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Winning on a whim

PICKERING — A Pickering resident's impulse made her \$250,000 richer.

"I don't play very often; I bought this on a whim and it turned out very nice," said Rachelle Basil of Pickering, who won the \$250,000 Encore jackpot inthe Friday, Nov. 15 Super 7 lottery draw.

Ms. Basil, 43, is currently unemployed and plans to use the money to pay off her mortgage, pay some bills and take a vacation.

The winning ticket was purchased at Zellers in Ajax.

Pet store robbed

PICKERING — A lone bandit brandishing a kitchen knife robbed a Kingston Road pet shop Monday night, Durham Regional Police

The man rushed the counter at Pet Value in the Hub Plaza at 8:20 p.m., pulled out the cash drawer and shoved the money in a duffle bag, police said. The 21-year-old female employee was not injured

during the holdup. The suspect, who ran away, was described as black and wore gloves a dark blue nylon windbreaker with a hood and had a blue cloth over his face.

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Strength comes from home: Ecker

come together for United Way

BY KEITH GILLIGAN Staff Writers

AJAX — A strong community is one of the building blocks

Politicians, developers of the economy, says Janet Queen's Park, "there's great po-

Speaking in Ajax at the Ajax-Pickering United Way's development community luncheon, the Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP and Ontario finance minister stated when a politician makes a decision, whether it's a local councillor or member at

litical turmoil and it's easy to get lost in that.

"You can get lost in the excitement and anxiety. The media's camped outside your door and you think that's important. It's easy to get lost in that.

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It's still the principle of the thing

Crombie review panel releases final recommendations for Seaton land swap

> BY LESLEY BOVIE Staff Writer

PICKERING — Pickering has six months to plan for the development of Seaton, but must live with Principle 6.

The North Pickering Land Exchange Review Panel has finalized the principles overseeing the Seaton land swap.

Presented to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Tuesday morning, the finalized

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DAVID STEELE 'We still don't know details' of the land exchange.

Rural group wants to fill in bylaw gaps

grapple with new bylaw governing fill

Pickering councillors

BY LESLEY BOVIE Staff Writer

PICKERING — Kinsale residents have doubts new fill and topsoil regulations will have any effect on the dumping taking place in their community.

"There's nothing in the bylaw to say this is how we stop this," Laura Orlandi told Pickering's finance and operations

committee Monday. Neighbours expressed concerns for certain wording in the bylaw and possible loopholes. They argue up to 200 trucks each day are dumping fill on a property northeast of Balsam Road and Hwy. 7, owned by James Sabiston.

The concerns prompted the proposed bylaw, which, if passed, would require anyone planning to dump fill or disturb the topsoil on their lands to obtain a permit from the City.

The issuing of a permit would also require the landowner to submit a site map identifying the boundaries of where the work shall take place, a detailed erosion and sediment control plan and a letter of credit, which the City could draw upon should the owner not follow through with his or her site control mea-

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Durham Hells Angels taking care of retail business

Store plans to push profits into Hells defence fund

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE AND STEPHEN SHAW Staff Writers

DURHAM — Police say they are members of one of the world's largest criminal organizations. The club claims its members

cycle enthusiasts" unfairly vilified by police looking to boost their budgets. Either way, the 'Big Red Machine,' more famously known as the Hells Angels, has an unmistakeable presence in Durham

Region and the city of Oshawa — and the bikers have no plans on riding their Harleys out of town anytime soon. Not only is the clubhouse on Ortono Road, with its sky-high red and white fences, many surveillance cameras, and roof top

signage, visible to any and all in

the area, but police say the Os-

hawa chapter of the Hells An-



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One of the products lining the shelves at the new Asylum Wear Clothing Company encourages consumers to 'Support Big Red Machine Oshawa', otherwise known as the local chapter of the Hells Angels.

gels Motorcycle Club is among the fastest-growing in Canada.

Now, the chapter has a clothing store on 325 Simcoe St. S. where customers can purchase 'supporter wear,' promoting the

Hells Angels.

T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, ball caps and more are all sold bearing the Hells Angels slogans 'Support Big Red Machine,' 'Support Your Local Red

and White,' and 'Canada's Most Wanted - Oshawa.'

Store owner and Hells Angels member Mark Stephenson says Asylum Wear Clothing Company offers a line of mer-

chandise supporting the chapter. In fact, the Hells have marketed their product at the location for more than a year, and on their Web site www.hamcoshawa.com for longer, he

"We've had no problem with the City or the cops," said Mr. Stephenson, in an interview from his Pickering home. "This is a business, we pay our taxes. It's just a business. It's just a clothing store." However, Durham Regional

Police view things differently.

"The Hells Angels are an organized crime problem. They are an organized motorcycle police spokesman Sergeant Paul Malik says bluntly. "They are not welcome in the City of Oshawa." Law enforcement maintain

outlaw biker gangs such as the Hells Angels are typically linked to drug trafficking, extortion, prostitution, cargo theft, and, in some cases, murder.

Sgt. Malik wondered aloud whether the business is legitimate as claimed or possibly a

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Panel plan rapped

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plan strays little from the draft set of guidelines released earlier this fall. The Province is exchanging lands it owns in Seaton for privately owned lands in Uxbridge and Richmond Hill in an effort to avoid a costly Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

The panel, which has been appointed by the ministry to oversee the exchange and future development of the north Pickering lands, did extend the March 31 deadline for the completion of a secondary plan for Seaton to June 1.

However, the plan still contains controversial Principle 6, which designates the Duffins-Rouge Agricultural Preserve to be used for agriculture in perpetuity.

As well, the panel decided to extend the secondary plan deadline from March to June because there was concern Pickering didn't have enough time to prepare a secondary plan for Seaton.

"We wanted to give people a focus, a need to move forward," Mr. Crombie said.

But Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs said even having two more months "isn't terribly realistic" when it comes to the proper planning principles. Not surprised by the inclusion of Principle 6, the mayor said the City's position remains firm. As an area of privately owned lands, the agricultural preserve is outside the panel's mandate.

Chris Burkholder, of the Markham Pickering Farming Community group, said he was disappointed the panel didn't nix Principle 6 at the urging of his group, which is made up of about 20 families in the preserve.

David Steele, chairman of Pickering Ajax Citizens Together (PACT) for the Environment, was also discouraged by the final recommendations.

"Very little has changed. We still don't know the details." he said

City wants its fill bylaw

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sures. But at Monday's meeting, Ms. Orlandi said she had "major issues" with the language of the new regulation, which includes asphalt in the definition of "fill".

In the meantime, Pickering is still charging Mr. Sabiston for violating present zoning rules, said City clerk Bruce Taylor.

Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles said the City will have a much stronger case if it has a bylaw in place before its court date at the end of March. But at the same time, he questioned the proposed bylaw's fines, which charge individuals \$10,000 and corporations \$25,000 for a first offence and up to \$50,000 and \$100,000 respectively for subsequent convictions.

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Healthy, strong communities sought

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You have to keep in mind the faces of the people you represent. It's important to stay in touch."

The Ajax-Pickering United Way also serves Uxbridge and is nearing the end of its 2003 fund-raising campaign. The goal this year is to raise \$1.5 million.

The luncheon was attended by 40 people involved in the development industry.

"You are in a very, very prosperous region," Durham Region Chairman Roger Anderson told those on hand.

He added, however, "No municipality would be successful without developers."

Ajax Mayor Steve Parish noted, "We're all in the business of building communities. We want to provide the best quality of life for our residents. We want to build a community that people want and need and has a heart and soul."

Making the community "healthier and stronger, isn't only good for the community, it's good business," he added.

Ms. Ecker noted strong communities are "one of the building blocks, not only of our economy, but of our life. The United Way does so much. It says a lot about you that so many people are camped at your door. Ajax and Pickering are blessed with a business community that does so much. "You can go out of here and meet some people affected. You can go meet someone whose life has been changed by the United Way. As politicians, you never know when you will need the community. It may be a political problem, it may be personal. When you do good, someday when you need it back, you get it back."

The \$1.5 million target is "a fabulous goal," said Ms. Ecker, recalling the year she was involved in the campaign.
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1995, the government was spending \$1 million more per hour than it was taking in, she said, and servicing that debt was taking more money than the gov-

ernment spent on hospitals.

"With prosperity and a growing economy, it helps us to invest in key

economy, it helps us to invest in key segments of the economy, like hospitals, health and education," she noted.





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Demand for protective services prompts Canada's newest university to offer integrated justice studies degree

focusing on the degree programs being offered at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa, Šept. 2003.

BY NEIL McCALLUM Student reporter, Durham College

Heightened awareness and security at the local, national and international levels, coupled with a workforce approaching retirement age, has prompted Canada's newest university to offer an integrated justice studies degree.

In September 2003, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology will offer an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Justice Studies degree to help meet the needs of the 21st-century workplace as well as the double cohort.

The diverse four-year program offers opportunities for graduates in the fields of criminal justice, law and human

"There is a growing need for graduates with the flexibility and broad range of skills that our justice studies program provides," says Dr. Ronald Hinch, dean of the School of Justice Studies at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. "Police agencies are demanding more highly trained and more educated officers.

"Employees in the federal corrections system will soon require an undergraduate degree for anything more than an entry-level position."

The program will prepare the students to work not only in the criminal justice field, but also in the human rights

"The integrated education and practical skills our program provides will apply to careers in various agencies such as women's shelters," adds Dr. Hinch.

The integrated justice studies program will produce graduates with strong analytical, communication, teamwork and interpersonal skills.

Graduates will build an integrated approach to justice services including the theories, processes and concepts that are applied in the justice

They will also have a strong understanding of ethical decision-making, diversity, victims' rights and social justice. With a strong program core, only six of the program's 40 courses are electives.

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Ronald Hinch, Dean School of Justice Studies

Before joining the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Professor Hinch was on the faculty in the Department of Soci-

ology and Anthropology, University of Guelph. As Chair of the department from 1996 to 2001, he designed the curriculum for a new and innovative program in criminal justice and public policy. Professor Hinch's criminology research focuses on criminal justice policies, particularly as they relate to policing violent crimes such as sexual assault, wife assault and serial murder.

His teaching experience at seven Canadian universities has led to publications on issues related to teaching sociology and criminology. In 1983 he

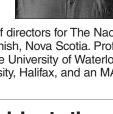
was a founding member of the board of directors for The Naomi Society (for battered women) in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Professor Hinch is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Waterloo. He has a BA from Saint Mary's University, Halifax, and an MA and a PhD from McMaster University.

Research is a key part of the School of Integrated Justice Studies and will focus on the criminal justice system, policing and corrections.

Based on employer demand, graduates of the integrated justice studies program can choose from a variety of careers including policing, probation, corrections, victims' agencies, private businesses, private security firms, customs, immigration, government services and law.

"Our graduates will have the skills to embark on a successful career in a variety of high-demand occupations," adds Dr. Hinch.

In addition to the undergraduate degree offered next fall, graduate programs are under development.



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Local couple wins mortgage prize

AJAX Robert and Marina Smith have a good start on their mortgage. The Ajax cou-

ple recently received a \$5,000 cash prize in CIBC's home power mortgage contest.

