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Participants will also receive free bicycle safety information and free refreshments.

Pickering: Finding careers that best suit peoples' needs is the aim of the YMCA Durham Employment Services.

On Thursday, May 29 from 7 to 8 p.m., the Y offers a free parent information session. Parents can join youngsters to learn about the different options and opportunities available for youth employment. Participants also receive a free information package on job searching tips and resources that will help in finding work.

The organization also offers free employment services to all ages, through employment programs for youth, job opportunities, free usage of computers and fax machine and access to employability skills training. Resume assistance, job search and interview skills, safety training, career exploration and computer basics are also available. Employment job skills specialists work closely with individuals to help find the job they're seeking.

YMCA Durham Employment Services in at 1550 Kingston Rd., at Valley Farm Road, Pickering. For information or to register for the parent information session, call 905-427-7670.

What's On...

Ajax: The United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge meets tonight (Wednesday) for its 33rd annual general meeting.

The local organization, which provides funding to numerous community groups across Durham, meets May 28 at 7 p.m. in the Ajax Public Library central branch, 55 Harwood Ave. S. The public is welcome. For more information, call the United Way office at 906-686-0606.

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PICKERING — St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School students sure know how to meet a challenge. The school held a number of fund-raising events with \$3,000 earning principal Betty McDonald a date with this pig and \$5,000 meaning vice-principal Jamie Dufresne could kiss his hair goodbye. The students met both challenges, meaning the charity Share Life was a big winner in the end.

Board can't offer hire life

Despite deals, teachers' union continues to pink list public system

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham's public school board is ignoring the elementary teachers'

'pink listing' intended to stop teachers from applying for jobs here, a union leader charged this week.

The Durham District School Board and five of its employee groups, including full-time elementary and secondary teachers, recently ratified collective agreements. The board's elementary and secondary occasional teachers, however, are still without a deal.

Effective April 24, the occasional unit pink listed the

board, an advisory that, according to the ETFO Web site, covers "any elementary teaching position," including full-time jobs.

Ingrid Thompson, president of the ETFO Durham occasional local, claimed the board has posted about 175 elementary teaching jobs.

"I don't know why the board is not in compliance with the pink listing," she said. "It's a total lack of re-

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Firefighters bring safety home

Pickering firefighters begin annual door-to-door campaign

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

AJAX — It's 8 p.m. and Don Carrera and Mark Somerville are making little headway knocking on doors in one of Ajax's more mature neighbourhoods.

Armed with free batteries and smoke detectors, the two Ajax firefighters are finding few takers for a voluntary home safety survey currently being conducted by the department. There's either no one home, or it's just an inconvenient time.

One woman wants to wait until her husband is there. Another man says he's just renting out the place. In one instance, a home-alone teenager comes to the door.

"This isn't uncommon for older neighbourhoods," said Capt. Somerville, pointing out the same street proved

just as stubborn to canvass during last year's campaign.

The area just east of Harwood Avenue and south of Bayly Street is full of basement apartments and firefighters conducting safety surveys can make tenants nervous, he said.

But this isn't a fire code inspection. It's all about pointing out ways to make you feel safe in your own home, Capt. Somerville tries to convince one renter but to no avail.

"It's really a shame because most fires start in older homes than new," he said, adding today, houses are built to better fire code standards.

Ajax Fire and Emergency Services started three years ago targeting the Town's older streets with its 'Safe at Home' program. It has since worked its way to homes built in the 1960s.

Firefighters canvass homes, checking basements, utility rooms, storage areas, kitchens, sheds and garages for potential hazards, as well looking for working smoke alarms on every level of the home as required by municipal bylaws. In Ajax, calling

cards were distributed to pre-selected neighbourhoods preparing homeowners for the visits, which take place from May to September on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

Homeowners can also call the department to arrange an appointment.

"We find the majority of homes are in good shape," said Chief Prevention Officer Thom Evered. "Most people take pride in the ownership of their home. They have smoke alarms and they maintain them."

Pickering Fire Services is also pounding the pavement, working weekends from May 24 to Sept. 28 with its 'Home Safety' program. Firefighters discuss home fire safety information at the door, distribute brochures and offer residents a chance to schedule a safety check by a fire inspector.

"This year we're targeting townhouses because we've had a number of townhouse fires this year," explained Fire Inspector Steve Fowlds.

Townhouses tend to be

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SARS worries hit hard again

Suspected case at Ajax, Pickering hospital leads to visitation cuts

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

AJAX — New reports of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), including a suspected case in Ajax, have local hospital officials battering down the hatches again.

Rouge Valley Health System returned to a strict policy of no visitors Monday at its Ajax and Scarborough sites. Only families of the critically ill, parents of pediatric patients and one person

per mother in labour are allowed entry.

"It seems dramatic but we'll reassess it Wednesday," said Maria Milanetti, vice-president of communications at Rouge Valley. "We understand the impacts to families and we don't want to do this any longer than we have to."

Rouge Valley is waiting for an announcement this week from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care on centralized SARS care before adjusting its policies further, she said.

Things were slowly returning to "normal" at Rouge Valley before the latest batch of new cases of SARS cropped up late last week, she said.

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Pickering wants youth served

But only if others in Durham join in

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

PICKERING — The City has pledged \$10,000 to a regional youth council this year, provided at least three other municipalities in Durham also donate to the cause.

The Youth Vision Initiative was developed by the United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge with the help of Pickering's Youth Partnership Initiative, to co-ordi-

nate and expand opportunities for young people.

"It will have a youth business plan developed by youth for youth," youth vision co-ordinator Clay Melniko told Pickering council last week. "All funding will go towards programs and services developed for youth by youth."

His visit marked the first stop in a trip around Durham asking for support. The region's five lakeshore communities are being asked to contribute \$10,000 each, while Durham's three northern municipalities are being approached for \$2,000

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Pickering Fire Inspector Steve Fowlds explains to Laura Ferreira the proper steps involved when using a fire extinguisher. Pickering firefighters have begun their annual 'Home Safety' program, that sees them visit city home, offering to perform a safety check.

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Listing a union issue: board

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spect that they're posting these jobs."

She said teachers fresh out of school and "hot to trot" to start working are applying for supply jobs in Durham, thinking it's a way to get their foot in the door when full-time positions come up. Ms. Thompson said those green teachers are not aware that with a pink listing in effect, the union could penalize them.

"They don't realize the dangers of it," she said.

Sally McIlveen, the board's employee relations' superintendent, said the pink listing is the union's, not the board's. And, she called it "a questionable practice at best" to extend a supply teaching pink listing to full-time teachers.

"My position is that the pink listing is a union issue, between the union and its members..." said Ms. McIlveen. "It's not the board's position not to hire."

She said the listing is "an unnecessary step to take when we're trying to bargain," noting the second-ary occasional teachers have not at this point taken the same action.

"Ingrid Thompson has chosen to bargain in a climate of sanctions," said Ms. McIlveen.

Rachel Gencey, Durham ETFO president of the full-time teachers, said the pink listing applies to all elementary teaching jobs.

She knows of "a handful" of newly hired teachers who could face disciplinary action.

"We will call the people and tell them, basically, you have done the wrong thing," she said, adding they would be encouraged



RACHEL GENCEY
A 'handful' of new teachers could face disciplinary action.

to "take the high road" and tear up their contracts with the board.

Ms. Gencey said the same thing happened two years ago, when the occasional unit pink listed the board and it also applied to full-time jobs.

The main issue for the supply teachers is salary, said Ms. Thompson.

"We're 27th out of 31 (boards) in the province; we're last in the GTA," she said.

Even if the board offered its supply teachers the same percentage increase the permanent teachers received, 8.05 per cent, she said supply teachers in the York Region public board would still be making over \$16 a day more than those in Durham.

The salary expectations of the occasional teachers should be in line with what the permanent teachers received, countered Ms. McIlveen. She hopes to sit down with the ETFO occasional bargaining team around mid-June.

Community policing issues up for discussion

AJAX — Community relations is an important aspect for society today.

It Takes A Village and the Pickering Carib-Canadian Cultural Association are offering workshops on police and community relations. They are part of It Takes A Village's empowering families series.

On Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m., local youth can take part in a discussion called Surviving Police Encounter, facilitated by the Durham Region Police Services. Youth between the ages 13 to 18 can learn about their rights and responsibilities during an encounter with law enforcement officials, and to discourage the

negative involvement in the criminal justice system.

Police and Racism features Arnold Minors, a past commissioner on the Toronto Police Services board, anti-racism consultant and recipient of the Order of Canada. It's being held Saturday, May 31 at 6 p.m., and residents can join a discussion

on how police can strengthen community confidence with minorities, immigrant and youth populations.

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Hospital 'more prepared' for latest SARS worries

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A SARS assessment clinic at the Scarborough site was closed May 16. Some precautions had also been relaxed in past weeks. Masks were no longer mandatory in common areas of the hospital like the cafeteria.

