Massie said the two-storey school is to be 49,500 square feet in size with 18 classrooms. Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School is rated for 418 students, but with 715

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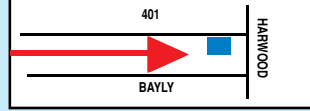
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Entries can be sent to the Dan Sullivan Memorial Poetry contest, P.O. Box 323, Ajax, Ont. L1S 3C5.

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Making your garden beautiful with the Friends of the Ajax Public Library.

Local gardening expert Marc Cullen will speak at the annual Friends' winter lecture Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the H.M.S. room of the Ajax Community Centre.

Afterwards, Mr. Cullen will be selling and signing copies of his latest book, 'Canadian Gardening Design'.

A staff member from Weall & Cullen Garden Centre will also be on hand to answer gardening questions.

Friends of the Ajax Public Library are in the midst of a \$1-million fundraising campaign for a new central library branch.

Tickets for the meeting are available at the Ajax Public Library for \$10 each. Space is limited.

Weekend at the movies...
Costner, Russell
take care of business

The following are new film releases being screened at Ajax and Pickering cinemas this weekend.

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(Famous Players Pickering 8 Cinemas - Pickering Town Centre, Cineplex Odeon Ajax 10).

Goldberg. Directed by Henry Selick.

Stu Miley (Fraser) is an artist whose hit creation is about to be transformed into a national TV show. Lucky in love with his beautiful girlfriend Julie (Fonda), Stu has finally worked up the nerve to propose. But on the night of the big event, he's struck down in a freak accident.

Lying in critical condition, his conscious spirit is transported to the purgatory-like limbo of Downtown, a carnival landscape inhabited by mythical gods and nightmarish creatures. Trapped and faced with certain doom, he only has 24 hours to escape before his troublemaking alter ego, Monkeybone, wreaks havoc on the real world.

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Teen fighter in the ring this weekend

Pickering boxer pounds a path to nationals

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — Disappointment and discouragement with boxing have given way to renewed energy and vigour for a teenaged female fighter.

After more than a year on the sidelines, Amanda Beaulieu of Pickering's Liverpool Boxing Club is back in the ring and determined to bring home a national title when the 2001 National Intermediate Male and Female Boxing Championships convene in Sarnia this weekend.

Beaulieu will be one of three young women — one from Quebec and another from Alberta — ready to go to battle for the national welterweight (147 pounds or 67 kilogram) crown. And, with renewed confidence, she's going for the gold.

"I'm coming home with gold," predicted the Grade 11 student at Pine Ridge Secondary School. "I feel that I'm well prepared for it, so I'm confident that I'm coming home with gold."

The 16-year-old Beaulieu booked her ticket to the nationals after an outstanding showing at the Brampton Cup earlier this month. There, she defeated Annie Lafrance, a boxer from Quebec, stopping her in the third round. After her win, Val Brown, the head of Boxing Ontario, approached her and offered her an invitation to nationals. Beaulieu and her coach, Preston Roberts, were ecstatic to get the opportunity to box on the Canadian stage.

"I had a number of people have a look at her and they all agreed that she should go (to nationals), especially after stopping the girl from Quebec in the third round," noted Roberts. "She has an awful lot of talent."

Beaulieu has worked out and trained daily in preparation for her date at nationals. She trained two hours a night at the club, in addition to two hours of workouts at a Pickering fitness facility.

"It's been an awful lot of work, but I love it and look forward to it," she said.

Beaulieu says she lost her zest for the sport while boxing as a member of Oshawa's Motor City Boxing Club. There, she saw her confidence plummet during the nearly two years she was with the club as she posted a 1-5 record in the ring.

"It was very discouraging. I was fighting the same two girls there, so I decided to take a rest. I had a poor record, but I couldn't let go of the sport. I've trained hard and I'm in a positive environment at the club I'm at."

After taking a year off, she and her family moved from Oshawa to Pickering where she took up the sport again at the Liverpool Boxing Club this past November.

Although boxing is gaining in popularity among the fairer sex, female boxers continue to be in the minority in the pugilistic sport. Beaulieu says she took to the sport as it provides a total workout and it is one that simply appealed to her.

"It is a full-body workout and the power that the sport gives you," said Beaulieu of her attraction to the sport. "The whole sport just amazed me. It encouraged me to prove that girls can do it too. I've always been involved in sports with males and this was a sport that I fit in with."

Beaulieu said she intends to stick with boxing, which she hopes will eventually lead to an opportunity to represent Canada at the Olympic Games.