CIBC customers who signed up for a power home mortgage between April 1 and June 30, 2002 had their names entered in a draw for on cash prize of \$100,000, \$20,000 prizes, and 20 \$5,000

prizes. "We are very happy, winning this money could not come at a better time for us," said Ms. Smith.



Police unwrap 2002 version of annual toy drive for kids

DURHAM — Durham Regional Police kicked off its 14th annual Christmas Food and Toy Drive Tuesday with a little help from Old St. Nick.

A visit from Santa buoyed the spirits of a throng of kids from St. Gregory Catholic School in Oshawa as the police band 'The Cruisers' played rock and roll and holiday favourites throughout the kick-off at the Oshawa Armouries.

Food and Toy Drive chairman Stephanie Macdonald said last year the drive collected 170 vanloads of toys and food for needy kids in Durham, along with nearly \$12,000 in cash donations. She said this year organizers are hoping to bring at least that much to the 21 different agencies the drive supports.

"We're really hoping we can make Christmas a happy time for kids who wouldn't normally have a good Christmas," she said. "If you could see the look on the kids' faces on Christmas morning you'd know it would be worth it."

Those wanting to make a do-



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Officer Martin Franssen steps lightly with Kathleen Mokus and Nadine Pouliot during the Durham Regional Police toy drive kick-off Tuesday. Needy kids benefit from the seasonal initiative.

nation to the drive can drop off an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item at any local police station, or residents and businesses can set up their own Christmas drop box.

Drive volunteers will pick up drop boxes or they can be taken to the drive's drop-off centre at 50 Richmond St. E. in Oshawa.

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Store raises questions, temperatures in Durham

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front for gang criminal activity. And, he questioned if such a business in the City will allow the gang to fester and attract more members. "We just don't want it in

our city," he said.

Mr. Stephenson, an Oshawa native, simply dismisses police claims as "propaganda."

"In Oshawa, we do not support criminal activity,' he said of the club. "The police want to make us out to be the bogeyman. With the bogeyman out there, and the media helps with this agenda, police budgets get bigger. It's all propaganda and it's all about money.

Mr. Stephenson adds the Hells Angels are no different than a service club, but are an easy police target because of their lifestyle. "The truth is there's good and bad in every club, the Shriners, the Lions Club, even Catholic priests. I have to think the cops have much bigger issues than us, like all the crack houses. The way I see it Canadians can come to their own conclusions about what we're all

Business in the store has been less than brisk in



The Asylum Wear shop has raised hackles among police and politicians in Durham Region.

its first year of operation. Mr. Stephenson said over the last few months supporter wear hasn't exactly been flying off the shelves and as a result, the business has been struggling to survive. He is hoping it can grow into a successful retail operation much like the ones other chapters around the world operate.

"We want to grow it into a strong viable business like they have in Europe," he said. "The Route 81 Scandinavian Hells An-Web gels site (http://www.route81.com/) does well. It's a profitable, valuable business for that

For its part the City of Oshawa has remained rela-

chapter. We want to have

tively quiet about the presence of a Hells Angels supporter wear shop. However, other Canadian municipalities have fought toothand-nail to close them

The City of Winnipeg spent much of the last year locked in battle with the River City Choppers, a supporter wear store that opened up in the city's exchange district and was immediately rallied against by Manitoba justice officials, city councillors, local police and the mayor.

Zoning bylaw discrepancies forced the Winnipeg Hells Angels chapter to close the shop's doors this summer. But, much to the dismay of local politicians and law enforcement officials, the store re-opened in a new location on the City's Main Street just two weeks ago.

Barry Thorgrimson, Winnipeg's zoning and permits administrator, said the store leaves Winnipeg in a very difficult position.

From a legal standpoint he said his department can only concern themselves with zoning and bylaw issues, not people, leaving them in a position where they must treat the Hells Angels like any other business or property owners.

However, he also said the zoning and permit department have been more than willing to work with Winnipeg police helping them use zoning and bylaws as enforcement tools in the fight against organized crime.

"It is clearly the position of our police force that they don't want them here," he said.

Oshawa wards 2 and 4 Councillor Joe Kolodzie, in whose wards Asylum Wear is located, said he believes there's very little a City can do about a clothing business locating there, even if it is owned by an outlaw motorcycle gang.

"If they're using the proceeds or the profits to fund illegal things then that's a police matter. Of

course, we're concerned about any business in the City of Oshawa and we want businesses that benefit the city, but we can't stop them, can we? We can't pick and choose what kind of businesses locate here."

However, Oshawa council has, in its recent history, tried to pick and choose the businesses that locate in the city. A bylaw was passed attempting to move adult entertainment parlours out of certain areas and an attempt was made to stop a methadone clinic from locating downtown.

Mr. Stephenson says there haven't been any profits made from Asylum Wear so far, but adds if and when it starts making money, it would go towards the local chapter's legal defence fund.



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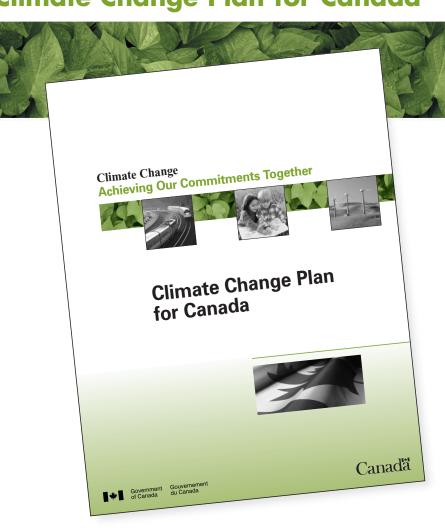




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Five in the running for top job at Durham Catholic board

All trustees will take part in interviews this weekend

> BY MIKE RUTA Staff Writer

DURHAM — Five applicants, including an internal candidate, are seeking the Catholic school board's position as education director.

Durham Catholic District School Board trustees will be working Saturday, interviewing candidates for the job that becomes vacant in a month with the retirement of Grant Andrews.

Board chairman Mary Ann Martin in an interview said a sixth applicant dropped out of the running because his or her family did not want to relocate. The Whitby trustee said the candidates have asked that no information about them be disclosed. She would only say there was "a nice mix" of both male and female candidates, all of whom are 'strong in their faith.

process because they're all extremely good candidates," said Trustee Martin. I am so pleased with the calibre of people who have come forward." Trustees approved a motion on Monday making all the trustees the board's

"It's going to be quite the interview

the committee was made up of four

director search committee. Previously,

Trustee Martin explained that on Saturday each candidate would be asked the same seven questions. The applicants will have brought with them a written document outlining their vision as a Catholic education leader.

Each candidate will also be asked to answer two questions in written form in 15 or 20 minutes to demonstrate they can think on their feet, she said.

The trustees will discuss the candidates, a name will be brought forward and a simple majority will determine the new director. The decision is not final until the board, at a Dec. 9 special board meeting, approves the search committee recommendation. The board plans to announce the incoming director at the

Trustee Martin said the attention the board received over the Marc Hall incident has not hurt its ability to draw interested applicants.

"We have a wonderful reputation as a board and if anything as a board we have gained respect for standing up for our rights as a Catholic school system," she said.

A student at Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic Secondary School in Oshawa, Mr. Hall's request to bring his boyfriend to last May's school prom was turned down both by school principal Mike Powers and trustees. They argued it would be condoning homosexual behaviour, which goes against church teachings.

Mr. Hall took the board and Mr. Powers to court over the decision, winning the right to attend the event with his boyfriend. The court fight is not over, however, as Mr. Hall is seeking \$100,000 in damages and a declaration that the board and Mr. Powers violated his rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Education Act. The Ontario Court of Justice trial is expected to take place early in the new



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Creating leaders of tomorrow

Innovative student program refreshing in its approach

One local wag dubbed the recent Pickering High School leadership conference, which featured 137 student delegates, 50 leadership developers and 20 executives, 'a Woodstock for the mind'.

The analogy to the famous 1969 rock festival, which saw hundreds of thousands enjoy three days of music and mayhem, only runs as far as the use of Pickering High as a weekend hotel and conference centre for learning. Young people had the chance to network and rub elbows with professionals who could assist them in the complicated process of becoming leaders.

Certainly, leadership isn't a skill learned in only a weekend. It's a lifelong pursuit that involves living through countless experiences and meeting and overcoming challenges. However, the 137 students from across Durham and points north and east, took a big step toward developing the skills and knowledge they'll need to handle their own personal challenges in the coming months and years ahead. The conference, an annual event organized by the central

east region of the Ontario Secondary School Students' Association, is a truly impressive undertaking. It includes motivational speakers, entertainment, and leadership sessions. The theme of the conference centred around the quality of education. As such, the students were understandably concerned and focused on the vaunted double cohort. The mix of OAC and Grade 12 students will graduate for

the first and only time this coming June and competition for university places is especially stiff. No doubt, attendance at such events as the leadership conference will stand students in good stead when university admissions officers begin reviewing applications next spring. Students said their high school success was more than a

matter of books and learning materials. Of prime importance said conference attendee and OAC student Ben Nasmith of Pickering High, is the quality of teaching. In his experience, he said, "the quality of the instruction is still high."

The assembled students impressed motivational speaker Mike Bonnici who stated, "the student leaders are both energetic and anxious to be inspired. I couldn't ask for a more accommodating and rewarding audience than the ones I find each time I speak to them." Motivation is a prime factor in high school and life success, Mr. Bonnici said.

Now back in their home schools and community after their 'Woodstock' weekend, these students are better equipped to lead and meet challenges. The conference organizers and participants are to be commended for the effort and work they have put in to the event and the results we'll all benefit from

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☐ Yes □ No

44.3 per cent

Votes cast: 282

The way we were



Ajax's first library c. 1942

This article is from the Dec. 5, 1942 issue of the Commando newspaper. Looking over a book is acting librarian Dorothy Sheppard. With the arrival of 600 new books in September of that year, the recreation department of Pickering Works (Defence Industries Limited) began preparation for the first library in Ajax. Located in what had once been the 'ladies' lounge', the library officially opened 60 years ago today, Nov. 27, 1942, in the Community Hall. The first library in Pickering Village, the Mechanics' Institute Library, was organized in 1891 by a group of citizens. Originating in Great Britain, the institute came to Canada in 1827 and offered fee-based library services to members. At the end of 1893 it is recorded that there were over 700 volumes on the shelves. The first librarian was Dr. R. M. Bateman and the library was located in the Bateman Drugstore. With the amalgamation of Pickering Village and Ajax in 1974, the Ajax Public Library board was formed.

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Letters to the editor

e-mail responses to shouston@durhamregion.com

Willingness to keep child determines humanness

To the editor:

Re: 'Life versus convenience - the baby or fetus debate,' opinion shaper column, Nov. 22.

Thanks to Kevin Belgrave for his bravery in writing his column. My wife and I experienced the same duplicitous terminology.

Doctors decided from the triple screen blood test that the "fetus" of our first child had a one in 130 chance of having Down's syndrome. Enormous pressure was placed on us by several doctors to have the "fetus" aborted; the reason given was that such children place a huge financial burden on society.

