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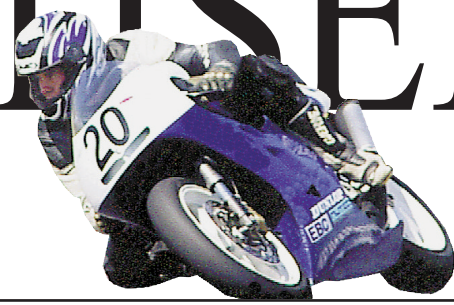


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Health coalition seeks Durham supporters

DURHAM — A newly formed coalition is looking for people to join them in Toronto next month at a rally for public health care. The Oshawa Health Coalition is renting buses to take Durham residents to lobby at the Roy Romanow commission on Canada's health-care system. Buses leave the Local 222 Canadian Auto Workers Hall on Phillip Murray Avenue, in Oshawa, Tuesday, April 2 at 10 a.m. The return time is 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending can call Russ Rak at 905-576-6255 or Jim Freeman at 905-434-5922 by March 27.

See top talkers tonight

PICKERING — Durham's finest speech-makers are facing off against each other tonight and local residents are invited to watch.

The Ajax-Pickering Toastmasters club is hosting the Area 16 International Speech Competition at the Pickering Nuclear Station Welcome Centre, Montgomery Park Road, just west of Brock Road, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Contestants from across Durham are competing for the title and a chance to continue on to the district and then international levels.

The event is free and refreshments will be served.

Doctor discusses positives of cancer diagnosis

DURHAM — The seminar 'cancer as a transformational experience' is being held next month.

Dr. Mary Vachon will discuss how being diagnosed with cancer can create positive changes. The presentation is being hosted by the Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre Tuesday, April 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the main branch of the Oshawa Public Library, 65 Bagot St. While free, prior registration is necessary. Call the support centre at 905-579-4833 for more information or to register.

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We're No. 3...but not for long

Pickering officials say city has huge growth ahead of it

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE
Staff Writer

PICKERING — After decades of Pickering laying claim to the position of second largest municipality in Durham, the Town of Whitby has jumped ahead.

Statistics from the 2001 census, released last week, show Pickering's population surged 10.3 per cent to 87,139 from 78,989 following the 1996 census, but was eclipsed by Whitby's 18.5-per cent

growth the last five years to 87,413. Oshawa remains first at 139,051.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner was admittedly disappointed Pickering is now number three, noting the city suffered from slower growth the last couple of years. However, he added it won't be long before Pickering makes a comeback.

"Whitby's growth will peak because of geographic space," said Coun. Brenner, pointing to Pickering's vast land area of 231.58 square kilometres compared to Whitby's 146.52.

And, as far as this city is concerned, Coun. Brenner said growth has been limited to in-

fill in the south while vast amounts of land held by the provincial and federal governments to the north of the existing urban area has yet to open up to development. "Our growth has been slow, but it's like the tortoise and the hare, the tortoise always wins," he said.

The City's director of planning and development, Neil Carroll, agreed filling in Pickering's existing urban area has been a sluggish and time-consuming process, but added growth in the north looks like it's ready to start.

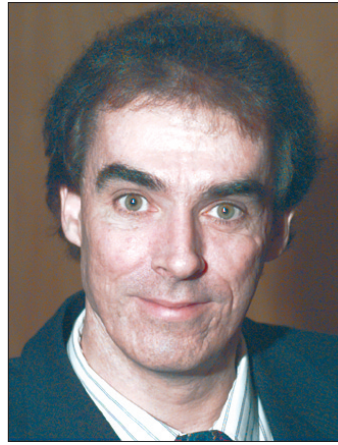
Mr. Carroll said the East Duffins area would see the first shovels in the ground as coun-

cil has already made changes to the City's Official Plan for the area, which can accommodate neighbourhoods of approximately 8,300 and 6,800 people respectively. The plan calls for the growth by 2016.

Much has also been made of the Province's Oak Ridges Moraine and Seaton land swap, which will hand over provincial property in north Pickering to developers for the construction of an area that will house 90,000 people.

While the details of the swap have yet to be finalized, Mr. Carroll said after watching the process evolve over the last

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NEIL CARROLL
'Pickering has a lot of room for growth.'



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Bald and having a ball

DURHAM — Durham Regional Police Service employees Pat Hetherington (left), a civilian member of the service, and Constable Nancy George used their heads in a Cops for Cancer fund-raising event Saturday. Members of various police services and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario challenged Durham firefighters in a bid to raise money for the Cancer Society. Ms. Hetherington lost a friend to cancer last year, and Ms. George lost her father, David.

Police nab parole violator

DURHAM — An Oshawa man with a history of armed robbery and escaping custody has been returned to jail after violating his parole.

Cale Gordon Hermitte, 32, was arrested at 12:15 p.m. Friday by the provincial ROPE (Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement) squad with the assistance of Durham Regional Police.

A warrant had been issued earlier in the week for Mr. Hermitte, who had been serving a five-year prison sentence for the knife-point robbery of a taxi driver in 1996. In 1999 he was arrested in Oshawa after escaping prison. Mr. Hermitte, who police claim is an associate of the Hells Angels, was granted statutory release last December and assigned to a federal halfway house in Oshawa.

Mr. Hermitte has been returned to jail to serve the rest of his sentence, police said.

Gay couple won't be at prom



JASON LIEBREGTS/ News Advertiser photo

Mark Hall (front) is supported by friends Lance Ryan and Cassidy Hood in his bid to take his boyfriend to his high school prom in Oshawa. Catholic board officials won't 'do things that encourage or promote that practice'.

Durham's Catholic education director says 'not consistent' with board values

BY MIKE RUTA
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A gay Oshawa high school student and his friends say the Catholic school board is discriminating against him by not allowing him to take his boyfriend to the prom.

But, the Durham Catholic District School Board counters allowing a gay couple to go to the prom would amount to encouraging homosexuality.

Marc Hall, a Grade 12 student at Monsignor John Peryma Catholic Secondary School, said his school principal told him it's against school policy for a gay couple to attend prom together. His boyfriend is an Uxbridge resident and not a student at Peryma.

Mr. Hall said he deserves fair treatment, noting the cen-

tral message in the New Testament is "treat everybody as you want to be treated".

He added he was taught in his Grade 12 Catholic morality class at the school that while homosexuals cannot have sex, there is otherwise nothing wrong with being gay.

Grant Andrews, the Catholic board's education director, said a gay couple cannot attend a prom because "it's not consistent with the values that we promote within our (board) mission statement."

Asked to be more specific, he said it is not in line with Catholic values.

"We recognize that that situation does exist and there are people who have difficulties in that particular area, and we don't condemn them," Mr. Andrews said. "But we're not going to do things that encourage or promote that practice."

Mr. Hall and his friends are gathering names on a petition to garner support for what they say is unfair treatment in Durham schools and else-

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Gay couple shut out of high school prom

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where. They have also set up a Web site that invites visitors to "help us to make Canada a place of equality for everyone, regardless of their sexual preference and orientation."

Mr. Hall's friend Lance Ryan said the Canadian Bill of Rights forbids discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation, adding he's found no fine print that indicates Catholic schools or boards are exempt.

"We realize we might not even get Markie to the prom with his boyfriend, but even if we lose that battle we want to win the war," said Mr. Ryan.

"We're not asking for them to condone the homosexual act, we're asking for equal treatment," added friend Cassy Hood.

The Catholic position is that a couple must be married to have sex, the purpose of which is procreation, she said. Since two men cannot procreate, they cannot have sex, said Ms. Hood.

In a later interview, Mr. Andrews declined comment on the question of the Canadian Bill of Rights and what students are taught in

school about homosexuality.

However, Francois Larsen, acting director of policy for the Ontario Human Rights Commission, said the issue encompasses a number of factors. He said Section 19 of the Ontario Human Rights Code, which sets out equal rights and opportunities for everyone without discrimination in specific areas such as jobs, housing and services, is an exemption for Catholic schools in making some decisions, such as hiring teachers, based on their religious beliefs.

"The Code allows for an exemption for separate schools to function as Catholic entities under the Education Act," said Mr. Larsen.

Therefore, he said in the case of Mr. Hall and the Durham Catholic board, "There's a possibility of a complaint, but there is a defence of the code as well."

The commission deals with 2,000 complaints a year, and once filed, the first step is to review the situation. Cases that proceed from there head to mediation where about 60 per cent are resolved. Should that route fail, the commission investigates the facts and then a public board of inquiry is held, followed by a decision.

Bev Freedman, programs superintendent at the Durham District School Board, in an interview said as far as she knows the issue has never come up at the public board.

"I don't know what we would do,"

she said. "We don't have a policy one way or another."

Mr. Larsen said Section 19 does not pertain to the public school system or private facilities. "There's no exemption in the code for other schools," he said. "They probably could challenge it but it would likely have to go to the Supreme Court."



GRANT ANDREWS
"We don't condemn them."

Father faces murder charge as Alexis laid to rest

TORONTO — Two-year-old Alexis Currie was buried yesterday as her father was formally charged with first-degree murder in the toddler's death.

A week after he was arrested for abduction and carrying a concealed knife, Peter Currie, 40, of Toronto was scheduled to make his first appearance in a Toronto courtroom on the murder charge filed Monday by investigators.

An intensive search for the missing toddler led to the discovery last Thursday of Alexis's body in a wooded area of Claremont in north Pickering.

The body was found several metres west of Westney Road, south of the Pickering-Uxbridge Townline near a large pond.

An autopsy revealed she suffered a knife wound to the neck and bled to death, Toronto Police said.

Mr. Currie originally picked up Alexis and her four-year-old sister March 9

for an access visit under a family court order, police said.

He later visited a friend in Whitby, but was without Alexis. The older child later returned to a grandparent's home on Sunday, but was alone.

On March 11, police arrested Mr. Currie and charged him with the abduction of Alexis and weapons offences, however, he refused to co-operate with investigators leading the search for his missing daughter, police said.

On Thursday, the father led investigators to the rural area in Claremont where the child's body was found.

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The meeting is Wednesday, March 27 at Gallantry's Restaurant at the Pickering Town Centre (near Zellers) beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m.

Dinner follows the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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Daly elected to teachers' federation post

DURHAM — A local teacher representative has been elected by her peers to sit as one of 40 governors on the Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF).

Marnie Daly, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association's (OECTA) Durham elementary unit president, was chosen to represent the union on the OTF at the recent annual

general meeting. "I'm one of the voting members who will decide on issues that are pertinent to the OTF," she said in an interview.

Ms. Daly explained there are 40 OTF governors, 10 from each of the affiliated teachers' unions. Five OECTA representatives are elected to the OTF and five come from the OECTA provincial executive.



ANDREW IWANOWSKI/ News Advertiser photo

Members of the Durham Regional Police Service's tactical unit prepare to leave the scene following an attempt to serve a search warrant at a Rosefield Road home in Pickering Tuesday afternoon. Durham officers were assisting Toronto police in connection with a case they are working on.

Tactical unit swarms Pickering neighbourhood

PICKERING — Tear gas was fired into a Rosefield Road home yesterday after a slew of tactical unit police officers descended on a central Pickering neighbourhood.

Durham Regional Police spokesman Sergeant Paul Malik said tactical officers and a negotiator were assisting Toronto Police with the execution of a search warrant at the home at about 11:15 a.m. Numerous attempts were made to

contact the occupants before tear gas was fired through a window just after noon. Police forced their way inside and two females were arrested and transported to the Pickering community police station for questioning by Toronto investigators, Sgt. Malik said.

