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Briefly...

Durham: The Durham Planning Group of the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition wants to hear what you have to say when it comes to social issues.

The group is holding two social audit forums: one in Ajax and another in Oshawa. Anyone, including consumers, front-line staff and politicians, is welcome to come and speak. You can voice your concerns on such issues as affordable housing, lack of full-time work, low wages, health care, education, child care and a regional transit system.

Those speaking are asked to limit their presentations to 10 minutes. The forum in Ajax is being held Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 65 Kings Cres.

The Oshawa forum is Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at Simcoe Hall Settlement House, 387 Simcoe St. S. Call 905-686-2661 for more information.

Pickering: Learn how to give your lawn a natural look this summer.

Residents are invited to take part in a property naturalization workshop being offered by the Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project group. The workshop is Thursday, March 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at William Dunbar Public School, 1030 Glenanna Rd. Property naturalization involves transforming a section of your property from manicured lawn into a space that reflects a more natural and healthy ecosystem. The space helps improve local water quality, attract wildlife and create a tranquil place for homeowners to enjoy. Listen in to hear community members share their naturalization experiences and gain practical how-to instructions.

For more information, call project co-ordinator Angela Porteous at 905-420-4660, ext. 2212.

What's On...

Thursday: The second annual Moms, Pops and Tots expo is being held at the Pickering Recreation Complex on March 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The show is an informative sessions for expecting and new parents.

Visit many vendors, and participate in seminars such as: parenting, education planning, pre and postnatal fitness, first aid and child safety. Call Lisa Matthews at 905-426-2676 ext. 227

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PICKERING— Elliot Kotsopoulos lets the speed carry him away during a day of sledding at Alex Robertson Park on Sunday. Cold weather and plenty of snow provided the perfect setting for a late-winter day of fun in the great outdoors.

PACT challenges quake data

OPG says study finds faults caused by glaciers

By Keith Gilligan
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Ontario Power Generation has an obligation to provide much more information

when it comes to the possibility of a large-scale earthquake near the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, says the chairman of a local group.

Dave Steele, of Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together for the Environment, charged OPG didn't "accurately or truthfully" answer a question about earthquakes in a newsletter sent to homes in Pickering and Ajax.

The newsletter concerned a waste management storage facility OPG wants to build next to the Pickering nuclear station. In a question about the possibility of an earthquake near the plant, OPG stated studies it had commissioned found there was no "evidence of a continuous earthquake-related fault" in the area.

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Mural a colourful treat for the senses

Pickering boy's health problems get boost thanks to Make-A-Wish and others

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Walk into 12-year-old Michael Reed's room and you'll find a wonderland of sights and sounds.

Glow-in-the-dark strings hang from the ceiling. Fibre optic cable lines a mirror, changing colours, and a parachute of stars hang overhead.

Artist Sian Frost recently added the finishing touch, a mural of florescent animals across the main wall.

It's all part of the Make-A-

Wish Foundation's effort to build a sensory room for Michael, who was born with an undetermined syndrome, which causes him to have seizures.

"Mikey had been going through a lot with surgeries and the seizures so I talked to his neurologist, who referred us to the Make-A-Wish Foundation last summer," said his mother, Phyllis.

"Michael's non-verbal, but I know what kinds of things he likes. A trip to Disneyland is wonderful for a child who asks for that but we wanted something lasting so we opted for a sensory room."

The room is meant to be a place where Mrs. Reed and her husband Jon can spend time with Michael and their 13-year-old son Steven, playing with interactive and visually stimulating toys.

It was constructed by

Jesslin Interiors and furnished with sensory equipment purchased by the foundation from Flaghouse Incorporated. Discount Paint Centre in Pickering donated varnish to coat and protect the mural.

The founder of Murals For Hope, Ms. Frost spent two days completing the mural before it was presented to Michael, who had kept watch over its progress.

Ms. Frost established the charity, which paints murals in hospitals and shelters, after spending so much time in hospital waiting rooms with her own son, Morgan.

"He was a surviving twin and had seizures, a hole in his heart, asthma and other complications," she said. "I spent so much time looking at hospital walls thinking,

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Board's reserve accounts add up to \$85 million

Commitments preclude use for teacher salaries, officials say

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham's public school board has \$85.5 million in reserve funds, but most of the money by law cannot be used to pay teachers or other employees, say officials.

The information was recently posted on the Durham District School Board's Web site. According to Sally McIlveen, the board's employee

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RON TRBOVICH

'As projects are completed, we pay for them and reserves are reduced.'

Arthurs eyes fight with Ecker

Pickering mayor seeks Liberal nomination

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

PICKERING — You could be seeing double the number of election signs with Wayne Arthurs' name on them this year.

The Pickering mayor has announced he'll seek the Liberal nomination in Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge riding for an expected spring provincial election, while at the same time seeking municipal reelection this fall.

Not overwhelmed at all by the possibility of running a dual campaign, Mayor Arthurs said he plans to deal with one contest at a time.

"I think everyone anticipates a spring (provincial) election," he said. "I don't think in fairness, the Province would hold a fall election so close to the municipal election (Nov. 10)."

"It's my intention to continue to serve in my elected office until then."

Asked how long he's been considering challenging incumbent Tory MPP and Minister of Finance Janet Ecker, he said, "there's been no

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Artist Sian Frost puts the finishing touches on a mural at the home of Michael Reed, who suffers from a debilitating and undetermined syndrome that causes him to have seizures. The mural is part of a 'sensory room' provided through the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

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Riding nomination meeting for local Liberals slated for April

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grand plan as such", just a desire to provide "the best choices possible" in a provincial election.

"I've had some 15 years in the mayor's office of a growing municipality and 15 years at the Region,"

he said, of his readiness for Queen's Park.

Should he succeed, Mayor Arthurs will have to relinquish Pickering's mayoral seat as soon as he takes the oath for his new office, said City Clerk Bruce Taylor. He may not be sworn in until a few weeks after the

provincial election.

"Once his office has been vacated, council has to hold a special meeting within the next 60 days to appoint an interim mayor," he explained. "But if he takes the oath on or after Aug. 10, they don't have to appoint an interim mayor within 90 days of

the municipal election." A byelection will not be called to replace Mayor Arthurs as the Municipal Act disallows it after March 31 in an election year, Mr. Taylor said.

The Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge Liberal Riding Association plans to hold its nomination meeting in early

April. "We've approached several people over the past year and we're pleased Wayne Arthurs has come forward to submit his name," said association president Jim Grady.

"We'll have an executive meeting in a few days and all potential names will be reviewed."

Durham board comments on reserves

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relations superintendent, it's there to answer a question posed at last month's regional school community council meeting, namely, why isn't the board using its reserve funds to settle the board's current labour disputes.

The board's largest employee group, the local unit of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), is working-to-rule and preparing for a full-blown strike if a new contract cannot be negotiated.

Rachel Gencey, Durham ETFO president, in January claimed the board was "sitting pretty" with ample reserve funds, and choosing not to spend the money on teachers.

"It looks to the public and to our employees that we're sitting on a lot of money, but it is committed," said Ms. McIlveen. "I felt that it was important (to describe each fund) because I think for the public it's difficult to understand the reserves."

According to the list, as of last Aug. 31, the board had about \$85.5 million in reserves.

Ron Trbovich, the board's business superintendent, said the Education Act prevents the board from using the bulk of its reserve funds at its discretion. The largest chunk, amounting to over \$50 million, is for capital construction and to pay down the debt from previous capital projects.