Abortion wasn't an option for us, and my wife gave birth to a healthy baby boy. (We would have loved him just as much if he had Down's syndrome). However, when our second baby was in the womb, the ultrasound technician said, "Look, your 'baby' is waving

at you, isn't that cute!" Interesting how our society's willingness to keep a child determines its human-

Daniel Winter,

Hard-working students penalized by new curriculum

To the editor:

I am a disgruntled student writing on behalf of every unspoken high school student who thinks the changes to the curriculum have only brought misery. Being a first-year student of the

changes, I have begun to realize the tests and trials have not enhanced or widened my level of competence but instead reduced me to the stature of a human lab rat or guinea pig. Such a distorted conclusion arose because society uses creatures to study and heighten our knowledge so that we may grow as a culture. The agitation began when I found Grade 13 would be eliminated.

The Education Ministry expects the information to be pushed down a grade, putting some students in an uncomfortable position because some learn at a moderately slower capability. It seems somewhat of a meaningless journey to travel to school so that you can be educated but unable to learn.

The extra year also gives students the chance to achieve a higher maturity level so that age may motivate students to strive for a greater cause in life. The 40 hours of community service is another meandering away from good judgment because completion is needed to graduate.

Forty hours may not seem like a lot, but for many students balancing a job, homework, sports, a family, etc. there may not be enough time to complete this task. A hard-working student should not be held behind for working too hard.

It feels like I am being treated like a criminal who is being forced to complete a certain amount of community service hours. It seems the crime I have committed is wanting to receive a high school education. Kurt Fletcher,

Pickering

Oh, for the days of a fireside chat

Despite becoming more commonplace, stunts have been failing politicians

Premier Ernie Eves has become addicted to using stunts to promote his cause, but he must be feeling he needs to break the

The Progressive Conservative premier stumbled badly with his latest gimmick, in which he announced a freeze on energy prices in a kitchen, in an attempt to appear a homebody in touch with ordinary residents' concerns.

TV viewers could see the kitchen was spacious, with marble-top counters and a top-of-theline fridge with a built-in icemaker. The house had a 50-inch TV and a double garage, so this did nothing to further the desired image.

News media, which normally follows the premier unquestioningly to background scenes he thinks will help his image, also rebelled for once and reported the setting hampered their coverage and that Mr. Eves gave himself a public relations disaster.

Few in the public will care about reporters' difficulties covering a story, but newspaper comments after events on TV, such as debates between leaders, often influence the way viewers see them.

Mr. Eves's stunts are nothing new and as much a part of his makeup as his slicked-back hair and cutaway collars.

While finance minister, he announced a tax break for small business and rolled up at a laundry where an aide said he dropped off his shirts each week and was photographed by a friendly newspaper being thanked by the owner.

But the owner later let slip he



Eric Dowd

At Queen's Park houston@durhamregion.com

had never seen Mr. Eves before, because he usually had his shirts dropped off by his chauffeur.

Premier Eves held a press conference in a revolving restaurant 1,150 feet up the CN Tower, pointed to construction sites all around and had the restaurant revolve. claiming this was the way the Tories were turning around — get it? the province's economy.

Budgets traditionally had covers showing a picture of Ontario's official flower, the trillium, or a painting by an adult, but Mr. Eves held a competition among nineyear-olds, chose a drawing by one of a child flying a kite and put it on his cover with a hint his party cared more for children. However, the Tories were miserly toward families on social assistance and the minimum wage.

Mr. Eves set up a fund to which residents could donate to reduce the provincial debt and emotionally called it the Chelsea and Samantha Fund, after two young sisters who offered the contents of their piggy banks to help taxpay-

The stunts followed in the tradition of his predecessor, Mike Harris, who, as opposition leader, had a flatbed truck parked in front of the legislature with 27 seats on it, the number of MPPs he would cut to save money.

Mr. Harris claimed New Democrat premier Bob Rae was often absent from question-period seeking votes on open-line shows and took a cellphone in the legislature, tried to question Mr. Rae from there, failed to reach him, but reaped publicity.

But the most common stunt is the one that got Mr. Eves in trouble. TV wants politicians speaking against backgrounds it feels are more interesting than the legislature.

Politicians of all parties dutifully comply and are seen on location more often than movie stars, in or around schools, hospitals, seniors' homes, municipal halls, factories, construction projects, stores, jails, waste dumps, rivers and lakes.

They probably feel they are part of a bargain in which TV gets the scenes it feels it needs and politicians an image of going anywhere to help residents.

But they should remember the most effective political messages ever put on the airwaves were by Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his fireside chats calling ordinary Americans to rally behind his New Deal, and Winston Churchill, exhorting Britons to pull together against the Nazis. Neither had the benefit of pictures.

Both were more than half-acentury ago and on radio, when TV was not available.

Mr. Eves, a competent speaker, and other Ontario politicians are not Churchill, but do they really need to sit beside a fridge to make themselves believable?

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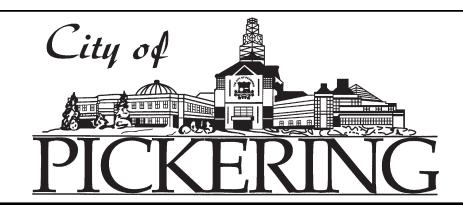
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December 9	Planning & Committee of the Whole	7:00 pm
December II	Race Relations & Equity Committee	7:00 pm
December 12	Waterfront Committee	7:00 pm
December 16	City Council Meeting	7:30 pm
December 17	Heritage Pickering (LACAC)	7:30 pm
December 18	Committee of Adjustment	7:00 pm
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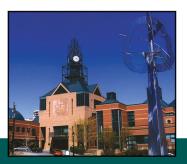
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City Initiated: Rouge Park Neighbourhood Study Implementation **Planning Committee & Council Meetings**

Amendments to the Pickering Official Plan and the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Development Guidelines are recommended which incorporate responses to omments received at (or following) the Statutory Public Information Meeting held earlier this year on this matter.

The proposed amendments implement the results of the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Study. A map showing the study area is provided below. The proposed Official Plan Amendment includes revisions to Schedule 1 - Land Use Structure, Schedule III - Resource Management, the Rouge-Duffins Wildlife Corridor Policies and the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Policies. The recommendations will be considered by the City of Pickering Planning Committee at its meeting noted below.

If you wish to address the Planning Committee on this matter, you may do so at the meeting when this item is considered. If you would like a copy of the report on this matter, it may be obtained from the Clerks Department at the Civic Complex on or after Tuesday, December 3rd, 2002.

> What: Planning Committee Meeting When: Monday. December 9, 2002

7:30 P.M.

Where: Council Chambers

Pickering Civic Complex One The Esplande, Pickering

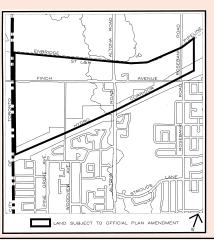
It is anticipated that Council will consider the recommendations of Planning Committee at its meeting scheduled for December 16, 2002, commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Pickering Civic Complex. Anyone wishing to address Council on this matter should

Friday, December 13th, 2002. For further information on this matter, please contact Steve Gaunt of the City of Pickering Planning & Development Department at 905-420-4660, ext. 2033

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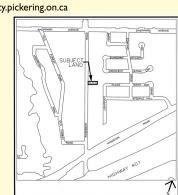
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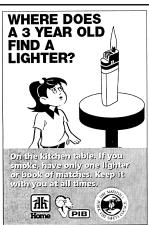
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Persons with a disability, who are Pickering Residents and are interested in participating on the City of Pickering Advisory committee on Race Relations and Equity, are invited to complete and submit a Membership Application by December 2,2002. Please call Marisa Carpino, Supervisor, Culture and Recreation at 905-420-4620 ext. 2099 to receive a Membership Application and to learn about the submission

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Completion of this eagerly anticipated addition is scheduled for later this year. Ask one of our friendly staff to give you an update on your progress the next time you are in the facility. For additional information call 905-683-6582.

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The All Na-

tions Full Gospel Church holds a prophetic conference this Friday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the church, 1735 Bayly St., Unit

14, in Pickering.

"It's a religious program talking about issues in Christian life and different biblical prophecies" said Associate Pastor Kofi Yeboah. "It's an educational ex-

perience for all."
Guest speaker
Dr. Chuck
Flynn, 'The
Prophetic Trumpet' is visiting
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States as part of
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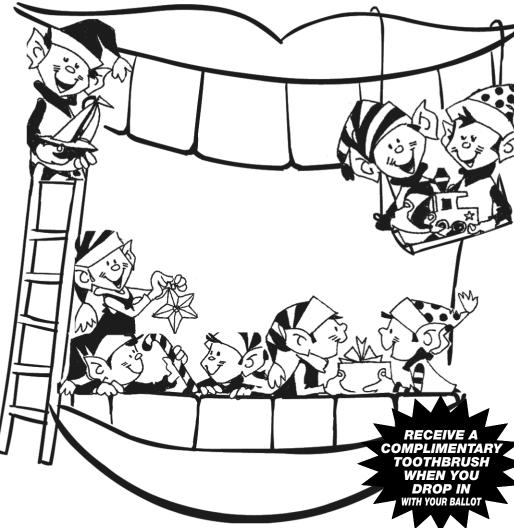
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'Hazardous waste management development — the hazardous waste information network — and other changes' contributes to our knowledge about the safe disposal of our toxic materials.

Composting initiatives will be featured in four presentations encompassing responsible management of organics.

On Dec. 4, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., the Composting Council of Canada (CCC) presents 'composting in action: programs, technology and success.'

The following session, 'Ontario's nutrient management act - fundamental changes to the application of



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organic waste to land' is presented by the Ontario Waste Management Asso-The CCC concludes the first day's

topics with 'marketing compost: opportunities and challenges.' Attendees can also learn about

'composting biosolids: the process and the results'.

'Trans-border waste issues - Niagara and Windsor crossings' is a pressing issue — one that may very well affect us all if we do not move faster on reducing the volume shipped to landfill. As many people are aware, Keele Valley Landfill is slated for closure by the end of the year.

Some of Durham's waste will be directed north to the municipality of Brock, but the majority soon will be heading to Michigan.

The sessions conclude at 2 p.m., with the 'Municipal Waste Diversion Organization's blue box funding model', which demonstrates the formula used to calculate the funding each municipality receives to help subsidize the costs of recycling.

The expo is located with the Canadian Public Works Expo and is a must-see for private-sector waste service companies, contractors and haulers, municipalities and other levels of government.

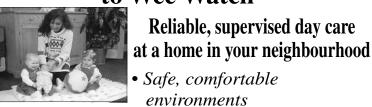
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CAS ribbon campaign raises \$14,000

DURHAM — Durham Regional Police to Children's Aid Society (CAS) has raised more than \$14,000 through its Purple Ribbon Campaign.

October was Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, which is recognized with the Purple Ribbon Campaign across Ontario. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the campaign.

More than 10,000 ribbons were distributed throughout Durham Region and helped to raise \$14,240 for the CAS Children's Fund, making this the most successful cam-

This year, local businesses, Sure Fit Canada and the Great Blue Heron Charity Casino joined the campaign, as well as Reid's Dairy and the

distribute ribbons.

