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MP hosts
Canada
Day bash*McTeague invites
residents to Legion
for celebration***PICKERING** — Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MP Dan McTeague holds his annual Canada Day celebration Monday, July 1 between 1 and 3 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606 on Bayly Street between Brock and Sandy Beach roads in Pickering.

All residents are invited to join the festivities, which will include complimentary food, refreshments and a raffle.

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A final hug for teacher**PICKERING** — Grade 1 St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School teacher Stephanie Gushue gets a big hug from student Aaron Baretto at the final bell yesterday to mark the end of another school year. Students across Durham begin their summer today and look forward to a favourable forecast for the Canada Day holiday weekend.**ALL FURNITURE, ACCESSORIES
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**Poland
provoked,
says jury***Father guilty of manslaughter
in bludgeoning death of wife***BY STEPHEN SHAW**
*Staff Writer***DURHAM** — James Poland was provoked into bludgeoning his wife with an axe, a jury has decided in finding the Ajax father guilty of manslaughter.

Mr. Poland, 38, stood with his hands clasped as eight men and four women on the jury returned the verdict at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday, after deliberating for five hours.

As he was told by the foreman he was found not guilty of second-degree murder as charged, but guilty of the lesser crime of manslaughter, an emotional Mr. Poland lowered his head into his hands.

The verdict spared the father of three an automatic life sentence.

Court heard Mr. Poland struck his common-law wife Andrea Schneider, 38, in the head with an axe twice inside the garage of their Perfitt Crescent home during a heated confrontation the morning of June 7, 2001.

Mr. Poland hid his wife's bloody body, the weapon and other evidence in the trunk of the family Oldsmobile, which he parked a block away at the Durham Centre shopping plaza at Harwood Avenue and Hwy. 2.

He later enlisted friend Carlos Almeida to dispose of the body and car. Instead, his pal phoned police, court heard.

Mr. Poland, 38, admitted killing Ms. Schneider but claimed the defence of provocation.

He testified he "snapped, lost it" after his wife hit him with a plastic hockey stick, kicked him in the groin, hurled insults and revealed she was having an affair with a New York businessman and planned to leave him.

She would take their sons, John-Michael, 12, and Thomas, six, and Mr. Poland could keep their severely disabled daughter, Stephanie, who suffers

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On March 26th, the BC Supreme Court ruled that written material describing "sadomasochistic scenes of violence and sex directed at boys generally 12 years of age and younger", **HAS ARTISTIC MERIT and IS LEGAL**.

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GM has Grand plans for Oshawa

Starting this fall, No. 2 car plant adds Pontiac model to its lineup

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE
Staff Writer

DURHAM — GM has added some excitement to Oshawa.

General Motors of Canada confirmed Wednesday the new 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix will be assembled at its No. 2 car plant in Oshawa. Production begins this fall.

"In June 2000, we announced that the next generation Pontiac mid-size car would be built in Oshawa," said GM of Canada president Michael Grimaldi. "Since that time, the Oshawa car assembly plants have set the standard for vehicle quality and productivity in this industry."

"Oshawa Number 2 won the Gold Plant Award in the 2002 J.D. Power Initial Quality Study and Oshawa Number 1 placed first in the 2002 Harbour Report as the most productive plant in North America. With achievements like this and Pontiac's performance heritage, the new Pontiac Grand Prix is destined for success."

GM Canada spokesman Richard James said the Grand Prix would be the first Pontiac product built in Oshawa since the 1960s. He also said it would allow the No. 2 car plant to maintain its current level of employment, but could

mean more jobs in the future.

"We're optimistic the vehicle will be successful," he said. "If things go very well and the demand for the vehicle is there, we do have the flexibility at that plant to increase capacity."

The No. 2 plant will continue to assemble the Buick Century and Buick Regal. In June 2000, GM of Canada announced it would invest almost \$300 million to bring a new Pontiac passenger car to Oshawa.

CAW Local 222 car plant chairman Jim Hoy said the move "will secure that much more work for us," he said.

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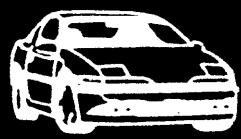
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New Durham university a go and 'all grown up now'

BY MIKE RUTA

Staff Writer

DURHAM—The University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) really exists.

Married to the provincial budget act, which passed late Thursday, the act formally establishing Durham's first university as a legal entity cleared the legislature — on the last day of the spring session.

An "ecstatic" Gary Polonsky, UOIT and Durham College president, said it was "a beautiful, important day" for Durham and Northumberland residents.

"In Ontario and Canada, every university has an act pertaining to it that is passed in the legislature and contains language about its mission and governance, all kinds of stuff," he explained in an interview. "Until that happens, one is really not a grown-up university, one is kind of like an embryo. And if we put ourselves in the shoes of top students graduating a year from now, and they had to choose between established, top-notch universities, why would they take a chance on one that doesn't even have its fundamentals yet?"

Mr. Polonsky said the same applies to professors, university donors and research opportunities: without the act, the UOIT would have a credibility problem. But with its passing, he said the university is immediately on par with the University of Toronto and other respected institutions across Canada.

He gave credit to Finance Minister Janet Ecker for incorporating the UOIT act into the budget act.

"This is a brilliant strategy for which I credit Janet Ecker; it was her idea," said Mr. Polonsky.

The UOIT act could have passed

in December, but did not receive all-party assent to skip ahead to third reading. Even its passing in the shortened spring session seemed in question.

Mr. Polonsky at the time was "cautiously confident" it would pass this time around, but said if it didn't, UOIT would not be ready to play its part in easing student con-

gestion as a result of the 'double cohort' in 2003. That's when Ontario's OAC and Grade 12 students graduate at the same time, creating an expected glut of students seeking en-

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Editorial & OPINIONS

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Editorial

e-mail responses to shouston@durhamregion.com

Report cards reveal steady leadership, direction

But still time for all elected officials to step up their performance as term winds down in coming year

How well are you being served by your local government representatives?

Are municipal councillors responsive to your needs? Does your local school trustee return calls and discuss your concerns knowledgeably? Have you been adequately informed about development in your neighbourhood, or changes at your son or daughter's school?

Your vote is the only one that counts on election day, but the News Advertiser shares its views in today's edition with our annual report card on municipal politicians and public and Catholic school board trustees.

These men and women put their names forward as candidates in 2000 to solicit your support. In the intervening 19 months, much has happened on their watch and much can be determined about their approach, their successes and their effectiveness.

That scrutiny, by the voters and a free press, is an important element of a democratic society.

Once again, our elected representatives are being asked the question on behalf of voters: Are city residents being served?

The answer, in most cases, is a clear affirmative.

At Pickering council, Mayor Wayne Arthurs continues to provide quiet and effective leadership. He is articulate, knowledgeable and brings dignity to the chair, while continuing to exert influence locally and region-

ally through his experience and keen awareness of important issues that affect Pickering and Durham.

Pickering's regional representatives remain at or near the top of their games.

Councillor Maurice Brenner is an effective, active and outspoken representative who led the initiative for a successful waste roll-cart pilot project in the Amberlea community.

Councillor Mark Holland continues to be effective in representing local interests at City Hall and regional interests at Durham council. He is informed, connected and vocal and doesn't back down. He should continue to ably serve residents.

Councillor Rick Johnson, who represents rural constituents in north Pickering, is still the single-minded and active representative he's always been. He's big on waste management and a proponent of the benefits of Hwy. 407, but raised eyebrows last year with a personal road development project on his Pickering property. He clearly miscalculated the reaction the project would stir in the community and subsequently had to divert attention from local issues when he and the City were sued by the Township of Uxbridge over the work. Coun. Johnson counter-sued and the controversy currently sits before the courts. We encourage Coun. Johnson to get past this episode and turn his full concentration and energy to important issues facing his community.