"It was a tremendous sense of relief to get back to normal," said Ms. Milanetti. But, with two probable SARS cases and two suspected cases now reported at the Scarborough site, Rouge Valley expects to reduce its surgical and outpatient volumes again in the next couple of days.

Anyone with an appointment for those services this week is advised to contact the hospital first to check if the procedure is still a go.

As of Monday, Ajax was reporting one suspected case of SARS, one patient under investigation for the illness, and another person in respiratory isolation.

"With North York and Scarborough General both at Level 3 now, we're concerned our emergency volumes might ramp up," Ms. Milanetti said. "If that happens, we need to find spots for those extra patients."

The hospital's staff is tired but "doing OK" under the strain, she said. "I think we're more prepared this time," she added.

Make time for some history

PICKERING — Attend a history lesson of a lifetime.

Pickering Township Historical Society invites the public to attend a meeting with guest speaker Ray Fugeman, a clock and watchmaker. Mr. Fugeman will discuss the function of clocks in history from sundials to hourglass to modern pieces.

The meeting will take place at the East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Rd., south of Bayly Street, on Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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Give students test support: trustee

Jones calls for funds as budget discussions begin

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham's Catholic school board should spend more money to help its students perform better on provincial tests, says Fred Jones.

The Durham Catholic District School Board's representative in Brock-Scugog-Uxbridge made the comments at Monday's board meeting, as trustees reviewed the first draft of the 2003/04 budget.

Trustee Jones was "somewhat disappointed" staff had not allocated more resources to introduce programs and hire staff to improve students' performance.

"I think we would like to see the board do better than it has done," said Trustee Jones.

Education director Patricia Manson said those programs are "embedded in the program area" of the budget, but it will take time for those and other strategies already in place to make a difference.

Trustee Jones in an interview said

Ajax, Pickering pair charged in failed car-jacking

DURHAM — Two men nabbed after a police chase are facing robbery charges following a botched car-jacking early Friday at the Oshawa Centre.

Durham Regional Police said a man was sitting in his parked Toyota Echo just after midnight when a man jumped into the passenger door and began assaulting him.

Drug squad officers, in the area on an unrelated stakeout, witnessed the incident and the suspect took off running through the lot, police said.

The victim chased the thug in his car, hitting and knocking him down, police said.

As officers intervened, the suspect dusted himself off and jumped into a Volkswagen with two other occupants, which then sped off.

Police pursued the car to Thornton and Gibb streets, where all three men ditched the car and fled on foot.

Two were caught and one got away. Dwayne Aham Lawrence, 21, of Pickering, is charged with robbery and fail to stop for police. Nemor Gregory, 20, of Ajax, is charged with robbery and assault causing bodily harm.

The victim suffered cuts to his face and head and was treated at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

Police are hunting for the third suspect.



FRED JONES

'I want to be in front of the flow.'

he only saw one such initiative: almost \$30,000 to service Grade 3 and 6 teachers involved in the Education Equality and Accountability Office tests.

However, of that and other programs, Trustee Jones said, "everybody's doing those same things." The test scores "are not improving exponentially, and I think we should be," he said.

"I don't want to go with the flow; I want to be in front of the flow."

Trustee Jones said the board has plenty of reserve money and could afford what he proposes. He said he has spoken with staff before, and while he hopes to see changes in the next draft of the budget, "I don't expect to see changes."

The board is beginning the budget process with a \$1.3-million operating shortfall. While it plans to spend about \$670,000 more than is provided in the classroom envelope of provincial funding, that is offset by savings of about \$770,000 in the board administration and governance envelope.

lopes. However, the board intends to spend \$1.3 million more on special education, \$19.2 million in total, than it will receive from the government.

"The highlights of this budget include the impact of enrolment on our long-term accommodation plan," she told trustees.

The board expects its elementary student population to drop from 18,098 in the coming school year to 17,725 in five years. During the same period, the number of high school students is expected to rise from 7,747 to 8,183.

Business superintendent David Visser explained that because most provincial grants are based on enrolment, fewer students mean fewer dollars. He said the board's growth areas include north Whitby, north Oshawa and Ajax, but in most of its elementary schools enrolment is declining.

The board intends to lean heavily on reserves in the budget, utilizing about \$11.2 million. Most of that, about \$7.4 million, is to come from the pupil accommodation allocation reserve fund. Mr. Visser in his report explained much of that money will be used to cover debt obligations incurred in recent years, when the board greatly increased the number of pupil places in the system. The board plans to open new elementary schools in Brooklin in September 2004, and in Ajax and Oshawa the following September. An addition to St. Leo Catholic Elementary School in Whitby is also in the cards for 2005.

Although the board is using reserves to make up for funding shortfalls, it is also making some \$5 million in cuts, including \$1.4 million from the plant operations, maintenance and renewal budget.

The second draft is to be presented at the June 9 board meeting. The board expects to approve the budget at the June 23 meeting.

National curator talks Thomson

PICKERING — Spend the evening learning about one of the area's most noted artists.

An audio-visual presentation on the art of Tom Thomson takes place Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m. at Dunbarton-Fairport United Church, 1066 Dunbarton Rd.

Charles Hill, curator of Canadian art at the National Art Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, presents a lecture on the Pickering native. Born

in Claremont in 1877, Mr. Thomson was never a member of the Group of Seven but has always been thought of in connection with the development of the national school of art.

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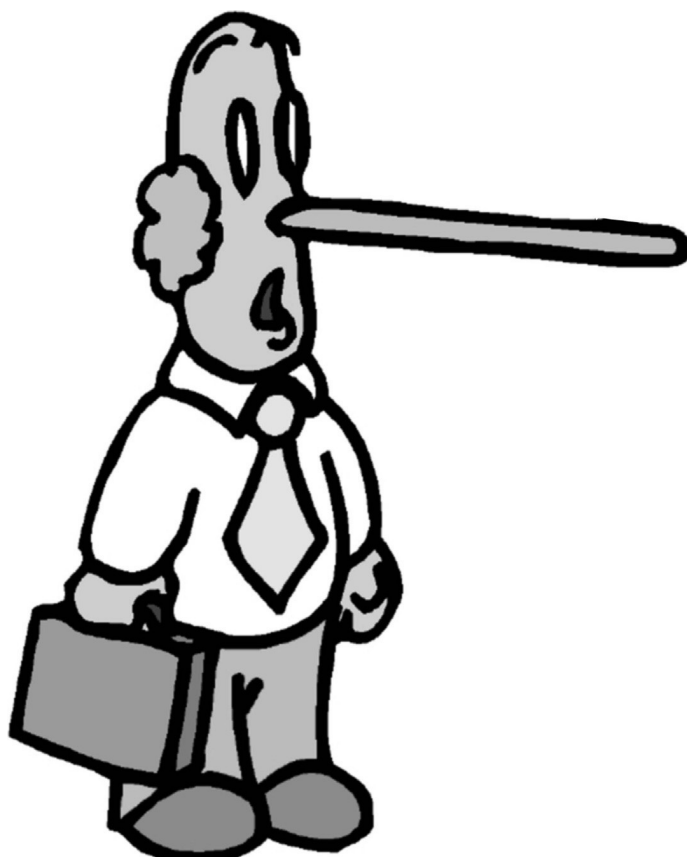
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While it's true that the Board has reached an agreement with its full-time elementary teachers, elementary Occasional Teachers are still without a new contract. Accordingly, the Durham District School Board is still being "pink-listed" as an unfair employer. This means that ETFO members in other jurisdictions, as well as all graduating and current teachers Canada-wide, are not to apply for, or accept, any occasional or regular elementary teaching position with the Board. To do otherwise would place that teacher in contravention of the ETFO constitution.

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Where do things stand now?

Although we're already in a legal strike or lockout position, we're still hoping for a negotiated settlement, and will continue to do all we can to make it happen. Hopefully, the Board will begin to understand the urgency of the situation.

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Firefighters offer preventive medicine

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narrow, meaning smoke can pass through them quickly, he said. They also tend to be built higher than single-detached houses.

A home safety survey takes all of 10 minutes, maybe a little more if the installation of a smoke alarm is necessary.

Before a firefighter can even cross the threshold, however, the homeowner must sign a release authorizing them to go inside.

Capt. Somerville apologizes to one senior citizen for occupational health and safety standards, which don't allow his team to take their shoes off.

"Technically, this is our work place and we have to have proper footwear," he explained. "We do have booties in the truck."

A quick check of the woman's bungalow finds an impeccably clean furnace room, clear of clutter and combustibles; a smoke detector possibly 20 years old in the base-

ment; and a newer one on the main floor outside of her bedroom. Oddly enough, the older model outperforms the new one in a test.

"It was working just last week. It went off when I was cooking," said the senior, who didn't want to be named.

Batteries can die at any time, noted Capt. Somerville.

His team replaces the detector downstairs because after 10 years, a smoke alarm loses "its predictability".