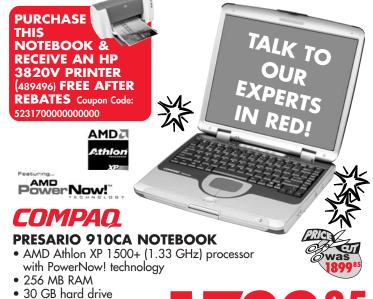
Sure Fit Canada donated \$5,000 as well as providing household products for youth who are leaving the care of CAS and setting up their own apartments. Great Blue Heron Charity Casino donated \$1,000 which was raised from a bubble-gum ma-

Fund developer Yvonne Williams said, "We are thrilled that local businesses and organizations have helped with this important campaign. We need everyone's ongoing support to make a difference for all the children in Durham

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Teleworking offers employees flexibility

BY LESLEY BOVIE Staff Writer

DURHAM — Jocelyn Wilson brought her office home three years ago and hasn't looked back since.

"When my daughter started school full time, I found I didn't want to have to find day care for her after school," she said. "She had been in day care up until the age of five and if she was sick, there was always a problem with day care.'

Today, the developmental editor is able to see her daughter off to school, pick her up afterwards, and even bring her home for lunch thanks to a more flexible schedule worked out with McGraw Hill Ryer-

Ms. Wilson lives only 10 minutes away from the Whitby publishing house but by staying at home, she feels more productive and able to work in more time with her family.

According to the Canadian Telework Association (CTA), she's one of the more than one million people nationwide currently taking advantage of new technology to work from home. Telework or telecommuting is the new term for paid workers who conduct business outside of their usual place of work, in most cases the home.



Jocelyn Wilson works out of her home office. She's an editor for McGraw Hill.

two days a week, or in Ms. Wilson's case, full-time. Nortel, IBM, Bell Canada, AT&T, Xerox Canada and Intel are just some employers turning to tele-

The CTA cites a recent research poll that found of the

Telework can be done one or Canadians who telework, 68 per cent say their overall quality of life has improved. Fiftyseven per cent say their financial outlook is brighter since switching to telework.

But Patti Pappas, who heads up McGraw Hill Ryerson's school division, said telework

certainly isn't for everyone. Nor does it work in every work situation.

"It depends on the job and the personality. But I think for this particular editor it works very well," she said of Ms. Wil-

Publishing and telework are

a good fit because the industry demands a lot of quiet work and concentration, said Ms. Pappas. She often opts to do her reading from home in Eto-

McGraw Hill Ryerson has offered the option of working from home for about five years. Those who do work out an agreement with the publisher stating their specific hours and the intention to use McGraw Hill Ryerson equipment. Employees who work from home are set up with a laptop, fax machine and dedicated phone line at the company's expense.

"It's not that looseygoosey," Ms. Pappas said of the arrangement. "Everyone knows what they do and it gets done. We have such tight deadlines, we know quickly who's not getting their work done."

But it took Ms. Wilson about two years to adjust to her new schedule, feeling isolated at first and missing interaction with her co-workers. Today, it takes much more of an effort to stay in touch with the office.

"When I started working at home, my wardrobe changed immensely," Ms. Wilson added. "I became used to dressing more casual, so much so, I had to consciously go out to buy outfits for meetings as opposed

to always having the typical business wardrobe."

She credits tight deadlines and her own task-orientated self with keeping her disciplined. Working at home allows her the flexibility to work beyond her 8:55 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. shift, but having a small child also keeps any workaholic tendencies in check.

"She gets fed up if I'm in front of the computer for too long," added Ms. Wilson.

At the same time, her daughter's daily routine doesn't allow for much slacking off. The editor is up each day to get her off to school by 8 a.m.

"Working at home allows you to be more integrated with life because you aren't constrained to 9 to 5," said Anne Louise Currie, president of the Durham Home and Small Business Association.

But it's key to make certain emotional separations between business and family life, she said. Having a workspace with a door you can close is ideal. "It really depends on the

kind of person you are and what you're motivated by," said Ms. Currie, who operates Digital Ripple, her own Web consulting firm. "I've never been motivated by someone standing over me.



Fire safety first

PICKERING — Pickering Fire Department fire inspector Steve Fowlds was at Bayview Heights Public School recently, talking to the students about fire safety. The pupils watched a video about fire safety and asked questions of Mr. Fowlds.

Flaherty sells Ontario in China

Ajax MPP touts the benefits of partnerships

AJAX — Whitby-Ajax MPP Jim Flaherty has just completed a trip to China were he was selling Ontario to one of the largest markets in the world.

Mr. Flaherty spent a week in China, wrapping up with a one-day trip to Hong Kong before heading home, via San Diego. He's been meeting government and business leaders, talking up the virtues of Ontario.

"China is evolving. They welcome their relationship with Ontario and recognize we have a strong high technology economy, colleges and universities," he said during a telephone inter-

"They value our education system and believe it's strong. A significant number of students from China are studying in Ontario."

As the minister of enterprise, innovation and opportunity, Mr. Flaherty's job is to sell Ontario. On Friday, Nov. 15, he was in Jiangsu Province, just northeast of Shanghai, which has a population of 74 million.

Travelling with him were

business leaders who hoped to parlay the trip into contracts.

Ontario has had a 'friendship accord' with Jiangsu Province since 1985 and "we're building on that, with more investment and more trade between Ontario and Jiangsu Province," said Mr. Flaherty.

As for opportunities, he said, "They really are limitless. In transit, especially urban transit, architecture."

Ontario's "expertise is in great demand. I see significant investment flowing from China to Canada and that's encouraging," he stat-

China is Ontario's third largest trading partner and "there's opportunities to work together as we go forward," he said. "I hope this increases our trade with the Pacific Rim."

No deals have been signed, but the groundwork for future deals are being laid, he noted. "We're not here to sign anything. We're here to renew our relation-Jiangsu with ship Province."

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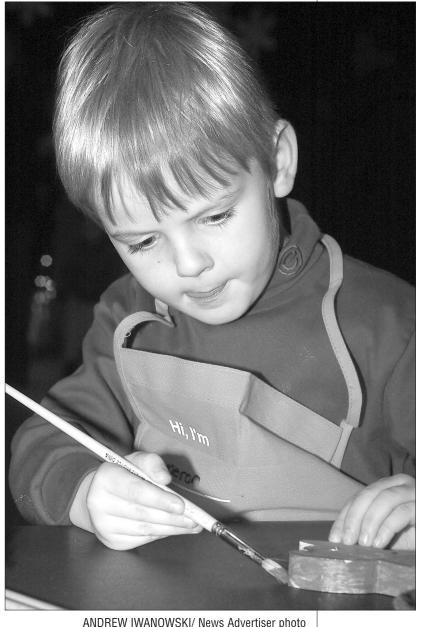
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Thousands roll up their sleeves for flu shot

DURHAM — More than 6,800 residents have already received a flu shot at Durham Region Health Department clinics during the first two weeks of this year's vaccination cam-

That's more than half of the total number of people vaccinated last

"In 2001, the Health Department immunized just over 10,000 area residents at our community clinics so we're doing quite well for the 2002 season," says Dr. Donna Reynolds, Durham Region Associate Medical Officer of Health. "Earlier this week,

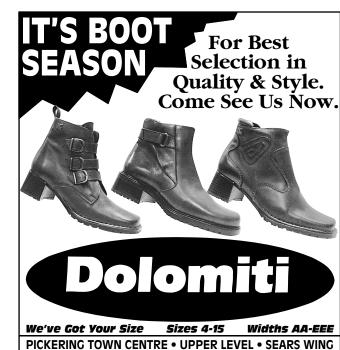
the health department was informed that influenza has been detected in York Region. It's important that people receive a flu shot as soon as possible to provide the best protection throughout the season."

Influenza usually enters the community through children and youth, especially through contacts at school. It is then seen in the adult population and long-term care facilities, followed by outbreaks.

"With the holidays just around the corner, there's still time to be vaccinated and protected for the holiday season," notes Dr. Reynolds. "Since it takes up to two weeks for immunity to develop following vaccination, it's very important to get your flu shot sooner rather than later to provide effective protection for the balance of

the season." The health department will be holding clinics at various locations throughout the region until Nov. 30.

For more information on influenza or a list of community clinic times and locations, visit Durham Region's website at www.region.durham.on.ca or call Durham Region Health Department at 905-723-8521 or 1-800-841-2729 ext 2900.





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Ernst and young on the court

Ajax squash player off to India for world junior championships

> BY AL RIVETT Sports Editor

AJAX — A strong season on the squash court just got a lot better for an Ajax teen.

Brian Ernst, 17, plans to leave it all on the court as one of four players to represent Canada at the World Junior Squash Championships in Chennai, India. The team leaves Friday for India, with the competition running Dec.

Nineteen countries are sending their top under-19 squash players to the premier event on the sport's calendar.

The Grade 12 student at Ajax High School is positively giddy at the prospect of representing his country.

"This is probably the biggest thing in my life. The world championships: It doesn't get bigger than that," said Ernst, a Grade 12 student at Ajax High School. "I'm getting the opportunity to travel the world and to represent Canada."

Ernst was named along with Robin Clarke, 16, of Ottawa, Brad Jones, 18, of the Kitchener area, and Matthew Serediak, 18, of Saskatchewan. Head coach Arthur Hough picked the team based upon year-long results and the national junior rankings.

The Canadians will play in both the individual portion of the tournament, along with a team event. Ernst should be one of the youngest players at the worlds and opens with a match against a Kenyan opponent. In Round 2, he plays an English foe. In the third round, however, he's slated to meet one of the highest seeds, a

"I'm looking to make third round at least," said Ernst. "I'm hoping to make it pretty far."

A strong season of tournament play, said Ernst, likely led him to the team after a number of wins in premier tournaments. He did, however, bow out to Serediak in the quarterfinals of the 2002 National Junior Squash Championships in Victoria, B.C. last March. Entering the Canadian champi-

onship as the number-three seed, Ernst said that result could have hurt his chances of making the world team, but his solid tournament results compensated for his stumble.

"We were all fighting for the highest position (on the world team), so because I won a lot of these tournaments, I seemed to gain some ground,"

He added the Canadian juniors are looked upon as one of the younger junior teams at the worlds. As such, they are not on the world radar as a legitimate contender.

"We're really a young team. We're kind of like the new generation of squash players. Because we're coming up, we're not expected to do well, but hopefully we'll create some upsets," said Ernst, who trains at the Pickering and Ajax squash clubs under coach Jean Delierre.

The pre-tournament favourite is top-ranked junior player James Willstrop, of England, who's also a top player on the Professional Squash Association tour where he regularly beats the top men in the

Ernst's season to remember has included top spot in the first Gold Tournament in Toronto in early October, in which he defeated Clarke in the final. At the next gold event in Burlington in late October, he defeated Dane Sharpe in the

Two weeks ago at the Junior Jesters event in Calgary, he defeated another world teammate, Jones, in the final. Last weekend he lost to Clarke in the final of the Ontario Closed tournament in Toronto.

Ernst has also played, and won, against adult competition this season. At the Epson 2002 Open in Toronto, he lost his first-round match to David Sly, the third-ranked men's player in the province. Later, in the consolation round, he defeated fourth-ranked men's player Luke Fraser.

Upon returning from the worlds, Ernst gets right back to work on the squash court, travelling to Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut for the U.S. Open Junior Championships.

Last year, he finished second in the Open's under-17 bracket. He'll play in the under-19 category this year.



