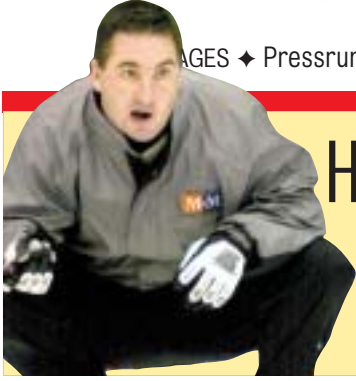


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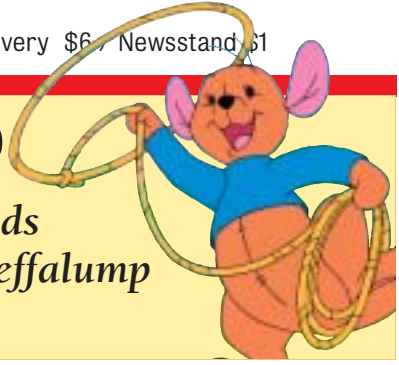
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Pooh and friends search for a Heffalump

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## Fire destroys building, vehicles in Brougham

*Cause of early morning blaze still being determined*

**PICKERING** — An early morning fire Thursday in Brougham destroyed a building and several cars.

Fire Chief Bill Douglas said the call came in at 1:22 a.m. for the fire at The Auto Barn, a car dealership, on Hwy. 7 at Brock Road in Brougham.

"When we arrived it was fully involved," he said.

He said the fire had spread to several vehicles, as well as the house on the property.

"It actually started on fire but we were able to put that out," Chief Douglas said of the house.

Tankers from the Whitby and Ajax fire departments were also called in to help.

"I was up there and it was spectacular," Chief Douglas said.

As of Thursday morning firefighters were still on scene cleaning up and sifting through the debris.

Chief Douglas said the cause of the fire is still under investigation and the estimated cost of the damage was not yet known.

No one was hurt in the incident.

## DRUMMING UP SUPPORT FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo

**PICKERING** — Dunbarton High School is celebrating Black History Month with a collection of activities in February. This week, students welcomed the Up From The Roots group, which includes Che Matthews. See story on Page 29.

## Pickering gets regional transit system in 2006

*Bylaw passes despite continued opposition from Whitby and Uxbridge*

By Jillian Follert  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Described as a "glorious" day by one councillor, and a day we'll live to regret by another, Wednesday marked the beginning of a new era for Durham transit, after regional council passed a bylaw to amalgamate the four existing systems.

Transit assets in Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington and Ajax/Pickering will be transferred to the Region over the next year, with a seamless region-wide system up and running by Jan. 1, 2006.

The decision came after Oshawa and Brock councils reversed their positions and voted in favour of amalgamation, at meet-

ings held earlier in the week. Although Whitby and Uxbridge remained opposed, the bylaw passed with the needed triple majority support of five out of eight municipalities totalling 51 per cent of the electorate, plus a majority vote from regional council.

"This is a great moment for Durham," said Oshawa Councillor Robert Lutczyk, speaking as vice-chairman of the Oshawa Transit Commission. "Oshawa council reviewed our position and we now feel strongly that this is the way to go."

The new system will improve east-west travel in the southern part of the region, and bring dial-a-ride service to the north. Facilities such as UOIT and the new cancer centre will be priorities when planning routes.

Calling the day "glorious and exciting," Brock Councillor Larry

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## Black history event hits the screen

**PICKERING** — The Pickering Public Library is getting in on the celebrations.

In recognition of Black History Month, the library, with support from the It Takes a Village Family Resource Centre, is offering two movie nights followed by a discussion.

Playing tonight is the 'Tuskegee Airmen' (PG-13). It is described as an action-filled dramatization of the true story of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first squadron of black American pilots to defend their country in the Second World War. The men of the 'Fighting 99th' overcame racial obstacles to distinguish themselves.

It is in the central branch auditorium from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The next event is Feb. 24 at the same time and location.

The events are free. Registration is not necessary and all are welcome.

## Union wants existing Pickering animal services setup saved

*Union fears job losses if service terminated*

**DURHAM** — The Pickering, Ajax and Whitby Animal Control should be saved, says the union representing its workers.

Karen Wilson, president of Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 53, wants the municipalities to retain the current system.

Whitby administers the service and has notified the other municipi-

palities that it wants the agreement renegotiated before the current contract expires at the end of this year. Whitby has asked Pickering and Ajax to contribute more of the administrative costs, but the two have refused.

If a new deal isn't reached, the three communities would have to make other arrangements.

Ms. Wilson says she's met with Whitby officials to discuss the union's concern, but she hasn't had the chance to meet with Pick-

ering or Ajax administrators.

Keeping PAW as it stands offers taxpayers the best service and is the most cost-efficient, she notes.

Local 53 has seven members, although one has been off on a medical condition for almost two years.

Having the animal control workers remain under the control of a municipality would mean better service, Ms. Wilson says.

"I think there's better flexibility as opposed to sometimes using a

contractor," she adds.

The union is opposed to anything that generates layoffs, she states, adding, "Not that we've been given any confirmation" of that happening.

"We fear a decrease of service would generate layoffs in that work environment."

As the union members are Whitby employees, they have bumping rights within the municipality.

The three municipalities set up the system 20 years ago.

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# Campaign team finds a way once again

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — The United Way has done it again.

The Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge chapter has exceeded its fundraising goal for the fifth straight year.

"We're feeling ecstatic," said executive director Edna Klazek. "Every year we set a goal out there to achieve and in the last five years we've been successful in achieving it."

The goal of \$1.7 million was set last spring and towards the end of the year the possibility of achieving it looked dim, but in the end a total of \$1,708,934 was raised.

"We had some real challenges at the end of this year that no one could have anticipated," Ms. Klazek said.

Those included both the outpouring of support directed at southeast Asian relief following the Dec. 26 tsunami and earthquake, as well a few companies ran their collections after the end of the traditional campaign period.

Ms. Klazek realizes there is a lot of fundraising in the community for many different causes and organizations, so she is thankful for the support.

"We recognize that people have only so many discretionary dollars to spend," she said.

She attributes the success to understanding in the community and the hard work of volunteers and staff.

"It was a wonderful campaign. We had wonderful leadership with (campaign chairman) Pat O'Brien," Ms. Klazek said.

"We're just thrilled to be over our goal."

The United Way provides funding to 29 agencies and a number of programs that offer assistance to those in Ajax, Pickering and Uxbridge.

"(Reaching the goal) certainly allows us to provide strong and continued support to our agencies and to look at new needs in our community and start addressing those," Ms. Klazek said.

In recent years, the rapid population growth in the community has increased the number of people using services funded by the United Way, while the corporate growth hasn't been happening at the same rate.

That has posed a challenge for the United Way as many of the campaign events are organized by the corporate community.

With preliminary planning beginning shortly for the 2005 campaign, that is just one of the issues the organizing committee will be dealing with as it tries to plan another successful year.



Pat O'Brien, centre, chairman of the 2004 United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge fundraising campaign, announces the goal of \$1.7 million had been met, with \$1,708,934 raised in all. He was joined in the announcement by, from left, Ajax Mayor Steve Parish, Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor, Uxbridge campaign chairman Rolf Ott, and Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan. The mayors were all honorary chairmen.

Tony Doyle/ News Advertiser photo

# Durham going consultant crazy, says mayor

Questions high cost of move to headquarters

**DURHAM** — Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor expressed concern Wednesday that the Region spends too much money on consultant fees, citing the costs associated with the upcoming move to a new headquarters as an example.

"We are spending about \$130,000 to have someone consult on the move, and \$170,000 on the move itself," she said. "Give the consultant a few more dollars and they could have moved us, too."

Mayor O'Connor said the Region has gone "consultant crazy" in recent years, suggesting RFPs as one way to

keep costs down.

Finance Commissioner Jim Clapp said consultant services are necessary in most cases, especially for something as complicated as moving Regional services into a new headquarters.

"This move is complex, there is a lot to consider. We have nine or 10 locations, and the timing is critical," he said.

"We don't have anyone on staff to dedicate to this kind of thing, or who has the background to do it. We need a consultant, there's no question."



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# Regional needs versus need for one system dominate discussion

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O'Connor said his enthusiasm was tempered by concern that northern municipalities will see huge tax increases, and few immediate improvements.

"We can't afford this, but we can't afford not to be a part of it," he concluded.

Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor and Councillor Susan Self were less optimistic, joining Whitby Mayor Marcel Brunelle and Councillor Gerry Emm, in casting the only votes against the bylaw.