Ward 1 City Councillor Dave



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Ryan still brings a quiet and effective presence to council. He remains informed and decisive while giving constituents good value for their money. He stood up on behalf of all charities during his support of an ill-advised decision to ban poppy sales at Pickering Library branches last year.

Ward 2 City Councillor Bill McLean has maintained good grades and provided decent representation in the second year of his first term. His professional background helps him bring a unique perspective to the table. We look forward to a more effective third year.

Ward 3's David Pickles continues to be on guard for environmental issues in his rural area and beyond and has been an important voice regarding the airport lands and development in the area. He's knowledgeable and accessible and serves his constituents well.

At the regional helm, Durham chairman Roger Anderson continues to be the area's top salesman at provincial, federal and international levels. He helped marshal support for the experimental ITER project in Bowmanville and went abroad earlier this year to sell Canada's bid in Moscow. He was also a strong advocate for getting the new university in Durham. Mr. Anderson's steady leadership and familiar face are exactly what the Region needs right now.

Pickering residents continue to be well served at the Durham Catholic District School Board.

Trustee Jim McCafferty's practical and no-nonsense approach is always rooted in his belief in representing students and parents and he isn't afraid to take an opposing view, even if it's unpopular.

Trustee Fran Pereira remains en-

gaged and committed to Catholic principles at the board level and in the community. She's an excellent representative with an excellent record. Voters are fortunate to have her working on their behalf.

At the Durham District School Board, too many important issues are not being given the attention they deserve as trustees argue constantly over issues not related to educating our children.

Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford is still wasting energy and time on procedural rules at the board table while the Durham board continues to struggle, for example, with a substantial shortfall in special-education funding. Mr. Crawford rarely contributes meaningful ideas at the table, or shares his knowledge with a view to improving the system.

Jennifer Bridge arrived at the board table as a bit of a novelty in 2000. Elected while still a high school student, she showed some promise in her first year by becoming engaged in the process and trying to learn the issues. However, she appears disinterested at board meetings and seems to have lost the energy she brought to the table last year. Though she continues to vote sensibly, it's unfortunate she hasn't lived up to that earlier promise.

Taken as a whole, Pickering has been well represented in the last half of 2001 and first half of 2002. The few who have disappointed still have time to educate themselves, take leadership roles and adequately represent their constituents and communities. Everyone, though, must continue to provide dedicated and innovative leadership as this term of government winds down in the next year.

Voters, you'll remember, have the final say in November 2003.

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Poland guilty of lesser crime of manslaughter

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from a rare terminal disease, Mr. Poland quoted Ms. Schneider as saying.

"I think you've arrived at the proper verdict in this case, thank you," Mr. Justice Robert Scott told the jury before discharging them.

Three hours into their deliberations, the jury asked for clarification on the legal definition of provocation.

Judge Scott instructed them to return a manslaughter verdict if they found Mr. Poland was provoked into a blind rage by a series of "wrongful acts or insults," and that he swung the axe without any time for his "passion to cool."

"Where there is a number of insults or wrongful acts, it may be the straw that broke the camel's back," the judge said.

Defence lawyer Lorne Sabsay said the verdict was "just."

Mr. Poland had offered to plead guilty to manslaughter prior to the trial.

"Mr. Poland has always been willing to take responsibility for the death of his wife. It's something that he regrets to this day and probably will forever," he said.

The lawyer said Mr. Poland deeply loves Ms. Schneider and wishes he could turn back time and change what happened June 7.

"He has a picture of her in his cell that he looks at every day," he said.

Renate Schneider-Sandford, Ms. Schneider's mother, was too distraught to comment on the verdict.

The Burlington woman and her husband are now raising the

couple's two sons, who were inside the home when their mother was killed, court heard.

Eight-year-old Stephanie, who has Batten Disease, lives at a Pickering group home.

Whitby Jail officials have allowed the child, who is blind and can't walk or talk, to have occasional visits with Mr. Poland, Mr. Sabsay said.

Mr. Poland worked as a butcher and a window washer before becoming a stay-at-home father five years ago, after his daughter's illness struck.

Ms. Schneider worked as secretary to the Royal Ontario Museum board of trustees.

The jury was not told Mr. Poland has a prior criminal

record, which included a conviction for assaulting a previous girlfriend in 1992 as well as drug and property offences that go back 20 years.

Judge Scott also ruled statements Mr. Poland made to detectives after his arrest inadmissible, saying the accused's right to remain silent was violated.

During interrogation, Mr. Poland initially blamed his wife's death on a man, who he couldn't identify by

name, who showed up at their home June 7.

He eventually confessed during the six-hour police interview.

"I was having a really bad day," Mr. Poland testified during a pretrial motion, while describing his state of mind on June 7.

While in custody at police headquarters after his arrest, Mr. Poland three times asked officers the score of a hockey playoff game.

thodically" tried to cover up the crime.

However, Mr. Sabsay said his client simply panicked when he realized Ms. Schneider was dead and spent the day "flying by the seat of his pants."

A date for Mr. Poland's sentencing hearing will be set Thursday.

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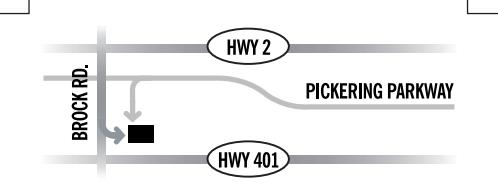
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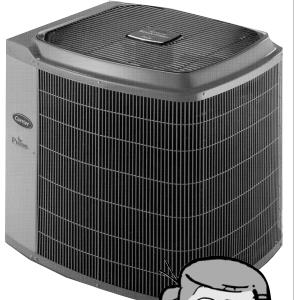
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• Pickering expenses cover the period from January 2001 to December 2001 and include items such as mileage, supplies, and communications.

• Attendance is from June 1, 2001 to June 1, 2002.

• Summaries of the 'most important issues facing the city' were based on submissions from the mayor, councillors and regional chairman.

Mayor Wayne Arthurs

This year: A

Last year: A



Serving his fifth term as mayor after two terms as a local representative from Ward 3.

Attendance: In Pickering, attended 25/25 special council, 19/19 council, 12/12 committee of the whole, 8/8 planning, 2/3 finance, 4/4 operations, and 5/5 finance and operations committee meetings; regionally, attended 14/14 council, and 12/12 planning committee.

Expenses: Pickering — \$20,028; Region — \$5,191.13

Committees: Chairman regional planning committee, development charges complaint committee, regional transit task force, Ajax/Pickering Transit Authority, Durham Non-Profit Housing Corporation, Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities, and Veridian Corporation.

Most important issues facing the city: I will be providing leadership in three key areas during the coming year. The first being to ensure our financial house remains in good order. Slowed growth has created new challenges in managing our revenue and expenditure streams to provide quality services and protect municipal assets. Secondly, future growth management is a big part of our go-forward agenda. Thirdly, our recently completed 'recreation, parks and cultural services master plan' requires careful review, public consultation and planning for effective implementation in the years ahead.

News Advertiser's comments: Pickering council works and Mayor Arthurs is a big part of the reason why. He has continued to be an effective leader because of his good rapport with City staff and councillors and does not get mired in personal battles at the table. He has become an important voice at the municipal, regional, provincial and federal levels on nuclear issues and the plans for an airport and provincial land holdings in north Pickering.

Ward 1 City Councillor Dave Ryan

This year: B

Last year: B



Serving his third term.