Police closed off the area during the incident and officials at Glen-grove Public School, about two blocks from the scene, confirmed

officers had informed them of the investigation and asked them to keep students inside.

"We have a 'no-one-in, no-one-out' policy right now," said Janet Flanagan, a secretary at the school. "The situation is not at the school, but we have to be careful with the children."

The investigation continued and no charges had been laid at the News Advertiser's press deadline.

Tuberculosis cases rise in Durham

Eighteen cases confirmed in 2001

BY JACQUIE McINNES
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The "disease of poverty" struck Durham a little harder than usual last year when 18 cases of tuberculosis (TB) were diagnosed in the region.

A highly-contagious disease that affects the lungs, tuberculosis can be cured with long-term antibiotic treatment.

"Compared to our neighbours to the west and other GTA health units our incidence is low, however compared to other parts of the province we are mindful of our proximity to Toronto," says Dr. Donna Reynolds, Durham's associate medical officer of health.

In an average year Durham can expect 10 to 12 cases of TB but the increase in 2001 could just be a blip, says Dr. Reynolds. "We're very vigilant of all cases in our region," she adds.

Worldwide, tuberculosis often affects the world's poorest populations, says Dr. Reynolds. "Overcrowding, poor nutrition, physical and mental stress and a weakened immune system all increase a person's risk for developing TB disease," she says. While there was "no real cluster" of cases in any particular geographical area of Durham, Dr. Reynolds suggests people living in poverty in urban areas, prisoners, refugees and those in poor housing conditions or homeless are at higher risk. Lack of housing, overcrowding, poor nutrition and physical and mental stress due to poverty impact on the spread and seriousness of the disease, she says.

The health department works with the staff and patrons of homeless shelters to help prevent outbreaks of the very contagious disease.

"It is an ongoing concern," says Ed Goerz, executive director of Cornerstone Community Asso-

ciation. Standardized laundry and cleaning procedures in the downtown Oshawa shelter are part of a prevention protocol, he says.

In the past year Cornerstone has worked with a parish nurse as part of a partnership with Inter-church Health Ministries. The nurse comes to the shelter for two hours every day and anyone who is staying at Cornerstone is encouraged to see her about any health concerns they may have, he says. "We're aware folks sleeping in cars or sleeping outdoors are at much greater risk of being away from a regular check-up with a health care provider." The parish nurse can provide that. "The most essential ingredient is trust," he relates.

As much as one-third of the world's population could have dormant TB, says Dr. Reynolds who notes for some immigrants the stress related to immigration can cause the disease to become active. About half of Durham's cases were

found in foreign-born patients, she says, noting that average is lower than the provincewide average. Immigrants are required to be tested for TB prior to coming to Canada. If the disease is in a dormant stage, a Canadian health department will follow up with them after they arrive in the country. Anyone diagnosed with active TB must be treated prior to coming to the country. Signs of TB include coughing for two weeks or longer, coughing up blood, fever, weight loss and night sweats.

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Durham public school board wants say in sex offender policy

Officials want to take part in review by Durham police

BY LESLEY BOVIE
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Public school board officials want to take part in a review of how the Durham Regional Police inform the public about sex offenders living near schools.

Responding to recent concerns about two sex offenders living in the neighbourhood of three Pickering schools, the Durham District School Board voted unanimously Monday night to write Police Chief Kevin McAlpine requesting some representation on a public disclosure review committee.

Their motion was received favourably from Deputy Chief of Police Rod Piukkala, who will head up the review. He pointed out police and school board officials have had a long history of working together to ensure student safety.

"We certainly welcome your input and dialogue," Dep. Chief Piukkala told trustees.

At present, police are only able to release information about an individual who has been charged, convicted or found guilty of an offence. However, the Police Services Act does allow a Chief of Police to disclose information about a person with a record who is not currently charged but under very specific guidelines.

"He has to believe there is a significant risk of harm and that the issue can't be addressed in any other fashion," stressed Dep. Chief Piukkala. "We do appropriate risk-assessment of these individuals. We don't take this charge very lightly."

While police say they're following provincial regulations and guidelines, they've struck a committee to review current public disclosure practices given concerns in Pickering.

The review will involve contacting other police services and provincial officials to confirm practices haven't changed and that the Durham Regional Police's policy continues to be within current law and best

practices, said the deputy chief.

When asked by Uxbridge/Brock Trustee Nancy Lorraine if it would "consume staff time" to sit on the committee, Superintendent Don McLean, in charge of the board's safety issues, said he'd like to see the DDSB take part in the actual discussions, rather than be briefed by police afterwards.

"Any time the Durham Regional Police asks for our input, we should be right there giving it," added Ajax Trustee Marilyn Crawford. In a tight 5-4 recorded vote, the board rejected a motion from Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford calling for more immediate measures, and asking Chief McAlpine to release sex offender information to schools for liability purposes. "We have a mandate too - to protect children," he said. "Even if we're re-

fused information we should still ask for it. I'm just asking for a little more action than joining a committee."

The motion's supporters argued the board needed to send a strong message of concern to Chief McAlpine. Its opponents said, while they appreciated the intent to ensure student safety, a school board shouldn't dictate such matters to the police.

School boards usually follow the direction of police when it comes to sex offender cases, said Superintendent McLean, who argued school safety is "not one event, but part of an ongoing process."

The Durham Regional Police, the DDSB, and the other two school boards within its jurisdiction, have worked out a school/police protocol to respond to a series of potentially dangerous situa-

tions in schools, he said. It is subject to ongoing review and open to input from parents, he said.

DDSB also offers a variety of pro-

grams like 'Stay Alert/Stay Safe' and 'Never Be A Victim' to teach students personal safety and street-proofing techniques, Superintendent McLean added.

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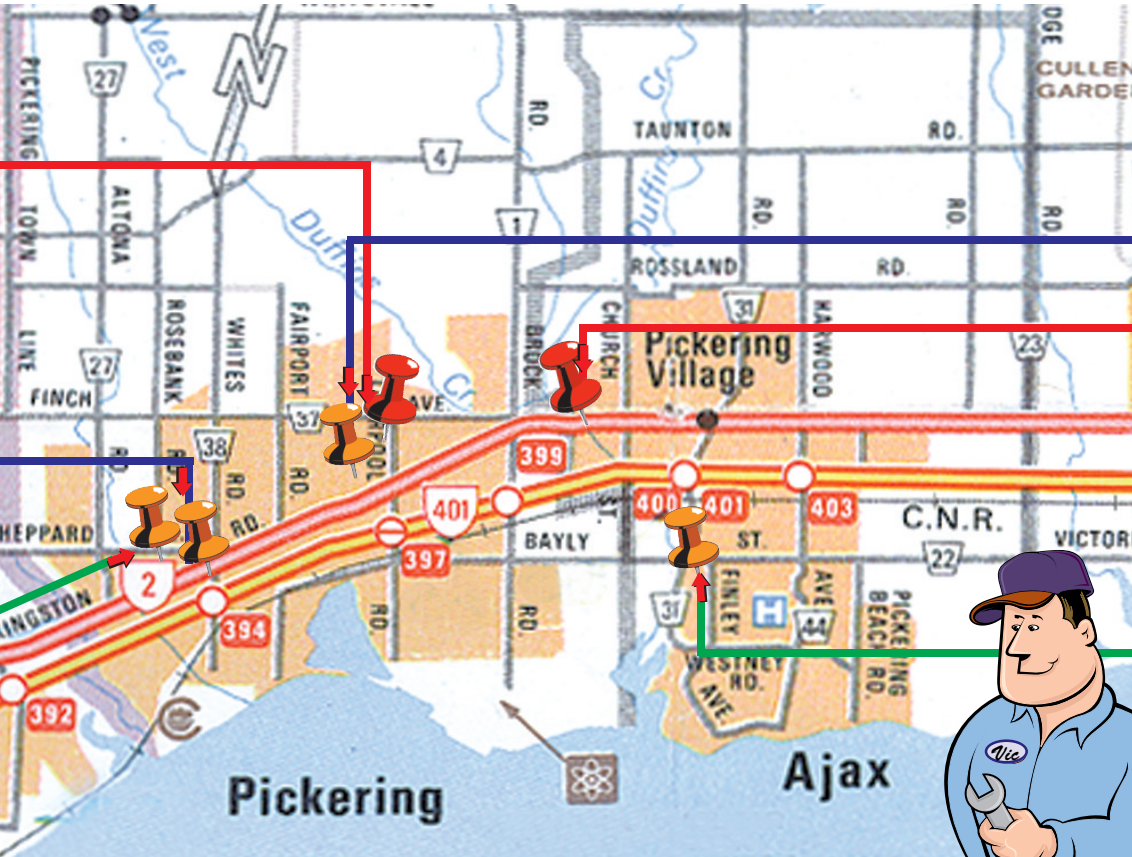
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Pickering the tortoise against municipal hares

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20 years, and different plans for the land come on and off the table, his feeling is Seaton is closer to becoming a reality than ever before.

And, he said capacity at both the water and sewage treatment plants in the area is reserved for both Seaton and East Duffins, meaning basic infrastructure is in place to handle the growth.

Another reason for optimism when it comes to growth is that the Greater Toronto Airports Authority is looking at the possibility of building a regional reliever airport on federally owned land in the north, an idea Mr. Carroll said could ultimately have huge ramifications on Pickering's future.

"You put an airport site in Pickering, of any size, and it will be a catalyst for growth," he said.

However, growth of that size doesn't happen overnight.

"It's still going to be slow. Last year (building permits and planning applications) were down and they'll still be down in 2002," Mr. Carroll said. "We're looking at a lot of infill right now and as long as areas like the provincial lands at Seaton, a major growth factor, aren't opened up, we'll still be doing a lot of infill. In the existing urban area if you're looking for greenfields to develop, there's just not a lot in south Pickering... East Duffins is ready to go though. We're hopeful the first construction will begin in 2003."

Mr. Carroll also agrees growth in Pickering will soon surpass any municipal competitors.

"Pickering is huge compared to Ajax, Whitby, and even Oshawa," he explained. "It's been slow, but it's a transitional period... Pickering has a lot of room for growth."

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland said he's not surprised Whitby has seen its population exceed Pickering's, since only 250 homes were built in this city last year.

But, he said slow infill growth can also be a positive thing.

"We have a real opportunity to take the time and plan our growth," he said. "It's not just done in an ad hoc fashion... we're establishing a strategic growth plan. When it comes to communities like Seaton and East Duffins we're going to ensure they have a solid core and industrial base, not just residential housing."

Mr. Holland also said communities like Whitby are making the "mistake" of using today's development charges to pay for the infrastructure needs of previous growth. It's this kind of catch-up financing that Coun. Holland said will leave the municipality in financial dire straits when it runs out of space to develop more residential properties.

"They're making a big mistake, Whitby and other municipalities like Ajax will loathe the day this population growth started when it comes time to pay for it," he said. "That kind of growth is just not sustainable."



MARK HOLLAND
"We have a real opportunity..."

Police seek bandit in Pickering robbery

Restaurant employees face gun in holdup

PICKERING — The holdup squad is hunting a lone gunman who robbed a Kingston Road restaurant Sunday.