"This is needed in the south, we can see that, but the north is a different story," Mayor O'Connor said. "Uxbridge has

the largest assessment and the second-lowest population, and we don't even have room to grow because of the Oak Ridges Moraine. This is going to be a huge burden on our taxpayers."

Mayor Brunelle echoed these concerns, noting that Brooklin's residents will see tax increases, but no transit service.

While he stressed support for the idea of regional transit, the Whitby mayor stood by his position that the system is too costly for the Region to own and operate.

Calling the decision a victory for Durham residents, Regional Chair Roger Anderson said the new system will allow the Region to access a larger share of the provincial gas tax, offsetting some of the operation costs.



Marcel Brunelle

Region staff will spend 2005 investigating which existing routes need improvement, and deciding where new routes will go. It is estimated that a monthly pass for adults will cost about \$70, while student passes will be between \$50 and \$60, and seniors will pay about \$20 a month.

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# Second witness says he saw defendant before shots rang out in Ajax

By Jeff Mitchell  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Another witness has testified he saw a Scarborough man at the centre of a dispute shortly before shots rang out in an Ajax banquet hall, leaving two people wounded.

Malvern resident Ajai Kist-

nasami, 19, told Superior Court Justice Bruce Glass that the man he knew by the street name "Scarleton" was among the people he saw embroiled in an argument at the Sawhil Restaurant moments before shooting started around 1 a.m. Aug. 29, 2003.

When asked by Crown counsel JulieAnn Barrett to identify the man he knew as Scarleton, Mr. Kistnasami pointed to Rinaldo Cole, who sat in the prisoner's box in the Whitby courtroom.

Mr. Kistnasami said he didn't know if Mr. Cole and another Malvern man who is also accused of firing shots that night were the actual shooters.

"I'm not sure if they were in the argument, but that's where the argument took

place," he said of the dance floor confrontation, involving up to 15 people.

"People were swearing at each other and getting mad," Mr. Kistnasami said.

"I was curious to see what was going on. When I walked over there I heard one shot (go) off so I just took off running."

Mr. Kistnasami said he heard three or four more shots fired as he and other panicked party-goers stampeded for exits at the West-

ney Road hall.

Mr. Cole is charged with 14 offences, including aggravated assault, wounding and weapons charges in connection with the incident, which occurred in the crowded dance hall during a Thursday night "jam" that attracted hundreds of young people from Ajax, Scarborough and other areas.

An earlier witness testified that he and a friend had words with Mr. Cole over a dispute on the dance floor

before shots were fired.

Under cross-examination by defence lawyer Deryk Gravesande, Mr. Kistnasami admitted that lighting in the hall was dim at the time of the fracas he described, and that he had trouble seeing what was actually going on.

The young man also said he had spoken with the other accused man and others who'd been present at the hall prior to making a statement to Durham police.

The trial continues.

## Pickering teens charged in Ajax robbery

By David Blumenfeld  
Staff Writer

**AJAX** — Two Pickering teenagers have been charged after police responded to an armed robbery at a gas station in Ajax.

Durham Regional Police were called to the Cango Gas Station on Kingston Road just after 8 p.m. Wednesday in response to an armed robbery involving two young men. Police say an employee of the gas station was alone when he was suddenly approached by a male with a knife. The employee was not injured, but a small amount of money and cigarettes were taken.

The suspect fled the gas station and was chased by a nearby citizen, said Durham Regional Police spokesman, Sgt. Paul McCurbin. The suspect with the knife later met up with a second man a short distance away, and they both left the scene.

later and set up a perimeter around the gas station, the suspect was subsequently observed and a foot chase began. Police arrested the male suspect a short distance away.

With the support of officers from the Ajax-Pickering Community Police Office and the Durham Regional Police Canine Unit, the second suspect's movements were tracked to his home, where he was located and taken into custody, police said, noting that both suspects were arrested within two hours of the gas station being robbed.

A 14-year-old male and 17-year-old male, both from Pickering, have been charged with robbery, wearing a disguise with intent, possession of dangerous weapons and possession of property obtained by crime. The youths cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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# New passport office 'awesome'

New location great for business and locals, residents say



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Pat Pederson likes that a new passport office has opened in Whitby, the first for Durham Region.

With the addition of the new Whitby office, there are now 32 passport offices across Canada. Doreen Steidle, CEO of the Canadian Passport Office, said passport offices in the Greater Toronto Area issued more than 604,000 passports in the fiscal year 2003-04.

"Our forecasts show another 15 per cent increase for passport services in the GTA during the 2004-05 fiscal year," Ms. Steidle said. "Opening a passport office in Whitby will help meet the needs of Canadians in this growing region."

Katie Workman said the new passport office couldn't have opened at a better time. She said the lack of any lineup at the new office will probably save her time getting a passport for an upcoming trip to Russia to do mission

work.

"I'm very happy about this — it took three minutes," she said.

Her mother, Karen, said the new Whitby location also saved them a lot of gas mileage.

"We live in Peterborough, so for us it's a lot easier than driving into Scarborough," she said. "It's not busy because nobody knows about it yet, but I'm sure that's going to change. When you think of the volume because of this region... I'm glad they opened up another one."

The passport office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Regular passport services will be available at the Whitby location, while urgent or express services and passport pickup will continue to be available at the Scarborough office.

By David Blumenfeld  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — In its first six hours since opening, the new passport office inside the Whitby Mall had already served more than 70 customers.

Eastern residents of Durham Region will no longer have to drive to Scarborough (previously, the nearest passport office) in search of travel documents, thanks to the new Whitby location, which opened Jan. 24 inside the Whitby Mall, 1615 Dundas St. E.

"I think it's great because you don't have to travel all the way to Scarborough and stand in line for like three hours to get your passport. This is awesome," said Pat Pederson of Oshawa, who happened upon the new passport office while strolling the mall Monday. "I knew that it was coming, but I didn't realize that it had opened today. I intend to use it... I don't have a passport, so I'd like to get one soon. It's great that it's local for all these people around here."

John Niles of Whitby said he hasn't had a passport in 10 years, but is now thinking of dropping into the new office to update his identification.

"You can't go anywhere these days without a passport," Mr. Niles said. "It's a good location, too, right here in the mall. It will be great for business too... because there are not too many souls left here. (People) will come in here, and at the same time they'll look around and buy."



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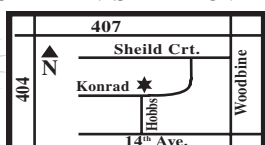
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## EDITORIAL

### Slow down and save Pickering's history

They're just derelict buildings to the federal government, but to many people in Pickering the 25 buildings slated for demolition on the federal lands are more than that. They hold history inside and outside their aging wood and crumbling brick walls.

But still, once again, Public Works and Government Services Canada, the department entrusted with managing the federal lands in Pickering for Transport Canada, is moving quickly toward what they deem a necessary demolition.

The job is out to tender and potential contractors for the project received a look at the scope of the work with a tour of the site this week. However, they found more than vacant houses when they arrived.

A small and determined group of local protesters demonstrated their opposition to the demolition project with songs, signs and a tractor all set up to make life difficult for the tour's participants. Their message was the goal of stopping or slowing the march toward a future airport planned for the land. But a side issue to that is the historical heritage value of some of the buildings slated for destruction in the coming weeks.

People want to know why the federal government continues to board up and tear down homes on the land? Homes they say could and should be lived in. It couldn't be to make room for the proposed airport as it is still only a twinkle in the eye of the Greater Toronto Airports Authority. Construction won't take place this year or next. It hasn't even been approved.

So, somehow allowances have to be made in order to help the residents who want to try to save some of the heritage buildings, or even remove parts of them. History is being bulldozed here and if residents want to save a portion, the federal government owes it to them to work with the stakeholder groups. Pickering has proven it can fundraise to save historic buildings such as the Brougham Hotel. Thousands have been raised and the City has budgeted money for the project.

These passionate groups have to be given a chance to target what they can salvage and examine if they have the resources to carry it out. Simply ignoring them is ignoring the continued respect for history that Pickering and its people have long taken pride in.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### MP should vote for constituents' interests

To the editor:

Re: 'Same-sex bill protects rights of the minority,' editorial, Feb. 6.

You note that religious groups are 'free to refuse to perform marriages' but failed to note that even the Supreme Court has stated that this is still subject to legal interpretation. In other words, right now this promise means absolutely nothing.

