

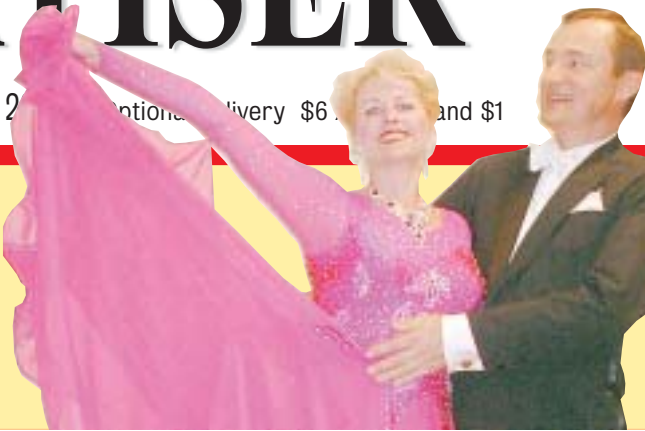
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'Disappointing' budget the talk of Durham

*Province also under
fire at Queen's Park*

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The provincial budget isn't sitting well in Durham Region and beyond.

From the floor of the provincial legislature to the Region's council chambers, a lack of provincial dollars for Durham has not gone unnoticed.

The McGuinty government spent large on transportation in its 2006 budget, including \$670 million for the York Region subway extension, \$95 million for transit in Brampton and \$65 million for Mississauga. But Durham was left out of the transit picture.

"The provincial budget was a little disappointing for Durham Region," Chairman Roger Anderson said. "It didn't include some major infrastructure investments on the 407, Hwy. 7, 401, issues that are of some

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significance to us, especially in regards to our industrial growth and moving traffic in and out of Durham."

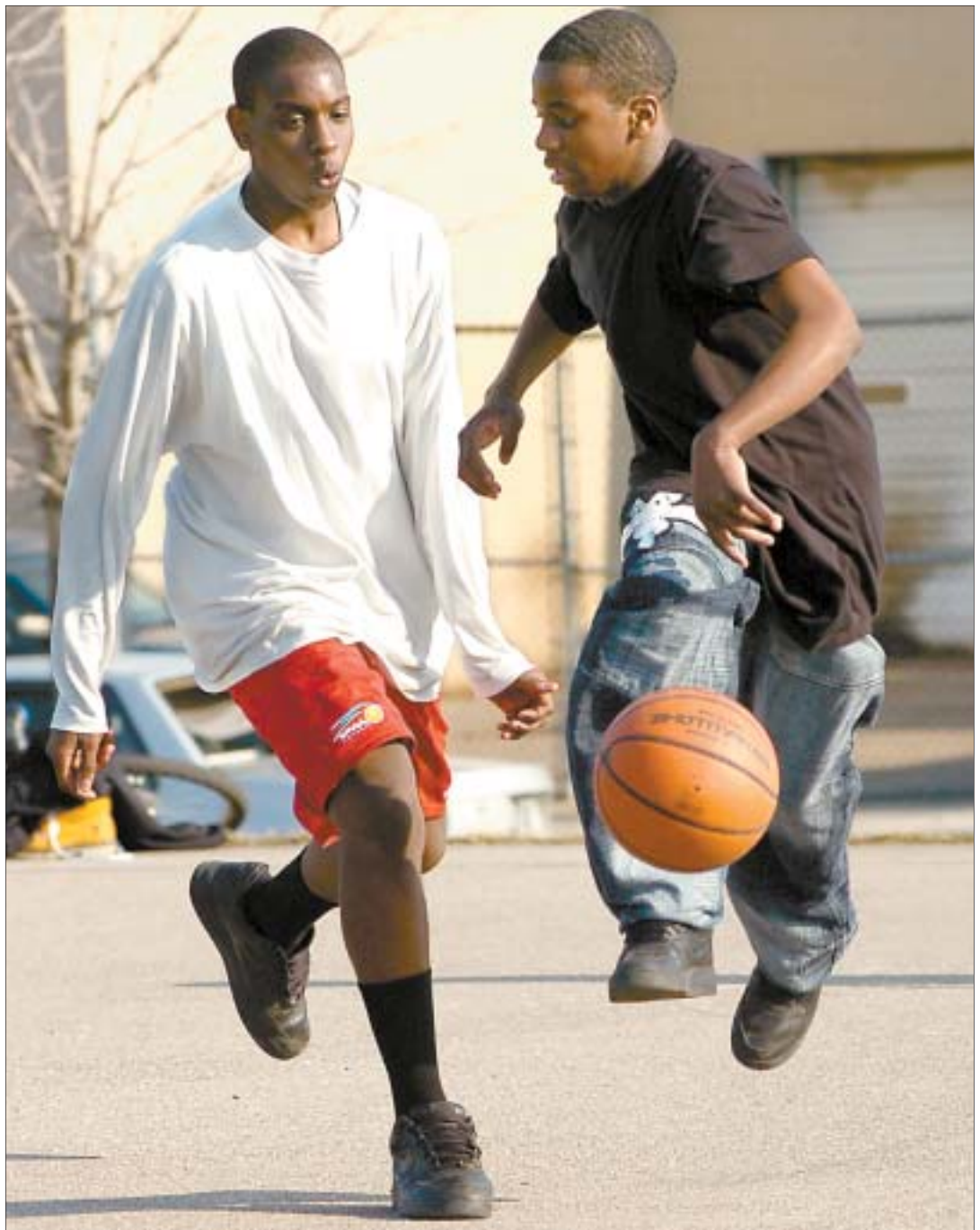
Mr. Anderson said there are still some questions to be asked with regard to ambulance funding, welfare and social services, but he already has his sights on the 2007 budget.

"I would hope with discussions I have had with the premier, the Province and others, that Durham Transit will be looked at prior to the end of this year by the government and that the 2007 budget will be a municipally oriented budget and hopefully a little more friendly to Durham."

West of Markham Road, Mr. Anderson said, the Province has spent

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A LOT OF JUMP IN HIS STEP



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The Word of Truth resource centre wants Pickering's help

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — A local church that wants to see youth in graduation shots, not mug shots, wants \$20,000 from Pickering to help it achieve that goal.

Representatives from the Word of Truth Community Resource Centre came to council March 20 to ask for support to expand and sustain its mentoring program. The resource centre is run by

the Word of Truth Christian Centre.

Alvin Adams is the administrator of the program. He said it began because he saw so many young, mostly black, men being killed in Toronto and wondered if it might be problems in school that lead them to a life of crime. He thought mentoring and tutoring might help make more kids want to stay in school and on the right track.

"We didn't want to see

them in mug shots, we want to see them in graduation shots," he said.

Their hope was to have 20 students sign up, and they ended up with 120 when it began in April 2004. The Saturday morning program currently has 130 students ranging from kindergarten to Grade 12.

"We've taken them from the streets, the plazas, the

shops and have them involved in meaningful education," Mr. Adams said.

The senior pastor, Reverend Joseph Fisher, said they took the proactive approach.

"We are of the mindset that the church must go to people, not rely on people to go to the church," he said.

Rev. Fisher said they are doing their part to help.

"What we're doing is seek-

ing to help the establishment deal with what we have in the community - the hidden problems and not so hidden problems," he said.

But they can't do it alone and are asking for the \$20,400 grant from council. The request covers \$11,400 to cover the cost of the education mentoring program and \$9,000 for the youth em-

ployment program, also run by the centre. "We're hoping that some way we can leave here with an assurance or with some understanding that as a city council you are interested in being a participant with us," he said.

While councillors were supportive of the program, no decision was made on the request.

Red Cross plans gala evening

DURHAM — The Canadian Red Cross is planning a gala night.

The Power of Humanity Gala Night is Saturday, May 6 at the Hilltop Restaurant and Banquet Hall, 1540 Hwy. 2 in Courtice.

The guest speaker is Dr. Gary Polonsky, president of Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, while entertainment is provided by

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GM's regional tax bid grinds to a halt

Motion loses to immediately eliminate large industrial class

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Three motions and three hours of delegations and debate around the accelerated elimination of the large industrial tax rate ended in a vote Wednesday to stay the course.

Nearly all of the 28 Durham councillors weighed in on the issue before a motion was made to refer the item back to the finance department. The motion lost in a 14-12 vote, with councillors Larry O'Connor from Brock and Oshawa's John Neal abstaining. A subsequent motion to have the tax eliminated in 2006 was lost in a 15-to-11 vote.

Finally, a motion passed to continue as planned and eliminate the tax by 2008, and have the finance department compare the impact of the large industrial tax removal in 2007 as compared to 2008.

The strategic property tax plan, in Year 5 of eight, would see the elimination of

the large industrial property tax class.

Miriam Christie, manager of cooperative affairs for General Motors of Canada, appeared before council to again ask that the tax class be eliminated in 2006.

At the committee level, the bid to accelerate the elimination of the large industrial property tax was lost in a March 22 tie vote. But GM again made its case at regional council Wednesday when Ms. Christie appeared with GM colleagues, as well as representatives from PPG and St. Mary's Cement.

"The global competitive pressures have intensified," Ms. Christie explained, adding competing districts have eliminated the large industrial tax class.

"As of 2005 the large industrial tax class have overpaid by \$30 million since 1998," she said. "With GM paying 50 per cent of that."

The property tax is only one factor in creating a business plan to attract new production to the plant in Oshawa. Although she said it would only amount to around \$1.2 million, it is the message of support the Region would send with the elimination of the tax that is important.

"Often it is the message that is more important than the money and in this case it is the message," Ms. Christie said.

"What we are hoping to get is a Camaro product," she said. "But the decision to make it hasn't been made yet."

Bob Malcolmson, from the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, also addressed council. He said since sending letters out to chambers members on



Jim Clapp

Tuesday evening, 70 responses in support of the elimination of the large industrial tax had been received, even though it means a three-per cent tax increase for business owners.

Finance commissioner Jim Clapp then reported to council on the downfalls of removing the large industrial tax in 2006.

He said GM's budget is \$37.1 billion dollars and the large industrial tax amounts to five one hundredths of one per cent.

"Keep in mind it is a very small piece of the overall GM picture," Mr. Clapp said.



SPRING FORWARD

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Driver, 17, dead after crash in Ajax

AJAX — A Whitby teen has died of injuries sustained in a high-speed accident early Wednesday in Ajax.

Durham Regional Police said both the driver and a passenger were thrown from the car, which went out of control on Rossland Road around 1 a.m.