Durham Regional Police said a suspect in his late teens or early 20s entered the Pita Pit, at 1550 Kingston Rd., about 1:20

p.m., ordered a drink and then pulled a handgun. The bandit demanded money from two employees, a 20-year-old man and 16-year-old teenaged boy, who complied.

The robber took the cash and fled south on foot, police said.

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ry flu shot. Earlier this year some paramedics were told they could not continue their duties because they refused to receive the vaccine. In Durham, all full-time paramedics received the flu shot but five part-timers did not. They cannot resume their duties until flu season is over or until they comply with the legislation.

CUPE filed a court challenge against the Province stating the legislation violated its members' rights. In Toronto and Brockville, where some CUPE members have refused the flu shot, the municipalities have opted to see the outcome of the court challenge before taking action against the members, says Mr. Dick. In Peterborough, paramedics who initially refused the shot did comply because ambulances were going to be taken off the road and they didn't want to jeopardize public safety, he adds.

Durham paramedics are supportive of CUPE's planned action for next season, notes the steward. "A lot of them said they are against the way we are being forced to get the flu shot," he relates.

Mr. Dick notes CUPE is not telling members to pass on the vaccine if they wish to get it. "We're saying just don't hand in the form saying you've had it," he relates. "We're not saying the shot is bad for everybody."

The union is hoping to meet with the Ministry of Health prior to the next flu season to see if the issue can be resolved.

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Rules say board can deny gay couple from prom

But issue means Durham Catholic board and its schools face tough questions that must be addressed

In its decision to deny a gay student the right to take his boyfriend to a high school prom, the Durham Catholic District School Board is on solid theological ground.

Even the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, so liberal and strong a document in protecting Canadians from discrimination based on race, colour, sex, religion or age, does not trifle with the rights of separate schools to set their own rules.

Section 29 of the Charter states: "Nothing in this Charter abrogates or derogates from any rights or privileges guaranteed by or under the Constitution of Canada in respect of denominational, separate or dissentient schools."

There it is, in clear language. Separate schools have rights public schools do not.

Those rights extend to such issues as dress codes, religious classes, hiring policies, behaviour on school property, and the list goes on and on. The British North America Act of 1867 guaranteed, as a condition of the creation of Canada, the protection of Roman Catholicism. Unless a province goes to extraordinary lengths to overturn this pledge, and Ontario won't be doing so anytime soon, it's as entrenched in Canadian life as hockey, maple leaves, and peacekeeping.

In addition, the Ontario Human Rights Code, like its federal cousin the Charter, offers an exemption of protected rights for separate schools to function as Catholic entities under the Education Act.

As much as Marc Hall, a Grade 12 student at Oshawa's Monsignor John Pereyema Catholic High School, may feel he is within his rights to take his boyfriend to the prom, the practise of homosexuality is clearly inconsistent with church teachings.

Grant Andrews, director of education for the Durham Catholic board argues, "It's not consistent with the values we promote within our mission statement. We're not going to do things that encourage or promote that practice."

However, given the rights and freedoms justly earned by homosexuals in issues of employment, housing, and benefits over the last few decades, the Catholic board's decision flies in the face of 'politically correct' policy.

This may be a new issue for the board but it will not be a singular incident.

As a more liberal generation takes its place on the political stage, schools will be faced with the prospect of open homosexuality more frequently. The Durham Catholic District School Board must ask itself some very difficult questions:

What if Mr. Hall's boyfriend was a student at the same school rather than a student from out of the city? Would both young men not have a right to be at their own prom? And what makes the prom different from other events? Is the board certain gay couples are not now sharing lunch in the cafeteria, sitting side by side at school football games, or passing notes in chemistry class?

If the determining factor in barring this gay couple from the high school prom is that they are 'out of the closet', what will the board do when a gay couple proclaims themselves at the start of the next school year? Will it refuse their admission to school altogether?

These are difficult questions but they need to be addressed openly, calmly and with compassion and understanding for everyone involved.

We urge the board to do just that.

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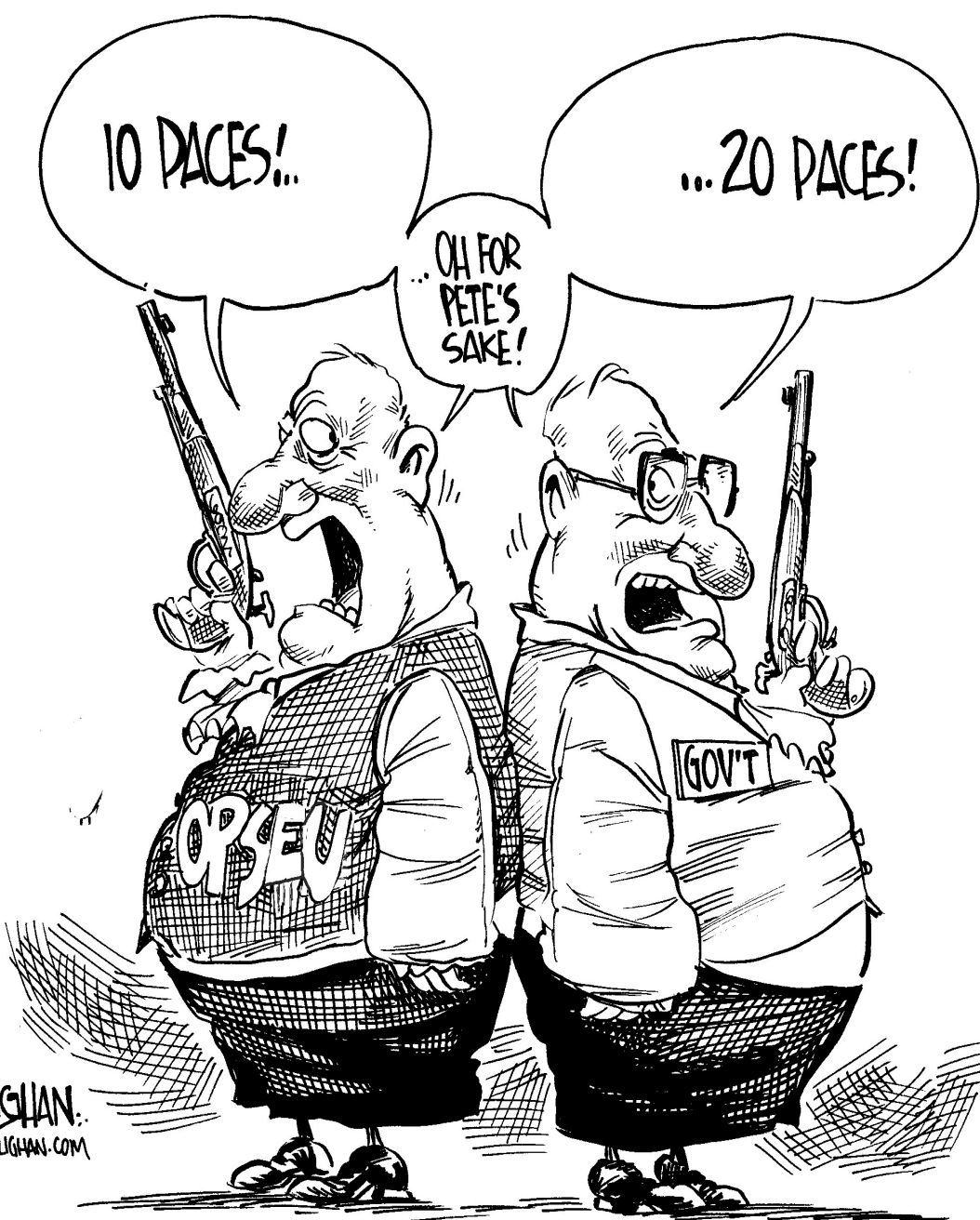
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When the lake became rough and splashed over the breakwalls, the volunteer firefighters worked to erect sandbag barriers. Early in the 1970s the Metropolitan Region and Conservation Authority (MTRCA) began acquiring property along the lake east of Toronto.

About 20 of the original homes on the lakefront were demolished and the land was designated for future parkland.

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To the editor:

The Ontario Volunteer Emergency Response Team (OVERT) is a dedicated ground search-and-rescue team based in Durham Region that provides volunteer and canine search teams to local police.

I recently became aware of this group and the important function it serves. The fact the Durham Police Services Board has denied its initial request for seed funding this year is shocking. As an Ajax resident with no affiliation to OVERT, I believe the volunteer services it provides are extremely important and worth the investment they are requesting.

I would hope the police board

reconsiders this decision, and if not, that my regional representatives direct the board to accommodate OVERT funding. No Durham resident would want to hear a family member could not be found because invaluable local volunteer services like OVERT were not supported.

For more information about OVERT, visit a Web site at www.durham.net/~neuls/overt.

Kim Sadler,
Ajax

Shelter concerns aren't a debate of home's need

To the editor:

Re: 'Shelter objections are dangerous,' letter to the editor.

The need for a shelter for abused families is not the issue. There are other problems that need to be addressed: one is the

rezoning of this parcel of land. The rezoning will allow another 8,000-square-foot building to be built on this property.

The current design has this large building within four metres of the southern property owner's backyard fence line. This building is literally in their backyard. What precedent is the Ajax planning department creating when it allows properties to be so close in proximity? When driving around Pickering and Ajax there seems to be ample properties that would better suit a building of this size.

The other issue is one of safety. There have been some messages broadcast that this facility will be manned with a police officer 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The community would like more details about this deal and would like to see what it fully entails.

Gord Flear,
Ajax

Premier contenders talk the talk...

But have a history of keeping decision making to a close inner circle

Almost all the candidates to succeed Premier Mike Harris have promised to bring a new era of democracy to their party, but can anyone believe them?

Ernie Eves said he wants to lead a Progressive Conservative 'team' that will include backbench MPPs able to vote the way they think on most issues instead of how their government directs them.

Tony Clement said he would give his backbenchers a greater voice and make ministers accountable to them. Elizabeth Wither said she would involve 'all those who are on the front lines' in making decisions.

Chris Stockwell, who has been Speaker and is particularly informed on the trials of backbenchers, said he would allow them even to help develop his party's platforms in elections.

Some Tory MPPs may feel their party's hierarchy is on the verge of giving them a bigger say in governing, but in every race for premier in memory virtually all the candidates promised to give backbenchers a larger role and the winners forgot their promises once the campaigns were over.

The main concerns of backbenchers are they are either not consulted at all before their government announces policies or brings in legislation, or are informed only an hour before they are due to be made public, so they are not given a proper opportunity to scrutinize or propose changes.

Mr. Harris promised when running in 1990, "I will include everyone in the party's decision-making and policy development. People are fed up with the politics of the past in backrooms and government."



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Mr. Harris even recalled when he was a backbencher, premier William Davis "would come into our caucus and tell us what we had all decided."

Mr. Harris implied this would not be his way, but he was soon running a government in which the major decisions were made by himself and a small clique, including unelected advisers, and his backbench MPPs were given little or no chance to influence legislation.

These included his decisions to privatize Hwy. 407, amalgamate Metropolitan Toronto, bring in a notorious omnibus bill that gave government unprecedented wide powers, and give tax credits to parents who choose to send their children to private schools.

Mr. Harris deterred MPPs from complaining by firing those who did from jobs as parliamentary assistants. He got his announcements through quicker and neater, but never seemed to recognize at times he missed chances to get input from MPPs, who were closer to the public than theorists in his corner office and could have pointed out flaws and saved him embarrassment.