Many supporters of this bill are using flowery rhetoric, but when you dig below the surface you realize there are many potential problems. Exactly how far does the freedom of religion extend? To justices of the peace who are of faith? Employers of faith? How about school teachers? Are Canadians aware that if this bill passes, the 'minority' who practice polygamy may very well make a legal challenge to recognize multiple wives? Is this wrong? Well, we could make the same argument for this 'minority' as we are for the homosexual one. Where will it stop?

If this bill is about the choice of Canadians, why is our prime minister forcing his cabinet to support it? It seems Ajax-Pickering MP Mark Holland has already made up his mind — not based on his constituents' input, but because of an aunt. Mr. Holland, I would challenge you to truly serve your constituents, not personal interest.

**Reverend Brendan Witton,  
Church Without Limits,  
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### Tough to feed so many mouths

#### Cutting up funding pie won't be easy for premier

Dalton McGuinty has a problem: like a poor parent with many mouths to feed, he only has enough food for some of the kids. The premier's decision is whether or not to divide all the food, and give everyone an equal share, or give some kids more than others.

The food is government money and the mouths are the many priorities in the province.

In a speech last April, the premier laid out his plan for education. Identifying a number of priorities for reform, he said the system had been allowed to slide during the Tory years, and that the future of public education was in danger. Near the end of the speech, he said something extraordinary. Mr. McGuinty said that to deliver on his education agenda, "I am going to put money into education at the expense of other programs." Education funding would rise every year the Liberals were in power, he said. Now, Mr. McGuinty did provide more funding for education in his first budget — not enough, and not where it was most needed, some would argue, but more.

However, with the release of Bob Rae's report on post-secondary education, the question to Mr. McGuinty is: Does your education vision end at Grade 12, or continue into college and university? It's a timely one because it's budget time once again for the Province.

Mr. Rae's report details the lack of funding support that post-secondary education has received from the Province, and calls for more than \$1 billion



**Mike Ruta**  
staff writer

in new funding. It's a well-written report and, while some might argue it's a recipe for big tuition hikes, few can dispute that Ontario colleges and universities receive less support from their government than any other in Canada. They need and deserve more money from the Province.

If post-secondary gets a lot of dough, the JK to Grade 12 system will likely get less. Both require more funding, but remember, Ontario is a big family and there are more mouths to feed. Health care, infrastructure and other areas are hurting, as well.

I don't mean to suggest that this 'who gets how much problem' is a new one for Ontario governments and premiers. However, Mr. McGuinty has said other programs are going to get less, maybe even suffer a little, because education is the top priority. It sounds like, gulp, a promise. Will Mr. McGuinty keep it when the budget comes out, likely in April? We'll see.

Mike Ruta's column appears every third Friday. E-mail [mruta@durhamregion.com](mailto:mruta@durhamregion.com).

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# Ajax, Pickering celebrate Black History Month

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**DURHAM** — It Takes a Village has a series of events planned for Black History Month.

Activities in February include youth movies and discussions, children's crafts and storytelling, and Afro-cize fitness.

On Fridays during February, youths can take in a movie in the youth room of the McLean Community Centre, at Westney Road and Magill Drive in Ajax. Following the movies, which include 'Miss Evers Boys' and 'Redemption,' a

discussion will be held. There is also pizza and drinks. It runs from 7 to 10 p.m.

Saturdays promise to be fun for children under 10, with crafts, African dancing and storytelling. It runs from 2 to 3 p.m. and it's being held Feb. 12 and 19.

On Sundays, Feb. 13 and 20, there are activities for adults, including fitness and wellness classes and movie viewing. They run from 1 to 4 p.m.

To help celebrate the Town of Ajax's 50th anniversary, It Takes a Village hosts the first All African Talent Show on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the HMS Ajax Room of the Ajax Community Centre, 75

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Anyone of African descent can audition, including poets, singers, dancers, musicians, actors, storytellers, rappers or any other talent.

Auditions are Saturday, Feb. 12 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at 1467 Whites Rd. N. (at the northeast corner of Whites and Kingston roads), Pickering.

Most events during the month are \$5 or free with the purchase of a Black to the Roots T-shirt, being sold for \$20 for adults and \$15 for children.

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# Most powerless, vulnerable need social assistance

*In Durham 11,630 people are on welfare*

This is the second in a 12-part series looking at Durham's social services and the people served.

By Carly Foster  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Steven Barr feeds himself for \$1 every day. Heather Smith's heart breaks each time she doesn't have money for pizza and milk days at her children's school.

Their stories are upsetting. They speak nonchalantly of hardship, stigmas and survival, for these are part of daily life. And as you hear their voices, you realize that anyone could slip down the slope into poverty and have a desperate time clawing back out.

In 1997, Mr. Barr was coming out of a funeral — for a friend who had died of a head injury — when he slipped on a sheet of ice and cracked his head. He spent months in hospital with a major concussion and minor brain injury. When Mr. Barr was discharged, the bank was about to foreclose on his house in Toronto.

A friend helped him get the house back, sell it and purchase an 1870s home on Brock Street in Oshawa,

where it was cheaper to live.

Sipping Diet Coke, Mr. Barr, 61, has scraggly grey-brown hair pulled back in a pony tail. He wears one of his "boulevard surplus" finds, a red and white down coat, along with blue jeans and a pair of old glasses. His smile is filled with gnarled teeth.

Mr. Barr receives about \$950 a month from the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). The fall has left him with some short-term memory loss, dexterity problems and very low self-esteem.

"I never really had much self-esteem, especially after the accident when they stamped me a cripple," Mr. Barr said. "In general, as soon as people hear the words 'brain damaged,' they immediately think, 'Well, he's not useful.'

"I really would be happy to work."

So would Ms. Smith (not her real name). She's been on welfare for years, but every step forward is met with two steps back.

She's tried going back for her high school diploma, and even had a job delivering papers. But she accidentally dropped a bundle of flyers down a flight of stairs one day, and it slammed into her 4-year-old grandson, breaking his femur. When he's not in preschool, she's



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Steven Barr has managed to retain his home despite tough times. He receives \$950 a month in disability support after he suffered a serious head injury in 1997. Almost 8,000 Durham residents receive disability support from the Province.



running him to therapy appointments.

Ms. Smith is running from an abusive ex-husband and doesn't want her kids, 10 and 9, named in the paper. She has full custody of her grandson, who doctors believe suffers from fetal alcohol syndrome.

She and her three kids survive on \$1,573 each month.

"It's not easy living on what I get," Ms. Smith said. "I struggle every single month. I don't care what I look like, as long as my kids have nice clothes for school.

"I've seen myself go without food for a couple of days to make sure they eat OK."

The saddest part about Mr. Barr and Ms. Smith's stories is there are thousands more just like them in Durham: In 2004, there were 11,630 people on welfare, and 7,775 people receiving ODSP.

Some may point fingers at Mr. Barr keeping four cats and Ms. Smith buying cable for her children. Others may cry foul about people defrauding the system or being on assistance when they don't need to be.

But Paul Cloutier says getting help is not a choice for the vast majority of people, who he calls "the most vulnerable, powerless members of society."

"One of the biggest misunderstandings is, when you look at the rates, what's the incentive to go on allowance?" said the director of income support for the Region of Durham, which administers welfare on behalf of the Province.

"From that you're supposed to find a place to live, find food, clothing, transportation."

Studies have shown that more people cheat on their tax returns than cheat the welfare system, he added, placing the number of fraudulent assistance cases at 2 to 3 per cent.

"It is not a picnic being on welfare," said Sandra Papatello, the minister of community and social services. "This is not a rich program that allows them to live like kings."

When she took over the social services portfolio, she said it was embarrassing to see the lack of supports to get people back to work — especially after the Conservative Mike Harris government fanfare about that very issue in the '90s, when welfare was renamed Ontario Works. The same government also slashed payments to recipients by 21 per cent.

"Even if they could work some, they're so concerned that their earnings would get them kicked off the system," Ms. Papatello said of the people on assistance. Between Ontario Works and ODSP, there are 800 rules for eligibility, she added.

Hugo Lorensen knows all about that. As a staff lawyer for the Durham Community Legal Clinic, he helps low-income individuals appeal Ontario Works and ODSP decisions, which make up 80 per cent of the clinic's cases.

"(The system) is highly technical, very legislated," he said. "For a lot of these people, even understanding the decision letters is a chore in itself.

"That can be very hard for someone with low education, or language difficulties or physical ailments."

The Liberals' plan to reform the system includes letting recipients keep education funds for their children to help end the cycle of poverty, exempting money kids make in part-time jobs, establishing an overpayment recovery unit and no longer requiring liens on homes to receive social assistance.