He said the board receives about \$20 million in capital grants from the Province each year, money that must be spent on new schools and additions. The board's debt commitment for past capital work amounts to about \$20.5 million per year, covered by yearly grants.

"As projects are completed, we pay for them and reserves are reduced," he said.

Ms. Gencey in an interview did not dispute that the board cannot spend capital dollars as it wishes. However, she says apart from the Toronto public board, Durham has the highest reserve total in the province's public school system. The public board's total working reserves is higher than other boards' working and capital reserves put together, said Ms. Gencey.

"It's just very bizarre how they try and explain it all away," she said. "They should be offering workshops to other boards on how to get rich."

Mr. Trbovich agreed the board could use some of the funds, like the \$8.3 million in the retirement gratuities fund, to pay teachers. The money is intended to cover a higher-than-normal number of retirements.

"By law, you can collapse them and use them, but then you're putting yourself in a situation where you don't have any flexibility to meet retirement gratuities, for example," he said.

He said it's a similar case with the \$1.2 million utilities reserve, money provided by the Province to cover higher utilities costs.

"Our utility bill is going to be overextended," said Mr. Trbovich. "Let's say we use the money for salaries, then I don't have the money for utilities."

He said the board does have flexibility to use its \$6.8 million in working reserves. However, he said it's prudent to keep that reserve fund at about 1.5 per cent of the board's budget, so the money is available to balance the budget.

Mr. Trbovich said once used, the Province does not replace reserve funds, while salaries represent "an annual commitment".

Ms. Gencey maintains the board is "running scared" in explaining the various amounts.

Some of it, she claims, has been built up by "saving money on our contracts."

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Probe continues into death of Durham man

Japan Camera co-founder John Asa killed after fall from car in north Durham

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The death of Japan Camera co-founder John Asa in the north part of the region remains a mystery, with police calling the events surrounding his fatal injuries "suspicious."

Mr. Asa, 65, died Thursday after falling from his wife's car on Regional Road 13, just east of Durham Road 1. Police said he died of blunt force trauma to the head.

Traffic management officers with Durham Regional Police are trying to figure out how Mr. Asa exited his wife's car by "unknown means," said Detective Constable Robert Hawkes, the lead investigator in the case.

Mr. Asa was driving west from his Uxbridge Heights home on Regional Road 13 around 8:30 a.m. Thursday when he drove past his wife, Marie, who was driving east on her way home. Mrs. Asa flagged her husband down, and Mr. Asa pulled in behind her, then got into his wife's car.

The car moved about 75 to 85 feet, and Mr. Asa "exits the car somehow," Det. Hawkes said.

"She's extremely distraught, and breaks down in every conversation," he said of Mrs. Asa, whom the police have talked to twice. "This is all we've been able to determine from her."

A reconstruction of the accident was expected yesterday.

Mr. Asa was taken to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital before being transported to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto where he



A probe into the weekend death of Japan Camera co-founder John Asa continues as police determine the circumstances in which he fell from a moving car. Mr. Asa, 65, died last Thursday after the incident north of Uxbridge.

died at 3:15 p.m.

While police try to piece together Mr. Asa's death, his family and colleagues are mourning a man they say was unselfish, caring and an ambassador of photography.

"He was just amazing," said Mr. Asa's son, Perry, who remembers as a little boy going to work with his father.

"In a nutshell, he was very caring, very ambitious. He pretty much put everyone else before him, with his family and the business, which is rare in the business world," he said.

Mr. Asa and his brothers, Roy and Kenji - known as the "three musketeers" - founded Japan Camera in 1959. In 1978, the company intro-

duced North America's first on-site one-hour photofinishing service, which revolutionized the retail business. The company began franchising the concept in 1980 and currently has more than 100 locations operating in all 10 provinces in Canada.

In 1999, after serving as president, Mr. Asa was inducted into Photo Marketing Association International's Hall of Fame, the highest honour of the association, which has 18,000 members in more than 100 countries.

Mr. Asa and his first wife, Norma, moved to Uxbridge in 1983, looking for a "quieter life," his son said.

A devout Jehovah's Witness, Mr. Asa was an elder who was heavily involved with his congregation at the Kingdom Hall on Hwy. 47, just east of Goodwood.

"He lived by the Bible principle of integrity and honesty and that's how I want to remember him," said Annie Hardock, president of the Uxbridge and Area Networking Group. She met Mr. Asa in 2000 while he was canvassing her neighbourhood with another Jehovah's Witness.

Mr. Asa eventually spoke to the networking group about turning negatives into positives, a night Ms. Hardock called "inspirational."

"He normally talked to groups of thousands of people and he came to us," she said. "He was a good man."

Mr. Asa's nephew Bryan said his charismatic uncle was "high energy," and didn't need a lot of sleep.

"During a speech or presentation, he wouldn't walk to the podium, he'd run from the back of the room," he said. "He was the kind of guy who would take a picture of you in a restaurant and mail you the pictures."

"He understood that photos are

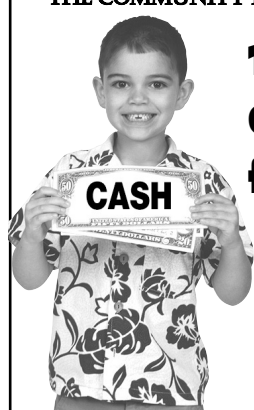
the records of people's lives, and he lived by that."

Mr. Asa is survived by his wife, Marie, who he married about two years ago after the 1998 death of his first wife. Along with six grandchildren, he leaves son Perry, and

daughters Joyce and Sheila, as well as Mrs. Asa's three children.

A visitation will be held Friday from noon to 1 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m. at the Roman Palace Banquet Hall at 1096 Ringwell Dr. in Newmarket.

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AJAX — Adult volunteers are needed for a new program being offered by the Ajax race relations advisory committee.

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An information meeting for prospective volunteers is Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet hall of the McLean Community Centre, at Westney Road North and Magill Drive.

For more information, call 905-619-2529, ext. 366.

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Nuclear operator defends 'peer reviewed' study

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Mr. Steele challenged that, saying, "small and moderate earthquakes have, and do, occur in the area, but geologists admit the real possibility of a large magnitude earthquake in the region."

"The big debate is over how fre-

quently they do occur. Perhaps, OPG could provide accurate information to the public."

The question the company should be asking, he said, is, "what if there's a large magnitude earthquake?"

OPG spokesman John Earl said the company, as part of the environmental assessment for the restart of

the 'A'-side reactors, commissioned a geological study of the area around the plant.

"OPG understood there were concerns around seismic activity in the whole Lake Ontario basin. We commissioned a completely independent study, a study that was peer reviewed," he noted.

That study found the faults in the Rouge Valley area were caused by receding glaciers at the end of the last ice age and not by earthquakes.

Mr. Earl noted the study was submitted to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, which has "the full responsibility to review and evaluate the study."

OPG "didn't conduct the study, we were the facilitators of an independent study," he said.

"We've reported on the study, as the experts provided the study to us."

He added if Mr. Steele has "something different, he can provide it to the regulator."

Durham receives \$1.2 million for support services

DURHAM — Nearly \$400,000 in one-time provincial funding will go to community support service agencies in Durham.

The money is part of \$500 million in base funding for community support services across Ontario, including \$911,750 in annual funding for Durham health and long-term care organizations.

The new injection of \$300,700 will be for the current fiscal year.

Included will be \$50,000 for the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres and \$50,000 to the Region of Durham's health programs.