The dark grey Acura was westbound on Rossland at a high rate of speed when the driver lost control on the crest of a hill at Riverside Drive, police said. The car became airborne before landing

on Rossland and spinning into a ditch, where it flipped several times.

Moubin Barekzai, the 17-year-old driver of the car, sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to hospital in Toronto. He succumbed to his injuries Wednesday morning.

A 19-year-old passenger was taken to hospital in Ajax with minor injuries.

The road was closed for several hours while traffic investigators examine the crash scene.

Province 'ignoring' Durham, says Tory

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big on infrastructure and roads. But in Durham, the neglect during the past 10 years is clear to him.

"In Durham we have the 401 and about two kilometres of 407; that is not acceptable," he said. "Six-hundred thousand people living and working in Durham and into the GTA, they need better access and the government has to recognize that."

At Region headquarters Wednesday, the provincial budget permeated the conversations in the council chambers. A special meeting of the finance and administration committee Wednesday morning saw the provincial budget received for information, to some displeased committee members.

Finance commissioner Jim Clapp made it clear to the committee that there was nothing in the budget that would make much of an impact on the Region's 2006 budget, as it did in neighbouring cities like Toronto.

"You just go across the region border to Scarborough and they seem to get the

money tree shaken at them all the time," said Whitby Councillor Gerry Emm. "I think it is totally inconsiderate from the Provincial government to constantly favour Toronto."

There is \$10.7 million on the books for regional road rehabilitation, to be spent in a one-time capital program for roads and bridges. Oshawa Councillor Brian Nicholson asked if the roads funding could be used to offset the tax impact. However Mr. Clapp explained it was to be used over and above what has been allocated to roads and bridges.

Mr. Clapp said he hopes the \$10.7 million can be used to catch up in areas where the Region is behind.

Meanwhile, at Queen's Park Wednesday, Conservative MPP Tim Hudak asked the premier why he basically gave Durham taxpayers the cold shoulder.

"Durham is one of the fastest-growing regions within the GTA, and yet there is no mention at all for transportation," Mr. Hudak, the Progressive Conservative finance critic, said to the premier. "...Why did you ignore the Region of Durham in last week's budget?"

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Elliott victory delivers 'day of reckoning' for Durham

Conservative newcomer beats political veteran to win Ajax byelection

By David Blumenfeld and Keith Gilligan
Staff Writers

AJAX — Promising a "day of reckoning" is on the horizon, Conservative Christine Elliott beat her closest rival, Liberal Judi Longfield, to win last night's byelection in Whitby-Ajax.

"You told a tireless, useless regime that Whitby-Ajax will no longer be ignored," said Ms. Elliott, a relative newcomer to the world of politics, who beat Ms. Longfield, a veteran politician in the Whitby area, by just over 1,300 votes.

After all 281 polls had closed, Ms. Elliott ended her campaign with 15,843 votes, compared to 14,529 for Ms. Longfield.



A.J. Groen/ News Advertiser photo
Conservatives were celebrating last night as Christine Elliott, centre, won the provincial byelection in Whitby-Ajax. Provincial party leader John Tory, left, and Ms. Elliott's husband, Jim Flaherty, right, offered their congratulations.

"We have a lot of work to do in order to replace this government next year, but the people of Whitby-Ajax have taken the lead and provided us with good momentum. They

have chosen a fresh start and I will be a strong new voice that will stand up for Durham and make sure this region's needs are addressed," Ms. Elliott said.

Ms. Longfield would not speak to this newspaper about the loss, with her campaign manager Steven Del Duca refusing to allow a reporter to remain in the hall when she arrived at Heydenshore Pavilion.

But Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP Wayne Arthurs said the results "say good things about the government. The margin of victory was close. Governments traditionally don't win in byelections. It's been a long time since a government party won a byelection.

"The percentage of the spread between the victor and the challenger is small. I'm encouraged, not discouraged. I would have loved to have her as a seatmate."

He noted Mr. Flaherty held the seat for 10 years and the name recognition from that played a part.

Nick Boileau of the Green Party had 307 votes, Paul McKeever of the Ontario Freedom Party had 198 votes, Libertarian Marty Gobin had

139 votes and Victor Carvalho of the Ontario Family Coalition Party had 102 votes.

At least three of the 281 polls in the riding closed late, roughly 30 minutes past the mandatory 8 p.m. cutoff time. Election officials said those polls opened late, and voting times were extended to ensure the polls were open for the required 11 hours.

Surrounded by Progressive Conservative Party leader John Tory, her triplet sons and husband, Whitby-Oshawa MP Jim Flaherty, Ms. Elliott vowed to live up to her election promise to fight for a new hospital in the riding, and ensure better health-care funding for the region.

Mr. Tory called Ms. Elliott a "dream candidate," and said that despite the Liberals throwing "everything they had" at her, voters sent Premier Dalton McGuinty a message that they will not vote for his "broken promises" and "weak leadership."

It's Latin party time in Ajax

DURHAM — The Hispanic-Canadian Alliance of Ontario presents a Latin Party Saturday night.

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EDITORIAL

Pickering High expansion a welcome project

At long last, after years of pleading, anger and accusations, the Pickering High School community has something to smile about.

Public school board trustees recently approved a \$20-million expansion of the Ajax high school, a project that involves more than 20 additional classrooms, a new cafeteria, gym and library. It is one of two projects on the Durham District School Board's interim secondary school accommodation plan. Board officials hope to have shovels in the ground this fall, and the project will be phased in over two years.

School community council members, staff and students, who come from both Ajax and Pickering, had been petitioning the board for upgrades to the crumbling and overcrowded school. Like many older schools, time seems to have left Pickering High behind and it justly deserves a major makeover. At a memorable public meeting two years ago, just ahead of an earlier accommodation plan, student Amanda Canavan told trustees the school was an embarrassment, dubbed 'budget' by her peers.

"We've been begging and pleading for money for years now with no reward," the then-Grade 11 student said. "Our school is rapidly falling apart."

Small fixes here and there, she told the board, were no longer good enough. Students described a number of problems at the school, including a cafeteria that is simply too small for the student population, inadequate washroom facilities and the infamous south wing gym, where foul smells often make it a place to be avoided.

The accommodation plan will address many of these issues and instil a lot of school pride in students and staff alike once the project is finished. The extra space will be welcomed, as the school's Education Ministry-rated capacity will rise by almost 40 per cent to 1,480 students. It's true that the opening of J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate relieved some of the space crunch at Pickering High. Staff and students were and are quick to say, however, that it didn't eradicate the need for more pupil places at the facility. Ironically, now Pickering High will return the favour, easing some of the accommodation pressure at the newer school.

If any school community deserved this expansion, it was Pickering High. And the board should be credited for taking the plunge, committing a major chunk of change to make this a project that will benefit students for years to come.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Hard-working family' needs support

To the editor:

In the past few years there have been cases of illegal immigrants who are criminals, who have committed crimes in our country and who have had lawyers from Legal Aid, which is funded by the government, fighting to keep them in our country.

Yet, we have an honest, hard-working family who are illegal immigrants (I refer to the Portuguese family) that the government wants to deport. Where are the Legal Aid lawyers for this family?

It seems that the criminals are protected more. Can anyone explain to me why we want to keep these type of people in our country?

**Marjorie Seymour
Pickering**



Pickering patients deserve fair share of provincial funding

Doctors, nurses and other front line health-care workers want the government to fork over more money.

The request isn't part of a new round of contract negotiations, but rather for hospitals and, more importantly, patients.

Hospital administrators and the GTA/905 Healthcare Alliance (a group made up of hospitals across the area) have been talking for about a year now about the fiscal imbalance in the growing 905/GTA region compared to the rest of the province.

The battle cry got a little stronger when front line health-care workers joined the fight with the launch of a poster and mail-in campaign March 22.

The posters are up in doctors' waiting rooms, hospitals and other medical buildings in an effort to educate Pickering, Durham and GTA residents about how they're not getting their fair share when it comes to provincial health-care dollars. The campaign needs to work, because in reality administrators and doctors can scream as loud as they want, but governments tend to listen to the masses.

It's not a hard campaign to buy into. According to statistics compiled by the alliance, residents in Durham get \$279 less per person in funding than the average Ontario resident. That means they're being shortchanged by more than \$100 million a year.

That's a big enough number to get anyone's attention.

What that means is residents of Pickering have to wait longer to get treatment, or if they prefer, they can travel far away from home to get the care they need. It means



Danielle Milley
staff writer

hospitals such as Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering have to do more with less. Its doctors have to deal with longer waiting lists, its nurses have to deal with angry, frustrated patients and its administrators have to try to balance a budget when it knows it isn't being funded the same as a hospital in southwestern Ontario, for example.

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The approval of the redevelopment at the Ajax and Pickering hospital was a good first step to show the people of Pickering that they're just as important as any other Ontario resident. A fabulous second step would be to increase funding at the hospital to the Ontario average.

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Welcome to the ballroom blitz

By Veronica Sliva
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — The lights are low and strains of a romantic waltz fill the room as couples glide elegantly across the dance floor.

Could this be a flashback to the year 1930? As the saying goes "Everything old is new again" and these days ballroom dancing is enjoying an unprecedented revival. Like many things in our world today, the current craze seems to be media-driven. A string of ballroom dance-themed movies and TV programs in the last couple of years has piqued the interest of many. The hit television reality show *Dancing with the Stars* has enraptured the audience's imagination to such an extent that the show drew up to 16 million weekly viewers this past summer. It was the most-watched summer series in five years (since *Survivor* debuted in 2000)!

These days dance studios that were once the domain of the blue-rinse set are now filling up with people of all ages.

Once you get started, ballroom dancing is addictive, and I speak from experience.

Ballroom dancing is a passion of mine and has been a big part of my life for many years. My introduction to dancing was really intended as a form of therapy. I was widowed quite young, when my son was only 12. For me grieving was difficult and as time passed, my parents observed that I wasn't recovering very well.

They had enjoyed ballroom dancing in Britain as young adults and then again after they immigrated to Canada. It was on their advice that I signed up for a few dance classes at a dance club. My mother said, "You can't think of much else when you're trying to learn dance steps." She was right.