ANDREW IWANOWSKI/ News Advertiser photo

Brian Ernst, 17, will represent Canada at the World Junior Squash Championships in Chen-

Leslie, Boyland rinks earn berths in regionals Annandale youth teams advance

following strong zone competitions

BY JIM EASSON

Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Two youth curling teams will rock on at the regionals after capturing their respective titles in zone competitions in Oshawa last weekend.

The Annandale Curling Club had three teams at the Ontario Curling Association Teranet Junior Zone. The bantam girls' team of Kaitlyn Leslie, Kayla Bianchi, Tracy O'Leary, and Lauren Hong, with coach Alex Bianchi, won the 'A' side of the junior women's draw. Four teams competed.

The Annandale junior men's team of Paul Boyland, Scott March, Chris Janssen, and Peter Stecyk, with coach Kim Bourque, advanced to the regionals after winning the 'B' side. They defeated the Annandale bantam boys' entry of skip Tim March, Matt Pyne, Patrick Janssen and Patrick Moylan,

See **YOUTH** page B2

Figuring it out

PICKERING — Calandra Carkner, of Pickering, concentrates on her routine while skating at the Bowmanville Figure Skating Club's 2002 Raccoon Rally on the weekend. Calandra skated in the preliminary ladies' 10-andunder event.

RON PIETRONIRO/ News Advertiser photo

Pine Ridge draws tough opening-round opponent at OFSAA

Pumas enter tourney as unseeded team; play top-ranked St. Mary of Hamilton

PICKERING — Pickering's Pine Ridge Secondary School Pumas senior girls basketball team has a tough road at the OFSAA AAAA championships beginning tomorrow.

The 18-team tournament gets under way tomorrow at 10 a.m., with games being played at each of four area high schools: Austin and All Saints in Whitby as well as Notre Dame and Richardson in Ajax.

Entering the provincial championship as the number-two Durham Region representative after losing 66-52 LOSSA championship to the Father Leo J. Austin Wildcats of Whitby, the unseeded Pumas (14-5) earned a berth at the tournament as the finalist of the host region.

Pine Ridge, however, has drawn a tough opening assignment, meeting number-one seeded St. Mary's from Hamilton at 2 p.m. at Notre Dame. St. Mary's has eight provincial team members and has earned its No. 1 seed by winning all 38 games this sea-

A loss there would likely pit the Pumas against No. 6-ranked

Glebe from Ottawa in the second

Semifinal and medal games will be held at Durham College Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. and culminating with the champi-

onship game at 8 p.m. **OFSAA AAAA Girls' Basketball Championship**

Schedule Thursday, Nov. 28 1. Austin vs. Aurora, 10 a.m. at Richardson

2. Westdale vs. Jarvis, 10 a.m. at Austin 3. Waterloo vs. Michael Power,

10 a.m. at All Saints 4. Glebe vs. Chinguacousy, 10 a.m. at Notre Dame 5. London South vs. Etobicoke, noon at Notre Dame

6. I.E. Weldon vs. Xavier, noon at Richardson 7. Grand River vs. Innisdale,

noon at Austin 8. St. Mary's vs. Pine Ridge, 2

p.m. at Notre Dame 9. St. Christopher's vs. Mc-Givney, 2 p.m. at Richardson 10. Loser Game 1/Loser Game 3, 4 p.m. at Richardson

11. Loser Game 2/Loser Game 4, 4 p.m. at Notre Dame Friday, Nov. 29

Games at 10 a.m. and noon at all

four locations Quarterfinals at 7 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. at Austin and All Saints Saturday, Nov. 30 Semifinals at 10 a.m. and noon at Durham College

Durham College

Durham College

Bronze medal game at 6 p.m. at Gold medal game at 8 p.m. at



SHAUN GRIFFITH Strong junior season at Canisius College.

Golden Griffith enjoys fine junior season

Area soccer player finishes top 10 in conference scoring

AJAX — An Ajax soccer player has adjusted nicely to the rigours of collegiate pitch play south of the border. Shaun Griffith, 21, re-

cently completed a strong junior season with the Canisius College Golden Griffins of Buffalo, New York. In fact, the striker finished the 2002 campaign with five goals and three assists for 13 points (goals count for two points in soccer) in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) conference and non-conference games.

Griffith said playing at the NCAA Division 1 level is a lot different from playing minor rep soccer in Scarborough with the North Scarborough Flyers and the North Scarborough Gunners organizations. It's faster and a great deal rougher.

"It's really tough competition. It's a lot different from Canadian competition," said Griffith, who's joined on the Golden Griffins by another Ajacian, senior Ryan Dummett, a defender. "It's very hard-hitting and it's a very physical, quick game."

Griffith was honoured earlier in the season as the MAAC conference's player of the week. That week, he scored two goals and added an assist, helping the Golden Griffs defeat Duquesne and then drop a double-overtime decision to Oneonta State University. He was named the school's player of the

week at the same time. He also finished in the top 10 in points, goals and assists in the MAAC confer-

Griffith noted the success of this year was in sharp contrast to his travails of a year ago when he missed his entire sophomore season with a broken foot.

The Canisius College men's soccer team features plenty of Canadian content, with numerous players coming from across the GTA as well as from western New York. "It's a pretty good mix," said Griffith, adding only Dummett graduates this year.

However, a strong individual season for Griffith didn't translate into a strong season for Canisius. The team finished with a 3-5-1 record in the MAAC, while going 5-12-1 overall.

Griffith noted attending Canisius was an easy choice, as it offered him the most scholarship money, along with being close to home.

He hopes to play soccer on a semi-professional basis or professionally when his college career ends.

Griffith is currently majoring in health education at Canisius, with an eye to becoming a teacher upon graduation.

St. Michael's Buzzers put boots to struggling Pickering Panthers

Last place local junior 'A' club drops home-and-home series

PICKERING — The Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers were buzzed by the St. Michael's Buzzers in a home-and-home series between the two junior 'A' hockey clubs.

The Panthers dropped their third and fourth games in a row, opening the weekend on home ice with a 3-2 loss Friday and then being buried 6-1 in Toronto Sunday night.

The losses keep the Panthers (5-21-3-0 for 13 points) tied for last place with the Thornhill Rattlers in the OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League's South Conference standings. The Rattlers, however, have four games in hand.

The Panthers kept it close for the most part in Sunday's game. The contest was tied 1-1 after 20 minutes, with the host Buzzers holding a scant 2-1 lead after two periods. St. Mike's, however, scored four unanswered goals in the third.

Brent Chandler scored the Panthers' goal, on the power play. Scott Gray faced 49 shots.

Meanwhile, in Friday's tilt, the Panthers received a solid goaltending effort from rookie backup Michael Fini who stopped 26 shots – which came in the third period.

Down by a goal late in the game, Pickering made several last-ditch attempts to net the equalizer.



Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers forward Peter Franchin tries the wraparound play, but St. Michael's Buzzers goaltender Michael Ella makes the save during OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League action in Pickering Friday night. The Panthers lost 3-2. In Toronto Sunday, the Pickering juniors lost to St. Mike's again, this time by a 6-1 count.

Leading scorer James Gadon scored both Pickering goals on the power play.

Assisting were Chandler with two, Peter Aston and Andrew Gilbert. Pickering's next game is this Fri-

day, Nov. 28, in Aurora against the Tigers.

Game time is 8 p.m.

Local player helps St. Michael's secure Metro Bowl football title

Russell's Kerry Blues blast Etobicoke Rams at Toronto's SkyDome

DURHAM — A local football player had a hand in helping a Toronto private school secure the Metro Bowl championship last weekend.

Tyler Russell played for the St. Michael's College School Kerry Blues in the championship against the Etobicoke Rams at SkyDome last Friday. The undefeated Kerry Blues (11-0) posted a big 42-6 vic-

A longtime resident of the Ajax and Pickering area, Russell played for the Ajax-Pickering Dolphins for three seasons, which included a Central Ontario Minor Football League championship with the bantam squad.

PICKERING MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

GAME ONE

TOP SCORERS

Envoy: Luke Lukkonen 12; Karl Slovarra 11; Roger Young

Ell-Rod Holdings: Steve Hewitt 7, Steve Hemphill 7, Corra-

GAME TWO

TOP SCORERS

Gallantry's: Randy Filinski 15, Jim Bowen 11, Don Leahy

Verifeye: Karl Hutchinson 27, Tom Parisi 9, Damon Alyea 5. GAME THREE

West Hill Mens Slo. Pitch 37 vs. Accent Building Services

TOP SCORERS

West Hill Mens Slo. Pitch: Bruce Briard 16, Craig Yakimishyn 6, Tom Recalis 6.

Accent Building Services: Bob Pfizer 18, Chris Sheldon 7,

GAME FOUR

TOP SCORERS

Lakar Carpentry: Colin Exeter 18, Ivor Walker 15, Bill War-

Warwick Publishing: Gord Brown 13, Ian Campbell 10,

GAME FIVE

The Base: George Iordanov 22, Conrad Davis 16, Chris

Brown Pineo Van Kempen: Mike Horn 13, Bill Boston 13

PICKERING HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ATOM HOUSE LEAGUE STANDINGS

As of Nov. 24/02

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The Base 71 vs. Brown Pineo Van Kempen 47.

Envoy Business Services 41 VS. Ell-Rod Holdings 26

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TEAM

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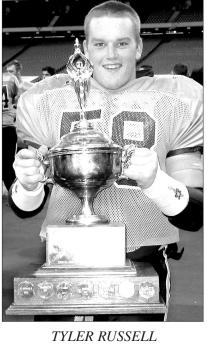
Pickering Oldtimers

Sam Terry 6.

Stanley 10, Jim Burke 8.

Carl Sassman 8, Fred Dever 7.

Gallantry's Eatery 55 vs. Verifeye 50



RESULTS FROM NOV. 24/02
Boyer Pontiac 6 vs. Pickering Old-Timers 4; 3R Collision 0

vs. Master Mechanic 4; The Score Network 4 vs. Pickering Slo-Sports Oldtimers 3; Papps 0 vs. Monarch Kitchens 5; Ontario Power Generation 6 vs. Pickering Honda 1; Legion

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL JUNIOR 'A' HOCKEY LEAGUE

As of Nov. 25/02 SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

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Pickering Slo-Sports Legion 606 Pickering Honda

3R Collision

TEAM

Markham

Oshawa

North York

Thornhill

Pickering

James Gadon

Peter Franchin

Brent Chandler

Ryan Annesley

Bryan Hampton

Andrew Gilbert

Craig Johnston

Andrew Dissanavake

Jesse Toms

Jamie Wright

Rob Foster

Ken Brown

Scott Gray Michael Fini

TEAM

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38 33

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Michael Alexiou

Peter Aston

TEAM

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Annandale Curling Club's Paul Boyland rink defeated the Tim March team, also from Annandale, at the zone competition at the Oshawa Golf club. The Boyland team will advance to the regionals in Oakville this weekend. From left to right are coach Kim Bourque, Boyland, Chris

Janssen, Peter Stecyk and Scott March. Youth curlers advance to regionals

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with Dave March coaching, in a tight game with the March team in front most of the way.

There were nine teams in the draw with Jeff Thomas of Tam Heather winning the 'A' side.

The Port Perry club was originally slated to host the zone events, but lost its ice, so the zones were moved to Os-

Meaghan O'Leary, a longtime Annandale curler, skipped a junior women's team representing the Whitby Club and won the 'B' side, thus moving on to the regionals, slated for Oakville next weekend.