The New Democrats, before being elected to government, passed a resolution promising to "respect and strengthen the role of backbenchers", and seemed to ooze democracy. Virtually all its policies were arrived at by mass

votes of delegates at conventions.

But in government under premier Bob Rae they did not have money to fulfil some promises, including one to provide public auto insurance. Mr. Rae and a small group abandoned them over backbenchers' protests and similarly fired, from jobs that paid extra, MPPs who spoke against them.

David Peterson became Liberal premier promising to give government backbenchers "a meaningful role" after four decades in which, as he said, Tory premiers ruled absolutely.

But Mr. Peterson made many major decisions including opposing free trade, facilitating Sunday shopping and embracing the Meech Lake constitutional accord, which helped him lose the 1990 election, without consulting his caucus.

Mr. Davis, before becoming premier, said he would give MPPs a bigger voice, but made decisions, including investing \$650 million in an oil company as a supposed window on that industry, and extending grants to Roman Catholic high schools, which hurt his party, without consulting his caucus.

Mr. Davis decided what to do over his cornflakes at breakfast meetings with an inner circle of senior ministers and unelected advisers and as Durham-area MPP Sam Cureatz, an independent-minded backbencher, put it, "then came to caucus and told us how it was all going to happen".

Some Tories today may support a candidate feeling this will give their rank-and-file MPPs more say in what their government does, but history says they should not count on it.

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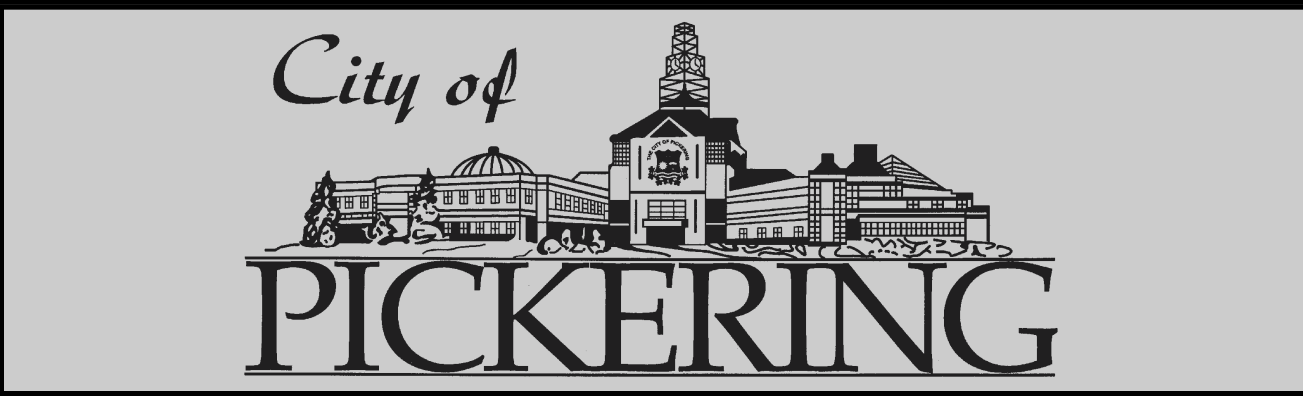
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- MONDAY -

Billiards	Games Room	9:00 am - 9:30 pm
Bridge - Progressive	Millennium Room	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Badminton	Gymnasium	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Shuffleboard	Main Hall	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Bid Euchre	Millennium Room	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Darts	Main Hall North	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

- TUESDAY -

Billiards	Games Room	9:00 am - 9:30 pm
Cribbage	Millennium Room	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Keep Fit Class #1 *	Gymnasium	9:15 am - 10:15 pm
Keep Fit Class #2 *	Gymnasium	10:30 am - 11:30 pm
Tai Chi (all levels) *	Gymnasium	12:50 pm - 2:30 pm
Club Meeting	Main Hall	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Bingo (following club meeting)	Main Hall	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Euchre (following club meeting)	Millennium Room	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Pickering Perennials Practice	Main Hall	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

- WEDNESDAY -

Country Dancing 2 *	Community Room	9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Billiards	Games Room	9:00 am - 9:30 pm
Compulsory 5	Millennium Room	9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Country Line Dancing 1 *	Community Room	10:10 am - 11:10 am
Chess	Millennium Room	12:15 pm - 4:00 pm
Oil Painting *	Main Hall	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Pinochle	Millennium Room	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Bridge Refresher (Fall / Spring) *	Room 4	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Table Tennis	Main Hall North	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Poker	Millennium Room	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- THURSDAY -

Billiards	Games Room	9:00 am - 9:30 pm
500 Card Game	Millennium Room	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Euchre	Millennium Room	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Water Colour *	Room 2	12:15 pm - 3:15 pm
Keep Fit Class *	Gymnasium	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Stretch & Tone Class *	Gymnasium	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Bingo	Main Hall	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

- FRIDAY -

Billiards	Games Room	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Carpet Bowling	Main Hall	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Poker	Millennium Room	9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Drama Club	Room 4	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Bridge - Progressive	Millennium Room	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Bid Euchre (1 st Fri. of the month)	Millennium Room	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Movies (2 nd Fri. of the month)	Millennium Room	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Bid Euchre (3 rd Fri. of the month)	Millennium Room	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

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Saturday March 23rd, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
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Saturday April 20th, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

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Entries are due by Friday, April 5
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One senior will be selected by the first Friday in May and invited to a recognition ceremony as part of our Seniors Month Celebration on the first Sunday in June.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS AT CITY HALL

DATE	MEETING	TIME
March 20	Pickering, Ajax, Whitby Joint Animal Control Committee @ Ajax Civic Complex	5:00 pm
March 21	Statutory Public Information	7:00 pm
March 21 & 22	Budget Meetings	9:00 am
March 25	Finance & Operations Committee	1:30 pm
April 2	City Council Meeting	7:30 pm
April 4	Museum Advisory Committee	7:00 pm
April 4	Youth Partnership Committee	7:00 pm
April 8	Committee of Adjustment	7:00 pm
April 8	Planning & Committee of the Whole	7:30 pm

All meetings are open to the public. For meeting details call 905-420-2222 or visit the website.

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Fri, March 29 Mon, April 1	Fri, March 29 Sat, March 30 Sun, March 31
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING	Mon, April 1
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City Council Meeting at 7:30 pm	
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MAKING THEIR MARK

BY CHRISTY CHASE
Staff Writer

DURHAM - They were world travellers, businessmen, artists, healers, pioneers, preachers and farmers, living here decades, even centuries, before there was a Durham Region.

Through their words and deeds, they made important contributions to their families, their communities and even their country. Their names can be found in history books and perhaps on street signs, parks, schools and historical plaques, footnotes to our communities' histories.

We might hear and see their names almost daily but what do we know of the people behind those names? To further an awareness of local history, here's a brief look at some of the people whose names still live in our communities today.

OSHAWA

World-traveller and author Thomas Conant was born April 14, 1842. The Conant family is considered one of the founding families of Oshawa.

An ancestor, Roger Conant, arrived in North America from England in 1623 with the American Pilgrim Fathers, albeit in the second ship, the 'Ann,' not the 'Mayflower.' He helped found Salem and was governor of Massachusetts for three years. Six generations later, another Roger Conant headed for Upper Canada during the American Revolution. This United Empire Loyalist landed in Darlington Township and set down his roots, one of the first settlers in the Oshawa area.

Thomas Conant was his great-grandson. Thomas's father, Daniel, was a prosperous ship owner who built the first lumber mill in Oshawa. Thomas Conant was educated in New York and was infected by wanderlust. He came home to run his father's affairs but headed south again when the American Civil War started. Deterred from joining the army of the north by the horrific scenes he found in primitive army hospitals, he did, however, meet President Abraham Lincoln and was granted a pass to travel wherever he wanted in Virginia and the Washington area.

He returned to Oshawa but didn't stay. He travelled around the world twice, not an easy feat in his day. While travelling, he regularly contributed articles to the 'Oshawa Vindicator' and the 'Toronto Globe.' But his love of his home and writing can be found in two books he wrote, 'Upper Canada Sketches' in 1898 and 'Life in Canada' in 1903, which set out in detail his family history and that of the area he lived in. The latter was published two years before his death in 1905.

An avid reader, Mr. Conant's library consisted of 6,000 volumes. He lived and died in a large brick mansion, known as Buenavista, which was torn down in 1985 to make way for non-profit housing.

He married Margaret Gifford and in 1885 they produced a son, Gordon Daniel, who went on to become a lawyer, mayor of Oshawa (1916-17) and premier of Ontario (1942-43).

(Information and picture courtesy of Oshawa Community Museum and Archives.)

CLARINGTON

She was known as Dr. Lydia even though she had no medical degree.

But Lydia Trull had a knowledge of herbs and healing and put both skills to use in the late 1700s and early 1800s in an area that stretched from Scarborough to Cobourg.

Mrs. Trull was the wife of John W. Trull, one of the first white settlers in the area. The couple, along with their three children, came to Darlington Township, in 1792 along with Roger Conant (Thomas Conant's great-grandfather) and John Burk.

Mr. Trull was born in the Isle of Wight, England, in 1746. Pressed into service on a man-of-war and later a slave ship, Mr. Trull eventually settled in New York where he met and fell in love with Lydia Casey. They eloped and were married in 1782 when she was 17. They picked up and moved here 10 years later and carved out a life about three miles from Barber's Creek, in what was to become Port Darlington in Bowmanville. Mrs. Trull brought her herb lore and healing skills and instantly put them to use. There was no doctor between Toronto and Napanee, so she filled in as one here. Tall with jet-black hair, she was often seen riding a black mare to and from her visits to patients, both white and natives. At night, she rode with a torch to light her way. She was considered courageous and usually went on her journeys alone.

One of her most popular herbal remedies was ground root of wild turnip, used to treat colic.

Of course, she also had the usual work of a woman in the home, too. She and her husband brought three children with them and brought another five into the world in Upper Canada. John Casey Trull, the first of their children born here, was believed to be the first white child born in this area.

In her 70s, Mrs. Trull was said to be as healthy and active as she was in her early days.

She died in 1836, six years after her husband died. Today, a school in Clarington is named for her.