Attendance: Attended 24/25 special council, 18/19 council, 11/12 committee of the whole, 7/8 planning, 4/4 operations, and 5/5 finance and operations.

Expenses: \$5,917

Committees: Chairman of Advisory Committee on Race Relations and Equity, Pickering Ajax Citizens Together (PACT) liaison, audit committee, public library board member, Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) representative, Rouge Park Alliance representative, Durham police services liaison committee, site plan committee member, budget committee member.

Most important issues facing the city: The most important issues facing council in the balance of this term are growth and financial management. We need to develop and execute an overall growth management strategy that protects environmentally sensitive lands and optimizes the use of devel-

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Grades Achievement of Expectations

A- to A+	Excellent, best among peers
B- to B+	Solid performance, moves fair share of motions
C- to C+	Fair, only average in most categories
D- to D+	Weak, not up to the task, not effective, not accessible
F	Awful, shouldn't be there.

In what has become a yearly tradition, the News Advertiser offers its opinion on the performance of our municipally-elected officials and of the Durham Regional chairman. Our assessment is based not only on their performance at public meetings and functions, but on the feedback we receive from the public during the course of reporting on local issues.

opable lands, including a defined industrial corridor along Hwy. 407. There is a pent up demand for recreational and cultural facilities that cannot be accomplished on the current tax structure. In addition, we have an urgent requirement for new infrastructure. These objectives can only be accomplished with an expanded tax base with a much larger industrial and commercial component.

News Advertiser's comments: Coun. Ryan gives his constituents the most bang for their buck. His expenses are low and his involvement and understanding of important issues facing the City are high. Despite becoming the lightning rod for the Pickering library board poppy issue late last year, Coun. Ryan stood his ground and fought for equal treatment of all charities and fundraising groups. He doesn't vote unless he understands an issue and trusts his colleagues for input on their wards.

Ward 2 City Councillor Bill McLean

This year: B

Last year: B



Serving his first term.

Attendance: Attended 23/25 special council, 18/19 council, 12/12 committee of the whole, 8/8 planning, 4/4 operations, and 5/5 finance and operations.

Expenses: \$11,273

Committees: Pickering-Ajax-Whitby Joint Animal Control, civic awards selection committee, site plan committee, Liverpool West Community Association.

Most important issues facing the city: Finding places for appropriate residential and industrial growth in the city. Ensuring environmentally sensitive areas in the growth management study will be protected and land that is developable, developed. While Pickering residents have enjoyed a decade of zero-per cent tax increases, that has also resulted in road and infrastructure disrepair, which must be addressed immediately. We must find money for these projects. I believe there is room for future commercial growth in the Hwy. 407 corridor. I will continue to support appropriate and compatible uses for our waterfront.

News Advertiser's comments: Coun. McLean has gotten to know his way around council this year, as evidenced by his work on the animal shelter issue that culminated in council approving a move away from the

current system to a joint two-municipality operation with Ajax, pending its interest. He is not as talkative at the table as some of his colleagues, but his background as a former police officer and current vocation as a real estate agent helps him continue to bring a unique and informed perspective to many issues. The News Advertiser looks forward to watching Coun. McLean grab the reins and run with them a bit more now that his comfort level is higher.

Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles

This year: B+

Last year: B+



Serving second term.

Attendance: Attended 23/25 special council, 18/19 council, 9/12 committee of the whole, 5/8 planning, 3/4 operations, and 3/5 finance and operations.

Expenses: \$9,899

Committees: Budget committee, Pickering Public Library Board, advance funding allocations committee, personnel committee, site plan committee, Glen Major management plan advisory committee, Rouge Park Neighbourhood Advisory Committee, Ajax-Pickering Interim Amalgamated Transit Board, Ajax-Pickering Police Liaison Committee, and City of Pickering Museum advisory committee.

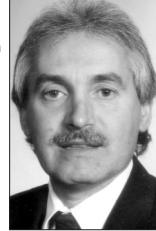
Most important issues facing the city: Moving ahead with improvements such as family change rooms at the recreation complex; continuing to enhance our waterfront; the new ice pad at Don Beer Area; and parks and playground upgrades. More recreational opportunities for families, youths and seniors. Addressing public safety for residents through a new fire station on Brock Road, road improvements, new sidewalks, and pedestrian and park safety measures. Ensuring growth, particularly to the north, is guided by the City and residents' desire for vibrant and safe neighbourhoods in which to live, work, and play and our desire to preserve green spaces.

News Advertiser's comments: Coun. Pickles is committed to representing the interests of his Ward 3 constituents, which include protecting the environment and the rural way of life. His continued battle for a say in the development of an airport in north Pickering should prove important for residents who want a voice on the future of the skies above the municipality.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner

This year: A-

Last year: B+



Fourth term as a regional councillor after two terms as local representative for Ward 1.

Attendance: In Pickering, attended 25/25 special council, 18/19 council, 12/12 committee of the whole, 8/8 planning, 2/3 finance, and 5/5 finance and operations; regionally, attended 13/14 council and 11/14 health and social services committee meetings.

Expenses: Pickering — \$11,858; Region — \$5,714.59

Committees: Chairman audit committee, co-chairman Ajax Pickering Transit Authority, Ajax Pickering Partnership/Efficiencies Committee, Canadian Urban Transit Association, Region of Durham children's advocate, Durham Child Poverty Task Force, Durham health and social services committee, president Durham Region Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation, board of directors Durham Region Local Housing Corporation, Durham Region transit co-coordinating committee, Durham Regional transit task force, Durham Region Homelessness Committee, Regional chairman's committee on affordable/sustainable housing.

Most important issues facing the city: Creating less dependency on a residential tax base by promoting office and other commercial development by developing more employment uses and private and public partnerships on infrastructure projects such as building an enclosed walkway over Hwy. 401 linking downtown Pickering to the GO station. Dealing with the increased impact on property taxation by finding greater efficiencies and cost savings through shared services and joint ventures among Durham municipalities. Changing the mindset from waste management to resource management by building on the Amberlea pilot cart program to achieve a waste-diversion target in excess of 60 to 70 per cent.

News Advertiser's comments: Coun. Brenner likes to say he's on a roll and the News Advertiser agrees. He helped bring waste diversion to the residents of Amberlea, a growth management study to north Pickering, and aided residents in getting information about two pedophiles living in the city. He is clearly one of the most active and informed members of council, committed to his constituents and all of the City's residents.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland

This year: A-

Last year: B+



Serving his first term as a regional councillor after one term as Ward 2 local councillor.

Attendance: In Pickering, attended 25/25 special council, 19/19 council, 12/12 committee of the whole, 8/8 planning, 3/3 finance, and 5/5 finance and operations; regionally, attended 13/14 council, and 15/15 finance and administration committee.

Expenses: Pickering — \$11,813; Region — \$4,526.17

Committees: Chairman Waterfront Coordinating Committee, chairman Pickering Winterfest, chairman Youth Partnership Initiative, Durham finance and administration committee, Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities, Business Advisory Centre of Durham personnel committee, Pickering Public Library Board, Rouge Park

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Alliance audit committee, Durham ad-hoc committee on the selection of the regional chairman, Congress of New Urbanism, Pickering liaison Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering.

Most important issues facing the city: Future development of Pickering — the actions we take today will determine if we sprawl into meandering and unconnected subdivisions or evolve into a self-sufficient, connected community with a clear sense of identity. We must focus upon urban renewal and employment opportunities and reject residential green space development that will compound servicing, traffic and environmental issues. Make our existing urban context work first, while focusing upon our niche strengths such as our waterfront, protection of our vast and naturally spectacular rural areas and utilization of the Hwy. 407 corridor for employment and industrial opportunities.