"This funding," says Jerry Ouellette, MPP for

Oshawa, "means that support services provided in the community will be enhanced."

"(It) shows that the provincial government stands behind the hard-working staff and volunteers of Durham Region's community service organizations," says Durham MPP John O'Toole.

"This funding will help make the difference between someone receiving care at home or in a hospital," explains Janet Ecker, MPP for Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge.

"Our government is proud of the community support service agencies and recognizes the important role they play across the province."

Sensory room created with love

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'someone should paint these. They are so grey.'"

The Beamsville resident recently returned from Mexico where she painted the side of a school for World Vision. Her suitcases were full of donated crayons for the children there. Michael is already

in love with his room, said Mrs. Reed.

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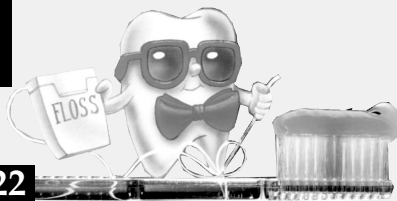
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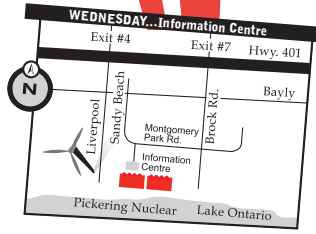


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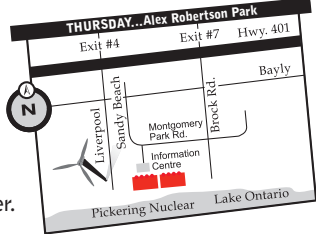


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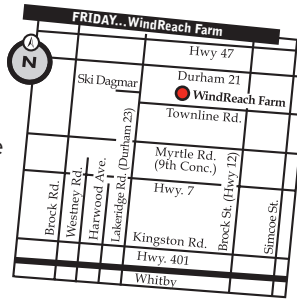


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Money provided to aid child victims

Durham sex assault centre gets funding boost

By Jacquie McInnes
Staff Writer

DURHAM — For victims of sexual assault or domestic violence, it can feel like there is nowhere to turn.

Fortunately, in Durham, there is a safe place where women and children can get the help they need when the attack occurs, or even months later.

The Province announced last week it will give an additional \$125,000 to expand services at the Sexual Assault Care Centre of Durham Region based out of Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

Of that funding, \$80,000 will be geared to the centre's pro-

gram for children who have been sexually assaulted or who have witnessed violence. The remaining money will be spent to improve the service to victims of domestic violence.

The funding is part of an overall government investment of \$3.7 million to 31 hospital-based sexual assault treatment centres, says Durham riding MPP John O'Toole, who adds his government "is committed to ensuring victims of domestic violence and children who have been sexually assaulted or abused have access to the medical care, support and follow-up they need."

Shirley Burnett, the centre's executive director says, "the domestic violence service is for any woman who has injuries, even minor injuries, through partner assault. And they don't have to be living together. It can be a dating partner as well."

The centre also provides

emergency medical services for child victims of sexual assault who are brought to the centre within 48 hours of an attack, and to women who come to the centre within 72 hours of being attacked.

This includes documentation of the injuries for future use if charges are pressed against the assailant.

As well, the centre provides non-emergency counselling for women and children and for men who were abused as children and are coping with the after-effects.

Although the centre's emergency services are based out of the Oshawa hospital, anyone who is assaulted and does not have transportation to that location can go to their local hospital emergency room and transportation will be arranged. The victim is taken to a private room where all the wounds are documented and

evidence is gathered by a nurse on the sex assault team. "The nurse is there just for that person. She can take as long as that person needs," says Ms. Burnett. The team is on-call 24 hours a day and will respond within 30 minutes of a victim coming to the centre for assistance.

In addition to providing medical care, the centre documents all the injuries for any future court action. However, Ms. Burnett stresses, it is important for women to know the centre is not required to inform the police of an assault on an adult victim and the decision to press charges is completely the woman's choice. "We encourage women to call the police but there are a number of reasons they may not want police involved and we have to respect that," she says. "We are really here to provide emotional, psychological and medical care." As well, she says, the victim's health records from the centre are kept separately from their general records to maintain the highest level of confidentiality.

However, if the victim does press charges, their chances of getting justice are highly improved by using the centre, says Ms. Burnett. "We work very closely with the police and provide evidence," she says.

Anyone who would like more information on the centre and its services can call (905) 668-3050.



Sexual Assault Care Centre clinical leader Debbie Barkwell (left) and program manager Shirley Burnett can provide a higher level of care to victims after a \$125,000 funding boost from the provincial government. Most of the money — \$80,000 — will be used to treat child victims.

Suspects sought in convenience store robbery

PICKERING — Durham Regional Police and Crime Stoppers are looking for two men who robbed a local convenience store last month.

Two men entered the Hasty Market at 1822 Whites Rd. in Pickering Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 10:45 p.m. The first suspect went behind the counter and demanded the clerk open the cash register, while the other approached the victim point-

ing a handgun. After emptying the register, the second suspect demanded the clerk open a second till. When the clerk was unable to open the second till, the suspects removed an unknown quantity of cigarettes and cigars. They also took the victim's wallet and cellphone and fled on foot.

The suspects are described as black, with the first wearing a waist-length cream-coloured

hooded jacket with the hood over his head, a baseball cap, black jeans and black wool finger gloves. The second suspect was wearing a black three-quarters-length jacket, baseball cap with a black half-mask balaclava over the top, black pants and black wool finger gloves.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 905-436-8477 or 1-800-222-TIPS.

Civilians host meet and greet

DURHAM — The Pickering-Ajax-Whitby Civitan Club holds a dinner meeting next week and it's also new members night.

Natalie Ingram, a staff member of Denise House, will speak.

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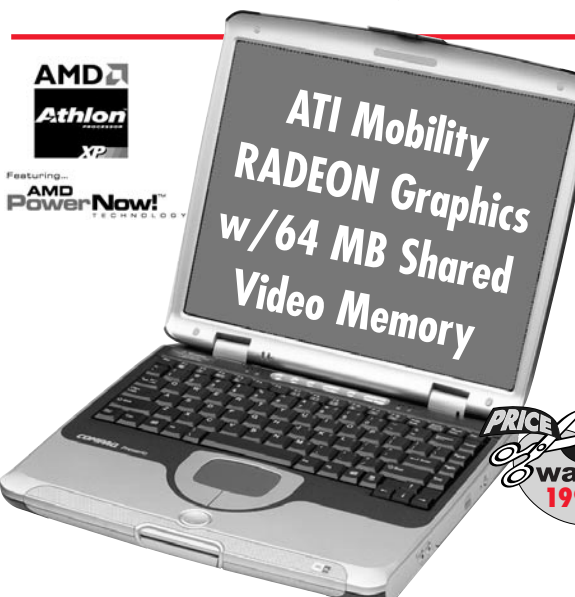
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March 19	Committee of Adjustment	7:00 pm

All meetings are open to the public.
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In the Matter of the Expropriations Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.26 and amendments thereto
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

In the Matter Of an application by The Corporation of the City of Pickering for approval to expropriate land being Part of Water Lot 3, on Registered Plan No. 65 for the City of Pickering in the Regional Municipality of Durham. Being Part 3 on Registered Plan 40R-17343 for the purposes of completion of construction of a municipal waterfront park and waterfront trail known as "Progress Bayfront Park" in the vicinity of the east shore of Frenchman's Bay west of Front Street.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described as follows: Part of Water Lot 3, on Registered Plan No. 65 for City of Pickering in the Regional Municipality of Durham, being Part 3 on Registered Plan 40R-17343 and municipally known as 670 Front Street, Pickering, Ontario.