Smoke detectors and batteries are provided free to homeowners if they need them, with the help of a \$1,000 donation from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Ajax and the local Canadian Tire, which offers the materials at cost. In return, the department asks that donations be forwarded to the Legion's annual poppy fund.

Jill Wilson, down the street, just moved in a few months ago. She has the detectors but just hasn't had the chance to put them up. Capt.

Somerville's team obliges. "It gives us a chance to come out and look at people's houses. It's a lot better if we have to come here for a fire, if we've been here before," he added.

To arrange an appointment for a home visit from Ajax Fire and Emergency Services, call 905-683-3050.

Pickering residents can schedule a home safety check from Pickering Fire Services by calling 905-420-4628.

City wants to see what youth can 'accomplish'

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apiece.

Pickering council lent its unanimous support, but stipulated the \$10,000 one-time grant must be followed with funding from at least three of its regional colleagues. Future contribution to the program may be considered after a report to the City evaluating its achievements.

"We don't want to set out what it is today," said Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland, who heads up the City's Youth Partnership Initiative. "We want to give it a one-year test trial to see what they can accomplish."

Pickering has \$10,000 set aside for non-profit youth organizations that remains unused since the closure of the Edge Youth Centre, he said.

"Often when we have youth issues we go to staff. But what if we could go to the youth themselves?" Coun. Holland asked.

There's a real opportunity for a regional youth council to tackle some tough issues facing teens today, said Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner.



MAURICE BRENNER
'It's about youth being able to identify what's important to them.'

It could have helped Durham Region market its anti-smoking bylaw to young people, he suggested.

A youth council's input could also help raise awareness on impaired driving or design employment opportunities for its peers.

"It's not just about recreation," Coun. Brenner said. "It's about youth being able to identify what's important to them."

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Durham residents can get connected to fine wines

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DURHAM — Metroland Durham Region Media Group has joined forces with the Toronto Star Wine Connection in a new and innovative initiative designed to increase our readers' exposure to the broad array of fine wines, initially those produced in Ontario.

The program, which begins locally on Saturday, is based upon similar operations that have proven to be a great success in both England and Australia.

In preparation for each offer, an expert panel will taste a wide range of wines, selecting the best examples of each type for inclusion in our promotions. Wines will be bundled in cases of six, offering you a chance to try different styles from a selected region. Only the finest, top-scoring wines will be offered as part of the Wine Connection program. Mixed cases will be available that provide just red or just white, as well as a combination of both so that you can order according to your own particular tastes.

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The packages have been affordably priced and will be delivered to your door on the day you have selected, based on the time slot available for your area. Products will be delivered right to your door by Canada Post.

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An offering of Ontario wines by the Toronto Star and Hamilton Spectator last month, and selected by their wine experts, resulted in their readers purchasing 3400 cases [6 bottles per case] - a complete sellout - in just a few days.

"We expect our readers to similarly react positively to the convenience of buying top Ontario wines de-



Metroland Durham Region Media Group is offering readers a chance to enjoy Ontario's top wines.

livered right to their door. We are excited about joining with The Star and Spectator on the next offering," said Tim Whittaker, publisher of Metroland Durham Region Media Group.

We hope you enjoy your Wine Connection experience. Check out Friday's publication for more details.

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University dean the guest of Hospice

DURHAM — A dean at Durham Region's newest university is the guest speaker at Hospice Durham's annual general meeting June 4.

Carolyn Byrne, the dean of the school of health sciences at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, joins members and guests from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Whitby Free Methodist Church, 1916 Rossland Rd. E.

Lunch will be served at noon. The organization asks for a donation of \$10 per person to

cover the meal's cost. General donations to Hospice Durham are also welcome. Hospice Durham members can vote if their membership dues are paid up. Annual dues are \$25 and can be paid at the meeting.

The event is open to all Hospice Durham supporters, including the public.

For more information or to confirm attendance, call Cheryl MacLeod at 905-430-4522 or 1-888-790-9414.

Community care has jobs, volunteer spots for area students

DURHAM — A summer job might be just around the corner for local students.

Ajax/Pickering Community Care is looking for students interested in summer employment helping seniors or disabled adults by doing summer yard work. Interested students should call Katrina at 905-686-3331,

ext. 227.

The organization also needs volunteers to pack or deliver Meals on Wheels, drive seniors to appointments, and offer emotional support to lonely seniors and Cope mental health clients.

Training is provided. If you can spare an hour or two a week, call 905-686-3331.



Education Finance Committee Invites Deputations

As part of the budget review process, the Durham District School Board Education Finance Committee invites presentations from the public at a meeting on June 3, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Education Centre, room 2007.

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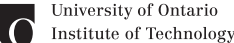
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Arthurs Says Plan For Positive Change is Affordable, Responsible and Credible

Financial Experts Sign Off On Ontario Liberal Plan

PICKERING – Liberal candidate Wayne Arthurs says the costing of the Ontario Liberal plan for real, positive change has been verified by independent financial experts. Endorsements of the plan were given by Tim Reid, former President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and Senior Venture Capital Advisor, XPV Capital Corporation; David Hall, Former Senior Economist, Bank of Montreal; Jack Marmer, Forensic Accountant and Warren Jestin, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Scotiabank.

"We have carefully costed out our plan for real, positive change, and we've identified exactly how it will be funded," said Wayne Arthurs, Liberal candidate for Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge.

The Liberal Plan was also praised by John Williamson, Ontario Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. "They've done their homework and there are fewer questions in this platform than there are surrounding the Ontario budget and just where the Conservative government is going to get the money they need to fund their programs," stated Mr. Williamson.

"We are offering the people of Ontario a plan which is affordable, responsible and credible. It's time for a fresh approach in Ontario. Our plan will put your priorities first, investing your money in the public services on which safe and healthy communities depend. We will invest the public's money on priorities to improve our schools, our hospitals, and the quality of our air and water. Budgets will be balanced and presented in the legislature for public scrutiny and debate," said Arthurs.

In contrast, the TD Bank says Janet Ecker is currently running a \$2-billion deficit. That was before the billions of dollars worth of promises made by the Tories in their election platform released May 16. Some of these promises will have to be financed by the sale of \$2 billion in undisclosed public assets announced in the recent Magna budget.

"The current government's financial policies are failing the people of Ontario," said Arthurs.

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Editorials & Opinions

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Editorial

Holiday shopping a no-lose situation

Pickering businesses can make their own call on staying open

What's a business to do? From Sept. 11, to the war in Iraq, to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), to mad cow disease and now back to SARS, there's been a steady stream of world and local events to contend with while trying to make a dollar or two.

The past few months have been particularly trying on organizations across the Greater Toronto Area and Ontario as a whole.

Yet here in Pickering, the City has taken a proactive step in trying to put a bit of a spark back into the local economy. With a close 4-3 vote last week, councillors agreed to allow Pickering businesses the option of staying open all holiday Mondays through until Thanksgiving. The move was retroactive to the recent Victoria Day holiday when many shops took up the offer.

The idea behind the switch is to give city merchants the chance at an extra few days revenue to help deal with the inevitable slowdown that has arrived with the economic depressants.

The move, however, didn't come without opposition. Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland, saying he was speaking on behalf of numerous small merchants, argued he was hearing many were concerned they'd lose out on time with family and friends to keep their shops up and running. Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson added the move favoured bigger operations as there are more employees to draw on, and thus, less trouble in finding someone to work the extra days.

It doesn't seem that long ago many of these same arguments were being raised over the prospect of Sunday shopping.

When you examine all the facts, however, Pickering really has put itself in a no-lose situation.

Businesses only have to open if they want to. Any businessman or woman wanting to ensure staff continues to enjoy the traditional time off, can make that call.

In addition, there are labour laws in place to protect employees finding themselves in uncomfortable positions over the temporary change in laws.

Finally, and possibly most importantly, the reality is many people are welcoming the extra opportunities to catch up on their shopping.

And, rather than have them head to Toronto or elsewhere to hunt down bargains and deals, Pickering is ensuring the money is invested in our local economy. In fact, Pickering will no doubt pick up some of the business from communities choosing to keep their doors closed.

The move simply gives area businesses another important tool to remain competitive in what has of late become a volatile economic climate.

Pickering's open for business this summer and will be much better for it down the road.

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This week's question:

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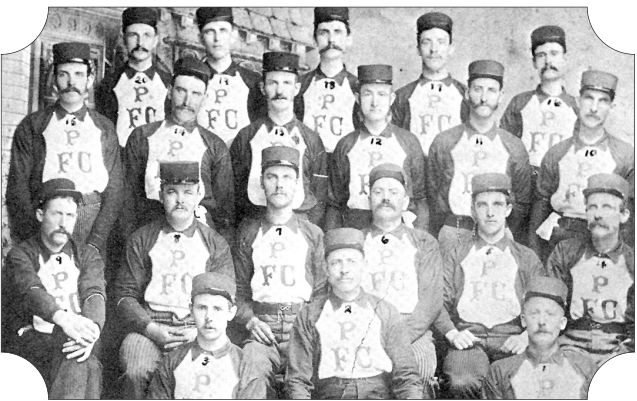
Last week's question:

Would you use the proposed single GTA-wide transit pass?