My dance class became the one hour during the week that I was able to take myself away from everything. As luck (or maybe fate) would have it, I met my husband, Walter (of 12 wonderful years now) at this dance club. He was already an expert dancer having competed at the championship level for several years, so I had a long way to go to catch up. What started as a casual interest soon became an all-consuming hobby for me. We danced competitively for a time and in recent years have had many opportunities to perform in front of appreciative audiences, including Roy Thomson Hall. Last year we were one of five acts in a professional variety show that toured theatres

throughout southern Ontario. What a thrill that was.

Whether you embrace ballroom dancing just casually or with passion as I did, the benefits are many. Unquestionably, dancing is one of the most enjoyable and effective forms of exercise and physical fitness. We all know that moderate exercise and sensible eating habits are the keys to remaining trim and fit.

er they are getting a great aerobic workout and having fun too. When the emphasis is on having fun, the weight loss, improved circulation and aerobic conditioning is a wonderful and welcome side effect.

Of course there is the therapeutic benefit too. It's like a holiday for your mind. Learning to dance requires both body and mind to be fully engaged in the activity. It's virtually

impossible to think of anything else while you concentrate on your steps as you are learning them. What better therapy than to be able to tuck your cares away while enjoying a welcome break from reality?

There is scientifically proven evidence that there are real mental health benefits too. A study called the Einstein Aging Study pub-

lished in the June 19, 2003 issue of the 'New England Journal of Medicine' reported that ballroom dancing helps prevent dementia. (Dementia in the study refers to both Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia. Vascular dementia is the second most common form of dementia after Alzheimer's.) The researchers found that people who took part in intellectually stimulating hobbies such as reading, playing board games or musical instruments demonstrated a reduced risk of dementia. The researchers, however, found no significant association between physical activities and the risk of dementia, except, that is, for ballroom dancing. An amazing 76 per-cent risk-reduction with frequent participation in ballroom dancing was the highest score of all the hobbies and physical activities measured in the study. Remembering the steps, moving in precise time to the music and adapting to the movements of one's partner are mentally demanding exercises and help stimulate the brain.

"May I have this dance?" This little phrase is magic to every woman's ears. Dancing is romantic. It's an intimate activity without being x-rated. It's an activity where women are ladies and men are gentlemen. Many a lasting relationship (including mine) started on a dance floor! And for those whose relationship started elsewhere, dancing can renew the spark.

The ballroom dances include slow waltz, Viennese waltz, foxtrot, tango and quickstep. There are two different styles in these dances, International and American Smooth. In the International style couples always stay in closed position. The American Smooth style is showier with dance steps that often involve the couples separating from one another. This is a style reminiscent of the dancing made famous by Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The Latin dances are also considered "ballroom" dances. They are rumba, cha cha cha, samba, jive and paso doble.

There are varying degrees to which you can into ballroom dancing. The choice is yours. The good thing about dancing is that no matter how old or at what fitness level you are at, anyone can do it -- even you.

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Submitted photo
Writer Veronica Sliva and husband Walter are competitive ballroom dancers.



Kids with fetal alcohol disorder constantly battle invisible disability

Durham group working to overcome hurdles

By Jillian Follert
Staff Writer

DURHAM — On a recent spring morning, six local parents sat chatting, as parents do, about tantrums, trouble at school and bedtimes.

But they also touched on something that not all parents experience. Finger pointing. Disapproving glances. Strangers who assume they are bad parents, or worse, that their kids are bad kids.

"People can be really judgemental of us as parents, because of the way our kids sometimes act," said Rita, an outspoken mother of three children. "The kids look normal, so people don't even re-

alize they have a disability."

These parents are all members of the support group run by the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Durham Committee. Their children face extraordinary challenges as they deal with a disability that is all but invisible.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is an umbrella term used to describe the range of disabilities that can result when women drink during pregnancy. It is the leading cause of life-long developmental and cognitive disabilities among Canadian children, affecting up to one in 100 births.

Many of the parents belonging to this support group have also learned that FASD affects a high percentage of children adopted from other countries -- five of the six are raising children adopted

outside Canada.

FASD can embody an array of physical and psychiatric problems, from learning disabilities and lower than normal IQ to behavioural problems. It is a life-long condition -- a child with FASD becomes an adult with FASD. Studies show that these adults have a much higher chance of being unemployed, homeless or in trouble with the law.

Every case is different, making it difficult to diagnose in the early years.

"The spectrum is stagger-

ingly enormous," said Arlene, who along with husband Richard is raising adopted twin girls with FASD, "Things you would never think could be caused by alcohol."

Examples include super sensitivity to light and sound -- making something as simple as a school fire drill or flushing toilet a nightmare -- attention deficit, poor short-term memory, difficulty socializing and sensitivity to touch.

"A child who is sensitive to touch might be standing in line somewhere and have

someone brush against them so they react oddly," offers Richard. "People just see the behavior, they don't see the disability."

Rita and husband Trevor are regularly surprised by the obstacles their son faces -- they are currently battling their church to allow him to participate in his first communion.

Sheila Burns, project coordinator for the FASD Durham Committee, said seeing through the behaviour to the disability underneath is one of the biggest hurdles for

those trying to diagnose and treat FASD.

Huge strides are being made however, especially in Durham Region which leads Ontario communities in the approach to diagnosis and support services.

"Now we know this is about brain function in response to external stimuli," Ms. Burns explained. "We know something as simple as changing the lighting in a classroom or giving a student headphones to filter out excessive noise can make a huge difference."

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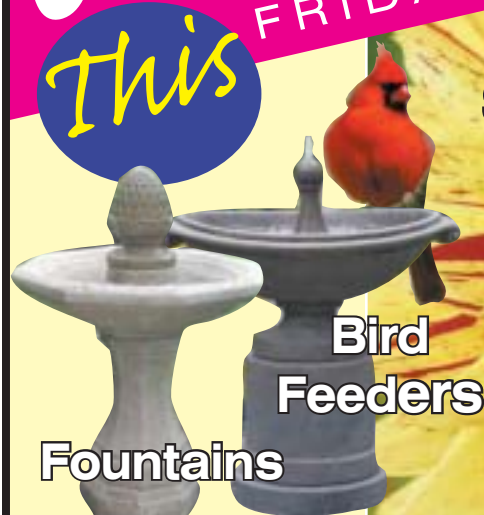


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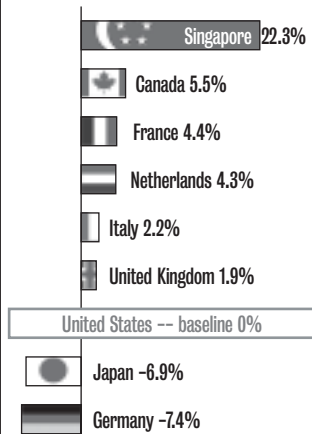
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— Mark MacDonald,
Director, KPMG Canada

KPMG 2006 cost-advantage report released

By Izabela
Jaroszynski
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Canada continues to be one of the cheapest places in the world to do business.

The 2006 KPMG Competitive Alternatives report released last week shows that among G7 countries, Canada leads for low business costs, and is second behind Singapore in all nine industrialized countries, with a cost advantage of 5.5 per cent over the U.S.

The study measures 27 key cost components, including labour, benefits, business facilities, taxes and utilities.

"Canada has retained its top ranking among G7 countries, although the size of its advantage has been reduced by the strong appreciation of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar over the last two years," the report stated.

Last issued in 2004, the report saw the loonie escalate 13.6 per cent in the latest report. But despite the dollar's rise in value, Canada still tops the list.

Glenn Mair, study director, said during the press conference that the dollar would have to hit the high 90s before Canada would lose its cost advantage over the United States. It currently sits at 0.86 cents.

In Europe, France and the Netherlands are cited as the lowest in cost, with an advantage of 4.4 per cent over the Americans.

Although Canada does not have

the lowest salary and wage, it is second only to Singapore in terms of overall labour costs, which take benefits and statutory plans into consideration.

Canada also gains points in low electricity costs and low facility costs.

"Land purchase and building construction costs for a new industrial facility are lowest in Canada, followed by Italy, the United States and France," the report said.

Mark MacDonald, director with KPMG in Canada, said that

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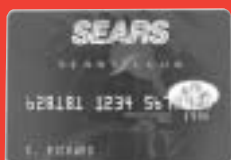


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Daily Bread urges Durham food banks to unite

Network would make distribution easier

By Jillian Follert
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The Region's food banks need to take a unified stand against hunger.

This was the message Toronto's Daily Bread Food Bank brought to a meeting of local social service agencies this week, urging Durham to organize and synchronize.

According to Maureen Tracey, director of agency relations for Daily Bread, many Durham agencies rely on the large Toronto agency to collect food on their behalf and truck it out to them.

The Daily Bread provides food for close to 100,000 people a month across the GTA, through a network of 160 agencies.

But as demand for food banks increases and fuel costs soar, Daily Bread is looking to make some changes, and better organization in Durham could help them cut costs and make better use of scant resources.

"The hope today is that the folks here will come together and form a network," Ms. Tracey said, after speaking at Thursday's conference hosted by Feed the Need Durham (FTND). "Right now there is no centralized network in Durham Region and it makes it more difficult for us."

Whitby resident June Kinniburgh is working tirelessly to form such a network. She recently took over as chairwoman of FTND, a group formed in 2001 with the goal of creating a central agency to help the region's food banks work more efficiently.

She would like to see FTND foster community connections, help agencies share resources, make funding applications, and create a comprehensive database of food banks and pantries.

"All the food banks we have in the community are wonderful, this isn't to supplant or replace them," she explained. "It's to create new possibilities."

More than 75 representatives from local food banks and social services attended Thursday's conference, offering their ideas for what a local food bank network might look like.

A steering committee is being formed and will meet for the first time next month.

Ms. Kinniburgh said she hopes to have a program model in place by next year. In the meantime, she is encouraged that so many people are on board with the project.

"It's incredible to know that we have so many people in Durham who care," she said. "They know that we have to be the voice of people who don't have a voice."