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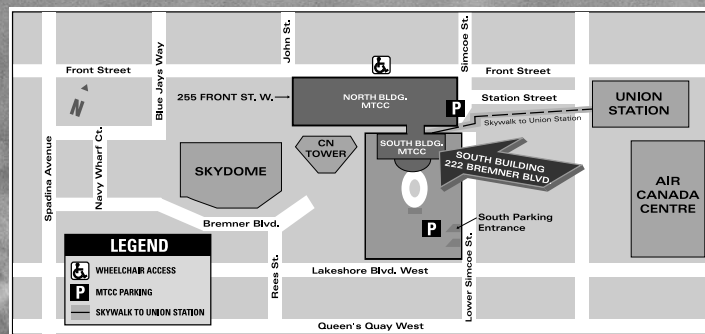


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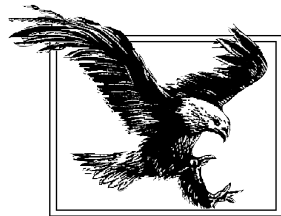
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As of February 1, 2001 we had made no progress with respect to a new agreement, and started up a section of our operation in Whitby. We believe it is necessary for us to make every effort to service our customers and retain our market contact.

Today, after significant changes in the economy, several items threaten the existence of Co-Steel Lasco:

- A. Our Collective Agreement contains extensive inefficiencies within it which need to be changed;
- B. One of our major competitors has announced the new construction of a mill similar to Co-Steel Lasco's which will be completed in 12 months and will be run by 250 people;
- C. The high levels at which imported steel products are shipped into Canada and the United States;
- D. The continued escalation of electricity and gas prices;

This list goes on and the issues are substantial. The current environment of the steel business looks dismal at best, with global pressures never before experienced, being realized each and every day.

Twelve North American steel companies have filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection (U.S.) or closed their doors completely.

At Co-Steel Lasco, we do not want to be one of them! We want to survive this onslaught of global and local pressure, and strive to be one of the world's leading minimill steel producers.

At this time, and as we have previously stated, we need to run our operation while this labour disruption goes on. We are accepting resumes from those individuals interested in joining Co-Steel Lasco in this interim period, and possibly permanently.

The positions required to be filled in our organization will be explained in a de-briefing interview.

Remuneration Package:

Wages: • \$17.00/hour

Hours: • 8 Hour Shifts (3 shift rotation)
• Monday to Friday
• 40 Hours per Week

Benefits: • Vested After 180 Day Probation Period
• Will Include: Health Care, Vision Care, Dental Care and Life Insurance

Pension: • Vested After 180 Day Probation Period
• Defined Contribution to 4% Plus Matching

Quantity: • Up to 200 Positions to be Filled in the Next Six Months

Interested individuals can forward their resume to:

Human Resources
Co-Steel Inc.
300 Consilium Place, Suite 800
Scarborough, Ontario
M1H 3G2

Email: human.resources@costeel.com
Website: www.costeel.com

We appreciate the interest expressed by all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Co-Steel Lasco is an equal opportunity employer.

110 General Help 110 General Help

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION LABOURERS required for busy pool company. Full time starting immediately. No experience necessary. Heavy lifting, drivers license required. Starting at \$13-\$16/hr. Higher wages with experience. Apply to: Todd Pools Ltd, 13072 10th Line, Stouffville, ON L4A 7X4 Tel: 905-640-7665 Fax: 905-640-5147

KIDS! KIDS! KIDS! Looking for very outgoing kids 2-16 yrs. M/F 16-65 yrs. Must be outgoing or don't call! T.V. Comm./film. No Fees or classes. No extras. Call (416) 221-3829

Richters Herbs is now hiring Seasonal Greenhouse Help full and part time. Fax resume to: 905-640-6641

TEACHERS REQUIRED P/T tutoring contracts throughout Durham for enthusiastic teachers. Contracts avail: Gr. 1-OAC, all subjects. Send resume with cover letter to Tutortime Learning Centres Inc. by email: shelley.smith@sympatico.ca or fax to: (905) 728-1033 Specify teachable subjects and grade levels.

TELEMARKETING Telemarketer's needed \$10/per hr., Mon.-Thurs. 5-8pm Call from an existing database Experience preferred Call Jane at (905) 686-9842 Ext. 244

WANTED The Uxbridge Times Journal/Tribune requires Rural Route Drivers to deliver newspapers twice a week to the following areas: Uxbridge (North & South) Goodwood, Stouffville Reliable vehicle required Call Debbie 905-852-9141

Uxbridge Times-Journal/Tribune requires NEWSPAPER CARRIERS to deliver papers Wednesday & Friday in the following areas: UXBIDGE Centre Rd., Maple St. W., King St. W., Balsam St. N. & Beech St. N., Bolton & Rachel Lee, Galloway Cres., Alsop Place, Turner & Forsythe Dr., Main St. N., Lormik Dr., Colby Rd., Harvey St., Brock St. W., South Beech St., Gould St., Dominion St., First Ave., Silversprings Cres. & Hillborne Ct. CANNINGTON Adelaide, York, Laidlaw St. N., Peace, McKay, Cameron St. W., Albert St., Munro St., Park St., Prince St., Meadowlands, Alison Ct., Beaver Ridge Dr. SILOAM Mill Run Gate & Durham Rd. S UDORA Victoria St., Ravenshoe Rd. & York St. Also, Adult Carriers needed for walking & driving routes. Call Debbie 905-852-9141