- ♦ Yes 67 per cent
- ♦ No 33 per cent

Votes cast: 91

The way we were



Volunteer firemen

The Pickering Volunteer Fire Company was organized in September 1888. A Victoria hand pumper was bought later that same year for \$270. The engine could be pulled by four men on the run but it took eight to man the pumps. It was after a night fire, when it was found to be very difficult to call the firemen (no phones at that time), that a bell was purchased for a fire alarm. The bell, which once sat outside the municipal offices of Pickering Village, is now in the Kingston Road Parkette. Members of the volunteer brigade are pictured as follows, George Decker, Dennis O'Connor, George Seldon, Jim Harvey, Bob Ham, Bill Gordon, Alex Cuthbert, Tom Law, Jim Clark, Tom Greig, Jim Gordon, Chas. Marquis, William Allaway, Sandy Buril, J. Connors, Sam Stewart, Bob Dillingham, A. Forsythe, and W. Hilts. One man is not known.

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Letters to the Editor

Voters must remember Tory record at election time

To the editor:

Re: Speaker's ruling has no bearing on election call: MPPs, May 11.

I completely agreed with Ontario Speaker Gary Carr, (a Progressive Conservative MPP, no less), when he ruled the government was in contempt by releasing the March 27 budget in a venue other than the legislature. Well done Speaker!

Janet Ecker is quoted as saying, "The decision also allowed the premier to follow through on a promise to deliver the budget before the end of the fiscal year. The house did not return to session until April 30, which would have been too late."

The legislature has not been sitting since Christmas, an in-terminable absence, and the delay to return the legislature to session only on April 30, was inexcusable. It should have been

recalled in time for the throne speech to be delivered and the budget tabled, as the first item of business, before the end of the fiscal year.

Shame on this arrogant government!

I hope the electorate will remember this the next time they are in the voting booth.

Guy Colm, Ajax

Canadian flag theft is shameful

To the editor:

Thief! You stole the Canadian flag from our rural mailbox on the Victoria Day weekend.

You ripped down the pole, and cut off the flag. If you wanted the flag, given to us by Pickering Mayor Wayne Arthurs to replace another flag stolen on the July 1 weekend two years ago, you had only to knock on our door and ask for it. We are proud Canadians.

Have you no pride in our great country? Shame on you!

Arvo and Marion Luik, Ajax

Our war stance could mean no ITER

To the editor:

I read in the May 9, 2003 edition that Spain was another country competing with Canada for the new ITER facility. This project will create thousands of jobs and pour billions into our economy, should we be successful in our bid.

I note with interest, the President George Bush had sent his Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham to Spain with instruction to 'give serious consideration' to the Spanish proposal.

Spain supported the United States, along with Britain and Australia, in the war against Iraq. Canada did not. I wonder if this is the first subtle U.S. retaliation against Jean Chretien for Canada's cowardly action, in not backing the coalition forces in the war.

I also wonder what other ways we may hurt because of our Prime Minister's decision regarding the war.

Jack Kilburn Oshawa

Premier back in the race

New promises give Eves a boost

A week is a long time in politics, the saying goes, and the reawakening of Ernie Eves is proof of it.

The Progressive Conservative premier, after failing miserably for a year to attract support for an election, is suddenly touching buttons and having luck with timing that could win votes.

Mr. Eves turned off many electors, after he took over the premiership from Mike Harris, by saying he would sell the province's hydro transmission network but changing his mind. He also subsidized hydro rates to keep them low which discouraged building new generators, and unveiled his budget in an auto-parts plant to dodge opposition parties' questions. The kindest thing said about him was he was a ditherer.

But Premier Eves has now made promises that will appeal to many voters and one does not have to like them to recognize this.

One pledge is to ban strikes and lockouts in teacher-school board disputes, which earlier Tory premiers shied from. This will attract many who always have felt teachers are paid too much for working too few hours.

Mr. Eves has accused teachers' unions of being more militant than teachers' rank-and-file, which will spur the many who dislike unions to get enthusiastic about him.

Premier Eves attacked at an opportune time, because a dispute between a Catholic board in Toronto and its teachers quickly left 69,000 students without classes, which some will



Eric Dowd

at queen's park

see as proof a ban is needed.

Mr. Eves also has attacked unions as a whole. He promised a workers' bill of rights forcing unions to obtain approval of all their members, not just those who turn up at a meeting, before striking or spending on political advertisements, which will delight his business supporters as they shell out their companies' cash for Tory ads without even consulting their shareholders.

The Tories traditionally are strong among older residents and to keep them Premier Eves has promised over-65s a rebate that will eliminate the provincial part of their property tax and save them an average of \$475 per household a year.

Seniors are public-spirited and willing to pay their share of taxes, but many need money and will find this lure hard to turn down.

Mr. Eves also promises to allow homeowners to deduct part of the interest they pay on mortgages from their taxable income and eventually save up to \$500 a year, a benefit for only those who can afford to buy homes.

Premier Eves has promised to get even tougher on crime and particularly protect children and Public Safety Minister Bob Runciman, as much of a hawk as any police officer, says he is

looking at chemical castration to deal with serial sex offenders.

Getting tougher will be supported by many particularly because around the same time a 10-year-old girl, Holly Jones, was kidnapped and murdered in Toronto.

Mr. Eves also has raised, far more than Mr. Harris did, concerns about immigrants. He would refuse refugee claimants help from the Province's legal aid plan even to defend themselves against criminal charges, although this would mean some innocent people would lack proper representation.

The premier would also require some immigrants with skills to sign agreements to live in communities that need them for a minimum period, rather than automatically flock to Toronto. Such distinctions will appeal to many, including those who feel visible-minority immigrants are not as good as themselves.

Tories now are starting to boast Mr. Eves is "decisive," a claim they would not have dared make a few days earlier.

Many voters will ask whether Premier Eves can afford his new policies or be relied on to carry them out, because he has changed his mind before.

Some will feel they are too right-wing, or selfish, or so different from his past views, when he supported allowing teachers to strike and spoke cordially to unions, that he has dreamed them up for no other purpose than to win an election.

It would be foolhardy to predict the premier will win an election on them, but he is back in the race.

For decades, Eric Dowd has been covering provincial politics as a freelance columnist based out of Queen's Park.

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THURSDAY, MAY 29

FUN FAIR: Our Lady of the Bay Catholic School hosts its annual fun fair from 4:30 to 8 p.m., at the school, 818 Eyer Dr., Pickering.

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LEARNING DISABILITIES: Dr. Faye Mishna discusses learning disabilities and bullying, and the vulnerability and victimization of people from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 35 Church St. N., Pickering Village, Ajax. Call 905-426-1442.

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FRIDAY, MAY 30

ART SHOW: St. Mary Catholic Secondary School hosts an OAC art show from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd. The show continues Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Call Deina Bury at 905-420-7166 ext. 5011.

NEW TO YOU SALE: Sale is from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at St. Martin's Anglican Church, 1201 St. Martin's Dr., Pickering. Items include used clothing for the family, toys and books, white elephant table and more. Donations are needed. Call 905-839-4257.

CROCHET AND KNITTING: The Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club meets every Friday at 9:45 a.m. for these and other crafts. The club supplies most materials, with items going to the seniors' bazaar. Meetings are in the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Dr., Ajax. Call Peggy at 905-686-1573.

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EUCHRE: The Pickering Village Seniors Club plays every Friday at 1 p.m. at the club, 29 Linton Ave. The cost is \$1. Call 905-683-7053.

SATURDAY, MAY 31

GARAGE SALE: The Canadian Federation of University Women (Ajax-Pickering) holds a fund-raising garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 1525 Fieldlight Blvd., Pickering. Sale items include miscellaneous household items, books, perennial plants and book sale items. Proceeds go to funding scholarships for local area high schools. Call 905-839-8153.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Westney Heights Baptist Church, 1201 Ravenscroft Rd., Ajax, holds a men's breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Hugh Rendle discusses growing in times of crisis. Cost is \$5 at the door. All men welcome. Call 905-426-7066 or 905-686-7782.



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Wally Biernacki, left, fires up this 110-horsepower Brantford 1920 motor that originally operated at a sawmill in northern Ontario. Above, Darwyne Hodrie has many irons in the fire as he goes about demonstrating how to make nails the old-fashioned way.

Public board aims to correct rules 'anomaly'

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The Durham District School Board broke its own rules in electing Whitby Trustee Doug Ross chairman of its education finance committee, some trustees suggested Monday.

Education director Craig Burch at the board meeting provided a report that aims "to correct an historical anomaly" in the board's bylaws. The board has two education finance committees -- one in which all trustees are members, and a second education finance committee, with three trustees who liaise to staff. At their next meeting, trustees will discuss amending the bylaws to set up one finance committee comprised of all board members.