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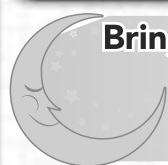
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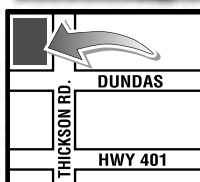
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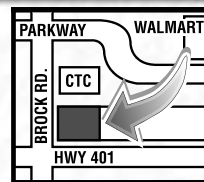
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Steve Parish	\$40,725.49	\$296.98	\$1,668.74	\$42,691.21
Marilyn Pearce	\$40,725.49	\$879.23	\$2,139.97	\$43,744.69
Pat Perkins	\$46,704.90	—	\$663.55	\$47,368.45
Nester Pidwerbecki	\$40,725.49	\$154.04	\$5,615.86	\$46,495.39
Dave Ryan	\$40,725.49	\$254.94	\$754.28	\$41,734.71
Jim Shell	\$40,725.49	\$513.63	—	\$41,239.12
Susan Self	\$40,725.49	\$1,300.57	\$2,506.85	\$44,532.91
Keith Shier	\$40,725.49	\$1,264.77	\$2,666.44	\$44,656.70
Charlie Trim	\$40,725.49	\$1,222.00	\$1,523.68	\$43,471.17

• CCM — Conferences, conventions and meetings

The cost of doing Durham business comes in at more than \$1 million

Durham report details council pay

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham spent more than \$1 million on pay and expenses for regional council members in 2005.

A report, submitted by finance commissioner Jim Clapp, outlined the salary and expenses in 2005

for members of regional council and regional council appointees to local boards. It was received for information by the Region's finance and administration committee at its March 22 meeting.

Councillors are paid \$40,725.49 annually for their Region work, while members chairing a committee are paid \$46,704.90. In addition, members can claim mileage and expenses for conferences, conventions and meetings.

Topping this year's list was Whitby Mayor Marcel Brunelle, with a total of \$49,350.84. The lowest total, \$40,725.49, was Mayor John Gray of Oshawa, who submitted no mileage or expenses.

Regional Chairman Roger Anderson was paid \$153,846.56 for his work, plus mileage and expenses for a total of \$176,366.39.

Councillors are also paid a wage and expenses for their work on regional boards.



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Working out

AJAX — Sandy Spiro, a fitness instructor with the Town of Ajax, takes part in a warmup routine lead by Christy Fyfe. They were taking part in the Town of Ajax's recent 'Fit For Heart' event, in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation Durham Region.

Step into the circle of birth

DURHAM — Take the first step by talking.

The Birthing Circle/ICAN of Ontario is having monthly meetings for pregnant women. The group discusses the transition from pregnancy to parenthood in order to make the change easier.

Meetings are on the third Monday of every month, except August, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 108 Bloor St. W., in Oshawa.

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Bringing home hockey gold brings Booker special tribute



Ajax Paralympic gold medallist honoured

By Izabela Jaroszynski
Staff Writer

DURHAM — For Jeremy Booker the road to gold started at the age of 10 when he first discovered the feeling of gliding over the ice in a sledge.

"I was in the sledge for only one minute and I loved it," he said.

For five years, as Mr. Booker played with the Whitby Steelhawks, his goal was to represent Canada on a national level.

Now the 19-year old is making that dream a reality as one of the stars of the Canadian National Sledge team

that brought home gold from the Turin Paralympic Games earlier this month.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime," the Ajax native said about the experience of playing for Team Canada.

On Tuesday, Mr. Booker was honoured for his achievements by the RCAF 420 Golden Wings in Oshawa. He answered questions and passed around his gold medal to the dozens of people gathered to hear him speak about his experiences as a Paralympian.

His grandmother, Reenie Booker, is president of the 420 Golden Wings and was beaming with pride as she watched her grandson talk about the game he loves.

"I am just so thrilled for him," she

said. "He has come so far and overcome so much."

She hopes that Mr. Booker, whose decreased mobility is due to the effects of spina bifida, can be an inspiration to all athletes because his journey represents hard work, dedication and triumph over adversity.

"He always says to people, 'I'm not disabled, I just can't walk,'" she said. "That's just his attitude to life."

Seated next to Mr. Booker was 15-year-old Stephanie Wels. The Paul Dwyer Catholic High School student was happy to see a big turnout for the celebration.

Ms. Wels's goal is to get Canadians to recognize the Paralympics and the athletes that represent our country with the same enthusiasm

and coverage that athletes from the Olympic games receive.

Her mission started with a Grade 10 civics project, in which she was asked to write about something that could change the world. Inspired by her grandmother -- also a member of the Golden Wing 420 -- Ms. Wels decided to tackle the issue of the Paralympics and the lack of coverage given to the games by the media.

"It's important to pay attention to these athletes," she said. "I want to make people more aware and show that Canada is more supportive."

With the next Winter Olympics and Paralympics being held in Vancouver, Ms. Wels believes Canada should be a pioneer in bringing equality to all the athletes.

The RCAF 420 Golden Wings in Oshawa held a special night to honour Ajax sledge hockey player, Jeremy Booker.

Three charged in violent robbery

Knife held to victim's neck in Pickering

PICKERING — Three young people have been charged in connection with a violent street robbery a couple of weeks ago in Pickering.

Witness interviews helped lead to the arrest of three teens in Whitby Tuesday, Durham Regional Police said. An investigation was launched after the assaults and robbery March 16.

Around 7:15 p.m. that day a group of seven teens were walking on The Esplanade near the Pickering Public Library when they were approached by a group of males who told them to empty their pockets, police said. There were a number of physical altercations during the confrontation, which culminated with one suspect pulling a knife and holding it to the neck of a victim.

The suspects fled on foot with a stolen backpack.

John Ankorn, 18, of Dundas Street West in Whitby, is charged with robbery, threatening death, assault with a weapon and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Two other Whitby boys, aged 15 and 16, face robbery charges.



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Volunteer resource centre gets a second chance

Federal grant,
other donations
keep agency open

By Erin Hatfield

Staff Writer

DURHAM — When executive director Nancy Burke arrived at the Volunteer Resource Centre for Durham Region on Feb. 13, it was simply to tie up a few loose ends.

The centre, located in Oshawa, had been forced to shut down operations three days earlier due to a lack of funding.

But, to the surprise of Ms. Burke, the centre's saving grace was waiting there for her. She received notice it had been awarded a \$25,000 federal grant from the New Horizons for Seniors program, which the centre had applied for in September 2005.

"It was enough to keep us going for another six to eight months," Ms. Burke said. "We will still have to secure more funding. I feel good about where we are going."

The centre also received a donation from the Royal Bank of Canada Foundation, to which they had also applied, for \$4,000.

As well, The Green Thumb Flo-

rist in Ajax made a \$385 donation after a three-day fundraising initiative.

"Just a lot of small things have been coming through," Ms. Burke

said.

The funding will keep the centre in business while it continues to search for other consistent funding sources.

The Volunteer Resource Centre for Durham Region provides volunteer recruitment and referral services to people who want to volunteer and not-for-profit or-

ganizations in need of volunteers. Their mission is to foster, develop and sustain growth in volunteerism in order to help build a strong and dynamic community.

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ADDITION: The Serenity Group holds a 12-step recovery meeting at 8 p.m. at the Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. The group meets every Friday and deals with addictions of all kinds, including co-dependency. Child care program can be arranged with advance notice. Call 905-428-9431 (Jim, in the evenings).
EUCHRE: The Rouge Hill Seniors hosts euchre every Friday at the Petticoat Creek Community Centre, 470 Kingston Rd. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. Beginners welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
NOAH AND THE ARK: The play 'Noah and the Ark of Salvation' is being held at Mount Zion Church (corner of Salem Road and the Eighth Concession in Pickering) by the Breakfast Club and Puppet Ministry of St. Mark's United Church. Begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but a goodwill offering is being taken to help cover expenses.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are held every day of the week in Pickering and six days a week in Ajax. For locations and other information, call 905-728-1020.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
PARENT SUPPORT: A parent support group meets locally every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. for parents of kids involved in drugs, alcohol, running away, dropping out of school, crimes and parent abuse. Visit www.apsgo.ca or call 1-800-488-5666 for location or more information.

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DISCUSSION GROUP: Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club's Tuesday Morning Discussion Group meets at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd., Ajax. The guest is former Ajax resident Jan Godfrey, who discusses her experiences around the world and also her book 'So Get on With it'. Ajax Councillor Pat Brown will discuss news about the accessibility advisory committee. The group meets every Tuesday and everyone is welcome. Call 905-428-8711 (Shirley), 905-683-7799 (Louise).
ROTARY CLUB MEETS: Interested in fun, friendship, and community involvement? The Rotary Club of Pickering is made up of active, caring, women and men who do good things for the community under the motto 'Service Above Self.' New member inquiries are welcome. The club holds breakfast meetings Tuesdays at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club, beginning at 7 a.m. Call Ryan Guthrie at 416-487-5200 or e-mail rguthrie@guthrieinsurance.com.
NETWORKING BREAKFAST: The Durham Contact Business Exchange Club meets each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 a.m. for networking and breakfast. Meetings are at the Victorian Garden Restaurant, 570 Westney Rd. S. Ajax. Visitors are welcome, but seating is limited. Call to reserve a seat to Candy at

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
DROP IN: The Eagles Nest Drop In for those 50 and older is being held at Forest Brook Community Church, 60 Kearney Dr., in Ajax. It begins at 9:30 a.m. Activities include shuffleboard and table games. Refreshments served. Call Jack Mackie at 905-686-5647 or Bob McDonald at 905-665-7726.
MEDIA EXPOSURE: Centennial Building, 416 Center St. S. downtown Whitby, is the location for the Durham Home and Small Business Association's monthly meeting which looks at how entrepreneurs can get the most media exposure as possible. Evening starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$15. First-time guests free. Call 905-430-0466 or e-mail info@dhsba.com.
SENIOR: The Rouge Hill Seniors hold events every Wednesday at the Petticoat Creek Community Centre, 470 Kingston Rd. Darts are at 10 a.m. and carpet bowling is at 1 p.m., beginners are welcome. There is a brown bag lunch at noon and everyone welcome.
ONE-PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The Ajax-Pickering Chapter of the One Parent Families Association meets every Wednesday at KMW Health Care Services, 314 Harwood Ave. S., Unit 22 in Ajax. Meetings are at 8 p.m. except for the first Wednesday of each month when they start at 8:30 p.m. Call 905-683-1082.
OSTEOPOROSIS: The Osteoporosis Support Group welcomes guest speaker, Lynette Kirton, a perennial specialist with Vandermeer Nursery. Meetings are at St. Paul's United Church, 65 Kings Crescent, Ajax from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call Odette at 905-831-4471.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS: The Oshawa Chapter meets every Thursday night at the Guide House, 121 Simcoe St. S. (corner of John St.) at 8 p.m. Residents from around Durham are welcome. Call Sandy at 905-261-9021.
NATURALISTS: The Pickering Naturalists monthly meeting begins at 7:45 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School library (corner of Rosebank Road and Stroud's Lane). Martin Galloway discusses how plants adapt to environmental challenges. Also there is a silent auction with closing bids on a pro session on warblers in Thickson's Woods in May with Margaret Bain.
CRAFTS: The Rouge Hill Seniors

host a craft afternoon at the Petticoat Creek Community Centre, 470 Kingston Rd. Begins at 1 p.m.; following the brown bag lunch at noon.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
BREASTFEEDING PROGRAM: The Pickering Ontario Early Years Centre hosts the Mothering Breastfeeding and Early Infancy Parenting program for pregnant women, new moms and experienced mothers. Topics include the benefits of breastfeeding, teething, building a new life around the baby and introducing foods complimentary to breastfeeding. It runs from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at 1822 Whites Rd., Unit 202. To register, call Carla at 905-839-3007 ext. 301.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
AQUARIUM: The Durham Region Aquarium Society holds its 38th annual show and auction at the Ajax Community Centre, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tropical fish, aquarium plants, aquariums and other hobby-related items available. Call 905-686-0632 (George) or visit www.dras.ca.