110 General Help 110 General Help

THE NEWS ADVERTISER is looking for carriers to deliver papers and flyers door to door Wed. Fri. & Sat. by 6:00 PM. in their neighborhoods. call 905-683-5117

UXBRIDGE TIMES JOURNAL & TRIBUNE REQUIRES

RURAL ROUTE DRIVERS to deliver newspapers Wednesday & Friday in the following areas:

- * Uxbridge * Goodwood Reliable Vehicle Required Call Debbie (905)852-9141

EXPERIENCED PORTER/DISHWASHER, required immediately in a large south Pickering cafeteria. our ideal candidate is an organized team player who enjoys a fast paced environment and is capable of heavy lifting. This is a full time M-F position that may require the occasional weekends. Please fax resume to (905)837-7220 or call 905-839-1151 ext. 3531 and leave a message.

FRESH AIR, exercise and more. Call for a carrier route in your area today. 905-683-5117.

GLENDALOUGH FARM - Experienced Horse Barn Manager required. Must supply resume. Call Lynda (905)655-5570

GOURMET FOOD LOVERS needed for part-time/full-time positions in a unique gourmet foods/bakeshop. Interested? Fax 905-642-0105 email - wideman@sympatico.ca or call 905-642-5838.

HAIRSTYLIST, esthetician, nail technician needed immediately for busy salon. Salary plus commission or chair rental or space rental. Call 905-725-6311 or evenings 905-432-8949

HAIRSTYLIST required, full/part-time with experience for Joseph's Hairstyling, Oshawa Centre. Apply in person, or phone 723-9251, ask for Joe.

HAIRSTYLIST REQUIRED. Options: you may rent a station or work on an hourly or commission basis. Please forward your enquiries to 905-852-7815.

HAIRSTYLIST WANTED for busy Uxbridge and Port Perry salon. Hourly \$8.00+ commission. 416-420-6897.

HAVE FUN...MAKE MONEY!!! Simple enough? Full time 18+ no experience necessary. Call Pam (905) 686-9586.

HOMEWORKERS NEEDED! To assemble our products. Free information. Send SASE to: Kraft, #8-7777 Keele St., Dept. 7, Concord, ON L4K 1Y7

INVENTORY POSITION - used auto parts inventory person needed. Some heavy lifting, shipping & automotive experience required. Apply in person with resume or fax to 905-434-7997 Dom's Auto Parts Courtye. No calls please.

JANITORIAL sub contractor wanted, must have reliable vehicle and experience. call 905-427-3333, 1pm - 5pm.

IMMEDIATE OPENING available in a glass and mirror fabrication plant for an energetic individual with a background in machine operation. Responsibilities will include setup and operation of production equipment as well as general labour duties as required. Please fax resume with salary expectations 705-432-3333

LAKE SCUGOG ROOF TRUSS is currently looking for experienced full time Sawyers and production workers. Applic-ants must be able to work shift hours. Competitive wages available to qualified experienced applicants. Please apply in person Mon. - Fri. between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Lake Scugog Roof Truss, 11 Van-Edward Dr., Port Perry or fax resume to: (905)985-0225.

LANDSCAPE LEAD HAND \$15-\$19/hr Depending on experience B.K. Baun Landscape Ltd. is busy, well established landscape design/construction company, specializing in high end design/build projects. Our yard and office is located in Pickering. We would be eager to meet, recent graduates or people who have worked in the industry for a least 2 years. Clean driving record required. Call (905) 509-1786 or fax (905) 509-6327 or email: kbbaum@direct.com

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, long-term temp. We will be inter-viewing Wed. Feb 28, at the Iroquois Sports Complex, 500 Victoria St. Whitby, from 9: 30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

110 General Help

ROEVIN Technical People Ltd. Clerical/Admin person required for busy construction office in Pickering. Must possess superior MS Word and Excel skills. Previous experience in the construction industry would be a definite asset. Roevin Technical People Ltd. Tel: (905)258-6325 Fax: (905)258-6328 Email: Toronto@roevin.ca For more information visit: www.roevin.ca

LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER? Are you mature, set high standards for yourself and desire above average in-come. Contact Tammy 1-866-787-3918 / 905-436-8499.

MANAGER - for small equestrian facility. Exchange for accommodation. Suit adult or summer student. Board & coaching available. North of Uxbridge. 705-357-1890

MATURE, EXPERIENCED SECURITY OFFICERS, sight supervisors, Pickering. Call Mon-Fri 9am-12noon (416)745-5762.

PART-TIME HANDYMAN/maintenance worker needed for 40 unit co-op townhouse complex. Approximately 12-18 hours a week, rate to be based on experience and references. Please send resume to: File #655, Oshawa This Week, P.O. Box 481, Oshawa, ON L1H 7L5, no later than March 12, 2001. Only applic-ants who are interviewed will be contacted.