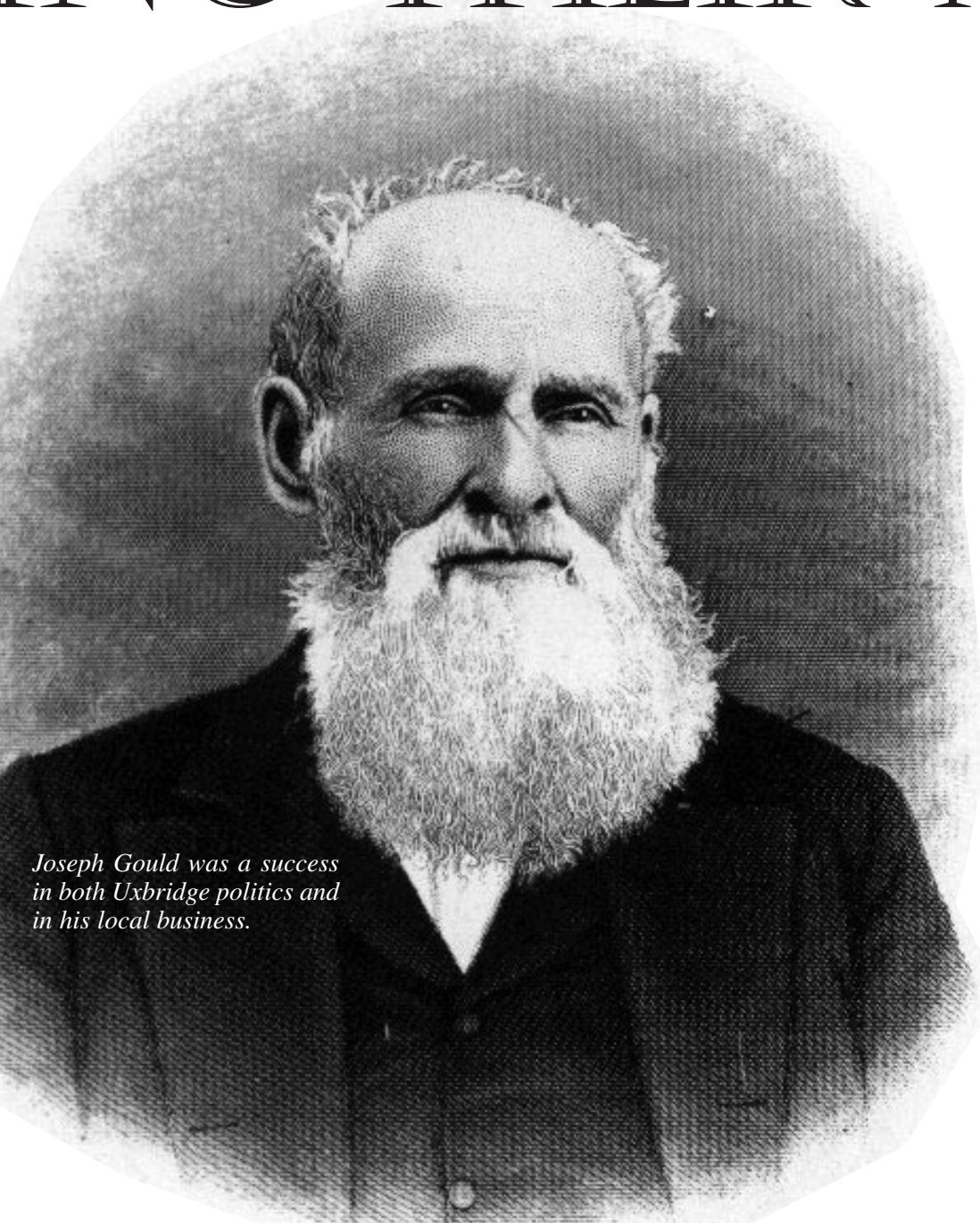
(Information and photo courtesy of Bowmanville Museum and the Trull Family Tree.)

SCUGOG

Self-taught cartoonist James Llewellyn (Jimmie) Frise spent three decades entertaining, amusing and cheering readers across the country during the Roaring Twenties, the Depression and the Second World War.

Born in Scugog in 1890, Mr. Frise was educated locally, attending the Island's Head School in Scugog Island, as well as schools in Port Perry and Sea-Grave.

In 1910, at the age of 20, he headed to Toronto and got a job marking western Canada settlement maps at a printing firm. But his artistic talent wanted another outlet and before he finished his contract, he submitted a cartoon to the 'Toronto Star.' The editor,



Joseph Gould was a success in both Uxbridge politics and in his local business.

who was pictured in the cartoon milking a cow from the wrong side, loved the work but Mr. Frise hadn't left his name or any other information. The 'Star' ran a notice asking the artist to come forward and, when Mr. Frise did, gave him a job as a layout artist.

The First World War called Mr. Frise away to Europe where he served in the artillery as a horse driver, delivering ammunition. At the battle of Vimy Ridge, he was injured, losing two fingers from his left hand. The right-handed artist returned home, taking up his job at the 'Star' once again.

In 1921, he began drawing cartoons for a half-page entitled 'Life's Little Comedies.' That was changed to 'Birdseye Centre' in 1921. During the 1930s, Mr. Frise also illustrated the weekly articles written by humorist Gregory Clark. Their works have been published in several books.

Known as one of Canada's foremost cartoonists, Mr. Frise moved to Montreal in 1948 and worked for the 'Montreal Standard.' He died shortly after at the age of 57.

In Port Perry, a park and outdoor pool were named for him. An historical plaque bearing his name was erected at his old school, now the administration building of Scugog Shores Historical Museum.

The plaque notes Mr. Frise's work was popular because of its "gentle and humorous interpretation of the relationship between rural and urban life." (Information courtesy of Scugog Shores Historical Museum.)

WHITBY

Every year, the Whitby Chamber of Commerce honours an outstanding citizen with the Peter Perry Award. The award is named after the town's founder, considered to have done more than anyone else to establish Whitby as a vibrant community.

Mr. Perry was born in 1792, the last of 10 children of United Empire Loyalists Robert Perry and Jemima Washburn. He served as an MP for Lennox and Addington from 1824 to 1836 before losing his seat, as did all members of the Reform party, of which he was a leader.

Three years earlier, he'd purchased 200 acres of land in Whitby Township, so when he was defeated, he moved up and headed there. He built the Red Store at Brock and Dundas streets and a large white frame home on a lot now behind the W.C. Town Funeral Chapel. Mr. Perry began developing the harbour at Windsor Bay (later Port Whitby). He obtained government grants to build wharves and a storehouse and, with partners, started construction of a road from the harbour to Georgian Bay, called Centre Road and now Hwy. 12. His idea was to provide a route for shipping of goods across Lake Ontario up



Pickering College was built by the Quaker community that Timothy Rogers brought to the area.

Wixon, one of the earliest township settlers. He went on to found the First Baptist Church of Pickering in Clarendon.

After the controversy, Rev. Barclay didn't have a regular church, although he travelled the area preaching. He also farmed and bought several more properties. While preaching, he also touted the cause of reform, speaking against colonial rule and fomenting rebellion locally. His role in stirring local residents against colonial rule is considered as important as the role of local farmer Peter Matthews in the Rebellion. Mr. Matthews was one of two rebels executed for treason. His widow later gave witness to George's role in stirring up people.

Rev. Barclay didn't take part in the Rebellion but his son, George Jr., did and was arrested. He was later released.

Rev. Barclay had been Brougham's first postmaster but he lost the post after the Rebellion. However, he continued to be involved in the community. He served as chairman of the local school section and headed up council for about five years in the 1850s.

He died in 1857 and is buried in the cemetery at First Baptist Church in Clarendon. He's listed in the Dictionary of Canadian Biographies for his part in the Rebellion.

(Information and picture courtesy of John Sabeau, Pickering Township Historical Society, author of *Time Present and Time Past*.)

AJAX

A relatively young town, Ajax nonetheless has a long, rich history that stretches back hundreds of years.

Timothy Rogers, born in Connecticut in 1756, is part of that history. The Quaker gentleman had little or no formal education but became an astute businessman. In 1775, he married Sarah Wite. They moved to Vermont in 1777 and later to New York. He travelled through that state, Pennsylvania, Nova Scotia and southern Quebec before first coming to Upper Canada in 1801. He would write that he let the spirit move him in terms of where he should settle.

The spirit moved him to Newmarket, which had a large Quaker (Society of Friends) community but in 1807 moved to this area, bringing with him 40 Quaker families to start a new settlement which was to become Pickering Village.

Mr. Rogers purchased 800 acres, part of it running from Church Street to Greenwood Road along Concession 1 and south to Kingston Road. In 1810, he built the first grist and saw mills on Duffin's Creek in the township, about three miles north of Lake Ontario. (The creek was named for an early Irish settler who disappeared from his cabin around 1791 and was never found but feared murdered.)

Unfortunately, Mr. Rogers's mill, and those built by others later, prevented lake salmon from heading up Duffin's Creek to their spawning grounds. By the time, Mr. Rogers died in 1827, the fish had practically disappeared. Mr. Rogers hoped Pickering would become the centre for Quaker meetings in the country and encouraged more and more Friends to settle in the area and in Uxbridge. He donated some of his farmland for a cemetery to the Quakers, who used part of it to build their meeting house. That building burned down in the early 1900s and a new building erected. The Masonic Lodge stands there now, along with an historical plaque for the Quaker meeting house. The Quakers who came with Mr. Rogers quickly built a community which became known as Pickering in 1850. Many of the buildings still in existence today were built by Quakers.

In 1877, the Quaker community built Pickering College, a Quaker school which attracted students from North America and even Europe. It burned down in the early 1900s. After his death, his family remained as pillars in the Quaker community in the area. He and his wife had 15 children. When Sarah Rogers died in 1812, he remarried and had five more children.

(Information and picture courtesy of Ajax Community Archives and the books 'The Village of Pickering 1800 to 1970' and 'The Pickering Story' by William A. McKay.)

UXBRIDGE

Joseph Gould was born Joseph Gold in 1808 on his father's farm in the Uxbridge area of what became Ontario County.

(He was said to have changed the spelling of his name so it wasn't the same as the metal.)

His family, of Pennsylvania Quaker heritage, settled in the area at the beginning of the 1800s. Before he died, Joseph Gould had become a political and business leader of Uxbridge and area.

A self-educated man, Mr. Gould was the representative of Uxbridge Township by the time he was 30. By 1842, he was a district councillor, a post he held for 12 years. During the 1840s, he set in place the basis for his commercial success. He bought or built saw and flour mills, a woollen factory and bought up much land, including most of the site that became the village of Uxbridge.

In 1859, he divided the land into lots and sold many by the end of the year. He also built a post office at this time.

His other business endeavours saw him involved in a railroad, toll road and hotel. Mr. Gould's lasting contribution to Uxbridge can best be seen in the Uxbridge Public Library. He donated the land and money to build the facility. The library and its clock tower has been a local landmark since 1887. He was also a political man.

In Toronto for medical attention, he became acquainted with William Lyon Mackenzie who would later lead the Rebellion of 1837 against colonial rule and the Family Compact. Along with other leading residents of the area, he actively pursued the separation of Ontario County from York and Peel. He became the first reeve of Uxbridge and sat as a member of provincial county council.

He became the first warden of the new county. By 1854, he served as the member for north Ontario in the Legislative Assembly of Canada. He held that position until 1861.

(Information and picture courtesy of Uxbridge Public Library and 'The Life and Times of Joseph Gould' by W.H. Higgins (1887).)

Amberlea in good company

Communities across North America find cart recycling program works

When Amberlea residents became one of the North American pioneers evaluating new ways to reduce waste, Pickering was put on the diversion map.

On March 6, Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner, along with City officials Richard Holborn and Stephen Brake, hosted a second presentation for those testing the cart system in the Pickering community. Graphs demonstrated the carts divert 27 per cent of recyclables, compared to the City's blue box average of 20 per cent.

The collection of organics with the green cart diverts 35 per cent, compared to yard trimming collections of only eight per cent.

Slides showed the sorting area at the Durham Region recycling depot and the windrows of compost at Miller Waste's Richmond Hill facility.

Amberlea is not alone in testing the carts. The presentation drew Joe Hruska of Corporations Supporting Recycling, who assisted in Markham's pilot project.

Daina Conley was there from Peel Region, which is rolling out similar carts to 1,300 homes in Brampton



Lorraine Roulston

Recycler's Corner
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and Mississauga May 1. Also, 500 houses in Caledon will be testing carts with garbage collection every two weeks.