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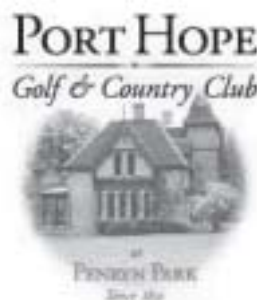


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Region pleads guilty to water charges

At no time was public safety at risk: lawyer

By Erin Hatfield
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The Region pleaded guilty Monday to three charges under the Safe Drinking Water and the Ontario Water Resource acts.

Appearing in Ontario Provincial Court, the Region faced four charges in total, but one relating to a Sunderland water supply system was dropped by Ministry of the Environment lawyer Paul Milbourne.

Justice of the peace Jack Wiley fined the Region a total of \$33,000 for the three convictions.

Matt Gaskell, senior solicitor in the Region's legal department, explained although the Region pleaded guilty to the charges, at no time was public safety at risk.

The first incident occurred between Jan. 1 and 31, 2003 in Blackstock. The Region failed to take monthly samples for analysis as required by its Permit To Take Water (PTTW) for a well there. Mr. Gaskell said during that time the well was not connected to the water supply system, as it was only being used for groundwater monitoring.

"The water from this well was not supplying water into the Region's municipal water supply system at the time of the offence, so there was no risk to the public," Mr. Gaskell said. "In addition, of all wells in Durham's northern water supply system, it was the only well that had a PTTW that contained sampling requirements."

A second occurred between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2003 and was related to sampling requirements for wells in Cannington, where the Region failed to take weekly raw water samples from municipal wells.

However the Region's position is that the wells in question were not supplying water to the Region's municipal water supply system during any given week.

"These wells were operated on alternating weeks from another municipal well as production wells," Mr. Gaskell said. "Raw water samples were taken from the well actively providing water to the water supply system in any given week. However the charges related to Durham not sampling the raw water from wells not producing water for the system. Public safety was not at risk."

The third related to an operational error at a water supply plant in Whitby on June 16, 2004. The charges were a result of a temporary stoppage of the alum supply. Alum is chemical coagulant, which is part of the process of reducing the turbidity in water. A process error occurred that temporarily stopped the flow of alum in the water supply system. However Durham works commissioner Cliff Curtis explained staff monitor the chlorine going out of the system and had it reached an unacceptable level the system would have automatically shut down.

Durham staff detected the error and rectified it immediately, according to Mr. Curtis.



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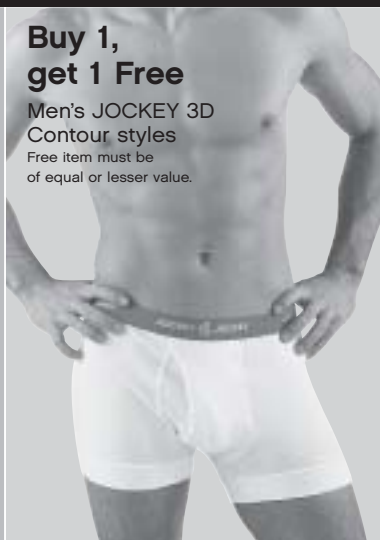
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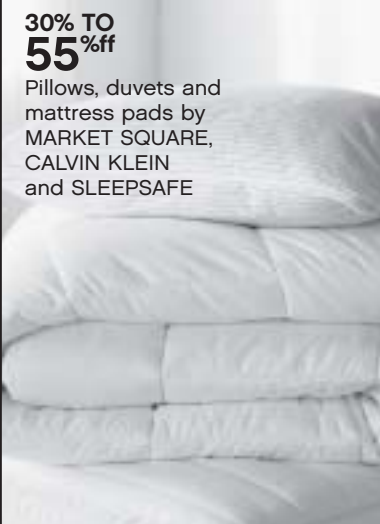
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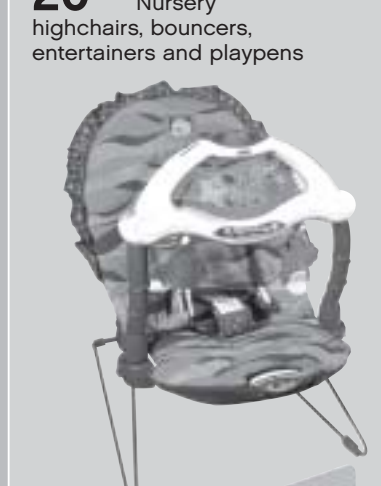
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Pickering man a distinguished volunteer

By **Danielle Milley**
Staff Writer

PICKERING — For Kalev Helde, his career as a social worker is rewarding in itself. But being recognized by his peers is icing on the cake.

The Pickering resident, who works for the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto, is the 2006 recipient of the Canadian Association of Social Workers' Distinguished Service Award for Ontario.

"It's nice to know my peers think I've done something special," he said. "It really validates what I've been doing for the past couple of years."

Mr. Helde has worked at the CCAS of Toronto since 1981 and has been a child abuse specialist, a group worker organizing programs for children and their parents, and part of an inter-agency team providing both individual and group treatment for victims of sexual abuse. He now does foster care resource work, which he enjoys.

"I certainly like the connections we make with foster parents," he said.

In his current role, Mr. Helde is able to really experience one of the aspects of the profession he enjoys -- working with a team.

"It is a very supportive organization... You know you're not going to be left out on your own," he said.

Although he enjoys what he does, Mr. Helde wouldn't describe his job as easy.



Kalev Helde

"The first adjective that comes to mind is challenging and once you're over those hurdles then it is rewarding," he said. "At the end of the day you feel you've accomplished something."

In addition to his work with CCAS, Mr. Helde has been a member of the Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW) for 24 years. During this time, he's served a number of terms in various capacities, including two as president.

It is for the sum of his accomplishments that he is the recipient of the honour this year. Gillian McCloskey, associate executive director of OASW, said each of the 15 branches of the organization across the province nominate someone and a winner is recommended by the nominating committee and approved by the OASW board.

Ms. McCloskey said the nominees are usually people who have made a strong contribution to OASW either at the branch or provincial level.

"In Kalev's case it has certainly been at both levels," she said.

Nominees also have enhanced the profession outside of the organization and often times have made a contribution to social causes.

Of course Mr. Helde doesn't do it for the awards. "It's not something I was working at, for any sort of recognition," he said. "The award is just an extra bonus to what I've been doing."

He is also involved in his own community, sitting on the board of directors of The Youth Centre, based in Ajax.



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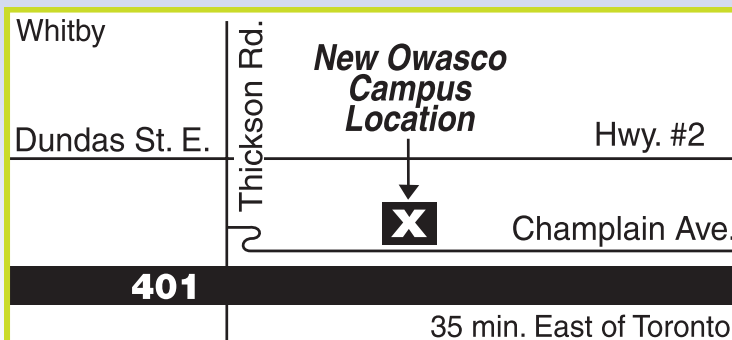


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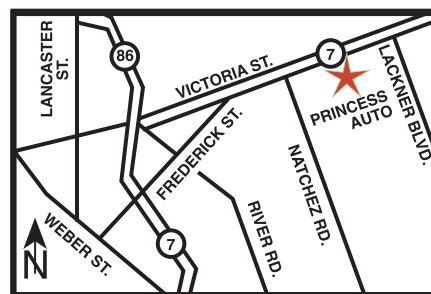
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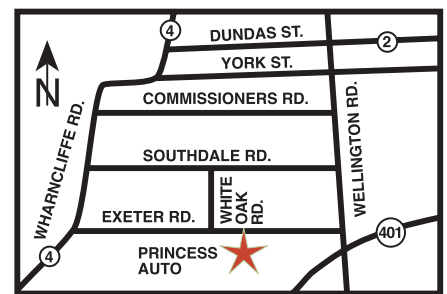
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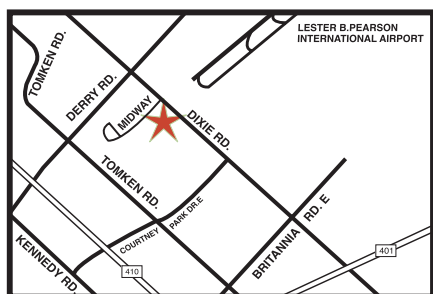
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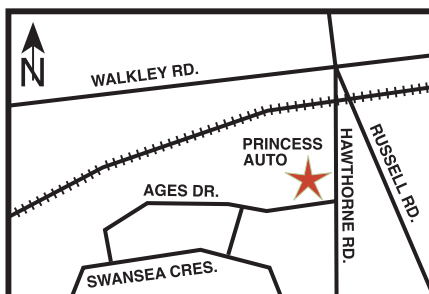
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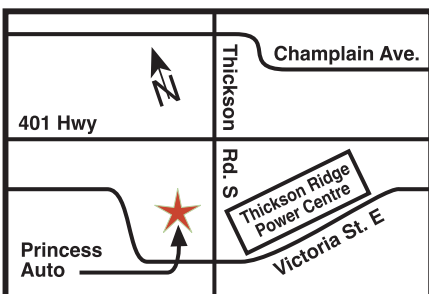
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Sunderland hosts 11th annual event

SUNDERLAND — Tap into some fun this year at the annual Sunderland Maple Syrup Festival.