News Advertiser's comments: Coun. Holland is never short of opinions on important issues, but they usually have a factual base. Informed, active, a natural leader, Coun. Holland is up on all issues municipally, regionally, provincially, federally, and even globally. He plays a unique role in bringing Pickering to the world and the world to Pickering in both promoting the city and in bringing forward motions to show Pickering is a player on a larger stage. His refusal to back away from a battle with the Pickering Harbour Company over waterfront redevelopment shows his commitment to his constituents.

Ward 3
Regional Councillor
Rick Johnson
This year: B-
Last year: B+



Serving his fourth term as a regional councillor after one term as a local representative.

Attendance: In Pickering, attended 22/25 special council, 17/19 council, 12/12 committee of the whole, 7/8 planning, 2/3 finance, and 3/5 finance and operations; regionally, attended 13/14 council, and 14/16 works.

Expenses: Pickering — \$9,665; Region — \$5,618.06

Committees: Chairman Ontario Traffic Conference, Pickering hydro commissioner, Veridian board of directors, chairman Pickering site plan committee, chairman of Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Pickering committee of adjustment, chairman Pickering-Ajax-Whitby Animal Control, chairman of Durham Mobility Study, chairman of Durham public works, chairman of Durham waste management, Durham Non-Profit Housing, Ontario Conservation Foundation, development charges committee.

Most important issues facing the city: Safe and clean drinking water is the number-one priority. Planning and protecting our environment is number two. Keeping our roads safe, our hydro rates low, our taxes at a reasonable rate, our communities safe from domestic violence, and access to parks and facilities for all to enjoy. Waste management is on the verge of a new direction here in Durham. We all must be willing to accept a new collection system to attempt to divert as much waste from landfill as possible.

News Advertiser's comments: Despite a legal dispute with both the City and Township of Uxbridge in regards to roadwork at his north Pickering property, Coun. Johnson remains mostly committed to his job. However, he would have been more active and effective if those problems hadn't distracted him from duties and demands regarding council business. Coun. Johnson represents his constituents well, but would serve them

even more effectively without the spectre of this legal battle still in the spotlight.

Roger Anderson
Regional Chairman
This year: B
Last year: B



Attendance: 14/14 regional council, 6/14 health and social services, 8/12 planning committee, 11/16 works committee, 13/15 finance and administration committee

Expenses: \$36,919.42

Committees: GO Transit Board, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) vice-president, AMO ambulance implementation steering committee co-chairman, Iter Canada, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, Durham Children's Aid Society, Junior Achievement of Durham Region, all regional standing committees.

Important issues: Several opportunities are within Durham's grasp - the ITER bid, the University and the Transit Task Force Report all offer great potential. Issues of concern include: rising costs of the 401 interchanges, funding for needed regional infrastructure and passage of the UOIT Act. Working actively as part of the Pickering Airport Committee, implementing a waste management solution by January 2003 and responding to the Walkerton Inquiry recommendations are also key challenges for the coming months.

News Advertiser's comments: Chairman Anderson has weathered a year during which his role on council has been under scrutiny and some members of his council have put his authority to the test. The chairman is a bit of a scrapper, unafraid to state his opinion regardless of whether it will be popular with those who appointed him. While it is good to have a strong voice at the helm, the chairman could sometimes benefit from a less confrontational, more co-operative approach with members of council. The chairman is a firm supporter of a borderless regional transit system and of the new University of Ontario Institute of Technology. He has lent his support to the bid to bring the ITER fusion research facility to Durham, creating a delegation that successfully represented the community in Moscow this spring. As well, he has worked to get himself plugged in at the provincial level and intermunicipally through participation on provincial boards and at the Association of Municipalities.

Durham District School Board
— Pickering Trustees

• Attendance is from June 1, 2001 through May 31, 2002, when 10 standing committee and 12 board meetings were held.

• Mileage, conference, telephone and other expenses are from the past year, starting in June 2001.

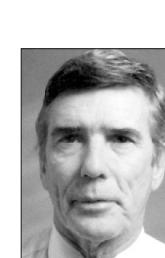
• Summaries of the 'most important issues facing the board' were based on submissions from trustees.

• Committee membership may include both school board and other education-related positions.

Paul Crawford

This year: F

Last year: F



Note: Trustee Crawford did not fully participate in the report cards.

Serving second term as a trustee.

Attendance: Attended 10/10 standing committee and 11/12 board meetings.

Expenses: \$2,373.71

Committees: A member of the expulsion and expulsion appeal committees; and finance and transportation liaison to board staff.

Most important issues facing the board: "Trustee Paul Crawford, as have all the trustees, has more than fulfilled the obligations as outlined in the Education Act."

News Advertiser comments: At his imperious best at a recent board meeting, responding to an unsolicited comment from the gallery with, "I want that woman removed." Often the culprit when trustees go off course, as in a pointless debate about how meeting minutes should be recorded. Trustee Crawford proposed a committee to interpret what the Education Act means by full and complete recording. Continues to beat the student smoking horse, not to death, but to pulp. Defended and expected taxpayers to cover the \$8,000-plus legal bill some trustees incurred for outside legal advice. Uses his knowledge of the rules of procedure not to help the board but as a stick in the wheel spokes, though he is often correct.

Jennifer Bridge

This year: D

Last year: C+



Note: Did not respond to numerous requests for report card information.

Serving first term as a trustee.

Attendance: Attended 10/10 standing committee and 9/12 board meetings.

Expenses: None.

Committees: Member of board bargaining team for high school teachers; and ethnocultural, growth and development and board expulsion committees.

Most important issues facing the board: None submitted.

News Advertiser comments: You can't blame Trustee Bridge for being bored at some of the tedious discussions that take place during public meetings, but nodding off, on more than one occasion, is unacceptable. During the accommodation plan process, supported the Valley View Public School community's campaign to avoid closure. Also during that process, said the board didn't have the money to sustain small schools, stating then-education minister Janet Ecker was the one closing schools, not the board. Rarely makes a comment during debates, but continues to vote sensibly.

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Kathleen Hopper

Oshawa

This year: A

Last year: A

Susan Shetler

Oshawa

This year: D-

Last year: D-

Cynthia Steffen

Oshawa

This year: D

Last year: D

Doug Ross

Whitby

This year: A

Last year: A

Elizabeth Roy

Whitby

This year: B

Last year: B

Martin Demmers

Scugog

This year: F

Last year: D

Nancy Lorraine

Brock, Uxbridge

This year: A

Last year: A

Marilyn Crawford

Ajax

This year: B-

Last year: C+

Melinda Crawford

Ajax

This year: D-

Last year: D-

Durham Catholic District School Board — Pickering Trustees

• Attendance is for 2001 when 21 board meetings were held.

• Trustee expenses are for 2001 and include mileage and conferences charged on both the individual trustee and 'board sent' account.

• Committee membership may include both school board and other education-related positions.

Jim McCafferty

This year: B+

Last year: B+



Serving fourth term as a trustee.

Attendance: Attended 21/21 board meetings.

Expenses: \$1,017.42

News Advertiser comments: Chairman of the special education advisory committee and the board's negotiating teams for the Association of Professional Student Services personnel; vice-chairman of the joint services committee and Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association youth awards committee; a member of the board's elementary and secondary teachers' negotiating teams; and expulsion and suspension appeals committees.

Most important issues facing the board: Ministry funding issues include inadequacies in special-education classification, ongoing curriculum changes, textbooks for all students; student transportation — insufficient funding, rising costs and limited sharing of busing; and overcrowding in our schools. Preparing students for successful entrance into colleges and the workplace; and ensuring placements for our 2003 graduates. Accountability to the community and within the board.