But the Fraser Institute, a right-wing think tank, says the Harris reforms of 1995 helped remove

680,000 off welfare, reduced social assistance expenditures by 42 per cent and decreased the number of low-income families.

"These economic and social gains could be jeopardized if the Ontario government rolls back the post-1995 welfare reforms and eliminates diversionary policies and sanctions... and extends new income supports to employable adults," the institute's report card on welfare said.

Mr. Cloutier said most people do not want to be on social assistance; they want to be working. But some are barred by education, health problems or child care.

"I wish I didn't have to live on it," Ms. Smith said. "If I had the choice to get a job, I think I'd do that and not have to live on welfare."

## A look at the maximum social assistance

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Hugo Lorensen, a staff lawyer at Durham Community Legal Clinic, helps low-income people appeal Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program decisions.

# Mental illness forum tackles suicide, self-injury and depression

'It's not easy to hear this stuff,' says director

By Mike Ruta  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — If your high school-aged child is eating little, when he used to eat lots, or sleeping all day, when she used to be up at the crack of dawn, these could be the warning signs of a mental illness.

Oshawa parents last week learned to be aware of indicators and to be prepared to engage their teens if they notice behaviour that seems unusual, such as a change in eating or sleeping patterns. Representatives from the Canadian Mental Health Association and Distress Centre Durham were on hand at Dr. F.J. Donevan Collegiate Institute last Thursday for Understanding Teens, described as "an open forum on depression, suicide and self-injury."

"If you are afraid, if you are fearful, if your gut is saying to you, 'is my kid thinking of suicide?' there's only one thing to do, ask the question," Barb Hiff, executive director of Distress Centre Durham, told the audience of roughly 40 people.

She encouraged parents to be on the lookout for suicide stressors such as the loss of a parent or boyfriend, noting that suicide isn't a snap decision, but one that builds for a long time.

Christina Morino, program leader of education and training at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Durham branch, described self-injury as intentional, self-inflicted bodily harm, severe enough to cause tissue damage or leave marks, but not to cause real harm. No one particular type of person engages in self-injury, however a higher proportion of females than males cuts themselves and the like.

"Most often it is a mechanism for coping with the emotional distress," she said. Young people who self-injure wear concealing clothing at all times, avoiding situations where more revealing clothing may be expected, and offer excuses for how their injuries occurred.

"Often self-injuring teens feel that they can't be understood," said Ms. Morino.

However she says it's important for parents to recognize signs of distress and talk with their kids, listening to them and being non-judgemental.

She cited a study of Ontario teens that found one in eight had reported suicidal ideations, one in 20 felt like they had no one with whom they could confide, and an additional five per cent had been prescribed medication to treat depression, anxiety or both problems.

But many young people don't seek help because of the stigma associated with mental illnesses, where sufferers are often stereotyped and considered weak.

"It's up to us to support each other and understand each other so we can get past the stigma," said Ms. Morino.

The Talking About Mental Illness (TAMI) program in local high schools helps students look beyond the stigma to the reality. The four-day program for Grade 11 students sees speakers diagnosed with a mental illness visit schools and speak to students.

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## They're real cards

**DURHAM** — Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology held a job fair recently, with the Great Blue Heron Charity Casino among the participants. Durham College students Matt Curzon and Lindsay Crosty wonder if they could make the cut in talking with Susanne Pollack, right, a Great Blue Heron recruiter.

## UOIT VP named president of Ryerson

**DURHAM** — A University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Durham College vice-president has been named to the top position at Toronto's Ryerson University.

Sheldon Levy, UOIT's vice-president of finance and strategy, will take over as president of Ryerson for a five-year term beginning Aug. 1, 2005. He had been with UOIT and Durham College since last February, and will remain in his current role for the next several months.

"Sheldon was instrumental

in putting together the UOIT business plan and capital de-benture," said UOIT president Gary Polonsky. "His advice and advocacy have been invaluable to our new university in so many ways. He has helped secure resources for the campus, and set us along a long-term path in the service of our academic mandate."

Prior to joining UOIT in 2004, Mr. Levy was vice-president of government and institutional relations at the University of Toronto. He was president of Sheridan College from 1997 to

2000.

Prior to that, he worked at York University. He has a BSc. and masters in mathematics from York University, and received an honorary doctorate from York in 1999.

Mr. Levy said he continues to support UOIT and Durham College.

"UOIT and DC have a great future serving the people of the region," he said. "I am looking forward to being a friend at the system table, and continuing to encourage the development of this unique campus."

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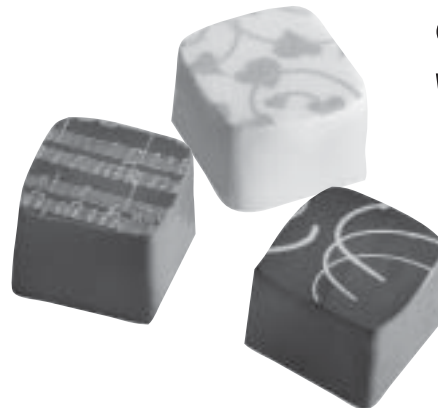
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"It is a great opportunity for people to volunteer who don't have a lot of extra time in their lives," said Jennifer Tedford, volunteers co-ordinator, in a press release. "Unfortunately, some of our residents do not have other supports in their lives and in some cases the one-to-one visitor is the only company the resident may receive during a week."

Many volunteers report that spending time with a senior has been one of the most rewarding and unique experiences in their

life, added Ms. Tedford.

Individuals wishing to sign up for the program must first complete an application form, be involved in an interview process, have at least two references, provide a tuberculin skin test and police record check, and successfully complete orientation.

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## *Choirs Festival Finale*

Pickering Town Centre, in partnership with over 30 school choirs from across Durham Region hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Choirs Festival on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Centre Court.

St. Monica Catholic School celebrated a first place finish, followed by Pickering Christian School who placed second, and E.A. Fairman who placed a respectable third.

The Choirs Festival preliminary rounds took place at Pickering Town Centre on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> with a total of 32 schools competing. Over 2,000 children participated in the event, showcasing their talents to an audience of several hundred shoppers, parents, grandparents and friends.

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A live CD was recorded during the preliminary rounds of the festival, and will be available for purchase at Pickering Town Centre's Guest Services as a fundraiser.

Marketing Coordinator, Helen Edwards describes this event as "an inspirational concert, appealing to the child in all of us... The Choirs Festival brings back that magical feeling of being a child." With the continued support of its local community, Pickering Town Centre has funded the festival for the past nine years. "Pickering Town Centre recognizes its role as a "community centre" for many people in Durham Region", says Edwards.

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# Good neighbours show a lot of drive for Pickering woman

By Joshua May  
Special to the News Advertiser

**PICKERING** — Thanks to her neighbours, Jennifer Rue is driving toward a goal.

After a year of confinement to her basement apartment in Pickering, Ms. Rue is in dire need of a driver's licence. With her husband at work all day, no money to invest in professional driving lessons and no family or friends to help her obtain her licence, Ms. Rue found good neighbours in her time of need.

With the donation of their time, even their automobiles, Rue's neighbours pitched in to aid the aspiring driver.

"I really need to be more independent. I hate having to rely on others to get around," said Ms. Rue. "I feel as though I am a nuisance to (my neighbours). I don't understand why they are so accommodating, or why they are so nice — they just are and I'm so appreciative of that. They're amazing."

Ms. Rue, who had already failed the test once before, grew increasingly discouraged with driving after the car she was driving in her second attempt at obtaining her G2 was hit by another car. Ms. Rue explains she was struck by a woman who ran a red light.

In spite of her bad luck, the 29-year-



old hopes to one day open her own dog walking service, understanding that an automobile is a requirement of any successful business.

"It seems like everything and everyone is against me getting my licence," said Ms. Rue. "However, I must commend (my neighbours). These people have really helped me during a hard time in my life. I don't know how I can ever repay them."

Thanks to her neighbours Judy Ritchie, Cindy Conchomby, Mr. and Mrs. Patel, Petra Reiss, Jen Babke and especially Joe Romita, who has permitted Ms. Rue the use of his car for her third attempt at a G2, Ms. Rue has had the opportunity to continue her quest for a licence.



Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo  
Jennifer Rue, right, is working on obtaining her driver's licence with the help of some very "accommodating" neighbours in her building, from left, Judy Ritchie and Joseph and Bronwen Romita.

## Ajax group receives \$75,000 Trillium grant

**DURHAM** — Six local organizations, including an Ajax group, have received grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

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Trillium, an agency of the Ontario Ministry of Culture, receives \$100 million of government funding annually. The money is generated through Ontario's charity casinos.