PORTRAIT STUDIO at the Bay Oshawa requires sales people who want to earn \$100+ per day comm. In-store, P/T F/T, will train. 1-800-330-1276.

REGISTERED MASSAGE Therapist required for busy upscale Durham Spa. Minimum 3 years hands on experience necessary. Please fax resume Attention Janice Wright. 905-666-5394.

THE NEWS ADVERTISER is looking for prospects to deliver newspapers and flyers to the following areas: SCARBOROUGH Sheppard Ave. Rouge Hills Dr. Tallpines Cr. Boydwood Ln. Grandriver Blvd. Royal Rouge Trail Atrium Ln. Nature Parkway Oak Knolls Cres. Raspbery Rd. Island Rd. Brycemoor Rd. Friendship Ave. Brownfield Grds. Sunny Slope Beaverbrook Cr. East Ave. Starspray Blvd. Jaybel Grove Flagstone Terr. Tudor Glen Cres. Adenmore Rd. Moorefield Dr. Trellanock Ave. 6400 Lawrence Wheeling Dr. Maberly Cres. Oxborn Rd. Hartsville Ave. Baronial Cr. Broadridge Dr. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 905-683-5117

130 Sales Help/Agents

ADVERTISING SALES OPPORTUNITY Due to a new initiative, the Metroland newspapers of Durham Region which include Oshawa/Whitby/Clarington/Port Perry This Week, Ajax/Pickering News Advertiser, The Canadian Statesman, Uxbridge Tribune & The Uxbridge Times Journal requires an experienced advertising representative. Position will particularly suit sales professional with a radio advertising sales background in Durham Region. An attractive pay and benefit package is available for the motivated candidate. Please forward resumes to: ADVERTISING MANAGER Oshawa/Whitby This Week 865 Farewell St., Oshawa, Ontario. L1H 7L5

110 General Help

SEARS AUTHORIZED INDOOR Clean Air Services, require for Ajax & Scarborough experienced, telemarketing supervisor, telemarketers, sales persons. Duct cleaning technicians, & helpers. HVAC fitters and mechanics (Drivers abstract required) Excellent income potential. Fax resume to 905-428-2452.

CASUAL ON-CALL COOK required by Secure Young Offender Facility. Experience in volume cooking required. Mail/Fax Resume to: Kennedy House Youth Centre, P.O. Box 5000, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1S1 Fax 905-852-5967.

STRONG VOICES NEEDED. Telephone sales, no experience necessary. 10:00am-4:00pm and/or ideal for students 4:45-8:00pm Dundas/Thickson area Salary plus commission. 905-579-6222

SUPERINTENDENT COUPLES required for large Property Management Co. No experience required, training provided. Duties include cleaning, maintenance, and administration. Includes apt. comp. salary, bonuses, benefits and vacation package. Fax resume to: 416-923-9315

PART TIME DRIVER wanted for T & C Limousine in Port Perry. Call 985-3662.

TELEMARKETERS needed. No experience necessary. Full training provided. Call (905) 579-7816 for interview.

LOOKING FOR RELIABLE adult carriers with vehicle to deliver door to door in Ajax and Pickering, every Wed., Fri., Sat., by 6 pm. Call 905-683-5117 and ask for Alka.

CUSTOMER SERVICE/INSIDE SALES Unilock Ltd., a leading manufacturer of paving stones and retaining wall products has an opening in Customer Service working out of your Pickering manufacturing outlet. This position is suited to a take-charge person who can work independently and has demonstrated sound leadership and customer service skills in a fast paced environment. A pleasant phone manner, good keyboarding skills and good basic math skills are a must. Unilock offer a competitive wage and benefits for this full time seasonal position. Fax your resume in confidence to: (905) 427-2539, pickering@unilock.com

UNILOCK LTD. is North America's oldest manufacturer of precast paving stone and retaining wall systems. Our product is used by those in the landscape industry. Unilock Ltd. is currently seeking individuals to work in their plant in Pickering. The ideal candidates should possess previous plant experience, a good understanding of basic math and be willing to work as a team player. We are looking to fill the following positions: Forklift Operators, Machine Operators and General Laborers. Please send resumes to: P.O. Box 387 Pickering, Ontario. L1V 2R6

YOUTH WORKERS required. Therapeutic Group Home for sexually offending and confused adolescents. Weekend Supervisor - experienced and/or education in Human Services. To monitor clients, staff and overall weekend programming \$30,000 - \$33,000, pending qualifications. Part and Full Time Workers to assist within three residential programs. \$10 - \$12 per hour part-time, pending qualifications. \$26,000 - \$29,000 for full-time workers. Fax resume to Youth Connections (905)432-9885.