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Maple Farm throughout both days, along with a book fair and other activities. A petting zoo will be featured throughout both days.

The festival, in its 11th year, was an idea of resident Susan Wright, according to the festival's website.

"Mrs. Wright had the brainstorm back in 1993 when she was working for a local maple syrup producer, the late Bill Hewitt of B.H. Farms," the site reads. "Mrs. Wright approached Janette Pilgrim who was the head of the Sunderland Business Association at that time. This initial meeting dates back to September, 12 years ago."

This year's ambassador to the festival is 'Elvis Priestley', Dorian Ar-

thur Baxter, Elvis impersonator and motivational speaker. Mr. Baxter has performed in Sunderland on previous visits. He will be introduced to visitors by Brock Mayor Keith Shier at 9:45 a.m. during opening ceremonies on April 1.

To kick off the festival there is the annual 'Sticky's Ball' at Sunderland Legion Hall on March 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 6 p.m. to midnight on March 31 the 'Toonie, Loonie' night will be running at Gable Brothers Midway.

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By Chris Hall
Staff Writer

DURHAM — With a little more than 10 weeks to go until sweeping new provincial legislation bans smoking in all public areas, the Great Blue Heron Charity Casino won't divulge whether it will comply with the new law.

The Scugog Island gambling facility took a step in that direction two weeks ago, however, when it introduced a new, smoke-free gaming area complete with six of its most popular table games on March 4. According to the casino, the gaming hall expanded to include a non-smoking area with two blackjack tables, two mini-baccarat tables, one pai gow table and one 'Spanish 21' table "so that we can offer our non-smoking clientele a comfortable table gaming experience."

The new, non-smoking area, located adjacent to the main floor, was put in place "for the comfort of our non-smoking table game customers," wrote Arnold Block, the casino's general manager, in an e-mail. "This designation has no bearing on any current or future decisions that the casino may have," continued Mr. Arnold. He later added that the recent decision to add a smoke-free area "only means that we have decided to offer our non-smoking patrons an alternative and that the physical layout of the new area lends itself to it."

Come May 31, the new Smoke-Free Ontario Act will prohibit smoking in all workplaces and enclosed public places, including restaurants, bars, schools, private clubs, sports arenas, entertainment venues, work vehicles and offices. It somewhat mirrors the regional legislation that came into place in 2004. At that time, casino and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation officials argued that the casino was on reserve land and did not fall under the jurisdiction of Durham's legislation.

Slots get a ringing endorsement

Patrons are keeping new gaming destination busy

By Keith Gilligan
Staff Writer

DURHAM — It's been open less than a month, but the Slots at Ajax Downs is proving to be popular.

In fact, the casino has been pulling in customers the way any other business would die for. Within hours of opening on March 2, not only were all of the approximately 200 slot machines in use, but there were line-ups two-and-three-people deep waiting to try their luck.

Business has been booming since opening, according to Don Pister, a spokesman for the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation.

"There's been about 130,000 entering the facility since it opened. The largest day was 52,000," Mr. Pister stated. "In the first week, there were line-ups to get in. I think that has slowed down."

Some who go are regulars, having previously travelled to Port

Perry and the Great Blue Heron Casino or up to Orillia and Casino Rama. Others are rookies, there to see what all the excitement is about.

"It's my first time here. I work up the street and I wanted to see what it looked like," said Jennifer Dobson.

She grew up in Ajax and "went to high school in Ajax," although she now lives in Oshawa.

Ms. Dobson noted she goes to a casino once or twice a year.

Now that she's been to the Ajax slots once, would she be going more often? "Not really. I could stop in on my way home, but I haven't."

Myrna Montgomery of Oshawa is a regular slots player.

"It's cheap entertainment, as long as you know your limit," Mrs. Montgomery stated, adding she's been to the Great Blue Heron casino in Port Perry and "I prefer it."

The Montgomerys head to the slots once a month. "We bring \$100. We're comfortable with that. We usually go home with the same amount."

Annette Colosimo of Scarborough was making her first visit to Ajax, tagging along with her

cousin Doris Penziwol.

"The last time I went (to the slots) was January. It was in Gananoque (near Kingston) on my way to Montreal," Ms. Colosimo said. "I enjoy it when I'm here. I'm not a heavy bettor."

"I bring so much and when I'm out, that's it. Then I leave," she says, noting \$60 is the maximum amount she'll spend.

Ms. Penziwol called and had "no one to go with, so here we are."

When asked why she was at Ajax Slots, Ms. Penziwol joked, "To spend the pension cheques."

"It's the first time I've been to this place. I like to go. It's a form of entertainment for me," she stated, adding she has a maximum limit, although Ms. Penziwol was reluctant to say how much it is.

"I think you have to" have a limit, she noted.

"It's entertainment.

That's how I look at it. My husband golfs and curls. This is my form of entertainment," Ms. Penziwol said.

One man who didn't want his name used said he comes "because I'm crazy."

He was there to bet on the horses at the pari-mutual lounge at the site.

Milan Lalic of Sarnia was in Ajax visiting his daughter. "I saw the property and I stopped in for a minute to spend a couple of bucks. I want to give it a try."

He heads to a casino "three or four times a year, in London or Sarnia."

His daughter told him about the slots, although they were planning to come on Wednesday.

Mr. Pister noted patrons enjoy the facility, based on comment cards. "They generally like it. It's a nice friendly, fun place to be."

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Alzheimer's disease has a voice this month in Ajax

Guest speaker shares experiences living with disease

AJAX — Brenda Hounam offers first-hand experiences of Alzheimer's in April.

Ms. Hounam, who has Alzheimer's, is the guest speaker at the Durham Chapter of the Ontario Gerontological Nursing Association dinner Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at Caruthers Creek Golf Centre. She was diagnosed in 1998 and in the time since has become a presenter and advocate.

Guests can ask Ms. Hounam questions about her experiences.

Ms. Hounam will be joined by Sara Westbrook, a singer-songwriter who has written 'One More Memory,' a song that Ms. Hounam's experiences inspired.

The dinner is a buffet and the cost for GNA members is \$40 dollars, non-members pay \$45 and students are \$25.

For registration and more information, call GNA member Heather Campbell at 905-987-2043 or e-mail h.kcampbell@rogers.com, or call Meredith DePaulsen at 905-430-4367 or e-mail johnevans000@sympatico.ca.

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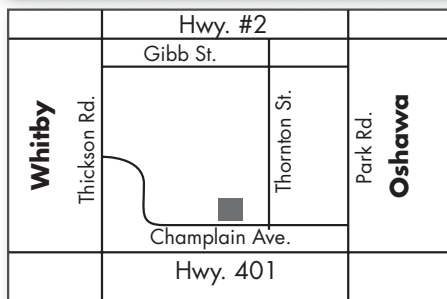
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Parish the thought – minister's wife misbehaving



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Margaret St. John-Francies, who plays Monica, and her husband, Paul Francies, as Peter, are a big part of the bawdy fun in the Herongate Barn Theatre's production of Norm Foster's 'Sinners.'

Herongate comedy 'Sinners' begins tonight

By Fariha Naqvi Mohamed
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — It certainly won't be a sin to laugh in the coming weeks as a promiscuous reverend's wife takes centre stage in Whitevale.

'Sinners', the latest Herongate Barn Theatre production, opens Friday.

"(It's) a heart-warming comedy filled with a lot of laughs," says director Ann Ward.

"The play is written by Canada's most widely produced playwright, Norm Foster."

"It's a story of a reverend's wife who likes to fool around with the men in the parish," adds Rose Green, who plays the "busybody kleptomaniac wife of the police chief."

Green teams up with her husband, Don, who plays the reverend as well as the chief of police.

Other cast members include Margaret St. John-Francies and Paul Francies, another husband-and-wife duo, as well as Margaret Hughes.

"It's a lot of fun; very cute and funny," says Green, who has acted alongside her husband in various musicals.

"This production is unique in that everyone in the cast is from Pickering," says Ward.

Ward has directed several other plays, including 'Third Person Singular,' 'Stepping Out,' 'No sex please we're British,' and 'Arsenic and Old Lace.'

"The audience loves to chuckle at the small-town character antics," explains the director.

"There are some really big laughs, but you can pretty well chuckle from beginning to end. The storyline will have audience members rocking in their seats from laughter."

The play runs about two hours, including the intermission.

'Sinners' is playing at the theatre, 2885 Altona Road in Pickering, from March 31 to May 13.

Matinee dates are Sunday, April 2 and Sunday, April 23.

Reservations are required in advance and ticket prices vary.

For more information, call 905-472-3085 or visit www.herongate.com.

Say hello to the 2006 Bandwarz winners after two months of competition

DURHAM — Bandwarz 2006 was a beautiful thing for the winning band.

Hello Beautiful, from Whitby, took top prize March 25 in the eight-week competition for local indie bands. The acoustic, hip hop band members were ecstatic at their win, hugging each other and beaming huge smiles from the stage.

The band won \$1,000 cash, recording time at Warden Studios for a three-song demo package, new musical gear from Steve's Music, a prize package from Alcatraz Skates and shoes from Vans.

Formed about 7 to 8 months ago, Hello Beautiful wowed the crowd and judges with

their music. Band members are Adam Stein, Kevin Walsh, Dan Bradiore, Cole Martin and Taylor.

The finals in the 13th annual Bandwarz also featured Lower Back Tatti, Live Wire, Kessel Run, Split Through My Skies, Suckershot, Suburban Sunrise, and Robin Dekradel. All were judged on musicianship, stage presence, originality and overall performance.

The finals will be shown on Rogers Television March 31 at 8 p.m. and April 2 at 7 p.m.

Bandwarz is Durham's original rock music contest for bands looking to make their mark on the music industry and is produced by Eclipse Concerts Inc. It offers independent

and unsigned bands the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of music industry representatives and booking agents. This year,

over 40 bands took part in the annual battle-of-the-bands event. For more information on Bandwarz, visit www.eclipseconcerts.com.

Art Association holds annual studio tour

DURHAM — The fourth annual Oshawa Art Association studio art tour is coming soon.