Brock-Uxbridge Trustee Nancy Loraine said making changes to only two bylaws wouldn't make sense since others might need amending. She served notice that at the next meeting she would call for a general review of bylaws.

At an education finance meeting earlier this year, Trustee Ross was elected chairman by the trustees in attendance. Some trustees maintain the three liaison trustees should have elected the chairman, as has occurred in the past.

Scugog Trustee Martin Demmers at the meeting wanted assurances from board chairman Elizabeth Roy that until all the bylaws are reviewed and perhaps altered, trustees "stick to the bylaws in place."

Trustee Roy said it "comes down to interpre-

tation" of the bylaws.

She said in an interview board members broke no bylaw in electing Trustee Ross.

"The bylaw's not specific as to how the chairman is chosen," she said.

Oshawa Trustee Susan Shetler said it was "unfortunate this board is always reacting instead of being proactive." She proposed a bylaw review earlier this year.

"A couple of months ago, a couple of trustees sat at this board and wanted to review the bylaws, and no one wanted to review bylaws," said Trustee Shetler.

The board did err, suggested Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford, in not having the chairman elected by the liaison trustees.

"That's what we were doing before; that's what we have to do now," he said.

Trustee Crawford said other board members, when the bylaw review was earlier proposed, "not only pooh-poohed the idea but made us feel small."

Trustee Loraine said Trustee Shetler's proposal was "non-specific" and thus was not supported.

With the budget process already under way, Trustee Roy in the interview said it's time to move on to more pressing matters.

"It's important that we get the budget done, and the heckling that's going on over who should be chairman needs to be set aside," she said.

Mr. Burch in his report states, "If all trustees are members of a committee, it is reasonable that all trustees are eligible to be the chair and all trustees are entitled to vote for the chair."

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Sports Briefs

MAY 28, 2003

Monarch girls beat Courtice, move on in playoffs

PICKERING -- The St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs junior girls' soccer team has advanced to the playoff quarter-finals after defeating Courtice Secondary School in qualifying action Monday.

The Monarchs blanked Courtice 4-0. Cristin Allen netted two goals with singles to Jessica Bossence and Paige Heathcote. Alexandra Martinez earned the shutout, thanks to solid work on defence.

St. Mary will now face Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School Cougars in quarter-final action at Ajax Thursday at 1 p.m.

In other recent action, St. Mary also edged the J. Clarke Richardson Secondary School Storm 2-1. Jenn Michalicka and Martinez scored. Deirdre Lowe replied for the Storm.

The Monarchs played to a scoreless draw with the Dunbarton High School Spartans.

Local riders earn impressive marks at qualifier

PICKERING -- Pickering Pony Club members rode off with strong results at the first Central Ontario Region qualifying event at the Dreamcrest Equestrian Centre, near Port Perry, Sunday.

The qualifying sessions are used to determine the Central Ontario show jumping team to compete at the Central Canadian zone championships in August.

In pre-entry division A2, Laura Smart finished second on 'Pollyanna' in class 1. She also finished third in class 2.

Daniel Harrison finished third aboard 'Smoke' in the pre-entry division 'B' class 2.

Meanwhile, in the starter division, Ashley Milne was crowned reserve champion. Aboard 'Silver Edition', Milne captured top spot in class 3 and finished second in class 2.

Pickering gymnasts find success at Toronto meet

PICKERING -- Pickering Aerials' Gymnastics Club members fared well while competing at the annual Spring Classic Invitational meet in Toronto recently.

Hosted by the Gyros Gymnastics Club, Aerials' Jennifer Arndt had one of the top individual efforts with a first in vault and balance beam in the tyro 'B' division. Raiden Bhatoo earned first-place honours on floor exercise and beam en route to a first-overall finish in the argo 'B' category. Catherine Lotito was first on beam and floor in the open 'A' bracket.

Other results were:
Tyro 'A': Angela St. Denis, sixth overall;

Tyro 'B': Jessica Hughes, second overall; Fiona Ingham, eighth overall; Arndt, 10th overall;

Cadette 'B': Heather Putos, first overall; Nicolette Sabino, third overall, first on floor; Ashley Cammisa, sixth overall;

Open 'A': Lotito, seventh overall; Argo 'A': Edriqua Essue, sixth overall; Ashley Tait, ninth overall;

Argo 'B': Cassandra Schilling, sixth overall; Cassandra Bell, eighth overall; Alyssa Viloria, ninth overall;

Novice 'A': Brittany Scott, first overall. Also competing in novice 'A': Diana Cappa, Carley Tanfield and Erin Baun who placed first on vault;

Pre-comp 7C: Ashley Hart, first overall, first on beam; Zed Williams Sulaman, second overall; Alisha Corringham, fifth overall; Hayley Graber, seventh overall, first on bars; Alessia Molinaro, ninth overall;

Pre-comp 8B: Maya Swami, second overall; Shannon Sawicky, fourth overall, first on vault;

Pre-comp 8C: Brenda Bowers, third overall; Brooke Hing, fourth overall; Alex Large, fifth overall, first on floor; Dayna Fox, sixth overall; Katy Riding, seventh overall; Chela Paulino, eighth overall; Taylor McFarlane, 10th overall; Hui Chen Puh, 11th overall.

Serve notice that you're a force on the tennis court

DURHAM -- Area seniors can serve up an ace while playing in the annual Durham Region Seniors' Games tennis tournament in Pickering.

Ladies' and men's doubles matches will be played at the Sandy Beach Tennis Club Friday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It's for Durham residents ages 55 years and over. Winners will be presented medals June 20 at an awards luncheon hosted by the South Pickering Seniors Club. Cost is \$8, which includes a light lunch. Registration forms are available at every senior centre in the Durham area. Organizers are asking everyone to sign up with a partner.

For more information, call Durham Region Seniors' Games tennis convener Loida Woodford at 905-831-1724.

All systems a go for Rock

Team wins first game with owner behind the bench

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

DURHAM -- A crash course in the art of systems seems to have done the Ajax-Pickering Rock a world of good.

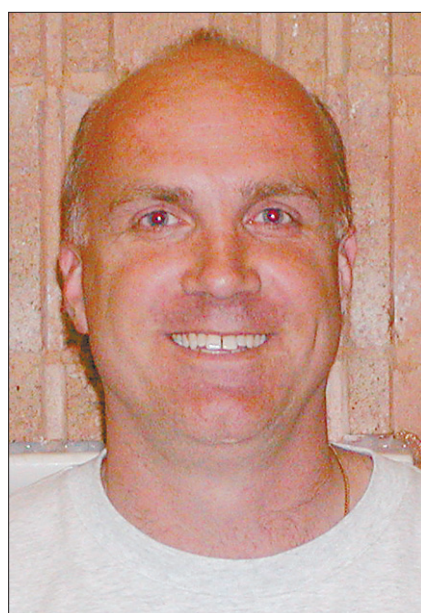
The Rock turned in a winning effort Saturday night in their first game under new head coach Paul St. John, crushing the St. Clair Storm 11-6 for their second consecutive victory in Ontario Lacrosse Association senior 'B' action.

They sprinted out to a 5-1 first-period lead and never looked back, surviving a physical and penalty-laden third period at Walpole Island, near Wallaceburg.

The victory evened the Rock's league record at 2-2, putting them sixth in the nine-team standings. Meanwhile, the seventh-place Storm fell to 1-5.

Putting systems in place is all well and good, but whether the players will respond to a disciplined style of play was the big question for St. John, the club's co-owner, heading into Saturday's tilt. The players passed with flying colours in an all-round solid effort on the floor.

"We played a defensive system and the guys, for the most part, went by the game plan. We gave them 10 keys to the game and they followed all 10 and that enabled us to win handily," noted St. John, making his coaching debut after releasing former bench boss Keith Begley two weeks ago.



PAUL ST. JOHN

First win since taking over as coach.

"We played really well. We've been in every game, but it was our most consistent effort."

St. John said his team simply used its quickness and ability to run the floor against the veteran St. Clair squad.

"When we run, I don't think there's a team in the league that can catch up with us. We ran for three periods and the only time we got into trouble was when we slowed down," he said.

It wasn't all roses and sunshine in St. John's coaching debut, however. He was still angered by what he felt was some poor officiating in the contest.



BRAD CANN

Four goals versus St. Clair Storm.

The head coach gave kudos to Bill McClean who was converted to an offensive player from the defensive end and shone in that role against St. Clair.

"He and Shaun Summerfield ran the transition game on the right side and they played really well," noted St. John. "We didn't know whether (McClean) could handle it, but he came through."

St. John also praised the work of Rob Milnes who was a workhorse on offence with a goal to go with five assists.

"He got to every loose ball; he was like a vacuum cleaner out there,"

said St. John.

Also scoring for the Rock were team captain Brad Cann with four, Brandon Laforme with two goals and three assists, Eddie Fines, Andrew Hill and Scott Crombie each had a goal and an assist, and John Derochie had a goal. Paul O'Grady counted five assists, Jeff Farmer had two and Ian Harloff and goaltender Mike Miron each registered one helper.