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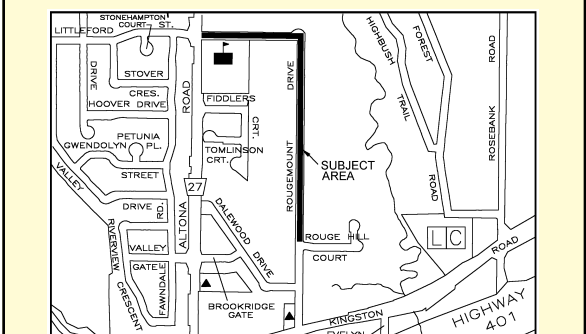


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NOTICE OF COMPLETION CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT for ROUGEMOUNT DRIVE

The City of Pickering has completed the study and is finalizing design features and details of proposed improvements required for Rougemount Drive from Rouge Hill Court, north to Altona Road. The design has addressed traffic management issues including speeds and pass through traffic by utilizing the most current traffic calming techniques. The project plans and design file are available at City Hall for viewing. These works are scheduled for construction commencement in May 2003, subject to Council budget approval.

This Study has been conducted in accordance with the Schedule B requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act.



Interested persons should provide written comment to the municipality on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comment should be directed to:

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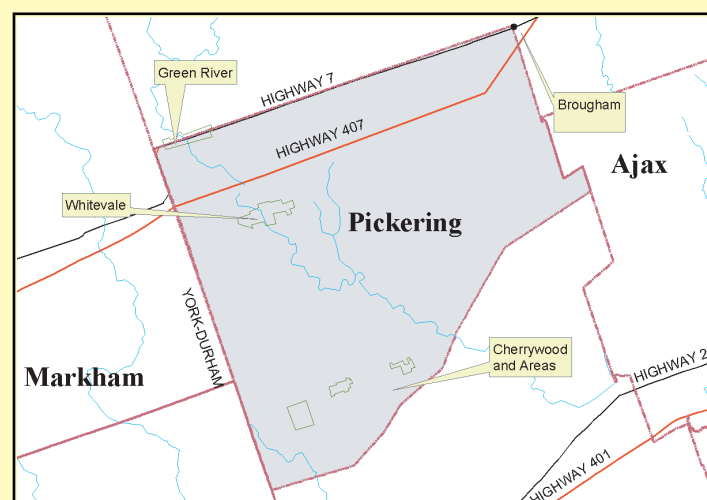
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- Phase 1 - focuses on the collection of background information on the natural, cultural and agricultural environment to map a system of Environmental Constraints and Opportunities within the study area.
- Phase 2 - focuses on an analysis of alternative growth options including various urban-rural boundary and urban density configurations to accommodate anticipated future population/employment within the unconstrained or developable lands.
- Phase 3 - focuses on the preparation of neighbourhood level planning and design concepts.



Input and involvement from the community of Pickering is needed to successfully carry out this project. A number of consultation activities are planned including regular project bulletins like these.

We encourage you to participate in shaping the future of Pickering.

Sign-up now to be on one of four Task Forces (natural environment, cultural resources, business/economics, and agriculture). Each Task Force will meet in late March.

Come out to the first **Open House** in late April to review the preliminary results of Phase I. More details will be advertised.

For further information on this project, to sign up for a task force, or to be put on the mailing list please contact:

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Eco-Energy Durham works to reduce pollution and smog

New group wants energy to spare

Eco-Energy Durham is a growing environmental group working to reduce pollution and the effects of smog and climate change.

Its projects aim to increase renewable energy production and reduce overall energy consumption through increased efficiency.

It is doing research to identify which opportunities exist in Durham Region for community-based renewable energy and energy-efficiency projects.

Eco-Energy Durham is currently looking at possibilities for a large utility-scale wind turbine installation in one or more of the municipalities in Durham, or by participating in a wind farm sited elsewhere in Ontario.

Ajax's Chris Coltas began to energize Durham last June after co-hosting an Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) workshop



Lorraine Roulston

recycler's report
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on how to initiate community-based renewable energy projects. The organization now has 10 active members.

"We are working to provide all residents of Durham with an opportunity to invest in green energy," said Coltas, co-founder of Eco-Energy. "A co-op for constructing and operating a wind turbine could be it."

"Also, we are exploring other renewable energy and energy-efficiency projects. Our members are very excited to

be a part of what other similar energy co-op groups are doing in Ontario." The group's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ajax Community Centre. For more information, call Chris at 905-683-6456 or e-mail: cpc@accessv.com

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The Scugog Green Team's 'Healthy Planet' series continues with 'organic lawn alternatives', March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Scugog Community Centre (1655 Reach St., Port Perry).

Oshawa's Lorelei Hepburn, author Lorraine Johnson, and Dr. Gary Kotak are event's the guest speakers.

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GREEN TIP: If residents turned down their thermostats just one degree, collectively we would save energy.

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New members of UOIT board chosen

DURHAM — Members have been announced for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's first board of governors.

R.J. Strickert - retired vice-president of Pickering Nuclear, Ontario Power Generation - will serve as the board's chairman; and Garry Cubitt, chief administrative officer at the Region of Durham, will serve as vice-chairman. Each will serve a one-year term.

In addition, the board will include community representatives Peter Bagnall, Joanne Burghardt, Michelle V. Carter, Denise Jones, Gail Mackenzie, Mark Moorcroft, Mike Shields, Dr. Phillip J. Simmons, Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann, and Doug Wilson. Gary Polonsky, founding president and vice-chancellor of the university, has been appointed ex-officio. William J. Hunter was elected as an internal representative.

More internal governors will be selected in September, when the facility is fully staffed.



Fun FREE Reading Week activities for kids & teens

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All donations will be distributed by Ontario Early Years to support community literacy programs.



EVENT SCHEDULE

Wed. March 12th	Adrenaline Rush 12noon - 4pm
Thurs. March 13th	PJ Party 12noon - 3pm
Fri. March 14th	Kiss 92 Radio Remote 12noon - 4pm



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Shared parenting the topic of forum

DURHAM — A forum in support of shared parenting is being held in Whitby.

Among the guests are Senator Anne Cools, Whitby-Ajax MP Judi Longfield, Oshawa MP Ivan Grose, Sarnia-Lambton MP Roger Gallaway, Brampton MP Colleen Beaumier, Lorraine McNamara, the president of REAL Women Canada, and lawyer Andrew Kania.

Senator Cools, Ms. Longfield and Mr. Gallaway toured Canada and recommended Shared Parenting.

The event is sponsored by Putting Children and Families First Inc., a Durham based not-for-profit organization supporting children and families experiencing conflict, abuse, separation and divorce.

It's being held Saturday, March 22

from noon to 5 p.m. in the auditorium of the Whitby Health Centre, 700 Gordon St. For more information or to reserve a spot, E-mail info@pcaff.ca, or call 905-420-5205, 905-668-8818 or 905-509-2182.

Adoptees aided

DURHAM — The Durham Disclosure Support Group offers regular help to all parties stuck in the 'adoption triangle.'

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month and are confidential. The multi-group meetings run 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Durham Children's Aid Society, 555 Rossland Rd. W. For more information, call 905-433-1551 ext. 2201.