The annual season-long Annandale skins competition got under way last week. Thirty-two club teams play down to two that will play the final game around closing night, with \$405 to be won.

Eight teams are currently alive on the 'A'-side and each have won \$10 so far. Their next game has to be completed by Dec. 18. Sixteen teams in the 'B'-side and eight in the consolation event now have to win in all their games, or be eliminated.



JASON JORDAN Named as McMaster tournament's MVP.

Jordan gives air to **Trojans** hoops crown

Pickering High downs St. Mary Monarchs in semifinal

AJAX — A renewed commitment to defence gave the Pickering High School Trojans senior boys' basketball team its first tournament victory of the season.

Facing A.N. Myer from Niagara Falls in the championship game of the McMaster University Tournament, the Trojans played well in the opening half, but trailed by two at halftime. Trojans' coach Ron Parfitt stressed defence in the intermission, and his troops heeded the message.

The Trojans responded with tenacious defence that limited Myer to a mere three points in the third quarter and allowed Pickering High to pull out a 53-40 victory, their fifth consecutive win in the tournament.

Jason Jordan was named the tournament's most valuable player. Jerome Forde was named to the tourney's all-star team.

The Trojans faced Pickering rival St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs in the semifinal. It was the first time the teams had met since last season's Lake Ontario Secondary Schools Athletics (LOSSA) final, won by the Monarchs. The Trojans got a measure of revenge with a 60-45 victory. Ian Wight led the way with 15 points for the Trojans.

The Trojans started the tourney by topping Cardinal Newman from Scarborough 63-32. Wight paced Pickering High with a 15-point effort.

Forde dropped 16 points to lead the Trojans to a 56-42 victory over Sherwood in Game 2.

In the final round-robin contest, Pickering High scored a 57-49 victo-

ry over Leger. Navin Singh led the Trojans with 12 points.

Get a jump on next golf season AJAX — Women can

get into the swing of things at an upcoming golf clinic and prepare their game for next season.

Friends of the Ajax Library and Carruther's Creek Golf Centre host a women's golf clinic Sunday, Feb. 23.

Whether you are new to the game or want to jumpstart your golf season, the clinic can offer timely tips. Putting, the golf swing, etiquette and rules will be covered.

Tickets are \$50 and include a barbecue lunch and fashion show. Tickets are available at any branch of the Ajax Public Library, but deadline for registration is Dec. 15. Those registering will be entered into a draw for a golf bag courtesy of Prestwick Golf Shop.

Call Cindy Kimber at 905-683-6632.





Jason Jordan helped himself

to most valuable player honours while helping the Pickering High School Trojans senior boys' basketball team capture its first tournament victory of the season.

In the final, the Trojans limited A.N. Myer from Niagara Falls to a mere three points in the third quarter and allowed Pickering High to pull out a 53-40 victory, their fifth consecutive win in the tournament.

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ENTERTAINMENT **IN BRIEF**

Have a Dickens of a time this Christmas

DURHAM — Actors, local high school musicians and the CBC are bringing a Christmas present to Newcastle this month

On Nov. 30, CBC's Bernie Mc-Namee, of Canada at Five newscast fame, hosts a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol' at 4:30 p.m. at the Newcastle Community Hall.

Joining him in the classic tale of the Christmas spirit will be actress Zoe Heath, a Bowmanville native and her husband and fellow actor Jacob Simons, their friend and actor Sean Elliot, along with television and movie actor Stephen McHattie, a Nova Scotia native now living in California.

Music is provided by Clarke High School students, under the direction of Patrick Dewell.

Doors open at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and may be reserved by calling Newcastle Community Church at 905-987-4384 or 905-987-4561. Proceeds go to the church's Christmas hamper program.

One parent family group keeping busy

AJAX — Strut your stuff at a dance in early December.

The Ajax-Pickering chapter of the One Parent Families Association holds its monthly dance Saturday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Pickering Recreation Centre, 1867 Valley Farm Rd. in Pickering. Dress code is in effect and all are welcome.

In addition, the group meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. (8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month) at the Ajax Cricket Club, corner of Monarch Avenue and Clements Road. Meetings are for both custodial and non-custodial parents whether your children are two or 42.

For more information on the dance, call Sandra at 905-686-7933 and for the meetings call 905-426-4646. The group also has a Web site at www.geocities.com/opfaca.

PineRidge Arts Council meets next week

PICKERING — Attend an upcoming meeting and help plan the approaching season of arts and crafts.

The PineRidge Arts Council holds its next meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 valley Farm Rd., in

Admission is free and all are wel-

For more information, call 905-509-

Deck the halls

with church choir

PICKERING — An upcoming concert promises to have you jingling bells. Amberlea Presbyterian Church, 1820 Whites Rd. N. in Pickering, holds a night of Christmas music Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

There will be special appearances by the junior choir and the 7th Pickering Scout choir. There is no cost. For information call 905-839-1383.

Library branches out to art exhibits

DURHAM — There are more than books at the Northview branch of the Oshawa Public Library.

The Nonquon room features exhibits by artists. During November, Belgian designer, illustrator and graphic artist Dirk Michiels displays his whimsical graphic works.

In December, local multi-media artist Kaitlin Ann exhibits her works in 'Spirits of the Wind - Beginnings.'

In January, Wayne McLeod, a local artist, features a new display of mixedmedia works.

The Northview branch is located at 250 Beatrice St. E.

The space is available free of

charge to local artists by calling 905-

Country Four performs Dec. 1 at Clarke Museum

DURHAM — The Country Four, a Durham barbershop quartet, performs at the Christmas open house of the Clarke Museum and Archives Dec. 1.

The schoolhouse is decorated for the season and the museum gift shop is selling reproduction Victorian Christmas ornaments. The Country Four will also be selling its new CD.

The open house runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

For information, call 905-983-9243.

New group pipes up

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann aims to keep alive culture, tradition of Irish music

> BY LESLEY BOVIE Staff Writer

PICKERING — Sitting in a pub, tapping your toes to an Irish tune there's nothing quite like it, says Debbie Quigley.

"I love the music. I've played it for over 30 years," she says. "There's also a comfort level when you sit down in a pub and start playing with your friends.

"You're helping to keep a culture and tradition alive."

That's precisely what the Durham Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann (CCE) group aims to do with its official launch Thursday, Nov. 28 at the Fox and Fiddle Mansion.

Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, translated from Irish Gaelic, means a group of Irish singers and musicians.

There are 400 CCE branches worldwide dedicated to raising awareness about traditional Irish music, while offering a venue for musicians to play and share their talents with the community. While about 13 exist in Canada, up until recently, the closest was in Toronto.

Gerard Walsh, of Pickering, decided to change that.

"A lot of people found it difficult to get to some of the downtown events, especially if they have a young family," said the Durham CCE chairman. "At the same time, there was quite a lot of interest out here."

The group has started offering instruction each Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fox and Fiddle for anyone wanting to try their hand at a traditional instrument.

You'll most often find a fiddle, an accordion, a bodhran and an uillean pipe accompanying an Irish melody.

A bodhran is a hand-held drum, while an uillean pipe is like a bag-



JASON LIEBREGTS/ News Advertiser photo

It's fiddle lesson time for Ailish Reid, right. Ailish is among a growing number of musicians looking to learn the finer points of traditional Irish music. With a new group, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, setting up here in Durham and meeting regularly at the Fox and Fiddle Mansion in Pickering, they now have a place close to home. Instructor Jim McGee, left, and Carolyn McGee joined Ailish during this number.

pipe, only much more advanced, said of the day outlawed the use of bag-Quigley, one of the group's three music instructors.

Instead of blowing air into it through a mouthpiece, the uillean pipe is played by pumping in air through a bellows with your elbow.

"The uillean pipe has a wider range of notes," added Quigley. "The highland pipe has nine notes, while the Uillean pipe has two octaves and a note. It's an indoor instrument."

In fact, Quigley said you can trace the instrument's roots back to 16th century Ireland, when the government pipes. In defiance, the smaller, much more quieter pipe was developed.

pipe from Chris Langan, who for

years was one of the only people in

She learned how to play the uillean

North America making the traditional instrument. But the pipe has enjoyed a resurgence in popularity thanks to movies like 'Rob Roy' and 'Braveheart', she

"It's a difficult instrument to recreate digitally," said Quigley, who has

played the pipe on five 'Solitude' CDs

and most recently a Tim Hortons commercial.

You can hear the uillean pipe in action at the Nov. 28 launch, with CCE musicians playing from 8 p.m. to midnight.

There will also be adult set dancing, which is much like square dancing, and children's step dancing, which is similar to 'Riverdance', said

The Fox and Fiddle Mansion is located at 1294 Kingston Road. For more information, call the Durham CCE at 905-420-6645.

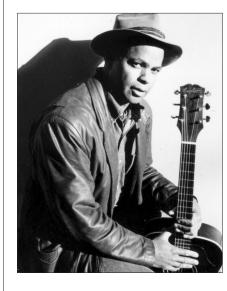


A.J. GROEN/ News Advertiser photo

A date with some Friends

AJAX — The Friends of the Ajax Public Library group held its annual book sale at the McLean Community Centre recently, featuring plenty of great deals, including the sweet sounds of The Belle Aires. Doing their part for the event were, from left, Hazel Cornthwaite, Adrienne Hucaluk, Audrey Hintze and Bel Dickson.

Blues star Guy Davis plays Vital Spark



BLUESMAN GUY DAVIS Musician, composer, actor performs Dec. 7 in Brooklin.

DURHAM — Bluesman Guy Davis comes to the Vital Spark Folk Society for its Dec. 7 concert.

The musician, composer, actor, director and writer sings the blues at the concert, the latest in the society's 2002-03 season.

Born to actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Davis has dedicated himself to reviving the tradition of acoustic blues and to the musical tradition which has deep roots in the American south. He writes his own songs, stories and performance pieces but also incorporates material of the great blues masters and African-American stories.

He taught himself how to play guitar and credits a wide variety of influences in his music and writing. He's starred in Broadway and off-Broadway

His CDs include 'Stomp Down Rider' (1995), 'Call Down Thunder' (1996), 'You Don't Know My Mind'

(1998), 'Butt Naked Free' (2000) and, his latest, 'give in kind'

Davis has been called "one of the bright lights of contemporary acoustic blues" and "a gristle-voiced fusion of Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Charlie Patton."

The multi-talented American performs at 8 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre, 45 Cassels Rd., Brooklin. The hall is wheelchair-accessible and the concert is a non-smoking event.

Tickets are \$16. A voluntary membership costs \$10 per year and current members may purchase four discounted tickets (\$14) per show.

Tickets are available at Mitchell Lumber, 15 Church St., Brooklin, or Lafontaine Trading Post, 106 Dundas St. W., Whitby (cash or cheque only), or call Vicki Martel at 905-432-3237.

For information on Vital Spark, check out www.vitlsprk.icomm.ca.

Fan the flames and get your act in gear

PICKERING — Local actors are needed to fill the roles for an upcoming theatrical production.

Reality Outreach Ministries, a St. Catharines-based production company, is coming to Pickering to present its version of 'Heaven's Gates and Hell's

The group is looking for about 40 volunteers 15 to 90 years old to fill acting and stagehand roles.