The Rock hosts the Mohawk Stars (0-6) at the Pickering Recreation Complex Saturday night at 7 p.m. On Sunday night, the team is in Burlington to meet the Chiefs (3-2-1) at 7 p.m.

Both games, said St. John, are winnable, but with a rookie-laden team, there are no sure things.

"Being a new team and a young team, if we have an off night we're not going to win. You can't take any team for granted."

PEBBLES: Derochie suffered a shoulder injury in Saturday's game. His status for the weekend games is unknown... **Dave Mangoff** (shoulder) and **Pat VanHooser** (ankle) missed Saturday's game... **St. John** and co-owner **Rob Roche** are still hoping to get a player from the **Peterborough Lakers** of the senior 'A' loop following that team's training camp. The **Lakers** and **Rock** entered into an affiliate agreement earlier this year... The **Brooklin Merchants** suffered their first defeat of the season, losing to the expansion **Kitchener-Waterloo Kodiaks** 10-7 in **Brooklin** Saturday night... Along with the **Stars**, the **Ennismore Shamrocks** have also yet to hit the win column this season. The Shamrocks are 0-5.

Cougars on the prowl for another baseball title

Notre Dame boys want perfect playoff conclusion to perfect regular season

AJAX -- The Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School Cougars are heading into the Durham Region senior boys' baseball playoffs as the prohibitive favourites to repeat as champions.

The Cougars -- with a roster virtually unchanged from the one that captured the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) championship a year ago -- begin their quest to repeat as league champs today (Wednesday) with quarter-final action at the Sportplex fields in Ajax.

The number-one-seeded Cougars will face the eighth-seeded St. Mary Monarchs who defeated ninth-seeded Courtice Secondary School 7-4 in sudden-death playoff action Monday.

Notre Dame finished regular-season play with a perfect 6-0 record after downing Ajax rival Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic Secondary School Chargers 10-0 Friday in a game called on the mercy rule after six innings.

Cougars' co-coach Chad McPherson noted his team's success has been due to the all-round solid play of his charges. The team's offence has been explosive this season, with 50 runs scored. As important, the team defence has been rock solid, allowing a paltry four against.

But, most of all, said McPherson, the team has been all about camaraderie.

"Both our offence and defence has been very strong this year. But, overall, we owe our success to having fun. They really enjoy playing the game and one another's company and that really helps," explained McPherson.

Pitcher Matt Firth picked up the win for Notre Dame against DO'C, working three shutout innings. Chris Dahiroc led the hit parade with three RBIs, three runs scored and two stolen bases. Jeff Bannon contributed four RBIs, a double and two runs scored. Mike Dahiroc chipped in with two singles and Matt D'Souza added two RBIs.



MATT FIRTH

Moundsman silences DO'C batters.

Besides Notre Dame, three other teams receive a bye through the quarter-final round. The number-two seeded Henry Street Hawks, third-seeded Trinity College Bears and fourth-seeded Eastdale Eagles also received free passes to the quarter-finals.

The semifinals and finals are slated for Friday, May 30, hosted by Trinity College School of Port Hope. Games start at 9 a.m. Friday morning, culminating in the final Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

DIAMOND DUST: The **Dunbarton High School Spartans** also advanced to the quarter-finals after a 9-6 victory over the **Sinclair Secondary School Celtics** of Whitby Monday afternoon. The **Spartans** will now meet the number-three-seeded **Trinity College School Bears** at Port Hope's Town Park today at 1:30 p.m.. The fifth-ranked **Pickering High School Trojans** defeated the **Anderson Raiders** of Whitby 1-0 in another sudden-death game Monday. The **Trojans** will now meet fourth-seeded **Eastdale Eagles** in quarter-final action at Oshawa's Kinsmen Park today at 3:30 p.m.. The final quarter-final game is an all-Whitby encounter between the second-seeded **Henry Street Hawks** and the **Father Leo J. Austin Wildcats**. That game's today at 3:30 p.m. at Iroquois Park...



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An Aerial soars

PICKERING -- Eight-year-old Brenda Bowers of the Pickering Aerials Gymnastics Club warms up prior to her balance beam routine while taking part in the annual Rainbow Classic meet hosted by the Aerials at the Pickering Recreation Complex. Gymnasts from across the GTA competed in the weekend meet.



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Freestylin'

PICKERING — Pickering Swim Club's Christine Gemmink works her way through the water while competing in the meet hosted by the club at the Pickering Recreation Complex last weekend. The 12-year-old was competing in the 100-metre freestyle event.

Sister act pretty impressive in gym

Steele girls earn gold and silver at meets

PICKERING -- Two gymnastics sisters enjoyed success at recent competitions.

Emily and Lauren Steele represented Gemini Gymnastics in Oshawa at three meets: Emily in the East York Gymnastics Club's annual 'Stars of Tomorrow' and at the Pickering Aerials' annual 'Rainbow Classic', and Lauren at another meet at the East York club.

At the Rainbow Classic last weekend, Emily earned the all-round gold in the pre-comp 7C category. She placed first on uneven bars, balance



LAUREN STEELE
Silver medallist at meet.

beam, floor exercise and fourth on vault.

At Stars of Tomorrow,

Emily earned the all-round gold in the same category with gold on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise and silver on balance beam.

Meanwhile, Lauren, won the all-round silver medal in the argo 1 provincial category.

She earned gold on bars, silver on vault, bronze on beam and fourth on floor.

Both sisters will compete in their final meet of the season hosted by Gemini Gymnastics during the first weekend in June.

Provincial honours for Ajax sports

Committee members, judoka earn awards

DURHAM — A local sports organization and athletes were winners of awards through the Sport Alliance of Ontario at its conference in Toronto earlier this month.

The Ajax recreation advisory committee was the recipient of one of the first Community Sport For All Awards, which recognizes the work of community sports leaders. The Ajax committee was one of 12

sport councils in the province to receive the award.

Committee members Richard Sheepwash, Linda Cork and Randy Low were on hand to receive the honour.

Established in 1973, the advisory committee has dealt with issues and concerns surrounding recreation in the community, acting as an intermediary between the recreation groups and the Town of Ajax recreational services, Town council and individual residents.

Meanwhile, Ajax judoka Patrick Tremblay-Sabourn, was among 48 recipients of the James Worrall Athletes Devel-

opment Fund grant for promising amateur athletes.

Tremblay-Sabourn was nominated by Judo Ontario for his achievements.

In 2002-03, he won the Liberty Bell tournament in Philadelphia, the provincial qualifier for the 2003 Canada Winter Games, the Canadian juvenile championships and the Quebec Open.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

PICKERING TOYOTA

AJAX -- Ajax motorcycle racer Stuart Nodell got the season off to a flying start during Round 1 of the 2003 CAN-AM 125 Grand Prix Challenge series at Shannonville Motorsport Park, near Belleville.

At the start of the 10-lap final, Nodell got off to a quick start and never looked back. By Lap 2 he was breaking away from the field and was able to maintain a pace that no one else could match, cruising home with a solid victory.