Locally, the following groups received grants:

- It Takes a Village Family Resource Centre received \$75,000 over one year to develop an action and sustainability plan for this new resource centre, which provides services to African-Ca-

nadian communities in Ajax-Pickering;

- Central Seven Association for Community Living received \$128,200 over three years for a computer network system;

- Clarington Youth Matrix, care of the John Howard Society of Durham Region, received \$65,000 over one year;

- Durham Region Volunteer Management Network, care of the Volunteer Resource Centre of Durham Region, received \$70,000 over 18 months;

- Eastview Boys' and Girls' Club received \$25,000 over seven months; and

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Many older homes were built with large unfinished attics used mainly for storage. These can sometimes be converted to livable space. There are many questions to consider when designing a new space, such as who will use the space and what function will it perform?

Look at the shape of the room. Attics generally have angled walls, which can make it difficult to place large pieces of furniture, and in smaller attics, it's almost impossible to walk through without bumping your head. Be sure your space is acceptable for the type of function you require. Look 10 years ahead and try to imagine what you will use the space for at that time. Perhaps you need an office now, but down the road when your son becomes a teenager he might like to have that space as a bedroom and a private place to hang out with his friends.

Ample space will be necessary. If the attic is going to be a bedroom, is there room for a closet, a dresser and a bed? What about a desk for doing homework, a television and a computer? Will it be possible to include a bathroom? Is the plumbing on the first level located in a position where it can be accessed in the attic space? Is there enough space for a full or half bath?

You may need a contractor to answer some of these basic questions. A project of this size may require new flooring, windows, wallboard, heating and if necessary, air conditioning. The contractor will be able to tell you if the supporting walls are strong enough to support the extra weight of a finished room. They will also be able to tell you the feasibility of running ductwork into the space for both heating and cooling. Often a separate heating and cooling unit (like those found in hotel rooms) will be recommended.

As you are considering a conversion, take a good look at any existing insulation between the rafters. If there is none, a conversion is the perfect time to include it. Good insulation will reduce your heating and cooling needs, making your home more comfortable and cost efficient. Insulating the floor will also reduce the noise level for those on the lower floor.

Once you've decided to proceed with the project, go to your local library for ideas. The home improvement section will have many books you can browse through or take home. Even books that may seem out of date will have ideas worth considering. The periodical section of most libraries also contains the latest home improvement and design magazines that you can look through for additional ideas.

As the conversion gets underway, there will be even more questions your contractor will ask you, such as where to locate the electrical outlets, light switches, telephone line, cable connection, etc. Thinking about these important elements ahead of time will

keep you from making hasty decisions.

While the contractor is working on the remodelling, you can choose the finishing touches, such as paint colour, flooring and furniture. Be sure to consider the dimensions of the stairway leading up to the attic. Some stairways can be quite narrow in older homes, making it difficult, if not impossible, to get furniture upstairs. You should measure the doorway at the bottom of the stairs as well as the stairway itself, in conjunction with the pieces of furniture you hope to move.

Converting an attic can easily run between

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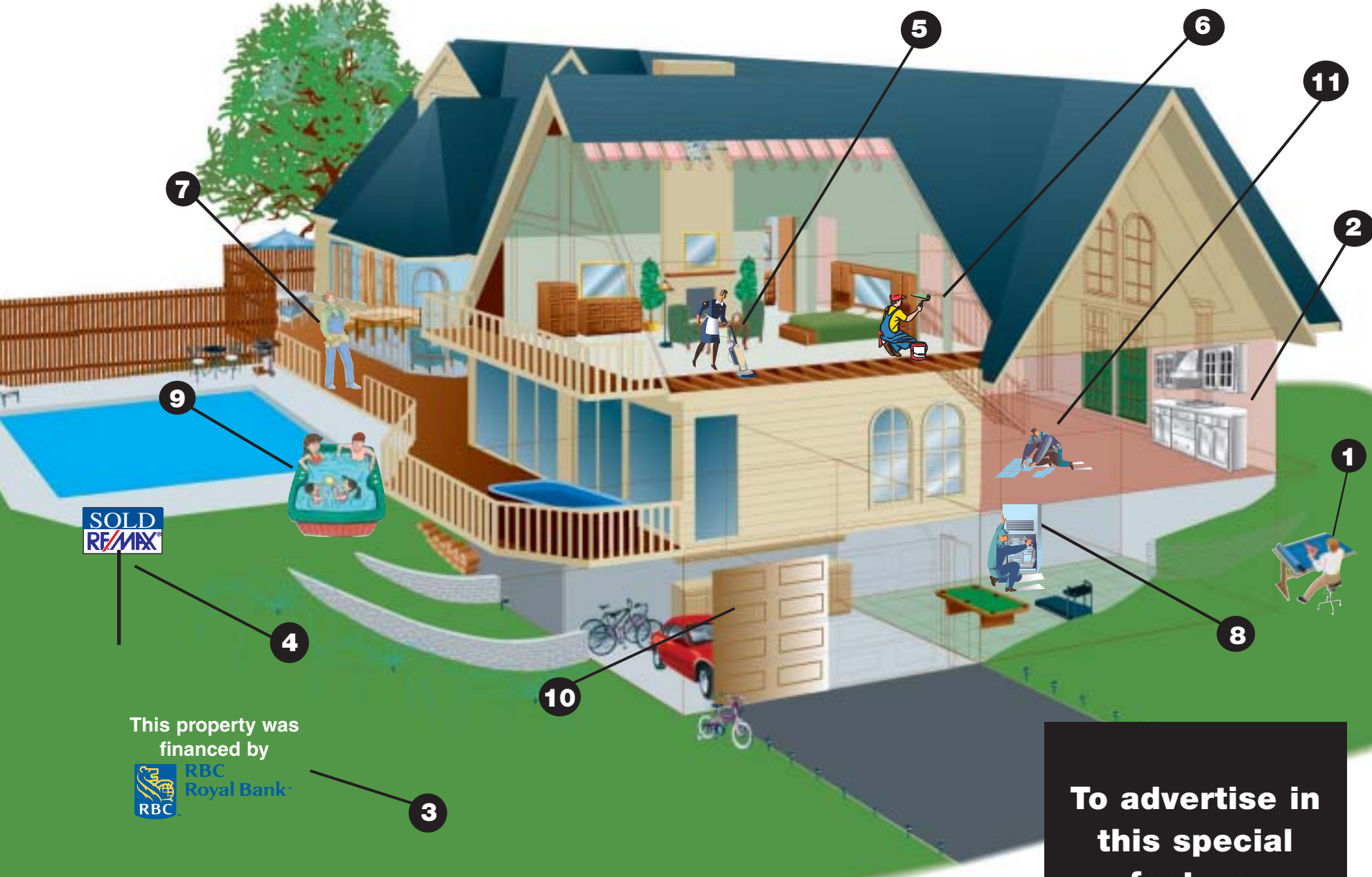
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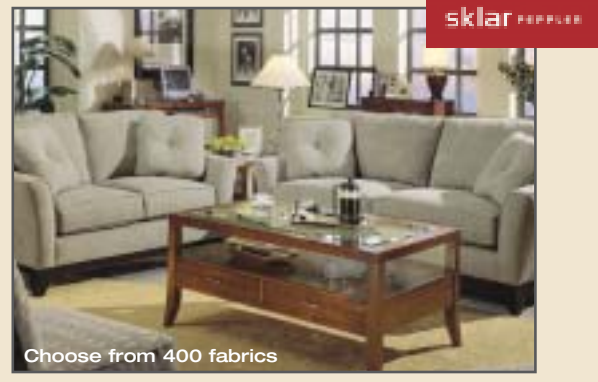
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clear of the frame, taking care not to damage wooden frames. Clean and dry the surface areas before reapplying caulk. Manufacturers recommend applying caulk when temperatures exceed 50 degrees. Colder temperatures will prevent the caulk from adhering and sealing properly. Weatherstripping is used to form a tight seal between a moving and stationary part of the window, such as the sash and the frame. Narrow weatherstripping can be purchased in vinyl, foam or rubber.

Leaky windows waste energy and ultimately dollars for the homeowner. The holes or cracks in your framing or caulking can be so minuscule that they aren't visible to the naked eye. But there is one surefire way to locate the air leaks around your windows. After removing draperies and other flammable

objects from the window area, light a candle and slowly work your way around each window frame, holding the candle about three inches from the frame. Watch the flame flicker as it passes through air currents. This method is especially effective on a windy day when strong currents of air are forced through the tiny cracks and holes. Once the leaks are located, reducing or eliminating them can greatly improve the energy efficiency of your windows.