"They are mainly looking for people who are interested in acting," said Bev Browne, committee chairman at the Casting begins in mid-December at

Pickering, with the play presented there sometime in March. The production comprises a series of vignettes about people who live life,

make choices, die, and find themselves

outside heaven asking the question,

The Gathering Place, 1920 Bayly St., in

'Angel, is my name in your book?' Reality Outreach Ministries is a nonprofit organization that for over 25 years has travelled to more then 20 countries, including Russia, Ukraine, Romania, India and South Africa, pre-

senting the play.

"We sometimes have to turn people away at the door because the seats are full," said Reality administrator Webb Morgan. "One time we stayed at a church performing for 28 straight days filling the seats every night. The play seems to be very successful everywhere

Performing the same play for more than 25 years would seem to get repetitive, but Mr. Morgan assured, "It is still very exciting and energetic every time we do it."

He also noted Reality Outreach Ministries may produce a new play down the road, but its main objective right now is enhancing the play with visual effects such as big screens and multimedia. This will be the first time Reality Outreach Ministries brings the play to the Gathering Place, but there have been productions in Ajax.

For more information, call the Gathering Place at 905-428-6888.

It's all about teaching style for local author

Ajax businessman Rory Sheehan says anyone can learn

BY JEREMY LE PAGE Staff Writer

DURHAM — There are no learning disabilities, just teaching disabilities, says educational trainer Rory Sheehan.

"(People) are learning machines. It's impossible not to learn," he says. "But one of the things about education is they never teach you how to

Mr. Sheehan, who has a degree in education and is a senior trainer at Positive Strategies in Ajax, has spoken to countless corporations and education faculty about his theories on "easy learning." Staff at the Royal Bank of Canada, Investors Group, various Montessori school boards and masters students at Brock University are just a few who have listened to his words.

And now, he has a series of books about educational strategies. The first three books, from a series of six, are: 'Spelling Made Easy', 'Memory Made Easy', and 'Turn On Your Brain For Learning'.

"At first, people wouldn't listen," Mr. Sheehan admits about his strategies. "But then people started seeing the results." He says his method of teaching fo-

cuses on removing communication barriers between teachers and students, and encouraging simple access for the student to his or her unconscious mind, through a process he calls "guided imagery".

For example, he says spelling is not an auditory skill, but a visual one. Within minutes of demonstrating simple visual techniques, he says individuals begin to excel at the skill of spelling - even if they struggled prior to the lesson.

"I was so excited about this simple approach to spelling I started teaching it in my classes to demonstrate how easy learning is... Students were amazed and the confidence level of students of all ages went way up," Mr. Sheehan explains.

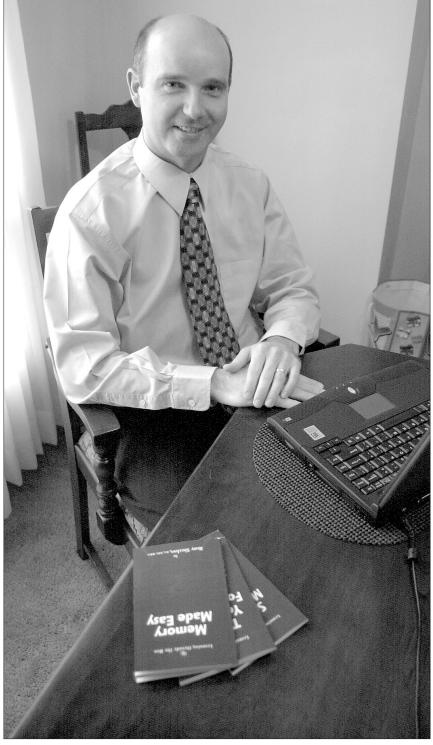
Don Fraser teaches sports administration at Durham College. He often brings Mr. Sheehan in to talk to his classes.

"(Mr. Sheehan) has an ability to get people to understand how to learn," he says. "He loves to share how to think... (As a teacher) occasionally I step outside of the box. He does it all the time."

Mr. Fraser refers to Mr. Sheehan as a "thinking coach," and an "educator at large."

Mr. Sheehan says his lessons are for students of all ages. One woman, he says, who claimed to have dyslexia, was skeptical of his methods. But with tips from Mr. Sheehan, she was spelling words with ease 10 minutes into the first lesson.

People live down to the labels they are given, he explains. "Young kids (and in turn adults), are conditioned to believe they have learning problems," he says. "But if people believe they can do something, they can... I



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Ajax businessman Rory Sheehan speaks to organizations about his theory on 'easy learning'. He noted people 'are learning machines. It's impossible not to learn.'

think it really comes down to teach-

Mr. Sheehan says today's school systems were designed after the Second World War to teach "assembly

An example, he explains, is while only 40 per cent of students learn best from their listening skills, most teachers continue to use mainly auditory methods to teach. That leaves 60 per cent of the students who learn better from other teaching styles, such as visual methods, at a disadvantage.

"It's no wonder the frustration is rising," he says about students who are maladjusted to much of the current learning curriculum.

In fact, Mr. Sheehan says conditions such as Attention Deficit Disorder don't really exist, and are often just a reaction to the way an individ-

ual is being taught. Most kids with

ADD, he points out, have no trouble watching three hours of television at one time. Learning has to do with in-

"So rather than bring the bar down," he says, "we must bring the bar up. (Learning) comes down to self-perception."

Mr. Sheehan says the first step is to learn how an individual's mind works, and then tailor the lessons to produce results. Motivation must come from inside an individual, he

Learning is not supposed to be "hard, take a long time, and be expensive," he explains, "it's all about

communication." Mr. Sheehan says his reward is watching as students achieve positive

"It becomes magic to young kids," he says. "I could do this (job) all day, every day. And I do."

Gallery has its eye on environment

DURHAM — Three local artists will exhibit their environmentally-inspired works at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery this winter.

Tony Cooper, Rowena Dykins, Sean McQuay: Watershed runs from Nov. 28 to Jan. 26, with an opening reception Dec. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The three artists are concerned about land and water, particularly the Oak Ridges Moraine, the watershed for their

Correction

AJAX — A photo caption in the Nov. 20 edition of the News Advertiser contained an error.

Toni Grates was performing a dance routine for local students.

The News Advertiser regrets the

communities. Cooper, from Orono, and Dykins, from Osĥawa, concentrate in the Bowmanville Creek in the works while McQuay, of Whitby, focuses on Lynde Marsh. Each artist visits particular spots many times in order to document the changes in the urban and natural environment. Their works include sculpture, photography, video and paintings.

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Law rules student art show

PICKERING — Crystal Brown earned best in show honours at the Art and Soul Gallery's first juried art show for Durham students in Grade 4 to 12. The Grade 12 student's pencil drawing of Jude Law bears a striking resemblance to the actor. Over 60 pieces of work were entered, with judging taking place last Saturday. The show continues until Nov. 29.

Tenor appears at concert

DURHAM — Tenor Mark Dubois will join Dr. Benjamin Ho and friends in the ninth annual benefit Christmas concert for the Oshawa General Hospital Foundation on Dec. 14.

Dubois, a noted lyric tenor, will perform at the annual concert for the first time. He's performed with every major orchestra in Canada and several in the United States. He's garnered rave reviews whether he's singing opera, operetta, oratorio, lieder, baroque, Broadway or modern musical theatre.

Also new to the benefit concert is Gisele Fredette, who has performed on television, film, radio, musical theatre and opera.

Making return visits will be pianist Wan Li, who will perform Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff piano concertos with the Festival Players Orchestra, and soprano Xiaoping Hu, who won the 1983 International Singing Competition in Budapest and performs throughout Asia and Europe. Dr. Ho will also sing

The singers will be accompanied by John Charles Coolen.

The concert will be held at Trinity Pentecostal Church, 900 King St. E., at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each for general seating or \$150 for four premium reserved seating, a mention in the pro-

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The 7:30 p.m. concert will feature a variety of seasonal music, including selections from Walt Disney, the 'Nutcracker' Ballet and Handel's 'Messiah.' There will also be a carol sing-a-long. The ensemble is directed by Calvin Friedrich.

Tickets for the concert, to be held at the Free Methodist Church, 1916 Rossland Rd. E., are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students and children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets are available at Wilson and Lee Music, 87 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, Walters Music Centre, Oshawa Centre, Thomas House of Music, 1001 Burns St. E., Whitby, Whitby School of Music, 103 Dundas St. W., and at the door before the concert.

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Guitar teacher 'picks' award-winning musicians

BY JANE McDONALD Staff Writer

DURHAM — Brian Lock can soon tell when one of his students has what it takes. In the 10 years he's been teaching classical guitar, he's seen natural ability at least seven times.

"I can usually tell within one or two lessons," says the full-time teacher of classical guitar and musical theory. "Some people struggle putting their fingers on the guitar." But for all those who have trouble holding the strings down on the frets as they pick and pluck, there are those who display an almost effortless talent.

"Others are naturals and move their fingers easily," confirms Lock of his award-winning students. "Most students that come to me might strum a bit but they want to learn classical and learn to read music." Indeed they do. In the last decade, seven of his students have received top provincial honours in the form of Silver Music Awards from the prestigious Royal Conservatory of Music, the organization that conducts 90 per cent of all music exams in Cana-

Stacey Thompson took top honours in the Grade 6 classical guitar exam this year. Last year, he earned the highest marks of any student in Ontario for both

"I started studying classical guitar with Brian three years ago because I wanted to learn the real way to read music," says Thompson. At 30, he's played guitar for half his life and hopes for a career in music.

"I'm more into rock," he confesses, 'but with classical, I'm learning to play the guitar overall." Thompson is well known for playing at local venues and adds he's found audiences appreciative of classical guitar.

"I've had good response," he says. And although he would like to "hook up



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It doesn't take long for guitar instructor Brian Lock, posing with students Darius Hatami, left, and Stacey Thompson, to know when he has a natural on his hands. In his 10 years of teaching, he figures he's had at least

with a rock band," he says playing classical demands he concentrate so hard, he is able to focus better on other tasks.

Darius Hatami says he also started lessons with Lock because he wanted to learn more about the rock music he heard played on the radio. "I was challenged by the classical guitar," says the 15-year-old O'Neill Collegiate student. "I'm open to all music, except country

Many of Lock's students have gone on to musical careers and some are still studying music in university. Lock studied classical guitar throughout the 1980s with Robert Feurestei who, along with Liona Boyd, was a protege of Alexandre Lagoya of France. Lock also studied under the direction of Dr. John Robertson of Oshawa in the late 1980s when he became a member of the music

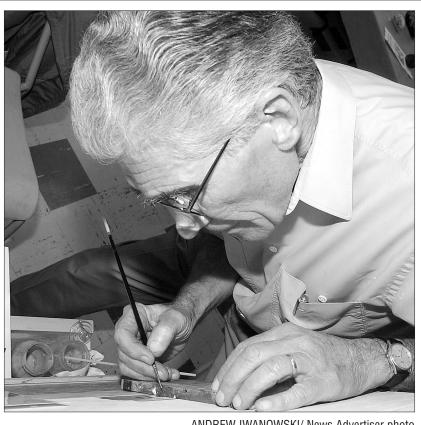
selection committee for the Oshawa-Whitby Kiwanis Musical Festival, entering students in music festivals in Toronto, Peel, Pickering and Oshawa. He became an affiliate teacher with the Royal Conservatory of Music in 1993.