Whitby has recently purchased the vehicle to collect organics and Etobicoke will begin testing an organic collection program for 70,000 homes beginning Sept. 10. Nova Scotians have been using carts now for a couple of years.

In BioCycle's February issue, San Francisco was featured as being part of a city-wide roll cart expansion. After two years of study, the city's three separate carts are referred to as the 'fantastic three' with bus shelter ads saying, 'Recycling is easy as 1, 2, 3'.

As of 2001, nearly 40,000 tons a year of food residuals and other compostables from more than 52,000 households and 1,000 businesses were being collected and composted. San Francisco is the first large U.S. city to initiate city-wide food collection.

Three renowned restaurants are all

diverting 90 per cent more of their waste with one reporting over \$600 a month in savings on its garbage collection costs.

The biggest challenge for residents, as with 'R' pioneers, has been the number and size of containers to fit in small spaces. Houses in San Francisco are often connected and garages are usually non-existent. Therefore, help is offered to find ways to fit the carts somewhere or to suggest ways to share.

At Pickering's presentation, one couple claimed it was awkward each week to move the carts around their cars before heading to work.

Another resident responded a weekly inconvenience is a small price to pay when you look at the big picture.

Pickering's pilot ends March 30 with possible monthly extensions. A final decision to begin extending the carts across the city will be based on a variety of factors, including cost analysis. Currently, Durham is looking at various options too and later this year will be adding more materials to the blue box.

We are a generation that has to address our garbage dilemma and pursue the best system possible to achieve higher recycling rates. We need to put compost into the soil to replace lost nutrients.

We must be accountable to the next generation.

Shedding a little light on new electricity market

AJAX — The electricity market is opening to competition May 1 and many Ajax-Pickering residents still have a lot of questions about how the change will impact them.

With that in mind, the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade is trying to answer some of those questions through an upcoming networking breakfast Wednesday, March 27. Guest speaker John Wiersma, president and chief ex-

ecutive officer of Veridian Corporation, which serves a number of communities, including Ajax and Pickering, will be giving an overview of the new market and what it means for local customers. The breakfast is from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Curruther's Creek Golf Centre. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The breakfast is \$15 per person, plus GST. Call 905-686-0883 for more information.

Ajax/Pickering Community Guide

COMING SOON

This April watch for your FREE copy of the Ajax/Pickering Community Guide. Delivered in the Ajax/Pickering News Advertiser



Survivor visits Ajax

AJAX — A weekend of entertainment, food, and education awaits guests of the Global Outreach Weekend.

The event, hosted by St. Kitts Tourism Authority, takes place at Carruthers Creek Community Church, and runs March 22 to 24. The weekend begins Friday at 7 p.m. with Christian musical group 'Capstone' performing, followed by an appearance by Mike Skupin of the television show 'Survivor'. Tickets are \$15.

On Saturday, there is free evangelism workshops, from 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 to noon. In the evening, Christian musician Mark Masri performs.

There will also be an international buffet and speaker Steve Hawkins. Tickets are \$10. On Sunday, there are workshop services from 9 to 11 a.m., Steve Hawkins, and musical group Rolando and the Filipino Singers.

For more information, call 905-686-4450.

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DURHAM — Trent University will hold an open house and early registration fair Thursday, March 21 at Durham College, 2000 Simcoe St. N.

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OSTOMY: The Oshawa and District Ostomy Association meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 32 Wilson Rd. N., Oshawa. It's a group for all persons who have or are about to have ostomy surgery. Call Alma McPherson at 905-728-7207.

FREE MEDITATION CLASS: Learn how to meditate at a free yoga class every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Pickering Devi Mandir, 2590 Brock Rd., south of Taunton Road. All are welcome. Call 905-420-7252.

HEAD INJURY: The Head Injury Association of Durham Region meets at 7:30 p.m. at 459 Bond St. E., Oshawa. Survivors' group meets on the main floor, family and caregivers upstairs. Call 905-723-2732 for information or help with transportation.

ONE PARENT: The Ajax-Pickering Chapter of the One Parent Family Association meets at 8 p.m. at the Ajax Cricket Club, corner of Monarch Avenue and Clements Road, Ajax. It's for custodial and non-custodial parents. Meetings are every Wednesday. Call 905-426-4646.

CANCER YOGA TREATMENT: Cancer patients can attend this stress-relieving activity at Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre, 86 Colborne St. W., Oshawa, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. There is also Tai Chi for beginners at 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., followed by an advanced class at 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Space is limited. Call 905-579-4833 to register.

SELF-AWARENESS: Young adults aged 16 to 23 can join a self-awareness program at Pickering High School, from 4 to 6 p.m. The program is 10 weeks long, and offers information, guest speakers, and participants the chance to share their thoughts and ideas regarding self-image. Call Jody or Jennifer at the Ajax/Pickering COPE Mental Health Program at 905-686-3248.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB: This club is having its International Speech Competition at the Pickering Nuclear Station Welcome Centre, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to watch. There is no charge and refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21
OPEN HOUSE: Grace Lutheran School, Park Road South, in Oshawa, invites kids and parents from all over Durham to attend

its open house, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the afternoon and 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the evening. People attending can meet teachers, tour the school, and see the curriculum and uniform display. Parents can also register their kids from junior kindergarten to Grade 7. Call 905-728-9700.

JOB WORKSHOPS: The Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre holds a job workshop on interview skills today at 1 p.m. The centre also offers job search workshops for landed immigrants every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. All workshops take place at the centre office, 1400 Bayly


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OVEREATERS: Overeaters Anonymous meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at LaStorta, at the north end of Liverpool Road, next to Manresa Resort House, in Pickering. It's a 12-step

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CANCER SUPPORT: Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre offers a support group for caregivers of people with cancer. Caregivers can share feelings and coping strategies with others in similar situations.
 The meeting is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Hearth Place 86 Colborne St. W.,

Oshawa. There will also be an exercise program for women with breast cancer from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Call 579-4833 to register.
R/C MODEL CLUB: The Ajax R/C Model Club holds its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital, Room G18, Harwood Avenue, south of Bayly Street. Everyone welcome. Call Judith at 905-839-7816.

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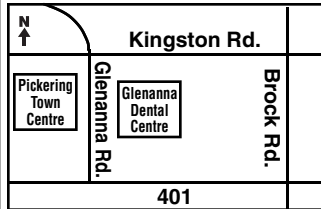
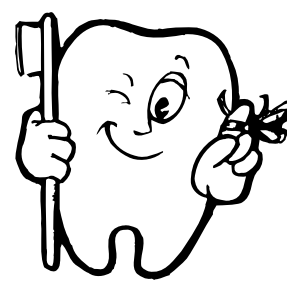
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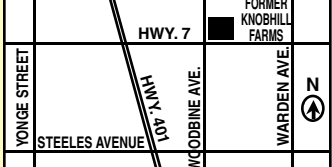


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Hurdler on track for Commonwealth Games



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Local motorcycle racer on Cloud 9 with result

Stuart Nodell starts series season with top-10 finish

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

AJAX — In his first major event of the season, an Ajax man surprised himself by riding to a top-10 finish at the "Mecca" of motorcycle racing earlier this month.

Racing against a world-class field at the American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA) MBNA 250 Grand Prix class race at Daytona International Speedway March 10, Stuart Nodell rode a solid start to a ninth-place finish in what is considered the Stanley Cup of motorcycle racing.

"Certainly, a ninth-place result is something to be proud of. To have a positive result at the end of it was a pretty special feeling. Daytona is the pinnacle of the sport and that track is the Mecca of motorcycle racing," said Nodell, adding the race was part of 'bike week', which brought more than 80,000 motorcycle enthusiasts to the Florida resort city.

"Based on the number of Canadians who've went there in the past, only a select few have come in the top 10. A top-10 finish certainly puts you in an exclusive club."

Following a rough couple of days of training and qualifying that put him 14th on the grid for the race, Nodell was not enthused about his chances on race day.

"We had been planning the race for one-and-a-half months. We went down there with big expectations because we had been there before. We figured we should be in a good (qualifying) position with good lap times, but we had a rude awakening. For whatever reason it didn't go well and we didn't have any answers for why," he explained.

Starting in the middle of the fourth row, surrounded by 53 others aboard the racing machines that bear no resemblance to a typical street bike, the 28-year-old was among the leading pack through most of the 18-lap race. The 3.67-mile course followed the Daytona International Speedway's infield as well as several of the steep, banked turns on the oval.

After jockeying for position in the early laps, Nodell settled into eighth place and duelled with Ty Piz of Colorado through to the end of the race, with Piz eventually taking eighth in a close battle to the checkered flag.

Nodell said the positive start to the season bodes well for the rest of the series. Although work commitments will prevent him and his three-person Nodell Motorsports racing team from making the trip for the California leg of the series, he plans to be in other races over the course of the season.

"We have a lot of optimism about where we can place ourselves in this class. With Daytona being what it was, we should be



photo courtesy of Colin Fraser

Stuart Nodell, in front, started the professional motorcycle racing series with a ninth-place finish at MBNA 250 Grand Prix class at Daytona, Fla. earlier this month. He plans to race at other events in the series throughout the summer. Here, Nodell competed in one of the qualifying races at Daytona.

able to do better than what we accomplished there," said Nodell, who's aided by team members Ben Gartner and brother Joel Nodell.

Nodell's love affair with motorcycles started at age six and led to him racing competitively in motocross events across Ontario. But, by his late teens, he found motorcycle road racing was more interesting.

"I was always intrigued by road racing and I had the opportunity to try it. I found it was just more exciting to do than motocross, so I decided to do road racing."

In 2000, Nodell was a winner of five of eight rounds in the Race Super-series in Canada at Shannonville Motorsport Park, giving him the confidence to move up the competitive ladder to try the AMA series in 2001. Racing in three events last year, his best result was a 12th-place finish at the Mid-Ohio track, near Lexington, Ohio, last July.

Next up for Nodell is a series race in Atlanta May 19. He's also planning to race at events in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Mid-Ohio and Virginia. He may also bring his racing team to the Canadian National Weekend at Mosport, near Bowmanville, July 21, but his appearance there will depend on his U.S. racing schedule, in addition to his work commitments as a part-time postal employee.

For more information, Nodell Motorsports has its own Web site at www.nodellmotorsports.com.

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Raiders overcome Devils to earn berth in championship

DURHAM — The Ajax-Pickering Raiders Cousins Packaging/The Office Furniture Store minor atom 'AAA' rep hockey team is off to the OMHA championship in Richmond Hill for the second straight year.

The Raiders earned the honour after sweeping the Quinte Devils out of their best-of-five playoff series in three consecutive games.

Back in Ajax for Game 3, the Raiders won 8-1 to eliminate Quinte. Kyle Bradley played well, but was denied a shutout in the last minute of play.

Game 2 in Belleville saw Jared Cowley earn the shutout in a 7-0 win.

Ajax-Pickering opened the series with a come-from-behind 6-4 win. The atoms trailed Quinte 4-1 at one point.

The Raiders started their road to the championships by sweeping the first-round, best-of-five series against reigning champion Richmond Hill, with scores of 4-2 in Game 1, 5-4 in overtime in Game 2 and 4-2 in Game 3.

Also qualifying for the championships are: Richmond Hill as the hosts, York-Simcoe Express, Brampton Battalion and Guelph Storm.

Round-robin play commences Friday, March 22, with the championship game Sunday at 2 p.m.