On April 22 and 23, you can tour 15 different studios and view the art collections and works of 31 local artists. Many pieces will be for sale and many artists will also be taking commissions.

The self-guided tours run from 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. each day. Admission is free and there's a draw for three certificates towards art of the winners' choice. Ballots will be at each site.

Brochures with maps of the locations are available by calling Jean at 905-985-1112 or Brian at 905-723-8467. More information is also available at www.steinhausstudio.com or www.durhamtourism.ca.

Sharon Stone is messing with male minds again in Basic Instinct 2

The following movies are in theatres this weekend:

Basic Instinct 2: Risk Addiction
Directed by Michael Caton-Jones
Starring: Sharon Stone, David Morrissey and Charlotte Rampling.
Rated: R

Like its predecessor, Basic Instinct 2 is a sexy and sleek psychological thriller.

After moving from San Francisco to London, best-selling crime novelist Catherine Tramell (Stone) once again finds herself on the wrong side of the law.

Dr. Michael Glass (Morrissey), a respected criminal psychiatrist, is brought in by Scotland Yard detective Roy Washburn to perform a psychiatric profile and evaluation of Tramell following the mysterious death of a sports star.

Attracted to Tramell, and mentally in-

trigued by her, Glass, against the advice of his mentor, is quickly drawn into her web of lies and seduction.

The professional boundaries between Glass and Tramell disappear when she uncovers his basic instincts.

A deadly battle of wits follows, climaxing as Glass faces a choice that will change both of their lives forever.

Slither
Directed by James Gunn
Starring: Nathan Fillion, Elizabeth Banks and Michael Rooker.
Rated: R

'Dawn of the Dead' director Gunn offers up an edgy mix of heart-stopping terror, wry humour and surprising humanity.

The quiet town of Wheelsy is typical of small-town America – somewhat quaint and gentle, populated by friendly folks who mind

their own business.

But beneath the surface charm, something unnamed and evil has arrived and is growing.

No one seems to notice as telephone poles become clogged with missing pet flyers, and one of the town's richest citizens begins to act strangely.

But when farmers' livestock turn up mutilated and a young woman disappears, Sheriff Bill Pardy (Fillion) and his team uncover the dark force laying siege to their town, and come face-to-face with an older-than-time organism intent on absorbing and devouring all life on Earth.

'Iron Island' and 'The Devil and Daniel Johnston' are also on the big screen this weekend.



Sharon Stone is a force to be reckoned with as the brilliant Catherine Tramell.

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THIS WEEKEND

Game 2 between the Durham Lightning and the Brampton Thunder in the best-of-three National Women's Hockey League playoff semi-final goes at Oshawa's Legends Centre on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.



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Throwing to the button

AJAX — Saida Van Staverson, of Annandale Curling Club, releases her rock down the sheet while competing in the Uxbridge Senior Ladies' Spiel at the Uxbridge Curling Club last weekend.

Durham Senior Games on the horizon

Registration on record pace for this year's event

By Shawn Cayley
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Registration for the 2006 Durham Region Senior Games is reaching new heights says president Terry James.

"It is going very, very well," he said of the registration totals to date. "We are already way ahead of last year's rate when we had over 800 people register. It is going to be more than that this time around."

In two weeks, the Games will get underway at North End Bowl in Oshawa with the five-pin bowling event. This year marks the 22nd year in which the games have been held in Durham Region, and as James noted with the registration numbers, it appears as though things will keep growing stronger as the years pass.

With 2006 being an even numbered year, there is a little incentive added to the games this year

as all of the gold medal winners will advance to the provincial championships in Hamilton beginning Aug. 14.

"There will be 48 gold medalists, and we'll all hop on a bus, head off to Hamilton and stay in a hotel for the championships," James explained, before saying

the objective of the games is not the competitive aspect. "It's not about competition. It's about getting people 55 and older out to have fun, socialize, participate and meet new people.

"That's really what it's all about," he added.

James says they have added to

the variety of games for 2006. New to the event list is table tennis, which will be played out of the Oshawa Seniors Centre, duplicate bridge, to be played from the Heydenshore Pavilion in Whitby, and snooker, played out of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606 in Pickering.

"We have had a lot of responses for the new events," says James. "We weren't sure in the past if they would fly, or if we could find the facilities for them, but it's working out."

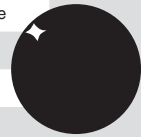
An awards banquet will be held Wednesday, June 21 at the Class Act Theatre in Whitby for all the gold, silver and bronze medal winners.

For those interested in participating, registration forms are now available at all senior centres, libraries, legions, municipal and constituency offices as well as the Pickering Town Centre. Registration deadlines are exactly two weeks in advance of the each event.

For more information, contact Terry James at 905-839-8890 or Bob Sturgeon at 905-655-6220.

2006 Durham Region Senior Games

Friday, April 7	5-Pin Bowling	North End Bowl, Oshawa
Wednesday, April 26	Euchre	Uxbridge Seniors Centre
Wednesday, May 3	Bid Euchre	Clarington Older Adults Centre
Thursday, May 4	Tennis	Campus Tennis Centre, Oshawa
Wednesday, May 10	Contract Bridge	Heydenshore Pavilion, Whitby
Monday, May 15	Darts	South Pickering Seniors' Centre
Thursday, May 18	Duplicate Bridge	Heydenshore Pavilion, Whitby
Friday, May 26	Shuffleboard	Ajax Seniors Building
Tuesday, May 30	Cribbage	Latcham Centre, Port Perry
Thursday, June 1	Snooker	Legion Branch 606, Pickering
Monday, June 5	Carpet Bowling	Northview Community Centre
Thursday, June 8	Table Tennis	Oshawa Seniors Centre
Monday, June 12	Golf	Harmony Golf Course, Oshawa
Wednesday, June 14	Lawn Bowling	Pickering Lawn Bowling Club
Sunday, June 18	Bocce	Radio Park, Oshawa



Sports briefs

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[Hockey]

Local players help Markham Waxers midgets to title

DURHAM — Two local members of the Markham Waxers 'AAA' midget hockey team hope to help the club to another championship, starting this week-end.

The Waxers, which include forward Kyle Speers of Pickering and defence-man Garrett Trainor of Ajax, captured the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) midget 'AAA' champions by defeating the Richmond Hill Stars 2-1 in the final game of their recent series.

Speers counted four goals and three assists in the Richmond Hill series. Trainor added an assist.

Markham now moves on to the Ontario Hockey Federation championships in North Bay, starting Sunday, April 2.



Kyle Speers



Garrett Trainor

[Swimming]

Rainbow Classic coming to complex pool

PICKERING — The 10th annual Pickering Swim Club Rainbow Classic meet splashes down at the Pickering Recreation Complex pool April 8 and 9.

A total of nine swim teams from across the GTA will compete in a variety of age groups and events over the course of the weekend.

Pickering Mayor Dave Ryan officially opens the meet April 8 at approximately 8:45 a.m.

The meet runs in two sessions each day, beginning in the morning at 9 a.m. and in the afternoon at 2 p.m., with a break for lunch.

There's no charge to attend and spectators are welcome on deck.

The complex is at 1867 Valley Farm Rd.



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Ice riding's a little dicey

PICKERING — Emily Thomas, of Pickering, pedals carefully across an icy stretch of the five-kilometre course to take first place in the females aged 9-10 race during the 15th annual Icebreaker Enduro kids bike race in the Durham Forest, near Uxbridge, last Sunday. This was the first official race of the 2006 Trek mountain bike race season.

Scoreboard

MARCH 31, 2006

PICKERING MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Results of game played March 20 WEEK 4 PLAYOFFS
GAME ONE
Ellis: Conrad Davis 39, Barry Wood 14, Dave Bayliss 8, Steve Williams 8.
Warwick Publishing: Claude Feig 30, Luke Lukkonen 14, Gord Brown 11, Mark Gilding 5.
GAME TWO
Elli-Rod Holdings 53 vs. Verifeye 36.
TOP SCORERS

Elli-Rod: Alberto Daros 18, Steve Leahy 8, Peter Dundas 7, Eric Hamdic 5.
Verifeye: Tom Rowen 18, Collin Exeter 10, Scott Poulton 7.
GAME THREE
West Hill Men's Slo-Pitch 59 vs. Knights Corner Pub & Grill 43.
TOP SCORERS
West Hill: Elman McLean 25, George Jordanov 15, Paul Vorvis 8, Orin Taylor 5.
Knights: Randy Filinski 18, Rod Fraser 9, Jim Wilkinson 6, Richard Hoyne 4.
GAME FOUR
Best Buy Insurance 40 vs. Lakar Carpentry 36.
TOP SCORERS
Best Buy: Sherwin James 18, Frank Gallo 13, Iain Grant 9.
Gallantry's: Steve Gazmin 12, Tony Oliver 6, Corrado Roccasalva 5, Jim Bowen 4.
GAME FIVE
Accent Building Sciences 53 vs. Lakar Carpentry 36.
TOP SCORERS
Accent: Rick Jones 13, Horace Peterkin 13, Bill Linton 12, Ian Campbell 6.
Lakar: Dodge Beckford 11, John Fleming 8, Jeff Power 8.

Panthers minor peewees runners-up to Guelph in all-Ontario final series

Overtime loss ends Pickering's quest for championship

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers minor peewee 'AA' rep hockey team capped a tremendous season by finishing as runner-up in the OMHA all-Ontario final.

Guelph ended the Panthers' quest for the provincial championship with a thrilling 4-3 overtime win at Don Beer Arena recently. Guelph took an early lead on the Panthers and extended it to 3-0 entering the third period. The Panthers would not quit, however, demonstrating considerable determination in coming back to tie the game in the final minute of regulation play with the goalie pulled.

Both teams had several opportunities to score with Guelph finally scoring 6:30 into the overtime period.

Scoring for Pickering were Nicholas Gucciardi, John Milonas and Patrick Morgan. Assists went to Michael Spataro with two, Aiden Masse, Mitchell Palmer and Morgan.

Mitchell Sora was outstanding in goal.

Register for Amberlea tennis season April 4

PICKERING — The Amberlea Tennis Club hosts registrations for the coming court season, beginning Tuesday, April 4.

New and returning players can register on that date upstairs at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd., from 6 to 8 p.m. There's also signups on Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., also upstairs at the complex. You can also e-mail the club at amberlea-tennis-club@rogers.com and an application will be sent.