130 Sales Help/Agents

SALES ASSISTANTS REQUIRED We are one of Ontario's largest home improvements companies, established for more than 25 years with sales over 80 million dollars. We are currently seeking a few bold and enthusiastic individuals to assist our vinyl window and metal roofing sales reps. We offer the highest commissions paid weekly and provide transportation. Freedom to work evenings through the week a must. Sales experience an asset, but not necessary, we will train. For more details call Clyde at Bil-Den Home Improvements Whitby (905) 666-0018

110 General Help

WORK AT HOME Health Industry \$1000 P/T - \$5000 F/T per month. Training available. Call for free information BOOKLET. 416-631-7156.

120 Office Help

ADMIN. PERSON-ORDERS Small Office. Assorted duties including Shipping. Aptitude for detail, figures and spelling. \$17-20M 35 hours. 487 Westney Rd. S., Ste 16, Ajax for short test 8:30-4:00.

EXPERIENCED RECEPTIONIST for busy & growing real estate office in Ajax. Part-time evenings. Fax resume to (905)427-1207

GENERAL INSURANCE full time. Requirements: RIBO license, general insurance experience, 35 WPM minimum, windows and computer skills. For customer service, dealing with existing clients, and processing claims. Fax resume to (905) 579-0193.

MediaNetCentral.ca (an Internet company) is looking to hire 1-2 full-time outgoing, computer literate people to assist with media research and data entry. Send resume and salary expectations to: kdfoster@medianetcentral.ca or call (905)837-2510.

VETERINARY Receptionist/Assistant, Sheridan Veterinary Services in Pickering. Afternoons, evenings & alternate Saturdays. \$8-11/hour based on veterinary experience. Fax resumes to: 905-831-1131.

130 Sales Help/Agents

INTERNET SALES and Marketing Representative required immediately by Pickering publishing company. We are seeking a self-motivated sales professional to sell internet advertising products, as well as develop strategic marketing programs with new and existing clients. Hourly rate + commission. Fax resumes to Publisher, (905) 509-4451.

130 Sales Help/Agents

SALES MAN, 2 needed experience in car parts, driver G license. Must have knowledge of GTA and good driving record. Drop off of fax resume to ABE AUTO WRECKERS, fax (905)697-8118, phone (905)623-5756

135 Skilled Help

FITTER required by busy fabricator. 4-5 yrs. experience, able to read blue prints, work with minimum supervision. Fax resume to: (905)721-0467.

J & M TIRE - Required immediately for a fast paced growing tire company. 2 - licensed tire installers. License preferred - passenger, LT and Med truck. Experience an asset but not necessary. Will train the right individual. Must possess a valid "G" driver licence. Full time year round position. Fax resume to (905) 576-8046 No phone calls please. Only those being considered will be contacted

LICENCED ELECTRICIANS and apprentices needed for Whitby and Scarborough projects. Sub contract preferred. Call Jeff at 905-261-4822 or fax resume to 905-432-1686

LICENCED ELECTRICIAN and 4th-5th term apprentices needed. Industrial and commercial work. Call 416-891-5452 between 8:00am & 6:00pm.

GAS FITTER 2 for new home installations of gas pipe and venting. Experience preferred. East end location. Please fax resume to: (905)434-1741.

150 Hospital Medical Dental

CERTIFIED DENTAL ASSISTANT required for 3 days/week. No evenings or weekends. Please mail or hand deliver resume to: Dr. J.A. Miskin, 3 Harwood Ave. S. Ajax, L1S 2C1

130 Sales Help/Agents

SALES POSITION AVAILABLE START TODAY! Established home security company seeks 3 - 5 enthusiastic, motivated individuals for Durham area sales. Earn great commissions while working your own hours. Fax resume to 905-683-9110 or email to info@homesecuritycanada.com

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

One of Ontario's largest home improvement companies is expanding it's sales force and has openings for new people. We are a very professional company that has served the industry for over 30 years and continue to grow in Simcoe County

- WE OFFER: • 4 day work week • Salary+Comm+Bonuses • Proven training program • Future Advancement • Contests, trips and prizes

- WE REQUIRE: • Professional Attitude • Neat appearance • Desire for Advancement • Career minded people • Success driven motivation

If you are currently in sales or have ever considered sales as a career then you owe it to yourself to investigate our proven and highly successful training program.

WE CAN HELP YOU TO SUCCEED

Call Clyde today to set up a confidential interview

WHITBY (905) 666-0018 OUT OF TOWN 1-800-263-2720

150 Hospital Medical Dental

CAREER OPPORTUNITY Sunnycrest Nursing Home Whitby, an accredited Nursing Home caring for 137 residents, is seeking a DIRECTOR OF RESIDENT CARE. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: • A General Registered Nurse with a current Certificate of Competence with the College of Ontario • Post N.R. education in gerontology or relevant experience in Long Term Care • Post R.N. education in management or a minimum 3 years relevant experience in management • Must be computer Literate Fax resume to: Administrator 905-576-4712