Other team members are: Andy Andreoff, Kristopher Barclay, Drew Boyd, Ryan Brawley, Matt Cousins, Adam Gray, Evan Haga, Brett Holmberg, Colton Kennedy, Ryan Kirk, Callum Lynch, Brandyn Marconato and Michael Purcell.



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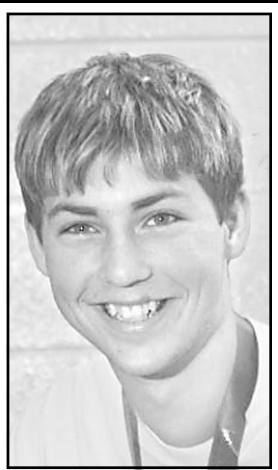
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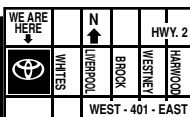
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Nathaniel Allard captured the under-19 boys' single crown. At age 16, he's one of the youngest provincial champions in this division. As well, Allard wasn't a seeded player in the category, making his victory all the more remarkable.

Allard was also the finalist in men's doubles and mixed doubles events.



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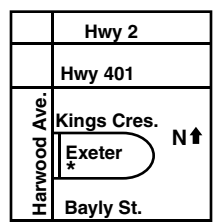
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Pickering hurdles star on the fast track to Commonwealth Games

National collegiate track title down, international medal to go for Felicien

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — City resident Perdita Felicien is eager to bring home her first international track and field medal and she plans to do it at one of the world's highest-profile meets.

The much-decorated hurdler with the University of Illinois Fighting Illini women's track and field team and Canadian Olympian announced she plans to run for Canada at this summer's 17th Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England July 25 to Aug. 4.

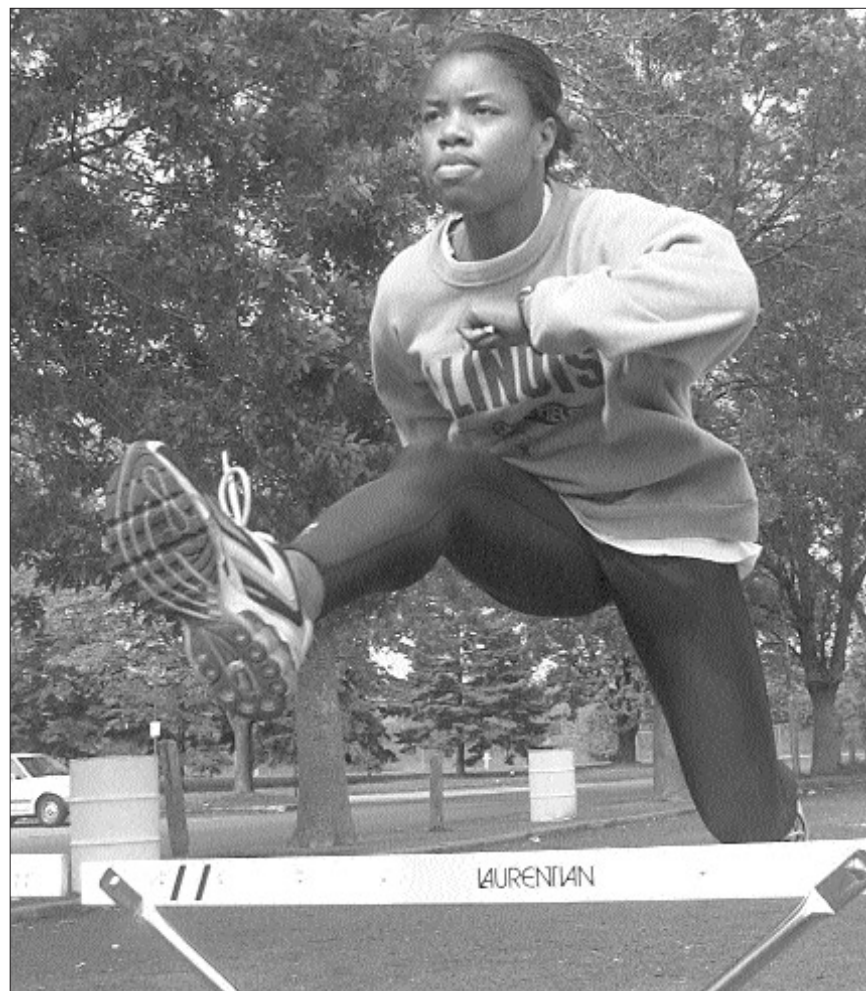
Having been a part of the Canadian team at the 2000 Olympic Summer Games in Sydney, Australia, she's not just content to compete for Canada on the international stage. This summer, at her first Commonwealth Games, she'll have her sights set on a medal in the 100-metre hurdles.

"I definitely plan to be there and I definitely plan to bring home a medal," Felicien said in an interview late last week.

But first, Felicien needs to qualify for the Canadian team at the Canadian National Track and Field Championships at Foot Field in Edmonton June 21 to 23. Team selection will be finalized by June 30.

Confidence? You bet. And why not? At last week's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Arkansas, the junior earned her first national championship while competing in the 60-metre hurdles. And, her winning time of 7.90 was the fastest in NCAA history. It was also the first time the school had a national track and field champion.

"I'm really satisfied with what I've been doing the past two years, so to win a national title was exciting," she said. "I was thrilled. There's less pressure on me for the outdoor season. Was I shocked to run 7.90? Not really. I knew I could break the record, but I didn't expect to do it at that particular meet. The leap from 7.99 (her previous best) to 7.90 is great, but I knew I had it in me, so winning was not that big of a shock."



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Pickering hurdler Perdita Felicien plans to compete for Canada at the Commonwealth Games in England this summer.

Compared to her previous indoor track season, Felicien noted her workload this year was significantly lighter. Competitions were much more spread out with as much as a two-week hiatus between meets.

"It was not what I was used to. I was used to running every single week during the season, so, no, I didn't plan to peak for that meet. I think I just pulled that time out of a hat. I don't know where it came from," she said.

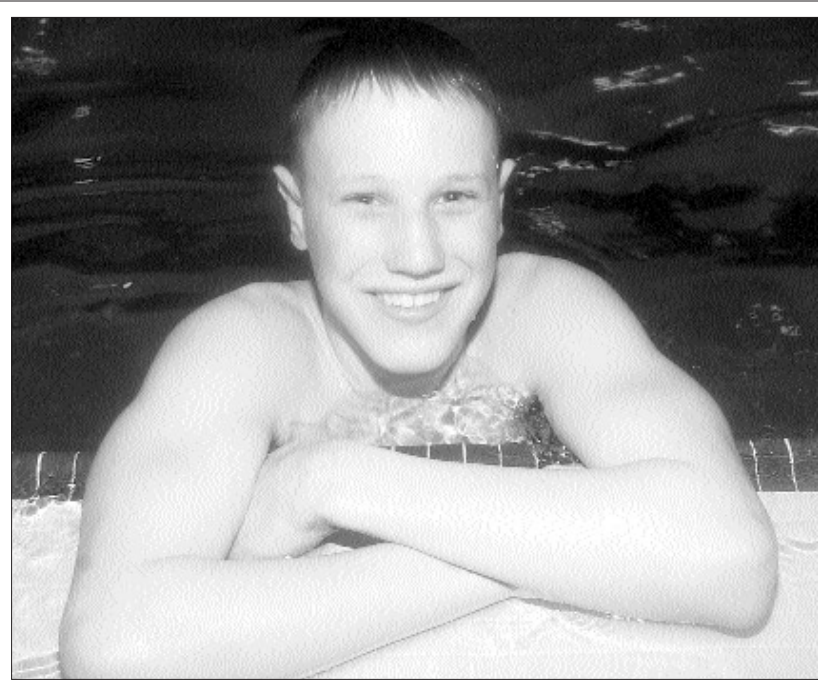
She's also not accustomed to trailing early in a race, which was the case in the final. Behind Indiana University's Danielle Carruthers from the start, Felicien edged ahead in the final stages, leaning at the finish line to secure the win.

"I'm used to leading," she explained. "As soon as the gun goes off I'm running hard from the start and I haven't had anyone beside me, so to

win that type of race was something I hadn't done before. She was slightly ahead of me (at the start of the race) and I think if I weren't an experienced hurdler, panic would have set in. But, I tried to concentrate and have tunnel vision. I think it came down to me wanting it more."

The outdoor track and field season begins March 30 for Felicien at the UTEP Invitational at the University of Texas at El Paso. As with the outdoor season, she plans to have a light competition schedule in the lead up to the Big Ten Conference Outdoor Championships in Madison, Wisconsin May 17 to 19, followed by the NCAA outdoor championships in Baton Rouge, Louisiana May 29 and 30.

"Now that I've won a national title, everything else is gravy. My setup going into the outdoor season is perfect and the pressure is off me now."



Warren Barnes will join teammate Kurtis Miller at the Canadian Winter Nationals in Winnipeg. The meet will also serve as the Commonwealth Games trials.

Pickering teens swim for Commonwealth Games spots

PICKERING — Two Pickering swimmers are in the hunt for a berth on Canada's Commonwealth Games team.

Kurtis Miller and Warren Barnes, both 16, are among Scarborough Swim Club members who are off to compete at the Canadian Winter Nationals in Winnipeg, Man., which will also serve as the trials for the Commonwealth Games team selection.

The 17th Commonwealth Games are in Manchester, England July 25 to Aug. 4.

Both boys met the tough qualify-

ing standards to compete with the best in Canada.

Forty swimmers will be selected to form the Canadian team. Top rivals for Canada at the Games are Australia, England and South Africa.

Scarborough Swim Club head coach Sylvain Pineau said he's been very pleased with the training these athletes have done and is looking forward to getting to the pool.

Miller and Barnes are students in the elite athlete program at Dunbar High School.

Signups for Sandy Beach Tennis Club at recreation complex next week

PICKERING — The Sandy Beach Tennis Club will host two registration nights for the 2002 summer season.

The club holds signups Wednesday, March 27 and Wednesday, April 3, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the main foyer of the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd.

The club, located at Kinsmen Park

on Sandy Beach Road, will offer a full slate of Durham 'A', 'B' and 'C'-level teams as well as ladies' day competitive leagues. House leagues, junior leagues, social nights, clinics and lessons are also scheduled.

If you cannot attend one of these nights, call Loida Woodford at 905-831-1724 to register.

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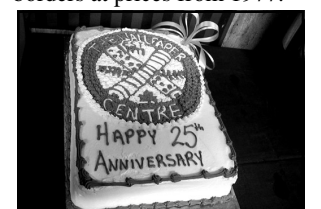
Bill McLean (left), City Councillor, Ward II, and Mark Holland (right), Regional Councillor, Ward II dropped in to congratulate Owner Mac Bloom (middle).



Owner, Mac Bloom (centre) shown with customers taking advantage of the savings and enjoying the prizes.



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Racquet play

AJAX — Ravi Pitroda keeps his eye on the birdie while stretching to make the return during action at the Ajax High School Badminton Tournament last Saturday. Pitroda, an Ajax High School student, defeated his opponent in straight games 15-13, 17-15.

RON PIETRONIRO/ News Advertiser photo

Dunmoore tennis club registration under way

PICKERING — The Dunmoore Tennis Club will kick off the 2002 court season with its early registration days.

New and existing members can sign up for the upcoming season Wednesday, March 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, March 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. or Saturday, April

6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the front foyer of the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd.