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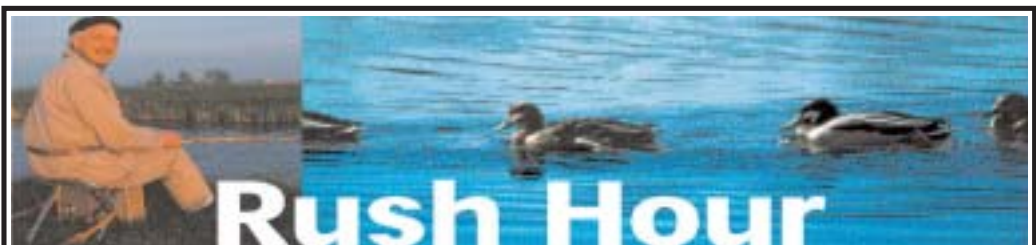
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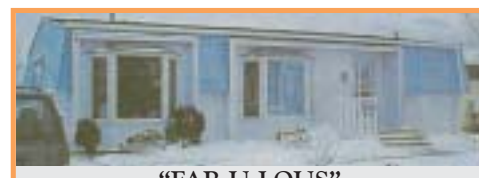
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# YWCA wants to hear nominations for Durham's women of distinction

DURHAM — Nominations are now being accepted for the 23rd annual Women of Distinction Awards by the YWCA of Durham.

"Durham Region is the home of many committed and talented women of all ages," said Eva Martin Blythe, executive director of the YWCA. "The YWCA Durham is fortunate to be the sponsor of an event that showcases a group of these women each year."

Nominations will be accepted through March 31. Those nominating candidates should concentrate in detail on individ-

ual achievements (at home, at work, or in the community), contributions to the well-being of the community, either locally or in the world (socially, economically or culturally) and contributions as role models to other women (vision and pioneering spirit in the advancement of women, education and encouragement.) There's no need to designate a category or field except for the Young Women of Distinction Award.

The winners will be honoured at a gala dinner on May 12 at the Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility in Ajax. Hon-

orary chairwoman this year is Joanne Burghardt, editor-in-chief of Metroland Durham newspapers and a previous Women of Distinction winner. Host for the evening will be Jenn Jones, from Chex TV.

Tickets until March 31 are \$75. After that, they are \$85. Proceeds go to YWCA Durham programs.

Donations for a silent auction and raffle are being accepted.

To nominate a candidate or purchase tickets, call 905-723-2538 ext. 207 or send an e-mail to wod@sympatico.ca.

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## Roadhouse home to dreams of aspiring musicians

Pickering program comes to Ajax for Sunday night show

By Joshua May  
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Sum 41 can't have it all, says Earl Johnson.

Guitarist and vocalist for the quartet, Roadhouse, Johnson and his band mates, in conjunction with Legend Music Enterprises in Pickering, have amalgamated to offer up-and-coming musicians a stage to display their budding talent. In their program, 'The Roadhouse Show', Roadhouse and students of the music school travel to various venues throughout Durham Region to unveil their evolving music skills and gauge whether or not it could lead to a possible career, ala Ajax band, turned worldwide rock sensation, Sum 41.

"There's definitely the talent to develop plenty of rock stars in Pickering," said Johnson. "(The Roadhouse Show) offers students who want to take that next step in their music career the opportunity to play with a band in front of a live audience."

Johnson, an ex-member of Moxy, a travelling band of the 1970s that



A.J. Groen/ News Advertiser photo

The band, Roadhouse, gathered at Legend Music in Pickering for a rehearsal recently. They are, from left, Marc Brown, Frank Russell, Earl Johnson and Jim Broomer. They perform with a group of music hopefuls this Sunday at the Wing Shack.

played with the likes of AC/DC, Boston and Styx, says there's nothing like watching a student making their first live musical effort pull off a victory in front of a judging audience.

Debbie Broomer, co-owner of

Legend Music Enterprises, has been working with Roadhouse for over a year and a half, introducing her students to the ins and outs of the business. Currently tutoring some 400 wanna-be stars, Broomer and her husband, Jim, co-owner of

the business and vocalist in Roadhouse, are primarily concerned with providing a positive learning environment.

"We're always looking for new and creative ways to make learning an enjoyable experience for our

clientele. (Through The Roadhouse Show project) we're able to present our students with the opportunity of performing before a live audience and learning what it's really like to be a professional musician," she said. "We want to ensure that learning is fun. It's the credo of our business."

A Pickering establishment since 1996, Legend has students ranging in age from eight to 50.

Roadhouse and the students of Legend Music Enterprises are performing at the Wing Shack in Ajax Sunday, Feb. 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 905-831-0763.

## Film circuit has plenty to plug into

AJAX — 'Bright Young Things' lights up the screen at the next session of the Ajax Film Circuit.

Adapted from Evelyn Waugh's satirical novel, 'Vile Bodies,' the movie examines the lives of pre-war revellers who were known in the press as the Bright Young Things of Mayfair. The movie is rated PG.

It's being shown Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Ajax Cineplex Odeon Theatres, at Hwy. 2 and Pickering Beach Road.

The film circuit is a fundraising endeavour of the Friends of the Ajax Public Library.

Tickets for the movie can be purchased in advance at branches of the Ajax Public Library for \$6.50 or for \$7 at the theatre on the day of the screening.

On March 16, the circuit screens 'Being Julia,' starring Annette Bening, who won a Golden Globe award for her performance. The movie is based on the 1937 novel 'Theatre,' written by W. Somerset Maugham. The movie carries a 14A rating.

On April 20, the feature is 'Motorcycle Diaries,' chronicling the early life of Che Guevara. It's partly based on diaries of Guevara and the movie shows the personal growth of the man who became a revolutionary and folk hero. The movie was filmed in Spanish and has English subtitles. It is rated 14A. For more information on the film circuit, call Cheryl Braz at 905-686-8446.

## Catch Pooh as he tries to catch the Heffalump

The following movies open in theatres this weekend.

### Pooh's Heffalump Movie

Directed by Frank Nissen  
Starring: Jim Cummings, John Fiedler, Nikita Hopkins and David Ogden Stiers.  
Rated: G

Awakened by a rumbling that could only be made by the much-feared Heffalump, Pooh, Piglet, and Tigger set out to capture the feared creature once and for all.

Disregarded as too young to partake in such a dangerous expedition, Roo opts to search on his own, with far greater success than his friends.

In meeting a young, playful Heffalump named Lumpy, Roo quickly learns an important lesson: Heffalumps are nothing like what he's been told, and he has much more to gain by befriending Lumpy than fearing him.

### Hitch

Directed by Andy Tennant

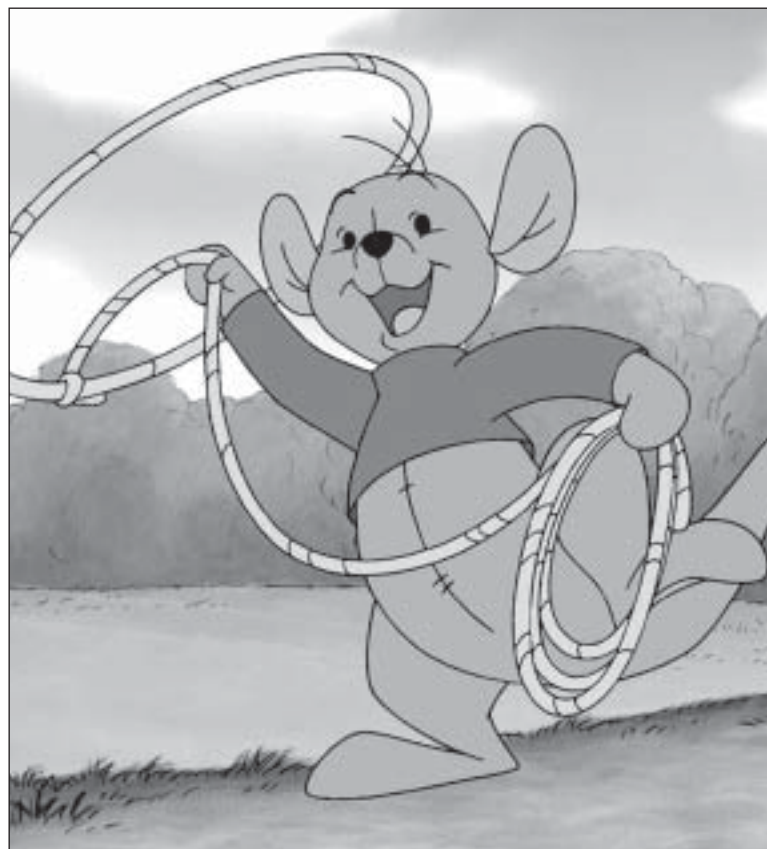
Starring: Will Smith, Eva Mendes, Amber Valletta and Kevin James.  
Rated: PG-13

Alex 'Hitch' Hitchens is the legendary — and deliberately anonymous — New York City "date doctor" who, for a fee, has helped countless men woo the women of their dreams.