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2003 LOSSA Track and Field Championships		
Midget Women 100m		
1	Danoy Howard Dunbarton HS	12.58
2	Danielle Blair Sinclair SS	12.73
3	Hilary Savin Pine Ridge SS	13.03
4	Jessica Nasmith Pickering HS	13.21
5	Savannah Heathcote St. Mary's HS	13.30
6	Aisha Warthon Pickering HS	13.58
7	Tiffany Shepherd Sinclair SS	13.58
8	Gifty Dem St. Mary's HS	13.78
Midget Men 100m		
1	Robert Bell Dunbarton HS	11.35
2	Cameron Wilson Dunbarton	11.46
3	Jordan Harris Eastdale CVI	11.53
4	Donovan Williams Sinclair SS	11.61
5	Sephton Spence Pickering HS	11.65
6	Steven Davis Pine Ridge SS	11.80
7	Ryan Powell All Saints	11.90
8	Geoff Powell Bowmanville HS	11.91
Midget Women 200m		
1	Danoy Howard Dunbarton	27.68
2	Tari Rees St. Mary's HS	28.52
3	Rebecca Graham St. Stephen's	28.54
4	Stephanie Hadi Dunbarton	28.78
5	Danielle Blair Sinclair SS	29.03
6	Caitlin Jordan Port Perry	29.14
7	Christine Kadykalo Courtice SS	29.86
8	Hilary Savin Pine Ridge SS	30.13
Midget Men 200m		
1	Jordan Harris Eastdale CVI	24.43
2	Cameron Wilson Dunbarton	24.48
3	Donovan Williams Sinclair SS	24.55
4	Robert Bell Dunbarton HS	24.56
5	Fraser Hoban St. Mary's	24.95
6	Sean Cusack Bowmanville HS	24.95
7	Brayen Patten Notre Dame	25.40
8	Jovain Wilson Dunbarton	28.54
Midget Women 400m		
1	Carley Dart Fr. Leo J. Austin	59.89
2	Kailey Jasper Anderson CVI	1:02.64
3	Christine Kadykalo Courtice SS	1:04.38
4	Charlotte Farquharson Paul Dwyer	1:04.51
5	Stephanie Hadi Dunbarton	1:04.71
6	Kelly Laing Paul Dwyer CHS	1:05.11
7	Renata Jaciw-Zuracowsky Dunbarton	1:08.43
8	Vanessa Wappel Dunbarton	1:09.49
Midget Men 400m		
1	James Rowe Anderson CVI	55.93
2	Nick Smith St. Mary's HS	57.05
3	Cameron Storton Courtice SS	57.28
4	Kyle Speers Pine Ridge SS	57.35
5	Sufy Shaikh McLaughlin	57.64
6	Robert Bell Dunbarton HS	58.22
7	Paul Ricketts Paul Dwyer CHS	58.98
8	Guiliano Calleri Notre Dame	59.56
Midget Women 800m		
1	Carley Dart Fr. Leo J. Austin	2:21.08
2	Geneva Winterink Paul Dwyer	2:26.70
3	Charlotte Farquharson Paul Dwyer	2:29.68
4	Kelly Laing Paul Dwyer CHS	2:35.10
5	Christine Kadykalo Courtice SS	2:39.12
6	Marisa Genuis Notre Dame	2:40.84
7	Renata Jaciw-Zuracowsky Dunbarton	2:41.16
8	Jackey Mason Port Perry	2:42.56
Midget Men 800m		
1	Rob Brown McLaughlin	2:08.41
2	Mike O'Sullivan O'Neill CVI	2:10.25
3	Andrew Stanley Uxbridge SS	2:10.72
4	Sufy Shaikh McLaughlin	2:10.96
5	Cameron Storton Courtice SS	2:11.64
6	Marcus Dillon McLaughlin	2:13.76
7	Sean Simeson McLaughlin	2:14.37

8	James Rowe Anderson CVI	2:17.10
Midget Women 1500m		
1	Amber Cushnie Pine Ridge SS	5:03.16
2	Geneva Winterink Paul Dwyer CHS	5:03.75
3	Alycia Joy Sinclair SS	5:25.82
4	Savannah Heathcote St. Mary's HS	5:27.30
5	Kelly Laing Paul Dwyer CHS	5:30.87
6	Marisa Genuis Notre Dame CHS	5:39.35
7	Shannon McMinn Courtice SS	5:49.94
8	Rachael Shalhorn McLaughlin	5:50.30
Midget Men 1500		
1	Rob Brown McLaughlin	4:23.18
2	Marcus Dillon McLaughlin	4:28.72
3	Trevor Dieleman Courtice SS	4:30.33
4	Sean Simeson McLaughlin	4:32.82
5	Andrew Stanley Uxbridge SS	4:35.63
6	Nick Bruton McLaughlin	4:43.82
7	Sufy Shaikh McLaughlin	4:45.22
8	Mike O'Sullivan O'Neill CVI	4:45.67
Midget Women 3000m		
1	Amber Cushnie Pine Ridge SS	10:49.69
2	Geneva Winterink Paul Dwyer CHS	11:29.08
3	Alycia Joy Sinclair SS	12:15.97
4	Marisa Genuis Notre Dame CHS	12:34.17
5	Rachael Shalhorn McLaughlin	12:53.18
6	Shannon McMinn Courtice SS	13:05.55
7	Tawny Ogg Sinclair SS	13:31.39
8	Melanie McLean Courtice SS	13:32.55
Midget Men 3000m		

1	Rob Brown McLaughlin	9:32.71(I)
2	Marcus Dillon McLaughlin	9:38.42
3	Sean Simeson McLaughlin	9:40.98
4	Daniel Barker Notre Dame CHS	10:03.13
5	Trevor Dieleman Courtice SS	10:03.71
6	Nick Bruton McLaughlin	10:53.40
7	Greg Zakoor Paul Dwyer CHS	11:03.78
8	Robert Bark Port Perry HS	11:05.38
Midget Women 90m Hurdles		
1	Danoy Howard Dunbarton HS	13.28
2	Jessica Nasmith Pickering HS	14.16
3	Samantha Chang-Gardiner Ajax HS	14.91
4	Rebecca Gabura Dunbarton HS	14.98
5	Ashley Sirko McLaughlin	15.82
6	Jenna Swann McLaughlin	16.11
7	Sabrina Ellis O'Neill CVI	17.15
8	Stacey Newhook McLaughlin	20.00
Midget Men 100m Hurdles		
1	Sheldon Connell Pickering HS	15.00
2	Anthony Lue Pickering HS	15.05
3	Brent Tamane Pine Ridge SS	15.38
4	Matt Pearson Pickering HS	15.50
5	Cody McEachern O'Neill CVI	15.73
6	Paul Ricketts Paul Dwyer CHS	16.34
7	Pat Hughes Paul Dwyer CHS	18.30
8	Jay Roraback Anderson CVI	20.65
Midget Women 300m Hurdles		
1	Jessica Nasmith Pickering HS	51.42
2	Charlotte Farquharson Dwyer	53.05

3	Sade Levene Dunbarton HS	54.92
4	Tara Farquharson Anderson CVI	55.24
5	Shannee Goddard Dunbarton HS	56.65
6	Rebecca Gabura Dunbarton HS	57.00
7	Alicia Kuypers Courtice SS	58.26
8	Rebekah McIntee Courtice	58.49

3	Brittney Hutchinson Brock HS	1.40m
4	Kamella Uylett Fr. Leo J. Austin	1.40m
5	Georgette Ballin St. Stephen's	1.35m
6	Lyndsay Glazier Eastdale CVI	1.35m
7	Janelle Jackson St. Mary	1.35m
8	Amanda Fracz St. Stephen's	1.35m

Midget Men 300m Hurdles			Midget Men High Jump		
1	Paul Ricketts Paul Dwyer	45.91	1	Jovain Wilson Dunbarton HS	1.68m
2	Matt Pearson Pickering HS	46.35	2	William Johnson McLaughlin	1.65m
3	Cameron Storton Courtice SS	47.83	3	Aaron White McLaughlin	1.60m
4	Cody McEachern O'Neill CVI	49.35	4	Charles Shearer Port Perry HS	1.55m
5	Mark Riley Pickering HS	54.12	5	Antoine Paul St. Stephen's	1.55m
Midget Women High Jump			6	James Dent St. Mary	1.55m
1	Kara Duncan Paul Dwyer	1.48m	7	Chris McPhaden Denis O'Connor	1.50m
2	Sade Levene Dunbarton HS	1.45m	8	Thaddeus Bolton St. Stephen's	1.50m

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McPhee hits the shot of a lifetime at Sunnybrae

PORT PERRY - Ron McPhee of Oshawa notched his first hole-in-one last week at Sunnybrae Golf Club.

Golfing with John Faroo, Bill Leask and Guy Roach as part of the Gallas Golf group, McPhee's tee shot at the par-3 15th hole found the cup.



ON THE CANADIAN TOUR: On the heels of Annika Sorenstam's PGA Tour debut at the Colonial last week comes the news that teenage phenomenon Michelle Wie has accepted an invitation to play in the Canadian Tour's Bay Mills Players Championship later this summer.

The 13-year-old Hawaiian will play as an amateur on a Golf Channel sponsor's exemption.

Wie, who will also play in a Nationwide Tour event later this year, is already well known in LPGA circles. In March, she competed in the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the LPGA's first major of 2003, and played in the final pairing of the tournament with Sorenstam and eventual champion Patricia Meunier-Lebouc. Wie finished ninth, and her driving distance for the tournament was 280-plus yards, 25 yards longer than Sorenstam's. The tournament runs in Brimley, Mich. Aug. 26-30.

Q-SCHOOL: The Canadian Tour's spring qualifying school started Tuesday and wraps up Friday at the Dunes of Kamloops in British Columbia. Former Oshawa resident Gord Balas is among those trying for his tour card.



DURHAM - Brandon Greer of Uxbridge Secondary School makes a short putt on the 17th hole at the LOSSA golf championships at Royal Ashburn Golf Club earlier this month.

BETTER BALL CHAMPS: Bowmanville residents Cam Hreljac and Chris Lee teamed up to win the 2003 Ontario Better Ball Championship at the Oakdale Golf and Country Club last Thursday. The long-hitting duo carded a 69 to tie for first place and then proceeded to defeat Charles Crawford and Joshua Dean on the first hole of a play-off, when Lee chipped in for birdie from the fringe.

GRANDVIEW GOLF: Golf lovers

are expected to be out in full force once again for the 7th annual Grandview Charity Golf Tournament, presented by EDS Canada and Scotiabank, on Wednesday, July 9 at Mill Run Golf and Country Club in Uxbridge. Funds raised at the event are used for a variety of recreation and leisure activities for 3,500 young people in Durham Region with special needs.