News Advertiser's comments: He claimed parents have said the roughly

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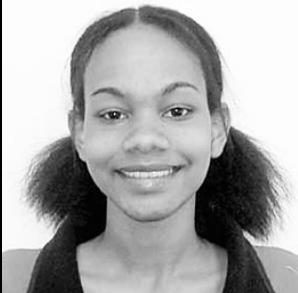
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“Wojciech Golab is the first (University of Toronto at Scarborough) student to receive this

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Eight years for 407?

Environmental assessment on highway extension to begin

BY JACQUIE McINNES
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham commuters could be sitting in traffic for another eight years awaiting Hwy. 407 east of Brock Road.

An environmental assessment is about to get under way but won't be complete until the end of 2004, the Durham Region works committee learned Wednesday.

With added time for ministry approval, any required land acquisition and construction, Regional Chairman Roger Anderson estimated it could be 2010 before anyone is driving on the new highway, an alternative to Hwy. 401.

That timeline is "completely unacceptable," said Chairman Anderson, especially since the Region participated in a contentious, costly and time-consuming environmental assessment process back in 1994 and already determined a technically preferred route, he added.

"This is a joke. It's absolutely 100-per cent unacceptable. I can't believe all the work we did in the early 1990s.

"It was a total waste of taxpayers' money," Mr. Anderson said.

Fred Leech, manager of provincial and environmental planning with the Ministry of Transportation, said the original EA was never filed with the Ministry of Environment (MOE). Also, given the timeframe since the study was conducted, priorities may have changed and the plan must be re-visited.

"We will use as much as possible from the previous study," Mr. Leech said.

However, the process can't be fast-tracked despite the information already available because there must be consultation with the public, affected municipalities and other stakeholders.

Scugog Mayor Doug Moffatt asked if, at the very least, the section between Brock Road and Hwy. 12 could be taken in isolation and constructed sooner.

"I don't know how these people who live there are going to survive another eight years," he said. "Hwy. 12 to Brock Road has to be looked at faster."

He said it was an internal mistake at the Ministry of Transportation that the 1994 environmental assessment was shelved. It is the ministry's responsibility to "go back and fix it," he said.

Mr. Leech said dividing the project into chunks is problematic be-

cause then further studies have to be conducted to determine how traffic coming on and off the highway at those junctures will be managed.

The EA study will look at route designation and property protection including through environmentally sensitive areas such as the Oak Ridges Moraine but will not be an implementation plan, Mr. Leech said.

The design for the highway will follow MOE approval of the EA after it is filed in December 2004. The provincial assessment will be done in tandem with a federal assessment, he said.

The public will have a chance to have its say at meetings to be held at four locations throughout the Region to be announced at a future date. The terms of reference for the study will be complete by winter, 2003 with the actual study expected to begin in that fall.



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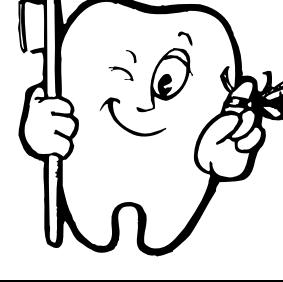
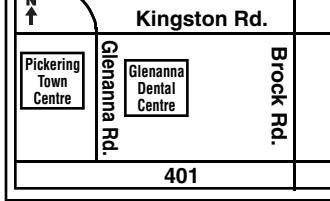
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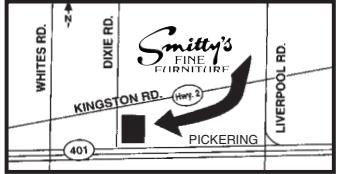
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Canada Day fun in Ajax, Pickering

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Events begin at noon Monday, July 1 and end after the fireworks. The following is a list of what's happening:

- A park-and-ride shuttle bus service runs all day to the park from the Pickering GO Station and Ontario Power Generation's east lot;

- Pickering Museum Village holds children's activities and craft demonstrations;

- A family stage featuring entertainment by The Pickering Concert Band, Combo #5, Kick up a Fuss Cloggers and more between noon and 5:30 p.m.;

- A charity bingo tent runs from noon to 4:30 p.m.;

- The mayor's softball challenge featuring Pickering council versus the Pickering Softball Association;

- A free children's area is open from noon to 5 p.m. featuring sing-a-longs with television character Noddy, and a penny carnival with inflatables;

- A free teen area for youths ages 13 to 19 featuring live bands, NBA two-ball, a break-dancing competition, and more from noon to 5 p.m.;

- Demonstrations by the Pickering Fire Services, which is cel-

brating its 50th anniversary; and

- The main stage with local bands, dancing and a giant fireworks display from 6 to 11 p.m.

...In Ajax

The party starts at noon and runs until to 4 p.m. at Rotary Park on the Ajax lakefront. There's fun, food, games and, of course, a birthday cake.

Musical entertainment will be provided by The Royz Band,

What's open, what's closed July 1

SUPERMARKETS: Major stores closed.

RETAIL: Most stores are closed.

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RECREATION: In Ajax, the Ajax and McLean community centres and Pickering Village Arena are closed. The outdoor pool next to Town Hall is open. Canada Day celebrations are at Rotary Park from noon to 4 p.m. The Pickering Recreation Complex, the pool at Dunbarton High School and the Pickering Museum Village are closed.

LIBRARIES: Branches in Ajax and Pickering are closed.

while other activities include face painting, make-and-take crafts for the children, inflatable games and toys, and carnival games. Six-foot birthday cakes will be served free of charge.

Parking is limited, so those attending are encouraged to walk, bike or carpool. The event is sponsored by Volkswagen Canada and Heritage Canada.

Rotary Park is on Lake Drive-West, at Parkes Drive. For more information, call 905-427-8811.

What's open, what's closed July 1

TRANSIT: Ajax Pickering Transit Authority will not operate regular service Monday. In Pickering there will be a shuttle service from the Pickering GO station or OPG parking lot at Brock and Montgomery Park roads to Canada Day events at Kinsmen Park. GO Transit operates on a reduced schedule. Call GO for scheduling information at 416-869-3200.

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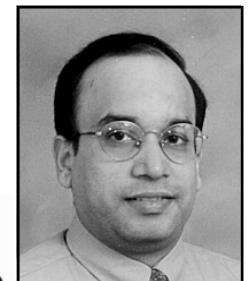
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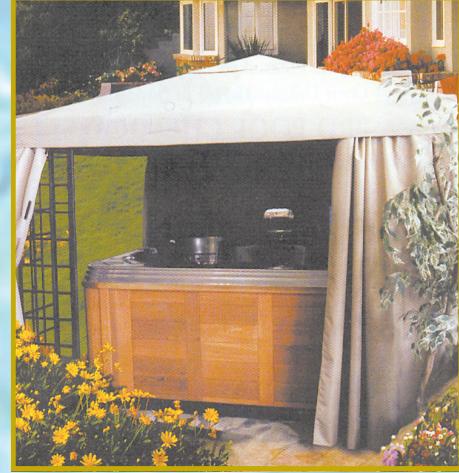
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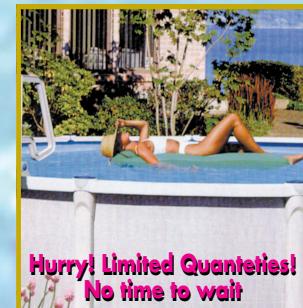
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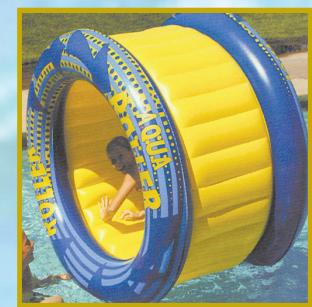
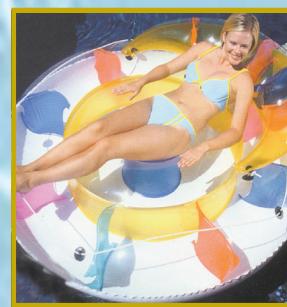
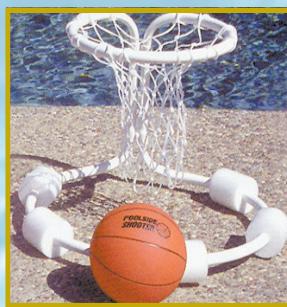
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BY JEREMY LE PAGE
Staff Writer

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But today, it's not so simple. With the high-strung nature of global competition, crops can be hurt by much more than mere drought or hail. Agriculture is one of Canada's most valuable and fragile industries.