The Dunmoore club uses four courts on Whites Road South, just before Petticoat Creek Conservation Area

If you are unable to register at any of the above dates, call 905-509-2167.

Top intermediate curlers at Annandale club this week

Men and women swept up in provincial championships

BY JIM EASSON

Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Annandale Curling Club hosts the Best Western Intermediate Ontario Curling Championships for men and women starting today (Wednesday).

The nearest local teams in the hunt for a provincial crown is the Whitby men's squad skipped by John Brotherhood and Greg Timbers of Uxbridge and District Curling Club. Also competing on the men's side are: Al Hutchinson (Blue Water Curling Club), Al Solari (RCMP C.C.), Jim Lyle (St. Thomas C.C.), Ean MacDonald (K-W Granite Club), Dwayne Lowe (Ottawa C.C.), and Bob Ingram (Ridgetown Golf and Curling Club).

Meanwhile, in the women's bracket are Jo-Ann Rizzo (Brant Curling Club), Brenda Clark (Galt C.C.), Nancy Harrison (Burlington C.C.), Suzanne Boudrault (Guelph C.C.), Linda Middleton (Royal Canadian C.C.), Joyce Potter (Ottawa C.C.), Mary Ellen Bannon (Peterborough C.C.) and Barb Kelly (Ottawa C.C.).

Game 1 is slated to get under way at 7:50 p.m. following the opening ceremony.

An Annandale team has advanced to the OCA Pepsi Bantam Mixed Regionals at the Oshawa Golf, starting March 23.

The Meaghan O'Leary team of Peter Stecyk, Ashley Bianchi and Justin Ferreira won the 'A' side of the zone competition at Dalewood Golf and Curling Club, near Port Hope, March 2.

Two teams advance from the regionals to the provincial final in Minden April 3.

The OCA JVC Mixed Zone was played on the weekend in Uxbridge. Winning the 'A' side of the 13-team, double-knockout competition was the Annandale team of Warren Leslie, Brenda O'Hara, Dave Hutchison, and Joan O'Leary.

The foursome now advances to the regionals in East York Curling Club April 6.

Pickering curler and News Advertiser columnist Jim Easson attended his 23rd consecutive Brier hosted in Calgary last week. This one, however, was a little different than the previous editions.

In the past, he was never allowed to throw a rock on Brier ice. This one, however, he received approval

from Brier Bear who took him out after the second game to throw a few rocks.

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TEAM	G	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
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Arts & Entertainment

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Pickering dancer shifts career into cruise control

Jennifer Stergiadis going places she's 'always dreamed' of for new job

BY MICHAEL PELHAM
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Toughing out the last frigid days of winter wasn't a concern for Jennifer Stergiadis.

Last week, the Pickering resident headed off to a sunny cruise ship where she's touring the Caribbean as part of the on-board entertainment for passengers. The 20-year-old competed against dancers from around the world and endured four hours of auditioning to land the tropical gig.

"I'm ecstatic," Stergiadis said. "I'm getting to go places I've always dreamed."

The Denise Lester Dance Academy student's resume already includes dance work at a Mexican resort and time with the Toronto Raptors dancers. She's been dancing since the age of three, with ballet, jazz and tap among her styles.

Her new job is both fun and hard work. "I'll get to enjoy myself for sure. I'll get to see the world, plus do what I love to do, dance." She'll be dancing four to five times a week,

doing two shows per night, on the huge cruise ship 'Millennium', owned by Celebrity Cruises. The 91,000 ton vessel has a capacity of 1,000 crew and 2,000 guests. The ship's theatre holds 900 people.

Although she'll be away for seven months, Stergiadis isn't too worried about missing friends. "You stay in touch with your true friends," she said, noting phone and e-mail are options.

The job is another step to accomplishing her goal of one day being a back-up dancer for music groups and videos.

"I'm working my way up. I'm trying to do as much as I can. I don't want to have any regrets," she said. Eventually, she'd like to end up dancing in Los Angeles or New York.



JASON LIEBREGTS/ News Advertiser photo
Pickering dancer Jennifer Stergiadis is kicking up her heels and entertaining cruise ship tourists in the Caribbean after landing her 'dream' job.

Saturday is Caribbean Night

PICKERING — The Pickering Caribbean Canadian Cultural Association presents a Caribbean Night Show and Dance Saturday, March 23.

It's at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867

Valley Farm Rd. The fun starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for kids under 12. Phone 905-427-7344, 905-420-5196, or 905-428-8244 for more information.



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On March 26 at 7 p.m., 'Monsoon Wedding' will be screened. The two-hour feature tells the story of an extended family reuniting from around the world for a last-minute, arranged wedding in New Delhi and is presented in English, Punjabi and Hindi with English subtitles. Tickets are \$6 at the door with proceeds going to help support the Oshawa Public Library System.

Coming next month is the French film, 'The Taste of Others.'

Check out life in this house tonight at Ajax cinema

AJAX — The Ajax Film Circuit presents 'Life as a House' this evening at Ajax Cineplex Odeon.

The film, starring Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas and Canadian Hayden Christensen, starts at 7 p.m. March 20.

The movie is about a man who attempts to build a house with his estranged son. The work ends up involving a whole community of friends and strangers, who reassess their lives in the process.

Tickets are \$6.50 at any branch of the Ajax Public Library, or \$7 at the door. The Ajax Film Circuit presents a movie the third Wednesday of every month in co-operation with the Toronto International Film Festival Group and The Friends of the Ajax Public Library.

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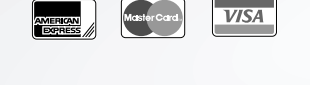
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Pickering singer offers sweet sounding debut

Lindi Ortega finds appetite for *Forbidden Fruit*

BY MICHAEL PELHAM
Special to the News Advertiser
PICKERING — With her debut album — 'The Taste of Forbidden Fruit' — a local singer is starting to get a little taste of success.

Pickering artist, Lindi, started out doing open stage shows as a teenager and is now playing some of Toronto's popular nightclubs, such as C'est What? She's also starting to draw recognition from Toronto's music magazines and other publications.

Released in January, Forbidden Fruit isn't easily categorized.

According to Lindi, whose full name is Lindi Ortega, one main influence stems from old-style jazz. However, she said her style comes from trying to sound different from the mainstream.

"I used to listen to what was popular, but noticed I was mimicking it," she said in a recent interview.

"I wanted to do something different," she added. "I didn't want (the music) to be a stereotype, so I turned off my radio and went back to the roots of old-style music and listened to people influenced by (jazz) music."

Lindi noticed her voice fit in with the style, even though she didn't always sing the way she does on this album. "It just kind of came by me," she related.

Although she has been singing most of her life, she



Lindi's self-titled CD 'The Taste of Forbidden Fruit' is finding an audience in Toronto. She taught herself to play guitar at age 17 and hasn't looked back.

only started performing for an audience at 17. Since then, the now 22-year-old philosophy student at the University of Toronto has discovered a talent for playing the piano.

It's hard to tell from listening to the album, but she's only been playing for a year. She taught herself to play the guitar at 17.

"I felt it was in me. It's like that in every instrument," she said.

Among the wide variety of instruments arranged on Forbidden Fruit are a violin, cello, and saxophone. The mixture and the way the album was recorded played a part in giving it, what Lindi called, a unique sound.

"Everything was done in an

orthodox fashion," Lindi recalled. "There was no quick track, we wanted to give it a live feel. Only a few things were dubbed in afterwards."

At first, Lindi only planned on taping a demo, but producer Sean Baillie, who opened Electric Machines Studios about a year ago, liked her sound and they decided to record a full album. He even recruited the musicians.

Performing at Toronto gigs, playing a show at her school campus in Scarborough, and travelling as far as New York and Ottawa, Lindi would like to do a full tour for the album and has already recorded a song for a second album.

"I'm a writing machine," she said.



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Minds on March break

AJAX — Crafts with an aquatic theme captured the interest of little Caitlyn and Chelsea Herbert during the annual spring break from school. They were taking part with other community youngsters in one of the programs offered by the Ajax Public Library.

Workshop puts your weekend in focus

AJAX — A photography workshop this weekend should help take the mystery out of snapping a few shots.

Sponsored by the Durham Christian Fellowship, the workshop is led by professional photographer Alex Robertson.

Topics include how to take better pictures, what causes 'red eye' and how to avoid it, lighting techniques and what lens to use.

It's being held Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24, from 9:30 a.m. to noon on both days, at the Village Community Centre, corner of Sherwood Road and Linton Avenue, in Ajax.

The workshop is for photographers of all skill levels and those attending should bring their camera and manual, if they have it.

To register or for more information, call Dennis or Agnes at 905-831-8596 or 905-839-5458.

Group barrels ahead with new seminar

PICKERING — The Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project (FBWRP) has barrels of fun planned for tonight.

On Wednesday, March 20, from 7 to 9 p.m., the group holds its 'barrels of fun' workshop at the Pickering Nuclear Information Centre. The program is a part of the FBWRP's initiative to enhance water quality within the Frenchman's Bay watershed.

Area residents will learn more about water irrigation on their property and conserving rainwater through the use of barrels.

They can also purchase barrels for \$25,

which comes with a debris screen, an aerator, a four-foot leadoff hose, a spigot tap, and a set of instruction and maintenance booklets.

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It is not possible to predict how long this disruption of public services will continue, however, the government remains available to resume meaningful negotiations at any time.

Answers to your Questions

To further assist you we have provided answers to the most frequently asked questions we're receiving from the public about:

Government Payments?

- Ontario Disability Support Program recipients should receive their monthly cheque or direct bank deposit on time.
- Cheques will still be issued for the Guaranteed Annual Income Supplement payments to low-income seniors.
- Ontario Works (social assistance) cheques will continue to be delivered by the municipalities, which are not affected by this labour disruption.

Driver's Licences?

- If your licence expired on or after March 13, 2002, you can still drive until the end of the strike. This includes all classes of driver's licences.
- If your licence is suspended, the suspension will remain in effect until the strike ends.
- If your plate sticker expired on or after March 13, 2002, it must be renewed. This can be done at one of more than 280 private Driver and Vehicle Licence Issuing Offices throughout the province; they are listed in the blue pages of your telephone book. Payment is by cash only.

Health Cards?

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- You may be asked to fill out a health number release form by your doctor or hospital that they will use when filing with OHIP.

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Agriculture the focus of 'Environmental Farm Plan'

DURHAM — Here's one way to make sure things are green and bright as your farm this spring.

The Environmental Farm Plan holds a free workshop Wednesday, March 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. in Brock Township at

the Sunderland Co-op. Farmers and rural landowners whose land produced at least \$7,000 in agricultural products in the last year are eligible to participate in the program, which was developed by Ontario farmers and is delivered by the Ontario Soil and

Crop Improvement Association.

Two free workshops introduce producers to a simple and confidential self-evaluation of 23 possible aspects of their farm operation.

Several are aimed at safeguarding drinking water supply

as well as surface water, and include well location, security of storage facilities, nutrient management, and livestock yards and manure storage.

An award of up to \$1,500 may be available to help with your action plan for such im-

provements as installation of eavestroughs to divert rain water from manure storage facilities or upgrading fuel storage facilities.

A completed, approved action plan will qualify producers for funding from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture for

well maintenance and decommissioning of abandoned wells.

Pre-registration is required for the March 27 workshop to ensure study materials. To register, contact Dave Pridmore at 705-324-2269 (from 5 to 9 p.m.).

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