Looking for a job in the Health Care Field? Join us on Tuesday May 1, 1-8pm at the Oshawa Holiday Inn for our Nursing and Health Care Job Expo. Offering job opportunities in all fields of Health Care Watch our classified section for more details. Multi-Professional Support Services requires RN and RPN's, PSW and HCA To deliver medical /support services • Superior salary/benefits, flexible hours • Funded education Physiotherapy positions also available For information call 1-705-644-3788 Fax. resumes to: 1-705-648-8139 mps.irwin@on.aibn.com

150 Hospital Medical Dental

RN's - DAY SHIFT ONE F/T & ONE P/T experienced in LTC. Computer literacy an asset. Fax or Mail resume to: Director of Resident Care Sunnycrest Nursing Home 1635 Dundas St. E. Whitby, Ont. L1N 2K9 Fax: 905-576-4712

220 Articles for Sale
1980-86 F150 window visor \$50, Call 1-705-786-0350

7 FT. 6 FT. FISHER SNOW-PLOW, harness, pump, reservoir, and lighting package. \$750 firm. call 905-985-9713.

8FT OAK HARVEST table \$695. Dressers \$55. Fridge/stove/sink combo, \$695. Love seat sofa and chair \$395. Maple library shelving, various sizes. Washer and gas dryer, \$145each. Dining & bedroom suites, \$1395each. Microwave, \$35. Microwave stands \$25. Complete train set and board \$1295. Glass table and chairs \$135. Desk \$35, beds \$35&49. Swivel chair and stool \$85. Dark pine sofa and dresser \$275each. Many more antiques & items. Bowmanville. 697-3532.

HARDWOOD FLOORING FOR BETTER HEALTH. Unfinished from \$1.99/sq.ft.; prefinished from \$2.99/sq.ft. Also, refinishing old floors & sanding needs. Showroom: Kendallwood Plaza 1801 Dundas St. E., Whitby 905-433-9218 OSHAWA HARDWOOD FLOORS LTD.

HOCKEY CARD and baseball card collection. Call Bill 905-571-7802

IMAC COMPUTER (indigo) 4 months old, over 2 1/2 years left on warranty, 350 MHz, G3, 512K L2 cache, 64 MB SDRAM, 7 GB Ultra ATA drive, CD-ROM, RAGE 128 Pro Graphics 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet, 56 K internal modem OS 9.4. \$1299. Phone 721-0601.

PHARMACY Technician (Full-time or part-time) needed at Medical Pharmacies Group Inc. in Pickering. Excellent hours (Mon-Fri), wages, and benefits. Experience in long-term care and Zadal an asset. Fax resume to Manager 905-831-8751 or 1-800-275-2143

160 Daycare Wanted

SEEKING LIVE OUT nanny for 2 young children in Pickering area. Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30p.m. First aid and CPR, non-smoker, drivers license, references required. Competitive compensation. Call Terry 905-472-6658

165 Daycare Available

DAYCARE AVAILABLE, full/part-time, 20 yrs. experience. Happy environment. Huge play area. Crafts, movies, meals, Westney/Delaney. Receipts and references. All ages. (905)686-8719

JUST THE RIGHT ONE for your child. Mother of 2 providing daycare, 1 year and up. Playroom, fenced yard, hot meals/snacks. Smoke-free, Strouds/Whites. Karen 837-9267

PICKERING Beach / Rollo: Loving daycare, 18 months to 12 years. Daily outings (fenced backyard and park). Crafts, story time, music, nutritious meals & snacks. First Aid, C.P.R. certified. Non-smoking, receipts. 905-428-1244.

QUALITY DAYCARE in my home. All ages. Nutritious meals, fenced yard with playground, indoor/outdoor activities. Non-smoking environment. References. Hwy. 2/Brock Rd. Call Sally 905-426-2436

STAY AT HOME MOM will provide daycare. Safe, non-smoking, no pets. Our environment is fun, loving, lots of exercise. Nutritious meals/snacks. Pinegrove/Woodview Ave. (905)509-0068

175 Home Care

ARE YOU CARING for your elderly parents and need a helping hand? Call 905-985-8615

LIVE IN CAREGIVER required for elderly lady. Some lifting may be required. Pickering area. Experience preferred. Call (416)630-8016

205 Firewood

KOZY HEAT FIREWOOD, excellent very best quality hardwood, guaranteed extra long time fully seasoned, (ready to burn) cut & split. Honest measurement, free delivery. 905-753-2246.

FIREWOOD, all hardwood, great for home, cottage or camp. Mostly maple and oak. Ready to burn. \$50 for full-size pickup truck load. Cash & carry only. (905)723-3692

210 Bargain Corner

DININGROOM TABLE \$70; work bench \$30. Call (416) 737-6268

LARGE METAL DESK \$50 small computer desk \$50 Call 905-509-3581.

220 Articles for Sale

CARPETS - lots of carpet, 100% nylon, new stain release carpets on hand, 1 will carpet 3 rooms, \$349. Price includes carpet, premium pad, expert installation, fast delivery, free estimates (30 yards). Norman 686-2314.