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MAYOR'S GOLF CLASSIC: The Oshawa Mayor's Golf Classic, held in support of the Oshawa Community Health Centre, is slated for Thursday, Aug. 7 at the Oshawa Golf Club.

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CJGA ORILLIA JUNIOR CLASSIC: Several local players turned in strong results at the Canadian Junior Golf Association's Orillia Junior Classic recently.

Michael Oudyk of Oshawa tied for second in the boys 13 and under division after shooting rounds of 79-82-81.

Meantime, in the boys 17-18 division, Whitby's Justin Howe was second after rounds of 82-79-79 and another Whitby resident, Conner Bailey, finished third after carding 82-83-80.

HOLE IN ONE: The Pickering Rotary is presenting the \$2 million Hole in One at Dunbarton High School in Pickering (Whites and Sheppard) June 4-8.

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A medal of honour

Christian Cardell Corbet's work graces walls around the world

By Allison Bell
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — From galleries and museums around the world to back home in Ajax, Christian Cardell Corbet's medallion portraits, drawings, paintings, and more are on display in the Ajax Public Library's Rotary Room and south foyer display case until May 31.

The pieces reflect his observation of life. "My inspiration comes from the living, life in general and their general being on this earth," said the Ajax artist. "Inspiration from everything from people to plant life impacts me on a daily basis."

The medallions feature figures such as Louis Riel, Pauline McGibbon, Dr. Jane Goodall, cartoonist Charles M. Schulz and Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother, which have been added to the permanent collection of the British Museum in England.

Institutions in several other countries have also recognized Corbet's work. He is the first Canadian artist to be represented in the Numismatic Museum in Athens, Greece, for his medal, 'Sir Francis Drake -- Circumnavigator.' Corbet considers this his most notable achievement.

"The practice of art medals in Canada is rare and being able to represent both a rare art form and our nation is an honour," he said.

Galleries and museums in the Netherlands, Sweden, Scotland, Vienna, Austria and Greece have also displayed his work.

He is cited in more than 15 international publications, and is a lecturer, curator and writer.

Corbet first started drawing and painting during his time at Southwood Park Public School.

He attended Ajax High School, and with encouragement from his grandmother, Alice Corbet, later studied theatre and fine arts at the University of Guelph.

"My grandmama encouraged and encouraged me to choose a career that strains from



Artist Christian Cardell Corbet's medallion portraits, drawings, paintings and more are on display at the Ajax Public Library. His work has appeared around the world.

the norm," he said.

"It allows me to communicate with people without speaking a single word."

Corbet currently has several projects in the works, including an official portrait of a Canadian chief executive officer and one large art medallion for a museum in the United States.

"I always keep my current project rather quiet until the work is absolutely complete and ready to present to the public," he noted.

The public is welcome to view the display at the library during regular hours.

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Pining for a good read

AJAX — High schools around Durham took part in the White Pine Reading program, which had students vote for their favourite author after reading a selection of books. The students, including Robert Clark, left, and Chantel Ward of Sinclair Secondary School in Whitby then assembled at J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate for the announcement of the winner. They chose 'A Foreign Field' by Gillian Chan, who joined them for a recent talk and book-signing session.

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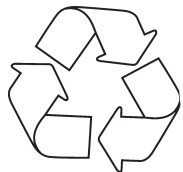
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TORONTO STAR

Lincolnaires turn back the clock

By Rob Tolson
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — Let the Lincolnaires take you back to the 1950s where rock n' roll originated.

Formed in 1958, the band has gone through various lineup changes, but today the five-piece group includes two founding members, Ed Mazurkiewicz and Frank Surette, as well as Cam Kingelin (2001), Bob Mitchell (1994), and the newest member, Brain Gatto (2002).

Gatto played with many bands locally until joining Anne Murray to play keyboard in 1978.

He played with Murray for 23 years, than came off the road for a year before joining the Lincolnaires in December 2002.

"I've known Brian for years and he was looking for a good band to play in," said Mitchell. "Our keyboard player retired, so he joined."

"Our old keyboardist decided to go his own way," added Mazurkiewicz. "There's usually two things that happen in a band, either a member dies

or quits."

The band normally plays the Jubilee Pavilion in Oshawa the last Saturday of every month. Mazurkiewicz believes it's hard for a band from their era of music to reach the community.

"No one really cares about bands at a community level from the 50s to the 70s any more," he said. "When we play, we play like we did 45 years ago. We're trying to reach a whole generation of people. There's still music and still people playing this music, but unless you see and hear it for yourself it's hard to explain."

Mazurkiewicz says that 60 to 70 per cent of the people who come out to their shows will start dancing immediately.

"Our fans come to dance," he said. "There isn't a DJ around that can touch us. Our generation is the generation that got rock n' roll started!"

The band has a total of four albums under its belt over the years and is planning to record a new one in the fall.

The Lincolnaires are playing vari-

ous upcoming concerts in the Durham Region, including May 31 at the Jubilee Pavilion, 55 Lakeview Park and June 7 at Kingside Park's 50th anniversary party, 537 Ten-nyson, Oshawa.

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Ajax teens raise funds, the roof at rock show for human rights

By Derek Lindsay
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — The Dungeon held a punk concert recently to raise money to donate to human rights.

On May 17, two Grade 12 students from Pickering High School organized Rock for Amnesty International at the Dungeon, 44 Bond St., E. in Oshawa.

"We originally wanted to do a concert to protest the (Iraq) war," said Julie Kortekaas, concert organizer.

"But since the war is over this is the what we decided to do."

The show featured two bands from Oshawa, Fatal Warsnake and One Down, who were joined by Ajax representatives The Johnstones and Gunned Down along with Pickering's A Place Called Home.

According to Ms. Kortekaas, there were more than 10 people in attendance.

A profit of \$220 went to Amnesty International.

"Even though we expected more people, it was actually a great show," said Kortekaas.

"I just want to thank the people that came out and supported the cause and enjoyed the show."

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DURHAM — Just as green, yellow and red traffic lights indicate when to go, be cautious and when to stop, so too do the mental health indicators taught by Khalid Sohail.

The Whitby psychiatrist says he's had success in helping individuals, couples and families experience the best in life. That's when they are in a 'green' zone state of mind. Dr. Sohail also teaches people to recognize when they're not fully functioning in the anxious 'yellow' zone and how the 'red' zone means trouble: despair, defeat and communication breakdown.

"I developed this model working with couples and families," he says. "They seemed to respond very well. I was making them more aware of problems by using layman's terms rather than the jargon used by most people on mental health issues. I was making them aware of the

things they could do for themselves."

So clear was the colour-coded therapy that Dr. Sohail wrote a book, 'The Art of Living in Your Green Zone.' A sequel, 'The Art of Loving in Your Green Zone,' will be followed by 'The Art of Working in Your Green Zone.'

A self-described "humanist," he says his approach is non-judgmental in an effort to take the stigma out of being mentally ill and the use of psychiatric labels. He gives as an example how the word depression is bandied about. Although potentially a very serious illness, he asks, "What if a person's depression is just general sadness and goes away in a week or two? It might just be simple sadness, perhaps related to the weather."

When couples fight and argue, he has observed, they are not at their best. "Good communication only can take place when both are in the green zone," he explains. "When one is in the green zone and one is in the red - red is like someone who is drunk. You can talk and talk but you'll have to wait until the other person is in the green zone."

Once the couple and-or family

members establish when they're in their green zones, weekly talks are scheduled between them to talk about what's on their respective minds before tensions build. Wisely, Dr. Sohail stresses one person cannot change another, but rather look after him or herself. He says the two main issues he sees most people trying to deal with stem from material loss and conflict.

"Many people have not learned how to discuss a difference of opinion in a respectful, dignified way without becoming offensive and losing control," he says. "I help them learn how to articulate. They may first write a letter if they cannot communicate verbally. This opens new channels. Sometimes a client just writes to me. It can help sort out discussions for themselves."

When in the red zone, conflicted people often blame others, he contends, adding when family members are a source of pain, it is important for people to develop a social support network.

While the individual and family unit may seem microcosms in times of war and terrorism, Dr. Sohail also looks beyond to the community at large and the international scene.

His recent release, 'From Islam to Secular Humanism,' has garnered much attention since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Coming from Pakistan, I was very interested," he says, adding that he does not consider himself a Freudian or Jungian but that he has "learned from both." The Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandelas of the world are perhaps greater influences than the fathers of psychiatry.

In yet another of his books, 'Pages of My Heart,' he states: "I think that we have reached such a turning point in history where we are forced to make certain choices individually and collectively.... we have to transcend the resentments based on class, race, gender, language or religious differences and anger because of the conflicts between the East and West, North and South, first and third world and many other man-made divisions. I believe that we are the products of our dreams. When our dreams are shattered we start to disintegrate individually and collectively."

Family physicians can refer clients to Dr. Sohail, whose fees are covered by OHIP. Dr. Sohail practices out of the Creative Psychotherapy Clinic, 213 Byron St. S.

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