But it is the instrument teacher and students say they prize over others.

"I like the sound," says Lock. "The guitar is more personal. You can take it with you and it's also a solo instrument and can be played without any accompaniment."

"It's always there for you," adds Hatami. "You can pick it up and play. It won't go away on you."

Lock teaches out of his private guitar studio in Oshawa, and at Walters Music in the Oshawa Centre. He's taught ages six to 75 and people from all walks of



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Drawing a fine line

PICKERING — The East Shore Art Group brought together its considerable talents recently for its second annual show and sale, held at the East Shore Community Centre. Gerry May was among the artists on hand to meet visitors, spending downtime working on this landscape oil painting.

Take in Christmas choir Dec. 7

DURHAM — The wonder and miracle of Christmas are the focus of a seasonal musical to be performed by Durham Adventist Church on Dec.

The 60-voice choir will present 'A Midnight Clear' at the Bowmanville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2850 Hwy. 2 East in Bowmanville at 7 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken.

Written and arranged by Randy Vader, Jay Rouse and Camp Kirkland,

'A Midnight Clear' is a blend of wellknown Christmas carols with new tunes and words with a contemporary

Sharon Janes-Foreman, who has sung with the Toronto Orpheus and Mendelssohn choirs and been a soloist for numerous events, directs the choir. The accompanist is Greg

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Blizzard of fun planned during December as Winterfest kicks off

Pickering celebrates the season with a month of activity

BY LESLEY BOVIE Staff Writer

PICKERING — Let the festivities begin.

Winterfest 2002 kicks off this weekend with a month of fun in the snow planned for Pickering. "This is our best year yet," said Ward

2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland, chairman of the organizing committee. "We've spent more time meeting and planning for this year's event and we're

Winterfest was launched in 1998 after the City decided more was needed in the way it ushered in the holiday.

"Pickering had a tree lighting cere-

mony but it wasn't anything exciting, to be terribly honest," he said. With the help of sponsors Ontario Power Generation and the Pickering

Town Centre, Winterfest became a variety of events spaced over December to get families in the holiday mood. It gets under way with Christmas in the Village Sunday, Dec. 1 and finishes

Sunday, Dec. 8 from noon to 3 p.m., with both events at the Pickering Museum Village. Visitors can explore a Victorian Christmas, as well as other Scottish and German holiday traditions as they tour historic buildings.

The Pickering Town Centre Choir Festival is Dec. 3 to 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the finale Saturday, Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 6 there is a tree lighting and fireworks display in Esplanade Park beginning at 6:45 p.m. Santa will be joined by the Pickering Concert Band, Lenny Graf, Combo #5, and Mayor Wayne Arthurs and members of council in a countdown to the tree lighting. A midway, wagon rides and ice sculpture demonstrations are also

Other events include the Pickering Town Centre Midnight Madness Friday,

Dec 6 and 20; free movies and crafts at the Pickering Nuclear Information Centre Saturday, Dec. 7, Saturday, Dec.14 and Monday, Dec. 23; a poinsettia tea for seniors Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; and the mayor's light tour for seniors Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7:15 p.m.

Residents can explore their creative side with a snow sculpture competition Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Esplanade Park behind the Civic complex. Prizes will be given for first and second place in three age categories: youth 16 and under, family, and adults ages 17

There will also be a music night Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. in council chambers featuring free performances by local musicians and choirs. And for those wanting to take centre stage themselves, holiday karaoke takes place in the food court at Pickering Town Centre Saturday, Dec. 21 from noon to 4 p.m.

There is a Tim Hortons free skate at the Pickering Recreation Complex Friday, Dec. 27, Monday, Dec. 30, Thursday, Jan. 2, and Friday, Jan. 4, all from 1

Winterfest winds down with a New Year's Eve skate and swim Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pickering Recreation Complex.

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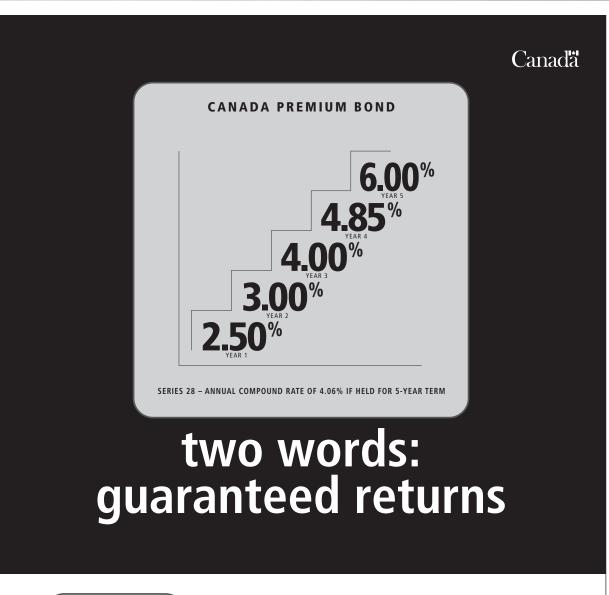
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AJAX — Nikki Hutchinson had the blues last week, a blues song that is, as part of a music marathon at Pickering High School. The day of entertainment was a fund-raiser for the school's senior concert band so it can attend a Toronto music festival in January. Nikki was accompanied on the piano by Catie Sahadath.

PICKERING NEWS ADVERTISER BILLBOARD

November 27, 2002

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27 **CANADIAN ORGANIC GROWERS:**

The Durham chapter holds its annual Town Hall meeting, an informal group chat about summer gardening experiences. Bring photos, stories, questions, and a sample of your favourite baking. Meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the Durham District School Board's administration building, 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby, Room 2007. Everyone welcome. Call Dianne Pazaratz at 905-433-7875 or Vincent Powers at 905-263-9907.

ONE PARENT SUPPORT: The Ajax-Pickering Chapter of the One Parent Families Association meets every Wednesday at the Ajax Cricket Club, corner of Monarch Avenue and Clements Road, Ajax. It's for custodial and non-custodial parents, whether your children are two or 42. Meetings are at 8 p.m. except the second Wednesday of the month when start time is 8:30 p.m. Call 905-426-4646 or visit www.geocities.com/opfaca.

COMPUTER CLUB: The Macintosh Users East (MaUsE) group holds its next meeting in the lecture theatre at Henry Street High School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include the future of the club, the chance to have your Mac fixed, and an opportunity to trade and sell computers. There is no cost and new members are always welcome, Call 905-433-0777.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT: Alzheimer Durham's Ajax-Pickering support group meets at 7:30 p.m. at 487 Westney Rd. S., Units 19 and 20 (at Clements Rd. W.), Ajax. All caregivers welcome. Call 905-576-2567.

HEALTH COUNCIL MEETING: The Durham Haliburton Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Health Council holds its next meeting at 6 p.m. at the McLean Community Centre, 95 Magill Dr., Conference Room 2, Ajax. Seating is limited so RSVP is you plan to attend. Call 705-748-2992.

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

SUPPORT GROUP: A bereavement support group for people who have recently lost a loved one meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Hospice Durham, 209 Dundas St. E., Whitby. Call Julie Chatterton at 905-242-1580 or 1-888-790-9414. LEARNING DISABILITIES: The

Learning Disabilities Association of Durham Region meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St. N., in Ajax. Guest speaker Kelly Bidon, from Northern Lights Vocational Services' bridge to employment program, discusses services, counselling and career awareness for the learning disabled. Meetings are free and open to the public. Call Shannon at 905-571-1145.

ANONYMOUS: OVEREATERS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program whose members meet every Thursday at La Storta, at the north end of Liverpool Road next to Manresa Retreat House, in Pickering. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are either in the basement or the library. Call Edith during the day at 905-686-3834 or Mary in the evening at 905-428-8660.

CRAFT SHOW: The 'I believe... Christmas magic' craft show runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Highbush Public School, 605 Stroud's La. in Pickering. Admission is \$2 for adults, with children under 13 free. Call 905-839-5289.

WOMEN'S CLUB: The Ajax-Pickering Christian Women's Club holds its next meeting from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. at Gallantry's Banquet Hall in the Pickering Town Centre. The feature is 'Vera's quilts'. Jeanette McKay discusses 'the true pattern for living', while Laura Breedon offers musical entertainment. Cost is \$5, or \$3 for first-time visitors.

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SENIORS' ACTIVITIES: The Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club offers line dancing every Thursday at 1 p.m. Call Jack at 905-683-9696 or Agnes at 905-686-1573.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29 BINGO. SHUFFLEBOARD AND **CLOGGING:** The Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club plays bingo every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every Wednesday at 1 p.m., shuffleboard every Friday at 9:30 a.m., and a cloggers group meets Fridays at 1:30 p.m., all at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Dr., Ajax. Call Mary for bingo information at 905-427-9000, Barb at 905-686-0190 for information on shuffleboard and Agnes at 905-686-1573 for clogging.

ADDICTION HELP: The Serenity Group meets every Friday at 8 p.m. for a 12-step recovery program at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd. in Pickering. Group deals with all types of addictions, including co-dependency. Child care is available. Call Jim evenings at 905-428-9431.

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE: Mt. Zion United Church holds its annual craft and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Mt. Zion Community Centre, 4230 Salem Rd., north Pickering. More than 40 vendors will display new homemade crafts and lunch will be available. Sale continues Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Shirley Jamieson at 905-649-5102 or Evelyn James at 905-649-5200.

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Laurie Lonsdale is signing 'Neon Nights' Nov. 30 at Coles Bookstore in the Pickering Town Centre from 2 to 4 p.m.

Her novel is the sequel to 'Chasing Rainbows, Catching Dust,' a spicy, mainstream novel that was published by America House Publishers in December 2001. 'Neon Nights' follows Jessica (Taylor) Fairbanks in her life in Hollywood and branches out to Panama and Las Vegas. The main character now has a successful career and her own film-production company and a family but finds her life spinning out of control.

Lonsdale, who just completed another manuscript, 'Wild Side — A Rock n' Roll Romp,' was born and raised in Toronto but now lives in Whit-

PICKERING — A Whitby author is signing by with her husband, Robert, and 15-month-old daughter Jessica.

Lonsdale had wanted to become a journalist but was attracted to the music business, working in sales and marketing. Years later, after health concerns and her marriage, she turned to freelance writing, eventually penning her first novel.

The book was chosen as manager's pick for September 2002 by the United Authors Association. Lonsdale is working on the outline for the third book following the story begun in her first two books

'Neon Nights' will be available Dec. 7. Anyone interested in reading her published work or in reading and posting reviews can do so at www.authorsden.com/laurielonsdale laurie_lonsdale.tripod.com/laurielonsdale.



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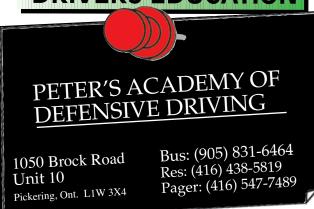
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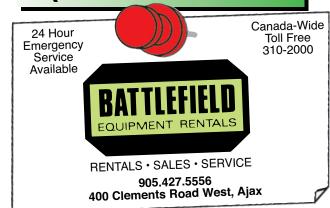
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