And with the new Farm Bill launched in the United States May 13 by American President George W. Bush, farmers south of the border will be able to offer their produce at cheaper prices than Canadian farmers, even in Canada. As a result, the federal government says it now has an answer to Canadian farmers' call for help. Its new agricultural policy framework (APF) intends to assist the industry with \$5.2 billion over the next six years. And with provincial participation, the number could exceed \$8 billion.

"It's a crucial time for Canadian farmers who are faced with unfair competition prompted by the recent passing of the U.S. Farm Bill. We want our farmers to be recognized as the most efficient in the world," Durham MP Alex Shepherd said, adding Canadian farmers are competing heavily against farmers in the U.S. and Europe.

And this includes farmers in Durham.

"It's a huge step in the right direction," said John Wagenaar, co-director of the Durham Region Federation of Agriculture. Although the manner in which the funds will be divided is yet to be determined, he said a large percentage will likely go to grain and oils, an area of farming jeopardized by low U.S. prices. Regardless of the outcome, Mr. Wagenaar said "there is more of an air of optimism in the farming community" after news of the APF was announced June 20.

Durham Region Federation of Agriculture president Dave Barry agreed.

"It's the best news we've had in a long time," he said, although he added the fine print will determine the success of the framework.

The APF's five goals, as outlined by the government, are food safety and quality, environment, skills and renewal, science and innovation, and management of business risks. But for many in the agricultural community, the new policy is considered weak. Dale Mountjoy, director of the Ontario Corn Producers Association for

Durham, said although names have changed under the new framework, very lit-

tle "new money" is being introduced. Only about \$1.2 billion, he said, will be added

as transitional money for the entire country, resulting in a nation miles behind the U.S.

"Our federal government is turning a blind eye," Mr. Mountjoy said.

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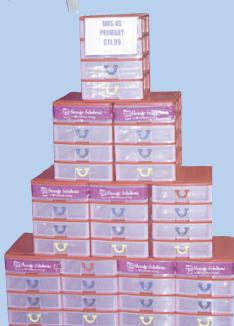
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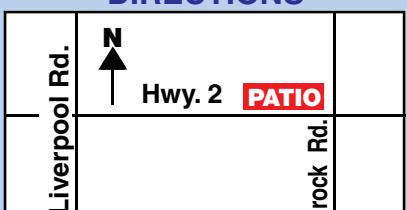
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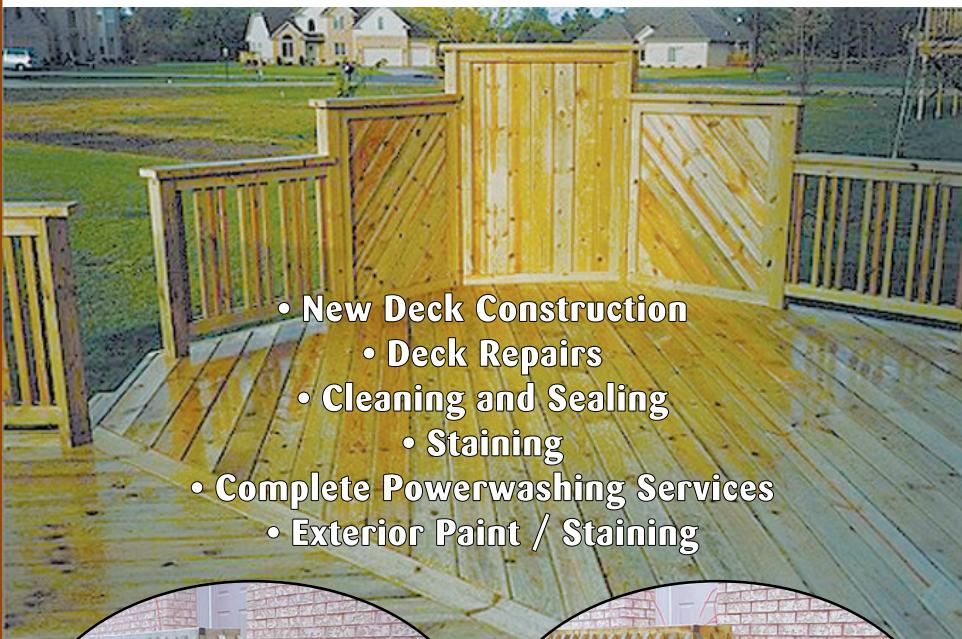
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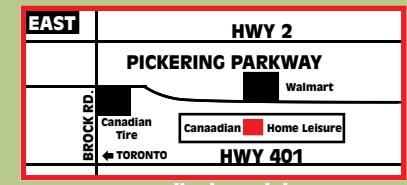
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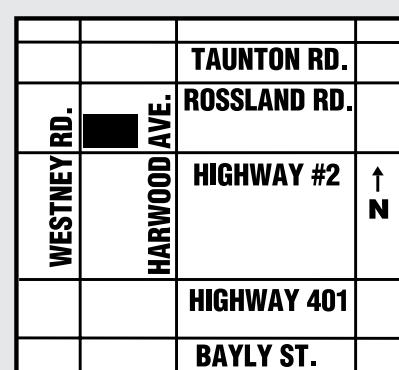
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The spa experience is for young women, giving participants a chance to take some time to care for themselves. Girls will learn such things as creative expression, relationships and healthy eating through hands-on activities and crafts.

Sessions at the East Shore Community Centre in Pickering are from July 8 to 12 and July 22 to 26, while a session from July 29 to Aug. 2 is being held at the McLean Community Centre in Ajax. Each session runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Preregistration is needed.

There are also spa Tuesdays running from 6 to 8 p.m. from Aug. 6 to 27. Sessions are at The Youth Centre and preregistration is needed. It's for girls 16 to 19 years.

Youth action experience helps teens develop skills that look good on a resume. Each one-week session offers community volunteer experience, CPR training, resume writing, team building, leadership and job-search skills. It's offered with assistance by Durham YMCA Employment Services, the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, and the recreation departments of Pickering and Ajax.

Sessions are from July 15 to 19 at the Ajax Community Centre, Aug. 12 to 16 at the McLean Community Centre and Aug. 19 to 23 at the East Shore Community Centre. Sessions run from 1 to 5 p.m. and preregistration is required.

The drama workshops are a series of eight sessions for youths 13 to 19, giving participants a chance to express themselves. Work-

Spanish camp signups Tuesday

PICKERING — Local youngsters looking to learn a new language can take advantage of classes being offered here at home.

The Durham Catholic District School Board holds registration Tuesday, July 2 for a free Spanish summer camp for kids seven to 11 years old. The camp runs until July 31. Registration is at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, 1918 Whites Rd. Call 905-420-9777

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Making his point

AJAX — Mark Palys makes a forehand return during a match against a fellow club member at the Ajax Community Centre tennis courts Wednesday afternoon. Palys is a member of the Ajax Tennis Club.