220 Articles for Sale

COMPUTER-PENTIUM 166, 32Mb ram, 2GB-HDD, 3-1/2 floppy, 24x CD-Rom, 56k modem, sound/video card, keyboard, speakers, mouse, free internet, colour monitor, \$350. Can deliver & set up. Brand new 32" stereo TV, \$600. 905-439-4789.

DIRECT TV RCA satellite systems. (all channels open), \$575. plus installation charge. HD programming \$175. Boot loaders for H card \$150. Telephone (416) 565-8345

DSS SYSTEMS - HU test cards and programming available. Dish Network systems. Also Unloopers and programmers for sale. Website caribds.com or email: caribds@yahoo.com or Call (905)426-9578.

FRIDGE/STOVE, washer/dryer, portable dishwasher, 17' canoe. All in excellent condition. Brand new single bed, still in package. (905) 721-2817.

FURNACE, high efficiency gas, output 105,000BTU, 9 years old, Enbridge Dealer maintained, \$599. Call 905-839-9731 after 6pm

MAK/PINE FURNITURE...Our Mission Furniture is on the floor...Come and see the Style that has turned the Furniture World upside down...We are also now carrying a full line of HANDCRAFTED MENNONITE FURNITURE in addition to our own lines...Traditional Woodworking is the leading manufacturer of SOLID WOOD FURNITURE in the Durham Region...Bring your ideas/plans and let us turn them into reality...Drop in and see our State of the Art Woodworking facility and let us show you how fine furniture is made...Remember...There is no Substitute for Quality...Traditional Woodworking...115 North Port Road (South off Reach Road), Port Perry...905-985-8774...www.traditionalwoodworking.on.ca

SCRATCH AND DENT - Variety of new appliances, 5 cu. ft. freezers, \$199. Full manufacturers warranty. Reconditioned fridges \$195 / up, reconditioned ranges \$125 / up, reconditioned washers \$199 / up, new and reconditioned coin operated washers and dryers at low prices. New brand name fridges \$480 and up, new 30" ranges with clock and window \$430 Reconditioned 24" ranges and 24" frost free fridges now available. Wide selection of other new and reconditioned appliances. Call us today, Stephenson's Appliances, Sales, Service, Parts, 154 Bruce St. Oshawa. (905)576-7448.

MOVING SALE WHITBY - Furniture, nic nacs, dolls, china, dishes, pictures, bikes. Too much to mention. Call (905)430-8420.

MTX AMP - Blue Thunder Pro. Amplifier & MTX Thunder 6000, 10", 4 OHM, Sub w/box with 2yrs. 100% warranty. For more info. please call 438-4131.snp

NEW high efficiency natural gas furnace 60,000 btus with a/c coil call 623-7134 after 6

PIANO TECHNICIAN available for tuning, repairs, & pre-purchase consultation on all makes & models of acoustic pianos. Reconditioned Heintzman, Yamaha, Mason & Risch, & other grand and upright pianos for sale, starting at \$695. March Break Special on now. Check out the web at www.barbhall.com or call Barb at 905-427-7631. Visa, MC, Amex.

PIANOS & GRANDFATHER CLOCKS. Take advantage of our Warehouse pricing on all Roland digital pianos and Sarmick acoustic pianos and all Howard Miller clocks... Large selection of used pianos (Yamaha, Kawai etc.) Not sure if your kids will stick with less-sons, try our rent to own. 100% of all rental payments apply. Call TELEP PIANO (905) 433-1491. www.TelepPiano.com WE WILL NOT BE UNDER-SOLD!

PLAYSTATION MOD CHIPS - Install while you wait, \$35. Have your games backed up. All work guaranteed. Beatrice/Wilson area (905) 721-2365

POOL TABLE, for sale, Mahogany finish, spindle legs. Pinball games, Golden T Golf. Also looking for profit sharing locations. 428-1162, 429-1013.

POOL TABLES, 8' and 9' slate billiard tables for sale. Call 905-420-6113.

RENT TO OWN new and reconditioned appliances, and new T.V's. Full warranty. Pad's Market, 905-263-8369 or 1-800-798-5502.

ROSEWOOD DINING TABLE with six chairs excellent condition. New \$5000 sell \$1000. 905-438-1785

SOFA AND LOVESEAT, green burgundy and navy stripe \$950., with matching green lamps \$250., 5 pc. kitchenette with cream colored leather chairs \$500., sofa bed used once \$350., all in excellent condition. No kids or pets in house. Telephone Cindy (416) 318-7777 or call after 6 p.m. (905) 721-9756

SOFA, like new, Chenille fabric, taupe colour, large size, \$899. (905)619-8766.

250 Garage/Yard Sales

DURHAM FLEA MARKET WE BUY AND SELL NEW STORE RETURNS OPEN PACKAGES ETC., END OF LINES Crafts, ceramics, ladies clothes, pet supplies, collectibles, dolls, plates, banker pens, calculators, sunglasses, binoculars, jollier, designer greeting cards, cds, electronics, housewares and much much more.