While coaching Albert, a meek accountant who is smitten with a glamorous celebrity, Allegra Cole, Hitch finally meets his match in gorgeous, whip-smart Sara Melas, a gossip columnist who follows Allegra's every move.

The ultimate professional bachelor, Hitch suddenly finds himself falling deliriously in love with Sara, a reporter whose biggest scoop could very well be the unmasking of Manhattan's most famous date doctor.

Also in opening this weekend is Ong-bak, the Thai warrior and Imaginary Heroes.



Roo turns out to be the better hunter, roping in the Heffalump after Winnie and the rest of the gang in the 100 Acre Woods tell him he's too young.

# Dunbarton digs for its community roots

*Black History Month event a celebration of music, dance, poetry and more*



Up From The Roots, a professional entertainment group, features dancers, in front from left, Priya Gosyne, Veemi Chouhan and Akimha Smith. Students at Dunbarton High School invited the group as part of a Black History Month presentation.

the great contributions the black community has made to society over the years," said Eleanor McIntosh, a

math and science teacher at Dunbarton and co-coordinator of the show. "We want to inspire students to

be leaders in the community and to be proud of their heritage. However, in order to do that, students need to know

their role models."

Even though the presentation revolves heavily around the contributions of black people to modern day society, McIntosh is impressed with the many individuals of varying racial backgrounds involved in the production.

With approximately 20 student volunteers, many of whom are associated with the Afro-Caribbean club, the show is a collaboration of professional and amateur presenters conveying the message of black history. The Afro-Caribbean club, a new program at Dunbarton, is a group of students dedicated to promoting black culture, as well as diversity and unity throughout the school and community, said club member and Grade 12 student Ed-Esther Petit-Homme.

"I think black people are often represented as troublemakers in society," said Petit-Homme. "What we're trying to do here (at Dunbarton High School) is present black people in a different light. We want to try and educate students on the positive effects of black culture and what black people have to offer the community."

Other activities planned this month include a luncheon, a career symposium, a dance production, a field trip and trivia week.

Up From The Roots is a company dedicated to uplifting the community through entertainment.



Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo

## A fine festival finale

PICKERING – The Choir Festival Finale at Pickering Town Centre recently brought 40 school choirs together to perform, including Gandatsetiagon Public School led by, front, from left, Brianne Upshaw, Ilse Begraver and Breanna Murdock.

## Music, laughter and dance

DURHAM — Club Carib will celebrate Black History Month with a variety concert Feb. 19.

The concert will feature comedian Dick Lochan, the Hummingbird Dancers, Calypsonians, African drummers and more at Club Carib, 600 Wentworth St. E.

Admission is \$15 for

adults and \$10 for seniors. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

That afternoon, the club is holding a Caribbean dance workshop, open to everyone ages four and up. The workshop will run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

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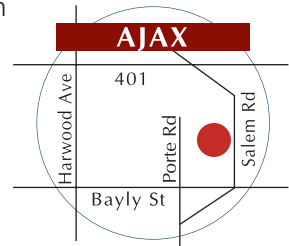
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# Comic comes to breakfast

**DURHAM** — Comic, actor and News Advertiser columnist Neil Crone brings some humour to the March breakfast meeting of The Writers' Circle of Durham Region's Writers' and Editors' Breakfast Dialogue.

Crone, who writes a weekly column for Metro-land newspapers, will be the guest speaker at the March 12 breakfast, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Sports Garden Cafe in the Iroquois Park Sports Centre, Victoria and Henry streets in Whitby.

has appeared in numerous commercials, TV shows and has voiced cartoon characters. His most recent movie roles include Jasper Texas, with Jon Voight, Against the Ropes, with Meg Ryan, and The Recruit, with Al Pacino. He's appearing in the upcoming Disney TV movie, Beautiful Girl. He also writes poems and stories for young and old.

To reserve a spot at the breakfast, call 905-686-0211 by March 9 and leave a message or send an e-mail to wcdrbreakfast@wcdcr.org.



# Tomato soup

**PICKERING** — Margaret St. John Francies brandishes the shears as members of the cast of 'A Bad Year for Tomatoes' watch out for the wild woman in the latest stage production at Herongate Barn Theatre. From left are Diana Czortek, Paul Francies, Daniel Wyse and Don Green. The cast also includes Margaret Hughes and Rose Green and all of them are from Durham Region. The play is directed by Herongate owner Ann Ward and it revolves around a famous television star who is fed up with the pressures and demands of her career. So, in an attempt to keep people away, Myra Marlowe goes to Beaver Haven and invents a mad, homicidal sister, Sadie. Unfortunately, things don't go according to plan.

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# Bluegrass society meets Feb. 27

**DURHAM** — The Pineridge Bluegrass Folklore Society will meet Feb. 27 for a jam and pickin' session.

Bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music acoustic instruments, beginner to advanced players are welcome to attend between 1 and 5

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# Rocking 'n' rolling at the Kia Cup

*Attendance figures picking up at provincial playdowns*

By Paul Futhey  
 Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — As the 2005 Kia Cup motors into today's final round robin draw and the ensuing play-offs, initial attendance numbers indicate a general preference for night-time curling and an overall increasing interest in the 10-team event.

"The crowds have been growing each day," noted event chairperson Bob Winters. "I think everybody's happy as far as the attendance is concerned."

Numbers through the first three days (six draws) appear to show two emerging trends: better overall paid attendance figures for the evening draws and progressively increasing paid attendance within the afternoon and evening time slots. None of the draws have yet to completely fill the brand-new red, yellow and blue seats with spectators at Iroquois Park's Pad 1, though Draw 6 on Wednesday evening came pretty close, said Winters.

The seating is just part of Pad 1's transformation to a curling venue (curlification?) where, outside, a pair of Kia vehicles — including the Sorrento sports ute — greet visitors approaching the south entrance. In addition to the temporary seating at the pad's east end, the main scoreboard, now a four-sided television, has been jazzed up significantly and the glass around the boards has been removed.

Tuesday night, Draw number 4, strains of a bagpipe are heard one minute after seven. The players emerge from the visitors' side at the south end, single-file, walk clockwise around the playing perimeter to their starting positions lining the west end. After the national anthem, some, in the act



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo  
 Skip Wayne Middaugh yells out orders to his team as opposing skip Glenn Howard keeps an eye on the action during Kia Cup provincial curling championship action in Whitby Wednesday night. Middaugh defeated Howard 6-2.

of throwing a rock, do some final stretches. Following one behind

the other and wearing the same team jackets, they look like they're

on some sort of conveyor belt.

The five matches get rolling. There are occasional bursts of applause at a well-thrown stone as well as the collective sighs of disappointment for those rocks that fall just short of their intended targets.

Like when Josh Adams' last rock in the fourth end leaves Glenn Howard with a steal of one. A similarly soft groan goes up when Bryan Cochrane's bid to hit and stick for two instead rolls off after the hit and he has to settle for one. His opponent, Wayne Middaugh, gets the hammer still leading 3-2 after five and goes on to a 10-4 victory.

As the evening moved on, the varying speeds of the matches see them start moving in opposite directions. The Middaugh-Cochrane match, in particular, took on a brisk pace and was easily the first to complete five ends but is not the first to wrap up that evening: Howard, leading Adams by 10 after five ends, would that honour.

That evening, the public address announcer took time to stress that rumours of a sold-out Middaugh-Howard match, to be played the following evening as part of Draw 6, are "incorrect." He added that tickets for all remaining draws were still available.

As it turned out, Draw 6 would post the best numbers to date with about 1,150 paid attendance (by comparison, that's more than double what Draw 1, Monday afternoon, had in paid numbers). With numbers — in all draws — further swelled by the event volunteers and the provincial association club members, it made Wednesday night's draw close to full capacity, Winters said.

Given the trend, organizers are optimistic for the weekend, which culminates with Sunday's 1:30 p.m. final.