Finally, Notre Dame Cougars capture high school ball crown

After weeks of delays, first-year school beats Bowmanville for title

AJAX — Although it was put on hold several times, the regional high school championship for boys' baseball was finally played Wednesday, with the Cinderella team of the league winning the Durham crown.

The Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School Cougars captured the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) crown with a 4-2 victory over Bowmanville High School. The LOSSA title was all the more significant as the team was in its first year of competition after the school opened last September.

The title game, played at the Ajax Community Centre diamond Wednes-

day, was a long time coming. The contest had to be postponed through the Prentice Cup (provincial) regional playdowns (with both teams qualifying to represent Durham), two rainouts and exams.

Notre Dame sprinted out to a big lead in its first at-bats, putting three runs on the board in the bottom of the first inning.

The Cougars added another run in the bottom of the third before Bowmanville rallied in the top of the fifth inning, scoring its two runs.

Willie Needles led the Cougars at the dish, going 2-for-3 with two runs batted in and two runs scored. Jon Rossi went 3-for-3 with a double and game-winning run.

Matt Firth earned the win, registering eight strikeouts.

For Notre Dame co-coach Chad McPherson, who coached the team

along with Greg Kieszkowski, the season has gone beyond anyone's wildest expectations. The Cougars put together a solid regular season, qualified for the playoffs where they pulled off a big 4-1 upset over the perennially strong Pickering High School Trojans in the semifinal and eventually landed in the

Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association regionals in Ottawa. There, Notre Dame earned one win in four games.

"It's been a great year and we're looking forward to next year for sure," said McPherson.

Old collegiate try good enough for 13-0 win

Dolphins squad dumps North York, bantams drop 15-6 decision to Scarborough

DURHAM — Ajax-Pickering Dolphins football teams split contests in Central Ontario Minor Football League action last weekend.

The bantams tried hard to beat the scorching heat and the Scarborough Thunder, but were unsuccessful, losing 15-6.

The loss evens the bantam squad's league record at 2-2.

Ryan Bardgett scored the Dolphins only touch-

down.

On a brighter note, the collegiate Dolphins picked up their second win of the season after defeating the North York Grizzlies 13-0 in North York.

Scoring were Yannic Carter with two touchdowns and Mike Amato with a convert.

The Ajax-Pickering collegiates play at Pine Ridge Secondary School in Pickering Monday, July 1, at 3 p.m.

Meanwhile, the bantams are at Oshawa Civic Stadium July 1 at 4 p.m. The bantams also play a rescheduled game against the Markham Raiders July 7 at Denis O'Connor field in Ajax. Game time is 1 p.m.

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In the Wed. June 26 edition of Durham Wheels, there was an ad on page 5 for a Chrysler Sale at the AMC Complex in Whitby.

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OWENS, Isabella - At the Rouge Valley Health System Ajax, Ontario on Wednesday June 26, 2002. Isabella Owens (nee Moore) in her 80th year. Beloved wife of John Charles (Jack) Owens. Loving mother of Patricia and Bill Gunter; Joyce and Mike Miller; Karen and Sylvie. Dear grandmother of Janet and Jason; Bill and Eva; David, Karri and Andrew Kevin, Laurie and Garfield; Mandy and Jamie Rachelle, Jason and Stephanie. Dear great-grandmother of Ethan, Brandon, Connor, Jordan, Tyler, Jacob, Destiny and Shane. Sister of Myrtle and John Cree; Hilda and Bob Pollock; Jim and Jean Moore; Maureen Gow and Nan Martin. Sister in law of Rachael Moore, Bette and Les Wall; Olwen and Fred Owen; Jim and Faye Owens. The family will receive friends at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road Ajax (Pickering Village) 905-428-8488 from 7 to 9 Thursday am 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 Friday. Funeral Service at the chapel on Saturday June 29, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation. In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



HORNUNG, Horst Adolf - Passed away peacefully on the morning of Saturday, June 22, 2002, at home with his family by his side, following a courageous battle with cancer. Horst was 65 years old. Horst immigrated to Canada from Germany in 1956 with \$40.00 in his pocket. Although he had little money, he came as a skilled toolmaker and with much ambition to succeed in his adopted country. After working hard for many years, he became a partner in a mould-making company, D&E Precision Tooling Ltd. From this fledgling business grew a varied group of successful companies in the Durham Region specializing in Tool & Die Making, Plastic Injection Moulding, Industrial Supply and Real Estate. He was the loving husband of Diane, beloved father and father-in-law of Karen & Bob McBurney, Richard & Catherine Hornung, Jacqueline and Dave Bracken, caring stepfather of Cindy Dunn (Galveston, Texas), Robin and Ken Turner and Jacqueline and Jerry Kucharcuk. Horst's 7 grandchildren, Julie, Jamie, Jessica, Andrew, Joey, Jeffrey and baby Samuel will all miss their Opa. Horst will be dearly missed by all whose lives have been touched by this special man. Horst's family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at Sunnybrook Hospital and Cancer Centre for their expert care during his illness. Horst will be laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery on Taunton Rd. in Whitby. Arrangements entrusted to **ACCETTONE FUNERAL HOME**

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Pickering martial artist off to worlds after grabbing Canadian karate championship

PICKERING — A Pickering man earned two medals at the recent National Karate Association Canadian Black Belt Championships in Toronto.

Takayoshi 'Rafael' Alvarez, who studies the karate discipline of Okinawa Goju Ryu,

captured master national champion status after winning the gold medal in kumite (self-defence) and the silver in kata (patterns) at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

Alvarez was one of two black belts from Ontario to compete in the discipline.

As gold medallist, Alvarez advances to the WKF World Championships in Madrid, Spain Nov. 22 to 24. Alvarez, a seventh degree black belt in Okinawa Goju Ryu, came to Canada from the Dominican Republic in 1997 and has since gained a reputation as one of the best

karateka in Ontario. He is planning to visit Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in August for competition and to provide instruction. Last summer, Alvarez was part of a 12-member delegation to Japan where he served as a technical adviser.



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Chipping one on to the green

PICKERING — Joe Gormley watches his ball's progress while attempting to chip on to the green at the sixth hole at Seaton Golf and Country Club Tuesday afternoon. Gormley and others were taking part in the second annual Big Sisters Association of Ajax and Pickering Charity Golf Tournament, raising money while teeing it up for 18 holes on the course.



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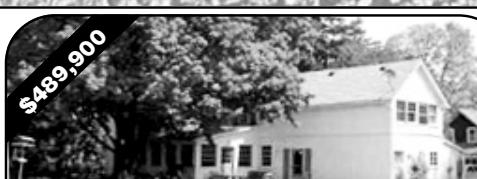
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Sharpe on the Mattes!

Local gymnasts combine for three national medals

DURHAM — Two local gymnasts earned solid results at the recent 2002 Canadian National Gymnastics Championships.

Colin Sharpe, 15, of Ajax, and Bernhardt Mattes, 15, a former Ajax resident who recently moved to Courtice, earned a combined three individual medals while competing for Ontario at the University of Manitoba in

Winnipeg.

Sharpe, competing in the novice category, earned a silver medal on pommel horse with a score of 9.95. He also won the bronze medal on floor exercise with a score of 9.6. In addition, Sharpe placed fourth on high bar and was 12th overall with a score of 52.05.

Meanwhile, Mattes placed seventh overall in the open division, which featured 30 competitors. He earned a silver medal on floor with a mark of 9.6. He also placed fourth on rings, fifth on vault, seventh on high bar, 10th on par-

allel bars and 16th on pommel horse.