LOWEST PRICES IN CANADA WINTER SALE NOW ON Taunton Rd. (500 metres east of Rickson Whitby) Every Sat. and Sun. 666-5100

220 Articles for Sale

SURPLUS WAREHOUSE: office furniture, shelving, racking, lockers, warehouse items, office accessories, retail fixtures, tools, painting supplies and commercial surplus. www.CBILiquidators.com Central Business Liquidators, 568 Neal Dr., Peterborough, (705) 741-5165.

TANNING UNIT, 28 bulb hi-intensity stand up booth complete \$2500 obo. Also 20 bulb bed \$800 obo. Call Denise 905-436-9303 or 905-837-8062

4 -15" ALUMINUM RIMS, Pontiac, with 4 excellent tires. \$600 OBO. Call 905-579-9964

1973 OLDS CUTLASS, 3500 runs great, 92,000 miles. New rad, battery, \$2000 obo. Call 905-985-8615.

1987 LEGEND, black, p.w., p.m.t, auto, excellent mechanical & body condition, will certify/E-test, \$3900. Call 416-264-7133.

1987 NISSAN SENTRA, 2 door, auto, sunroof, new paint, good condition, 168km, \$1900 cert. or \$1600 as is. 905-723-2382.

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Myles Chiu of the Pickering Figure Skating Club concentrates on his routine while competing at the annual Unicorn Fair skating competition in Oshawa recently.

Local gymnasts real Whiz Kids at millennium meet

Charbonneau, McGhee, Sergison
all earn second-place standings

Area athletes with the Durham Whiz Kids Gymnastics Academy's competitive team fared well at a recent meet.

Kyle Charbonneau, of Pickering, won the overall silver medal in the junior 'A' - 'B' category at the Millennium Magic Gymnastics Meet on Feb. 21.

Charbonneau placed first on vault, second on pommel horse, rings and parallel bars and third on floor routine.

Aubrey McGhee, of Pickering, competed in the argo 'A' category and received first-place honours on floor and second on pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar for a silver medal overall.

Nicholas Cappa, of Pickering, com-

peted in the sparx 'B' category and placed fourth on rings, vault, and parallel bars.

In the advanced recreational category, ages eight and nine, Cory Midolo, of Ajax, placed third on parallel bars and fourth on rings. William Albert, of Ajax, was fourth on both the floor event and the vault.

In the advanced recreational category for ages 10 and over, Adam Sergison, of Pickering recorded second-place finishes on vault and parallel bars, and third on the high bar to place second overall.

Jacob MacKinnon, of Ajax finished third on vault and fourth on floor routine.

Lightning strikes down Ice Bears

Upset win earns Durham women's team
bronze medal at provincials

The Durham Clearnet Lightning women's hockey team pulled off a huge upset to capture the bronze medal at the 2001 Ontario Women's Hockey Association's Provincial Senior 'AAA' Championships in Brampton this past weekend.

The Lightning edged the Mississauga Ice Bears, who finished well ahead of Durham during regular-season play, 1-0 in the bronze-medal game last Sunday, Feb. 18. After a scoreless first period, the Lightning broke the goose egg in the second as team captain Erin Rourke scored, with assists from Sarah Reid and Karen Poirier. The third period belonged to Durham goaltender Sarah Couch who made several outstanding saves to keep the Bears off the scoreboard and record the shutout.

The Lightning, which plays in the National Women's Hockey League's West Division, completed preliminary-round play in third place. The short-staffed squad opened the provincials with a 10-1 loss to the Brampton Thunder, as a number of Durham players were delayed or didn't make it to the game at all due to a snowstorm. The Lightning also lost to the powerhouse Beatrice Aeros in an early contest. No score was reported. The Lightning earned the right to compete for the bronze medal by virtue of a 2-1 win over the Ice Bears.

Durham's strong forechecking kept Mississauga off its game. Rourke scored in the second period with assists going to twin sisters Kathy Ryckman and Karen Poirier. The Lightning scored the go-ahead marker in the third period off the stick of Reid, assisted by Elizabeth Chiasson and Rourke. The goaltending of Nicky Morris played a pivotal role in the Lightning's fortunes.

In the gold-medal game, the Beatrice Aeros continued their dominance on the provincial women's hockey scene by downing Brampton 3-2. The Aeros have won 11 of the past 12 women's provincial hockey titles.

The Aeros will represent Ontario at the 2001 Esso Canadian Women's Hockey Championship in Summerside, P.E.I. March 7 to 11. The Beatrice squad - which boasts upwards of six national team members - have earned three gold medals, four silver and three bronze in the past 10 years at the nationals.

The Lightning will suit up for a NWHL contest tomorrow (Saturday) against le Mistral de Laval at the Pickering Recreation Complex's Delaney rink at 3 p.m. The contest is dubbed 'fan appreciation day'. The game will be part of the annual Durham West Girls Hockey Association's eighth annual hockey tournament in Pickering.



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