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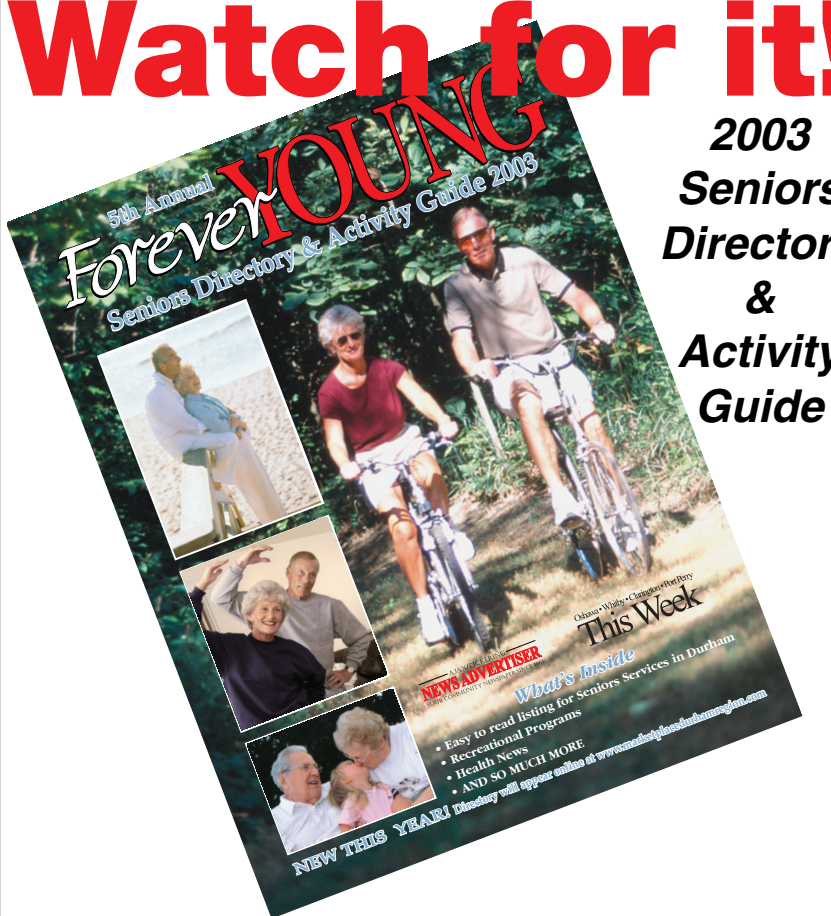
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Program helps women get back on their feet

DURHAM — Break Free, a free program aimed at helping women break free from abuse and get jobs, is running in Durham Region.

IDEA's for Women runs the employment vocational evaluation and empowerment series in Durham. Orientations are offered in Oshawa, Ajax and Bowmanville. Professionals will offer confidential and individualized services to help women become financially independent through work.

IDEA is funded by Human Resources Development Canada. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. In Oshawa, call 905-434-6789. In Ajax, call 905-686-9755. In Bowmanville, call 905-697-3346.



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ASHLEY RIGGS
 Leader back in lineup for provincials.

St. Mary girls look to score OFSAA hockey crown

By Al Rivett
 Sports Editor

PICKERING — The St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs varsity girls' hockey team has a score to settle when it enters the provincial championships later this month.

Bridesmaids at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) 'AAA' Girls' Hockey Championships for the past two years, the Monarchs are aiming to break down the silver-medal barrier and find gold at the end of the rainbow.

The team is confident — but not overconfident — this might be the year the stars are finally in alignment, says Lori Brown.

"We really would like to win it," said Brown, who's a coach on the team, along with head coach and community volunteer Dino Caggiola. "This is the last year for the original players from our first team, so we would really like to do it this year. The girls have worked unbelievably hard over the past three years and they want to accomplish something they truly believe is theirs."

Two years ago, St. Mary lost a dog-fight in the final to Mount Carmel from Mississauga. A year ago, St. Thomas Aquinas from London snatched the gold.

This year, as in the previous two years, the Monarchs skate into the OFSAA championships as the odds-on favourites to take home the crown. The event is hosted by Mount Carmel March 25 to 27.

St. Mary should be tough to beat at OFSAA, explained Brown, as it defeated two main rivals — Mount Carmel and St. Thomas Aquinas — at tournaments this year. And, St. Mary is coming off its second consecutive Durham Region crown, with a 3-1 victory over the Anderson Collegiate Raiders of Whitby last week in Uxbridge.

Brown expects the Monarchs to earn one of the highest — if not the top seed — at this year's OFSAA playdowns. But, a high ranking or not, the St. Mary girls are taking nothing for granted.

"We're optimistic — we're hoping, but we don't say it out loud," said Brown. "We didn't mention OFSAA until we had the LOSSA title. We recognize Mount Carmel is as good a team as we are. St. Thomas Aquinas is also going to give us a tough time of it and that's what we expect."

"Every year, something has happened to prevent us from (winning gold). We don't want any bold steps to keep us from getting what we want."

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Ledoux marvellous on mat at provincials

Pickering High wrestler throws his weight around, captures OFSAA gold

By Al Rivett
 Sports Editor

AJAX — A humbling experience at the provincial high school championships a year ago served as prime motivation for this year's golden performance by a local wrestler.

Pickering High School's Jake Ledoux wrestled above his normal weight class to capture the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) gold medal at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre March 2 to 5.

It was the first time in the school's history that one of its wrestlers has captured OFSAA gold.

And, the 17-year-old won the precious medal in impressive fashion. Moving up from the 64-kilogram to 67.5-kilo (150 pounds) division, Ledoux was dominant in dispatching all five of his opponents to the sidelines by an aggregate 48 points to one.

In total, the weight class had 32

wrestlers from across Ontario.

In the final, Ledoux took out Tyler Almas of Lucas Secondary School of London 10-0, with technical superiority achieved just 2:30 into the match.

Wrestling in a higher weight bracket put all his mat skills into play.

"It was a good competition. The guys I was wrestling against were bigger and stronger, so I had to use more technique. I couldn't muscle these guys because they were so much bigger," said Ledoux.

The OFSAA gold was a culmination of a year of hard work after just missing gold a year ago. Earning silver is not something that has sat well with the ultra-competitive wrestler. A big lead vanished in an instant last year after his opponent executed a perfect "fireman's carry" that ended the match in disappointment for the Pickering High grappler.

"It was one of the big factors that pushed me to train so hard (for the 2003 OFSAA championships). In the first 30 seconds of the match I was up 5-0. I was called on a quick pin, so that was heartbreaking. I wrestled Bobby Thompson in the 2002 OFSAA final in Thunder Bay. I don't think I'll ever forget that name."

En route to gold, Ledoux only gave up a point against David Krawczyk

of Toronto's Woburn Collegiate in the semifinal, with Ledoux winning 11-1 on technical superiority 5:30 into the match.

The point was significant as it's the only one given up by Ledoux this year either in his club matches with Team Impact, or in his high school tournaments.

"I wanted it to be a perfect tournament. I wanted to have a perfect season, but it will just make me train harder," said Ledoux.

Ledoux opened the OFSAA tournament with a 10-0 technical win over Thomas Kook of Toronto's Newtonbrook High School. The match lasted only 2:16. Next, he took out Dave Ratston of Bawating High School of northern Ontario by a pin just 2:25 into the match. In the third round, Ledoux captured another match by technical superiority (10-0); this time against Chris Szafran of St. Jean de Brebeuf school of Hamilton was the victim. The match ended 2:18 after it started.