"Typically, with these events, it grows toward the weekends when the competition's more tense," said Winters.

## Sports Briefs

FEBRUARY 11, 2005

### [ Hockey ]

## Telus Lightning edges Oakville Ice

**DURHAM** — Rookie Meagan Aarts scored her 10th and 11th goals of the season as the Telus Lightning defeated the Oakville Ice 3-2 in National Women's Hockey League play at the Ajax Community Centre on Sunday.

Sunday's victory was only the fourth of the season for the Lightning, who reside in the bottom of the NWHL's Central Division with a mark of 4-26-4-0 for 12 points.

Nikki Leone opened the scoring for Telus in the first period giving them the 1-0 lead. Almost 13 minutes later, Aarts picked up her first of the game only to have the 2-0 lead cut to 2-1 on a goal by the Ice's Kim Insalaco. Midway through the second period Oakville's Lindsay Vine tied the contest at 2-2, assisted by Dawn Macauley. The deadlock would remain until midway through the third when Aarts scored the game winner, assisted by Tara Dunn.

Mandy Cronin picked up the win for Telus, making 30 saves in the contest.

The Lightning have two games remaining, including one at the Ajax Community Centre against the Ottawa Raiders on Sunday at 1 p.m. They finish the regular season on home ice against the Brampton Thunder on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

## Panthers open playoffs against Markham tonight

**PICKERING** — The Pickering Panthers and the Markham Waxers have finalized their opening-round OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League South Conference playoff series schedule.

The Panthers open the best-of-seven series on the road at Markham's Centennial Arena tonight (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. Game 2 is at the Pickering Recreation Complex on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

- Other games are as follows:
- Game 3, Wednesday, Feb. 16, Pickering Recreation Complex, 7:30 p.m.;
  - Game 4, Friday, Feb. 18, Markham Centennial Arena, 7:30 p.m.;
  - Game 5, Saturday, Feb. 19, Markham Centennial Arena, 6:30 p.m.;
  - Game 6, Sunday, Feb. 20, Pickering Recreation Complex, 8 p.m.;
  - Game 7, Monday, Feb. 21, Markham Centennial Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- \* If necessary

# Preston memorial basketball tournament at Pine Ridge this weekend

*Tribute to Pumas point guard killed in tragic car accident*

**PICKERING** — Pine Ridge Secondary School will pay tribute to the memory of one of its star basketball players with a tournament in his honour this weekend.

Pine Ridge will host its first David Preston Memorial Basketball Tournament on Feb. 11 and 12 in honour of Preston, 18, who died in November in a single-vehicle car accident just days prior to the opening of the Durham Region senior boys' basketball season. Preston was the Pumas' starting point guard.

The eight-team tournament will

feature senior boys' squads from the Toronto area, York Region as well as Timmins.

The Pumas open the event on Friday at 2 p.m. when they take on Gorman from Timmins. Other first-round games include SATEC vs. Riverdale Collegiate Institute of Toronto; C.W. Jeffreys of Toronto against Ajax's J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate Storm and Maple High

School against Francis Libermann from Toronto.

The tournament resumes at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, culminating in the consolation championship game at 5:30 p.m., followed by the championship final at 7 p.m.

Pine Ridge Secondary School is at 2155 Liverpool Rd. N., just north of Finch Avenue.



Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo St. Mary's Kyle Wetering attempts to chase down a Henry Street Hawks puck carrier during Durham Region senior boys' hockey action on Tuesday.

# St. Mary grounds Hawks in high school hockey playoffs

## Dunbarton, Pickering High also advance to second round

**DURHAM** — The top two West Division seeds in Durham Region senior boys' hockey are through to the next playoff round after sweeping their best-of-three series.

The defending Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) champion St. Mary Catholic Secondary School dispatched Whitby's Henry Street High School in the minimum two games.

The top-seeded Monarchs closed out the series with an emphatic 5-2 victory in Whitby on Wednesday. Brian Gonsalves, Ryan Jackson, Dan Silva, John Willis and Ryan Eickmeier scored for

St. Mary. The Monarchs opened the series with a 8-0 win.

Meanwhile, Dunbarton, the number-two seed in the West, swept O'Neill Collegiate from Oshawa out of the playoffs with a 6-3 victory, also on Wednesday.

Cody Pollard led the way with three goals, Mark Gertsakis, Mike Broaderip and Brad Vanderstarer added one apiece.

Dunbarton won the opening game 5-1.

Pickering High Trojans also punched their ticket for the next round after a two-game sweep of the Port Perry High School Rebels.

The Trojans blasted the Rebels 8-2 in Game 2 of the series Wednesday. Paul Kent's four-goal effort and a two-goal afternoon for Andrew Nolte keyed the Trojans'

victory. Darren McCloy and Greg Waller added one apiece.

A third and deciding game will be needed to determine a winner in the Ajax High-Courtice Secondary School series. Courtice knotted the series at one game apiece after defeating the Rams 4-3 in overtime on Wednesday.

Steve Kurysh, Scott Annesley and Kyle Hay scored for the Ajax Rams. Ajax won the series opener 5-4.

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School Cougars currently

leads its series with the Oshawa McLaughlin Trojans one game to none after a 4-1 victory on Monday.

Game 2 in the series was played on Thursday, with the result unavailable at press time.

Eighth-seeded J. Clarke Richardson Storm of Ajax currently leads the top seed in the East, the Anderson Collegiate Raiders' on Whitby, one game to none with a 4-2 victory on Tuesday. Game 2 in the series is on Thursday, with the result unavailable at press time.

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## Jensen Trailer Sales & Service MECHANIC NEEDED

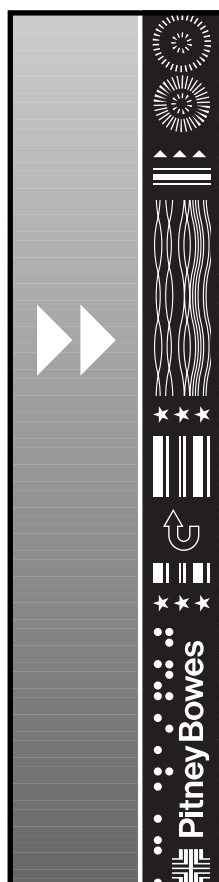
Or 2/3 year apprentice (automotive) For Trailer Sales and Service operation located in Oshawa. Experience in welding (steel & aluminum preferred. Forklift experience would be an asset.  
Must have valid Driver's license.  
**Starting date: Immediate**  
Please fax resume and salary expectations to:  
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**510** general help

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**515** skilled & technical help

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**JENSEN TRAILER SALES & SERVICE CLEAN UP PERSON NEEDED** (Full-time position) For Trailer Sales & Service operation located in Oshawa. Clean & prepare trailers for customers, must be energetic, able to prioritize and work well under pressure. Must be able to learn and able to multi-task. Forklift experience would be an asset. Must have valid Driver's license. **Start date:** Immediate Please fax resume & salary expectations to: 905-571-0404

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**514** salon & spa help

**COLOUR TECHNICIAN**, 2-yr exp. Manage colour department, work exclusively with artistic director, Salon Miguel, Oshawa. Salary negotiable and/or commission incentives. Call 905-723-7600 for appointment.

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**525** office help

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**510** general help  
**MAGICUTS** one of Canada's leading chains requires full and part time stylist, for Oshawa and Whitby salon. We offer: Competitive salary, opportunity for advancement, paid vacation, free training classes, monthly prizes, benefits. Join a winning team. Call Sabrina (905) 723-7323.

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**Registration Officer**  
Positions Required  
\$20.00/hr Avg.  
We Train You!  
Call Tom  
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**515** skilled & technical help  
**FULL TIME LICENSED CLASS A MECHANIC** required for auto shop in Ajax. Minimum 5 yrs. experience. Vehicle & own tools required. Call 905-427-4323.

**HYDRAULIC TECHNICIAN**, Experienced Hydraulic Technician to repair Horizontal Balers and Conveyors. Starting A.S.A.P. Permanent Full time Pickering location. Good driving record. Fax 905-420-0319, email [jobs@machinert.ca](mailto:jobs@machinert.ca) or mail resume to Machinert Recycling Technologies 817 Brock Rd. S. Unit 11, Pickering, ON L1W 3L9

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Req'd. Janitorial co. needs exp'd person to strip & wax vinyl tile floors in Ajax. Mat'l/equipm't supplied. 2-3x/month. Flexible times. \$16.00/hr.  
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- Europeans in the Middle Ages believed that birds chose their mates each year on February 14. Some people believed that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man but be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.
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