In the team standings, Sharpe and Mattes helped the Ontario team finish first.

Working more than 22 hours per week in the gym, Mattes and Sharpe have put together a solid season that led to the breakthroughs at provincials and nationals. At provincials in Woodstock in April, Sharpe was second overall and Mattes finished third.

Chris Hanley coaches Mattes and Sharpe at the Markham Gymnastics Club.



Colin Sharpe, coach Chris Hanley and Bernhardt Mattes represented Ontario at the recent Canadian Gymnastics Championships in Winnipeg recently.



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The above mentioned horror story should never happen, says Car Care Council, if automatic transmission fluid is checked regularly (at least as often as the oil is changed) and if fluid and filter are replaced periodically.

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Check to see if it is discolored, rather than pink or red, which is normal. When

fluid has turned brown, this is an indication that it has been burned. Note also if it smells burned. Burned fluid should be drained and replaced, along with the filter.

The Council also notes that the tip of the dip stick should be cool enough to touch; an automatic transmission should operate at 66-94 deg.C. Severe service driving, which can overheat the transmission, may call for the addition of a transmission cooler. Fluid life is greatly extended when it is

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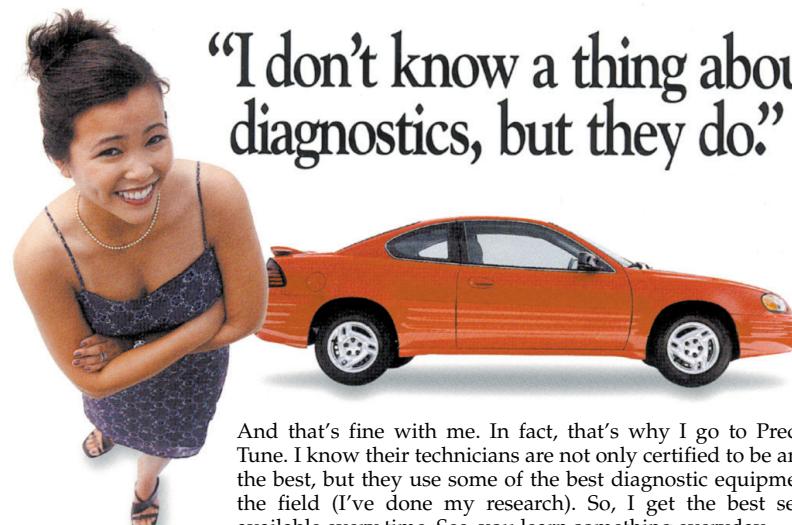


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Spartans put blemish on record

Ajax mosquitoes earn 10-10 tie with previously perfect Pickering club

AJAX — The Ajax Spartans mosquito rep baseball team engaged in an all-out battle with the rival Pickering Red Sox here Monday night.

Pickering entered the game in first place in the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association standings with an undefeated 9-0 league mark. Meanwhile, the Spartans have improved each game entering the tilt.

With the game tied 10-10, both teams and the umpire agreed to play an extra inning in an attempt to break the stalemate. In the end, however, the teams had to be content with the draw.

The lead changed hands several times and Ajax received hits from Andrew Ward, Todd Blair, Thomas Fearon, George Halim, Brennan Conquer and Colton Kennedy.

The Spartans' Kyle Lewis, Rai-hann Patel, Kristopher Barclay and Wayne Feltham supplied solid play in the field. Patel and Blair both stole several bases.

Fearon and Kennedy pitched well for Ajax.

The Spartans are preparing for an upcoming tournament in Cambridge.

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Thirsty Monk	6	3	3	0	64	53	6
Titanic	6	3	3	0	64	57	6
Dickson Printing	6	3	3	0	78	76	6
CFL Argos	6	2	4	0	73	101	4
Petrina's	6	2	4	0	49	81	4

SCORES FROM JUNE 23: CFL Argos 27 (WP Bill Nash, MVP Matt Ballantyne) vs. Dickson Printing 23 (LP & MVP Dave Hodgson); Dickson Printing 15 (WP Dave Hodgson, MVP Barry Ryall) vs. CFL Argos 11 (LP Bill Nash, MVP Damien Steel); Thirsty Monk 10 (WP Chris 'AC/DC' Robinson, MVP the team) vs. Petrina's 6 (LP Peter Perry, MVP Jim 'No Longer Boss' Kakouros); Thirsty Monk 24 (WP & MVP Doug Davis) vs. Petrina's 5 (LP & MVP Peter Perry); Tornados 17 (WP Rocco Rossi, MVP Rosa 'Big Boss' Dale) vs. Titanic 14 (LP & MVP Patrick Clarke); Titanic 10 (WP Patrick Clarke, MVP Philip McKenna) vs. Tornados 8 (LP Rocco Rossi, MVP Patrick Garcia).

TEAM	Standings/scores as of June 26/02						
	G	W	L	T	RF	RA	PTS
Bear & Firkin	6	6	0	0	89	36	12
Re/Max Quality One	6	3	2	1	55	43	7
Outsiders	6	3	3	0	63	56	6
Source for Sports	6	2	4	0	46	62	4
FCI Ticats	6	0	5	1	27	83	1

SCORES FROM JUNE 23: Outsiders 17 (WP Mike Briand, MVP Symon Abad) vs. CFL Ticats 7 (LP Rob 'MVP' Lyall, MVP Tom Dunn); Outsiders 14 (WP Mike Briand, MVP Ed Page) vs. Re/Max Quality One 12 (LP Bob Kowalski, MVP Bob 'Cutch' McCutcheon); CFL Ticats 9 (P Rob Lyall, MVP Tom Dunn) vs. Re/Max Quality One 9 (P Bob Kowalski, MVP Don Piette); Bear & Firkin 10 (WP Pete MacKay, MVP Rob 'Oldtimer' Jackson) vs. Source for Sports 9 (LP Peter Martell, MVP Doug 'Numero Uno' Stanfield); Bear & Firkin 16 (WP Scott Caverly, MVP David Lundigan) vs. Source for Sports 9 (LP Gord Bullock, MVP Randy Stewart).

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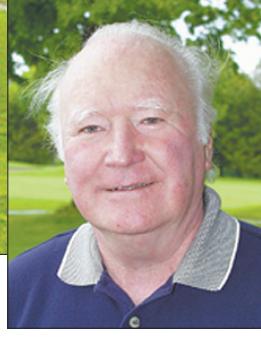
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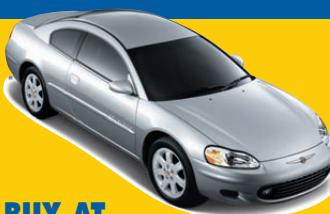


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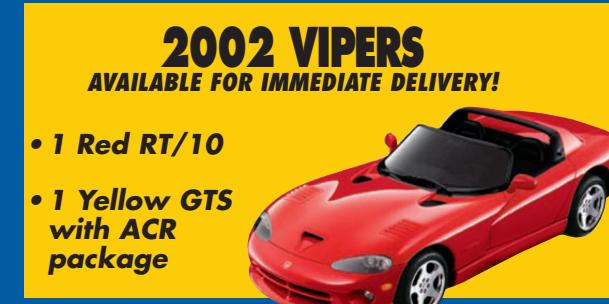
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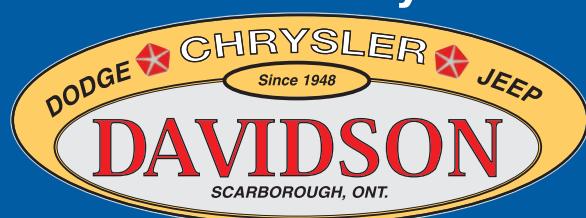
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