After winning provincial high school gold along with the provincial juvenile title with Team Impact, Ledoux is now focused on the National Juvenile Wrestling Championships in Calgary April 2 to 7. There, he's aiming to complete the triple crown of gold on the mat this



JAKE LEDOUX
 Nearly perfect at OFSAA meet.

season. "I really hope so," said Ledoux.

Howell leaves golden bruise on foes



Andrew Iwanowski/ News Advertiser photo
 Courtney Howell, 18, returned from the Canada Winter Games with a gold medal from ringette.

Pickering teen and Team Ontario take top spot in ringette at Canada Games

By Al Rivett
 Sports Editor

PICKERING — The experience of playing in the Canada Winter Games was worth its weight in gold for a Pickering teen.

Courtney Howell, 18, played centre for the Ontario women's ringette squad that was simply unbeatable at the Games. The competition, which involved every province and territory, wrapped up last week in Bathurst and Campbellton, N.B.

Ontario went 9-0 en route to the gold medal, capping the tournament with a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Manitoba.

For Howell, competing at the Games was an extra-special experience.

"I feel like I'm some kind of Olympian," said Howell, one of 17 players on the team. "It was awesome. It was the chance of a lifetime to be part of a team that went undefeated to win at the Canada Winter Games."

Although some of their preliminary contests were blowouts, the final was anything but a cakewalk for the Ontarians. In fact, they trailed 2-0 early in the contest before finally getting their footing.

Howell noted that despite getting down early in the final, there was no panic.

"Everyone on the bench had a positive attitude and we just picked it up from there," said Howell.

Howell made up one-third of the "bruising line" for Team Ontario, along with Laura Williams from Gloucester and Jessica Boersma from Waterloo. The line was aptly named,

said Howell, because of its grittiness and ability to neutralize the opponents' top players.

But, the line also chipped in on the score sheet throughout the tournament. Individually, Howell scored three goals and three assists in the nine games.

Aside from the high level of ringette played at the Games, Howell noted the hospitality shown to the athletes was outstanding. The only down note was the frigid temperatures.

"The weather was especially cold; it was absolutely freezing," she said. "But, the athletes' village was amazing. They had security everywhere, so everyone felt safe there. The cafeteria was open 24/7 and the food was awesome. They had everything you could ask for — computers, phones and an arcade. They did an awesome job."

The Grade 12 student at Pine Ridge Secondary School was playing with the elite Central Ontario 'AAA' ringette squad last season when she was offered a chance to try out for Team Ontario. Five girls from each regional team were invited to the training camp at York University last May. She was subsequently chosen as one of 20 players for the Ontario squad, however, only 17 got to travel to the Winter Games.

Howell did triple duty in ringette this year, playing not only for the Central Ontario and Canada Games teams, but also for the Whitby belle 'AA' squad, of which she has been a member for the past two years.

NOTES: The Ontario women's hockey team won all six of its games at the Canada Games, including the gold-medal contest, 4-2, over Quebec. **Laura Watt**, of Ajax, and **Ashley Riggs**, of Pickering, played on the team. **Jackie Jarrell**, of Belleville, who plays on the Ajax-based **Telus Lightning** National Women's Hockey League squad, was also on the ro-

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Avery's a king

PICKERING — There'll be no sipping from the Stanley Cup this season for a Pickering National Hockey League player.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings dealt forward Sean Avery, who has played with the club for the past two seasons, to the Los Angeles Kings at the NHL's trade deadline Tuesday.

The Wings get Kings' defenceman Mathieu Schneider. In return, the Kings get Avery, defenceman Maxim Kuznetsov, a first-round pick in 2003 and a second-round

selection in 2004.

Avery brought the Stanley Cup to Pickering for a day last summer.

While the Wings are playoff bound, the Kings appear to be out of the running for a post-season berth in the Western Conference, sitting 11th, eight points out of the eighth and final playoff spot.

This season, Avery has five goals and six assists in 39 games with the Red Wings.

The 22-year-old was playing with Grand Rapids, the Wings' top minor league organization, when the trade was made.



Sean Avery with the Stanley Cup at his Pickering home last summer.

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Kuksis shines as tykes beat Canadiens

Panthers six-year-olds rattle Agincourt at Sabres' select tournament

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers tyke 6 selects hockey team rode a hot-shooting forward and solid goaltending to a 6-4 victory over the Agincourt Canadians in the final of the Scarborough Sabres Select Tournament Sunday.

The game's most valuable player, Davis Kuksis, led the

Panthers, providing his second four-goal game of the day. Single markers went to Jake Gilmour and Lucas Nicholson. Jamie Tustin notched three assists, Justin Bean added two and Sam Dinally and Dakota Parsons drew single helpers. Jonathan Kope played another strong game in net, including a huge save on a second period penalty shot.

Pickering advanced to the finals with an inspired 7-1 victory over the Cedar Hill Rebels. Led by four goals from Kuksis, the entire team played a strong game and checked the Rebels at every opportunity.

Parsons, centring a forward line with Christian Castanheiro and Chris Ludwinski, chipped in with two goals, while Bean added a goal and an assist. Tustin and Castanheiro counted two assists each, while Adam Bartholomew and David Lepka also added helpers.

The Panthers opened the tournament Saturday with a convincing 5-0 decision over the Wexford Raiders. Gilmour notched two goals and an assist while centring a line with Davis Bentley and Brody Campeau. Also scoring were Dakota Parsons, Bentley with

a goal and two assists, and Justin Bean. Castanheiro, Lepka, Matt Adams and Bartholomew drew assists. Kope collected the shutout.

In Game 2, the Panthers managed a 1-1 tie against Meadowvale. Pickering opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Bean, assisted by Kuksis. Strong clearing plays by defencemen Lucas Nicholson and Dakota Crawford in the late stages of the game helped preserve the tie.

Dave Bartholomew coaches the team, assisted by Ron Bean and Scott Crawford. The manager is Sandy Kope.

Monarchs aim for gold

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After an 8-1 record through its regular-season campaign, the Monarchs tore through the playoffs, ripping the Ajax High School Rams 6-1 in the semifinal game before edging a gritty Raiders squad.

Most of all, the team captured the LOSSA crown without forward Ashley Riggs. Riggs was in Bathurst, N.B. with the Ontario's women's hockey entry at the Canada Winter Games. The ability to carry off the LOSSA title without its most prolific scorer was a moral victory, said Brown.

"She's such an integral part of our team and we're glad to have her, but this was a chance to show what we could do without her," she said.

With Riggs back in the lineup, the Monarchs should have the necessary firepower to score with any team at OFSAA. Riggs is arguably one of the top female high school players in the province, scoring more than 100 points last year, while chalking up 30 in the regular season this year.

The 'Pippen' to Riggs' Jordan is linemate Jennifer Sadler, who has also been outstanding this season, said Brown. The twosome play intermediate hockey on the same team and have developed a sixth-sense type of chemistry.

Area athletes compete, win at Winter Games

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ter... **Riggs** had a goal and an assist in the final; **Jarrell** an assist... In the semis, Ontario downed Manitoba 5-2. **Watt** had a goal and **Riggs** counted an assist... Gymnast **Julie-Ann Passy** of Ajax helped the Ontario gymnastics team to the all-round gold medal... Ajax's **Christopher Branco** earned a gold medal for Ontario in air pistol shooting... **Dane Sharpe** of Pickering, a member of the Ontario's men's squash team, captured silver after losing to B.C. in the final... **Jennifer Bell** and **Katharine Cornish**, both from Ajax, competed in synchronized swimming...

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Week 5 of nine-week playoffs from Feb. 24/03.

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GAME TWO
Brown, Pineo Van Kempen 44 vs. Verifeye 38. **Brown, Pineo, Van Kempen:** Mike Horn 14, Bill Boston 10, Irwin Stanley 8, Fred Dever 7. **Verifeye:** Karl Hutchinson 17, Pat Roach 9, Mike Jovanov 6.

GAME THREE
Envoy Business Services 35 vs. West Hill Men's Slo-Pitch 26. **Envoy:** Roger Young 12, David Voith 10, Kari Elovarr 6. **West Hill:** Bruce Briard 11, Owen Officer 7.

GAME FOUR
Gallantry's Eatery 55 vs. Ell-Rod Holdings 45. **Gallantry's:** Don Leahy 15, Tom Rowen 11, Alonzo Starling 8, Ray Fox 8. **Ell-Rod:** Steve Leahy 15, Rick Jones 12, John Esposito 8.

GAME FIVE
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Trampolinist Cory Kozmik, 15, of Ajax, not only qualified to compete for the Provincial medals at the Ontario championships April 5 and 6, but also has met the required scores to compete in the Canadian Trampoline and Tumbling Championships in Saskatoon May 15 to 17.

Kozmik scored two bronze medals in the women's youth national division in both individual and synchronized category with partner Daniella Jumelet, 15, of Scarborough. She has now qualified to compete in the upcoming Canada World Cup in Oakville April 4 and 5 to try for a spot on the Canadian youth team that will compete internationally.

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From the lens to his pens

Artist takes unique approach to work

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

PICKERING — It's not unusual to find Robert Hinves walking through a field with a camera in hand.

Once a scene appeals to him, the Pickering artist captures it first on film. He then recreates the photo using waterproof pen and ink to establish all the light and dark areas first. Watercolour paint provides the finishing touch.

"It's not common to use pen and ink and watercolour," said Hinves. "I used to work with oils but I wasn't happy with the medium. I started playing with pen and ink through exercises in art class."

Visitors to the Pickering Civic Complex this month can see his work for themselves. His landscapes, which document many familiar settings in a variety of seasons, are on display until March 24.

"I have a passion for old buildings and Ontario landscapes," said Hinves, who drives the countryside looking for his sources of inspiration.

Growing up in downtown Toronto, Hinves first picked up a sketchbook in junior high school. After taking extensive art courses at Danforth Tech, he went on to the Ontario College of Art, but left after losing interest during his first year of study.

Hinves spent the next 20 years in the graphic arts industry and today, has stayed connected through vari-



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo

Robert Hinves can often be found standing in a field, camera in hand. The Pickering artist uses his camera to capture an inspiring scene and then proceeds to recreate the work with waterproof pen and ink, capped off by watercolour paint. A member of the PineRidge Arts Council, Hinves' work is currently on display at the Pickering Civic Complex.

ous art groups. He joined the PineRidge Arts Council soon after moving to Pickering in 1996.

His work has been featured in many shows, including the PineRidge Juried Art Show, Greenwood Fine Art Show and the Kawartha Arts Festival in Fenelon Falls.

The Whitby rail station, Greenwood Village Museum and, most recently, Herongate Barn Theatre, have been among his past subjects.

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DeVRIES, Henry - Passed away unexpectedly Friday, March 7, 2003. Beloved husband of Michelle. Loving father of Nicholas and Brandon. Cherished son of Jane and Stuart. Caring brother of David (Julie), Donald (Anita), Cynthia (John) and Anthony. Beloved son in law of Diane and Clarence Gregg. Brother in law of Tony (Cheryl) and John. Special brother of Nancy, Alexandra and Valerie. Henry will be fondly remembered by many friends, family and co-workers. A funeral service to celebrate Henry's life was held at **Maranatha Christian Reformed Church** (Bowmanville). Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to an education fund for Nicholas and Brandon would be appreciated to the C.I.B.C. (Harwood & Bayl, Ajax).

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FIORINI, William (Bill) Retiree of Durham Board of Education (Custodial). Suddenly at Oshawa General Hospital on Sunday March 9, 2003 in his 69th year. Bill Fiorini, beloved husband of 42 years to Janet (nee Mitchell). Loving father of Michael and his wife Carol (of Edmonton). Dear brother-in-law of Bruce and Mary Mitchell and family, Vernon Bruce and his late wife Joan, and the late Harry Mitchell. The family will receive friends at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Ajax (Pickering Village) 905-428-8488 from 2-4 and 7-9pm on Wednesday. Service in the chapel on Thursday March 13, 2003 at 11:00am. Interment in Highland Memory Gardens.

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NOBLE, (Florence) Jane, At Scarborough General Hospital on Saturday March 8, 2003 on her 78th year, after a valiant battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Bill Noble for 56 years. Cherished mother of Lorraine Mons Noble and son-in-law Rick Hayward. Thoughtful and caring grandmother of Alexandra, Heather, and Paul. Dear sister-in-law of Wilson and Jean Noble (Scotland). Fondly remembered by friends Doreen and Bill Armistage, and Andrew Brown (Fenelon Falls, Ontario), and the many good friends in her Pickering neighbourhood. Pre-deceased by dearly loved brother Frank, and sister Mons (Exeter, England) and brother-in-law Jim Noble (Australia). A private funeral service and interment have already occurred. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, or the Scarborough General Hospital Foundation for either the Oncology Clinic or the Palliative Care Unit. The family appreciates the wonderful work of the Nurses and Doctor Colwill at Scarborough General Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, Ajax, 905-428-8488

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MacDONALD, Barry "Sweetkid" 1948-2003. It is with great sadness, the family announces the passing of Barry on Friday, March 7, 2003, in his 55th year at the Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket. Barry will be sadly missed by his beloved wife Helen. Proud father to Barry, Jason, Rhiannon, Dakota and step-father to Jennifer and Ryan, and loving grandfather to Joshua. He will be fondly remembered by his loving family: Jennie, Lloyd and his wife Paula, Kay and her husband Duncan, Willie and France, Joanne, Mackie, Randy, Hal and Tara and the late Peggy. Barry will be sadly missed by his nieces and nephews and many friends. The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff in the Palliative Care Unit for all of their support and special care. Friends may call at the **CHAPEL RIDGE FUNERAL HOME**, 8911 Woodbine Ave., Markham (three lights north of Hwy. #7) (905) 305-8508. Visitation on Tuesday March 11 from 6-9 p.m., and Wednesday March 12, from 2-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. Funeral Service on Thursday March 13, at 12:00 p.m. complete in the chapel. Cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barry's memory can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. "I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path, and I will leave a trail."

TAYLOR, Ruth Eleanor Grace At Bon Air Nursing Home in Cannington on Friday March 7, 2003 in 90th year. Dear sister of Earl and his wife Elizabeth. Predeceased by brothers Ray and Stanley. Loving Aunt of Ray, John, Wendy, Margaret and Shawn Sevier, and Ruth and John Reed. Fond great Aunt of Heather, Caroline, Joanne, Beverly and Kyle. Long time employee of Wallace and Tierman and later the Borough of East York, member of Toronto Ladies Golf Club, Cannington United Church, Cannington Horticultural Society and involved in community activities. Friends are invited to call at **Trinity United Church** on Laidlaw Street North in Cannington on Sunday March 9th from 3-5 pm. Funeral service in the Church on Monday morning at 11 am. Interment Erskine Cemetery at 3pm. Arrangements entrusted to **THORNE FUNERAL HOME** in Cannington.

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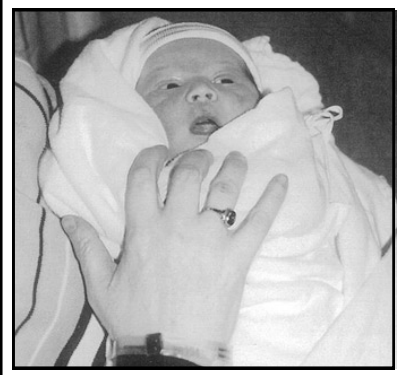
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The Durham Girls Choir, known as the Oshawa Festival Singers at the time of this photo, has been singing and growing for more than 30 years now. Made up of members from across the region, the choir recently held an alumni reunion to celebrate 30 years of music.

Brass Band books time for its long history

By Christy Chase
Staff Editor

DURHAM — The Whitby Brass Band is blowing its own horns this year as the group celebrates its 140th anniversary.

A book has been published and a reunion weekend in September is planned as the band honours its lengthy, musical heritage.

"It dates back to the 1860s," said Jacky Bramma, band member and archivist and author of the band's history, 'Brass Roots: Whitby Brass Band Then and Now.'

"That's the earliest record I can find."

Her interest in the band's history was sparked when Bramma joined the junior brass band in 1982. The group was then rehearsing at Heydenshore Pavilion.

"All these photos were on the wall," she said. "It just sent shivers down my back to think of the history behind the band. It really pushed a button."

That push led to two decades of research, while she learned to play a horn and graduated to the senior band, along with the rest of her family, husband Peter, son Jamie and, in later years, daughter Claire. When she retired from teaching two years ago and with the 140th anniversary drawing close, she decided it was time to put that research together and write a book.

With financial help from the Mayor's community development fund, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112, Whitby Rotary Club, Whitby Sunrise Rotary Club and Yamaha Canada Music Ltd., the band got the book published.

'Brass Roots' tells the story of the Whitby Brass Band, which was first organized in 1863, as noted in the town's paper of the day, 'The Chronicle.' In the next few years, the band was reported having played for Queen Victoria's birthday and a mourning procession for a Whitby native, killed in the 1866 Fenian raid. In 1866, Town council decided to help fund the band. The band played at parades and major town events also in its early days.

The earliest picture of the band

dates to 1885 and is made up of three separate photos of band members wearing military-style uniforms. In the early 1900s, the band was renamed the Whitby Citizens Band, which eventually became associated with the 34th Ontario Regiment, travelling with the regiment to summer training at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The band folded during the First World War and was reformed in the 1920s but managed to last through the Second World War, only to fold when it was over. It didn't get going again until the early 1950s. The band competed in Canadian National Exhibition events regularly, winning in 1931 and 1954, feats celebrated by the entire town.

Despite its ups and downs, the band has remained a part of Whitby. There's even a junior band, started in the 1930s, for children. Today's junior band refers to new players, not age.

"That tradition has remained strong," Bramma said.

Since the 1950s, the band, while it has had its ups and down, has continued to produce stirring brass band music. Today it has a steady membership of about 35, Bramma said. The members practice Thursday evenings and perform between 25 to 30 times a year, in concerts and parades.

While past Whitby Brass Bands competed in festivals throughout southern Ontario and even other parts of Canada and the United States, today's version is a rare breed. There aren't many brass bands left, Bramma said, adding up about half-a-dozen in the Greater Toronto Area, including Whitby's and Oshawa Civic Band.

Whitby's band plays traditional marching music but also performs a wider variety of music, including Broadway songs, the Beatles, movie themes and jazz.

The band plans an anniversary reunion Sept. 20 and 21. Registration for past and current members and friends of the band is \$25. For information, call Bramma at 905-668-4715.

Copies of the book are \$20 and are available by calling Bramma.

Girls' choir celebrates 30 years of beautiful music

By Christy Chase
Staff Editor

DURHAM — Thirty years of song were celebrated last month.

The Durham Girls Choir, formerly the Oshawa Festival Singers, was in full voice as current and past alumni and their families celebrated their 30th anniversary. An alumni reunion, gala dinner and silent auction also marked the occasion.

Elsie Drygala, a native of Scotland and a concert soloist turned voice teacher, established the choir in 1973.

"It was just about 12 of my own private students," she reminisced. "We started out as a small group. It grew and grew."

Grow it did. At its peak, under Drygala's more than 17 years of leadership, the Oshawa Festival Singers numbered 65 girls. They did three major tours in Europe and went to British Columbia, produced about three recordings and did extremely well at local music festivals.

"It was an excellent choir," Drygala said. "The Festival Singers competed in all the local festivals. They never got less than 90 per cent. I did it for love. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I wouldn't change a bit of it. It was a great experience, a learning experience for me. The girls made friendships."

Today, the Durham Girls' Choir, under the direction of Mary Jane Corradetti, still tours every three years -- it's Italy this summer -- and performs three concerts on its own and sings at various community

events. Recently, the girls sang at a Queen's Jubilee medallion presentation. The choir now consists of 41 girls, ages 11 to 17.

While the girls choir is 30 years old, the Festival Singers name is older. In 1964, Drygala was asked to form a choir to sing the specially-written theme song for the Oshawa Folk Arts Council's Fiesta Day in Alexandra Park. She formed a choir from OFAC members for the day, naming them the Oshawa Folk Festival Singers. The choir stayed together for several years, dropping the 'folk' from the name, but then disbanded. When Drygala started up her girls' choir, she called them the Oshawa Junior Festival Singers.

"After a year or two, the choir was so large and had a good reputation, we dropped the 'junior'," she said.

The name was changed to Durham Girls Choir a few years ago, to reflect the fact many members now come from Whitby, Clarington and even Port Perry, said Corradetti.

Despite the changes, the choir itself remains constant, singing a variety of challenging music that expands the girls' musical talents and entertains those who hear them.

"We do a varied, treble choir repertoire, anything from classic music by the master composers all the way up to contemporary Canadian choral works," Corradetti said. "I try to keep it interesting for them. I try to mix up the repertoire during the year. If we do a serious concert, I try to turn it around and do a fun, light concert

the next time."

Drygala remembered music she introduced to the choir -- classic, sacred, folk. Everything but pop music.

"Each director has kept up the standards," Drygala said.

For the last season, the choristers had to learn and memorize 57 pieces of music, Corradetti said. They rehearse for two hours on Monday nights at Kingsview United Church and are required to work on their music on their own time, too.

"The commitment has to be strong," she said. "I feel so blessed that I have such talent here. They give 100 per cent."

Between Drygala and Corradetti, Lorie Easton directed the choir. With her as leader, the choir sang the national anthem at a Blue Jays game and members also sang in the chorus of the Toronto production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,' starring Donnie Osmond.

Each year, Corradetti auditions girls hoping to get into the choir, taking about 10 generally, since there's a 25-per cent turnover each year.

"I have worked with 150 girls in eight years. Some come and go. Some, it's their bag and they stay forever. Often these are the ones who go on to pursue music."

The choir's next performance is May 4 at 7 p.m. at Simcoe Street United Church in Oshawa, and features a collection of Canadian folk songs and 2002 Canadian fiddling champion Mark Sullivan.

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Ajax St. Paddy's dance up to Par

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