Mike Thomson/ citizenseye.com photo
The Pickering Panthers minor peewee 'AA' hockey team finished as runner-ups in the OMHA final series this season.

Previously, Guelph won by scores of 1-0 and 5-3 in the best-of-five final setting the stage for the series-clinching game.

The Panthers kicked off their successful season with a win at the Richmond Hill Early Bird Tournament in September. They followed up their early success with a first-place overall finish in the York-Simcoe 'AA' League earning a bye through the first round of playoffs. Playoff series wins over Clarington, Whitby and Newmarket

set up the OMHA final with Guelph.

The Panthers amassed a 41-20-5 overall record.

Other team members are Liam Ready, Liam Sopher, Andrew Thomson, Josh Grant, Jeremy Davis, Blair Williams, Anthony Novak, Cory Wells, Richard Thompson and Justin Urquhart.

Rob Wells coaches the team, assisted by Denis Masse, Phil Morgan and Gord Thompson. Sebastian Spataro is the trainer and Patty Grant is the manager.



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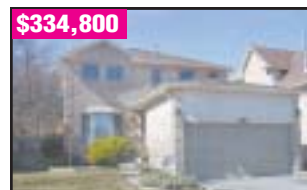
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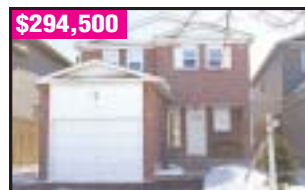
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laundry, prof. landscaped, pond w/waterfall. ID #7001.



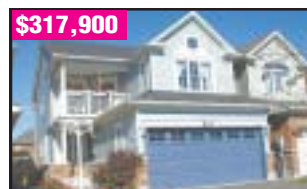
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TIME: 1:25-1:35 P.M.
105 RAVENSCROFT RD., AJAX
Immac. family home, many updates, 4+2 bdrms., kit. w/w to
large deck, fam. rm. w/fp., MBR has 5-pc. ensuite. ID #7002



\$294,500
TIME: 1:50-2:00 P.M.
100 REED DR., AJAX
4+1 bdrm., maple hrdwd. floors, Hollywood kit. & w/o to
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TIME: 2:15-2:25 P.M.
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bdrm. bsmt. apartment w/4-pc. bath & sep. ent. ID #7004



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TIME: 2:45-2:55 P.M.
18 VISTA BEACH CRT., WHITBY
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area. 4 bdrm. + eat-in kit. w/w to custom deck. ID #7005



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TIME: 3:10-3:20 P.M.
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| 100 Reid Dr., AJAX | Sun. 1:50-2:00 | ☐ |
| 89 Clements, AJAX | Sun. 2:15-2:25 | ☐ |
| 18 Vista Beach Ct., WHITBY | Sun. 2:45-2:55 | ☐ |
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| 11 Freer Cres., AJAX | Sun. 2-4 | ☐ |
| 1537 Silver Spruce, PICKERING | Sat. 2-4 | ☐ |
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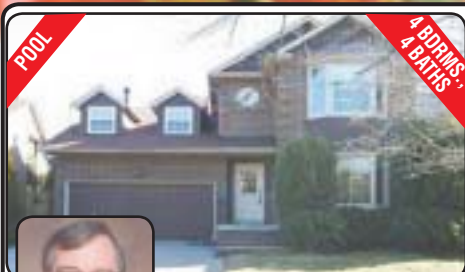
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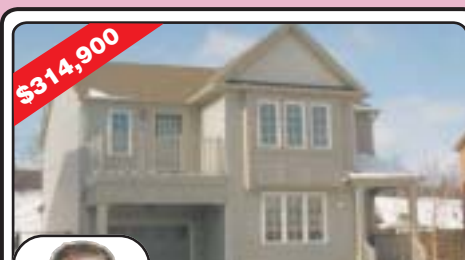
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Lightning peewees nip Barracudas for Burlington crown

Maugeri hero in final

DURHAM — The Durham West Lightning peewee 'AA' girls' rep hockey team was nip and tuck to beat the hosts at the recent Burlington Girls' Hockey Association 18th annual Spring Break Tournament.

In the final, the Lightning struck three minutes into overtime to edge the Burlington Barracudas 1-0 for the championship. Marissa Maugeri was the hero for Durham West, scoring the winning goal on a backhand shot. Diane Sawyer and Acey Maves drew assists.

Maugeri was awarded the tournament's most valuable player

award.

The Lightning opened the tournament by defeating the Kitchener Lady Rangers 4-2. Tiffany Toong, Shannon Stoneburgh, Megan Kirkham and Maugeri scored with assists to Emily Marks with three, Vicky Formusa, Kirkham and Stoneburgh with one apiece.

In Game 2, the Lightning fell

to the Burlington Barracudas 3-2. Maugeri and Toong scored, with assists to Kaitlyn Malthaner and Jacqueline Kope.

To advance to the finals, the Lightning faced a must-win situation against the London Devilettes in Game 3. Durham West responded with a narrow 1-0 victory. Formusa scored a third-period mark-

er for the Lightning, assisted by Maugeri.

This week, The Lightning will face the Barracudas in the North Metro Girls' Hockey League quarter final series.

Other team members are Olivia Roberge, Leah Semeniuk, Ainsley Northam, Julia Ouroumis and Meghan Rourke.



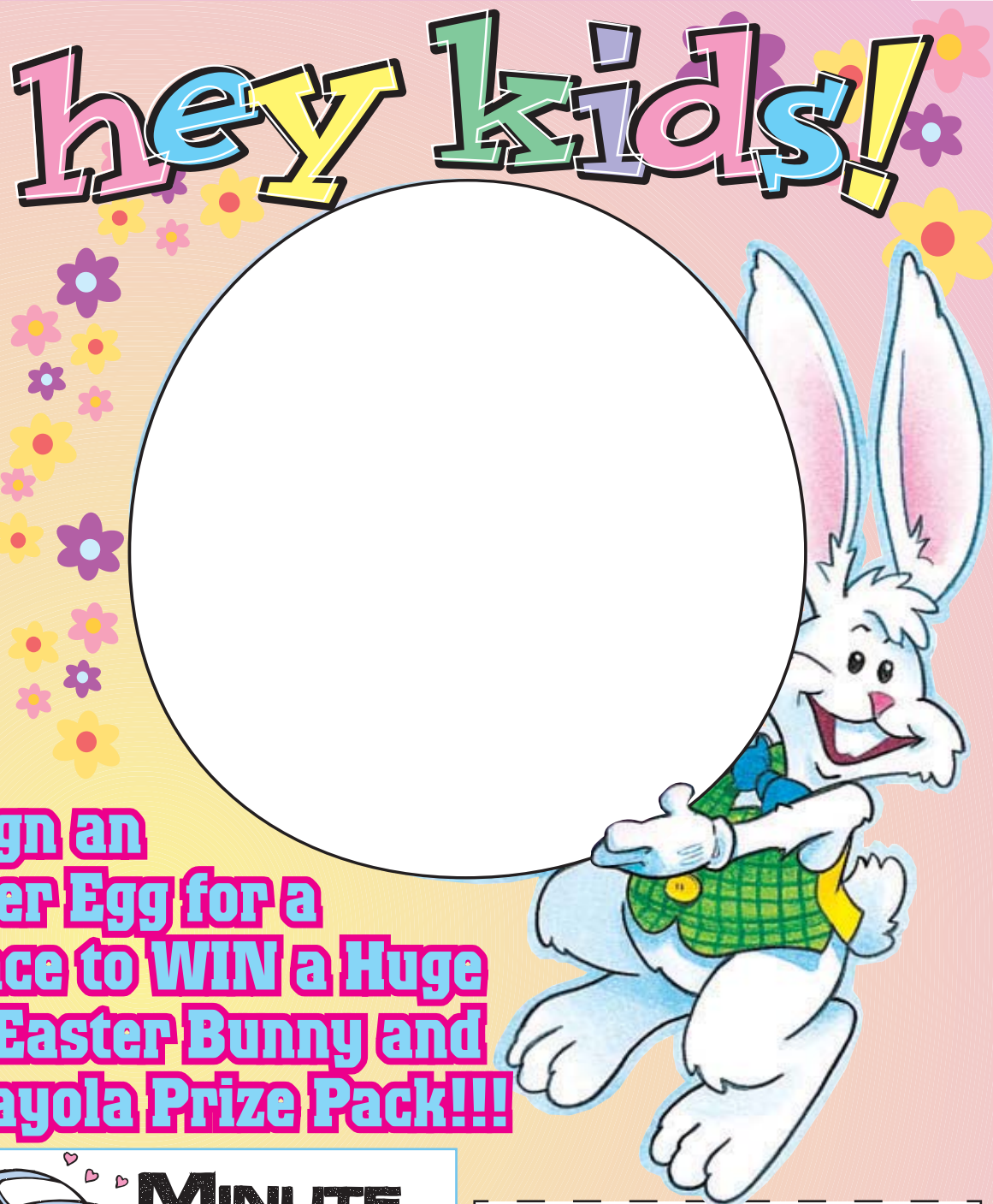
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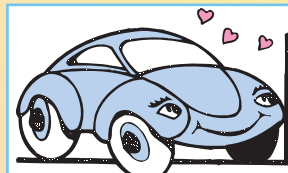
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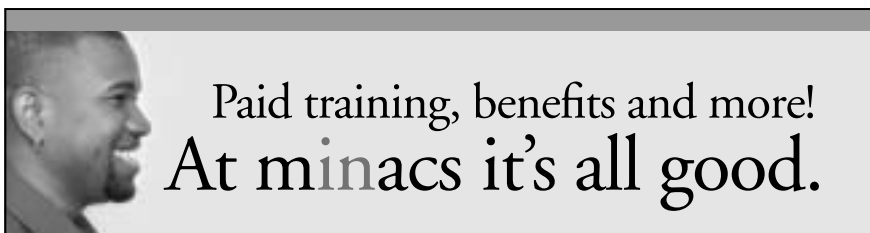
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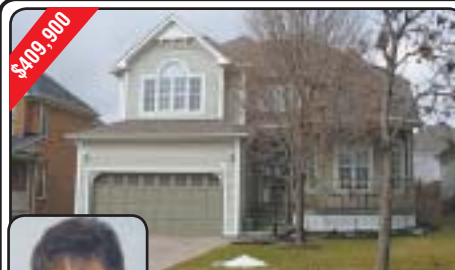
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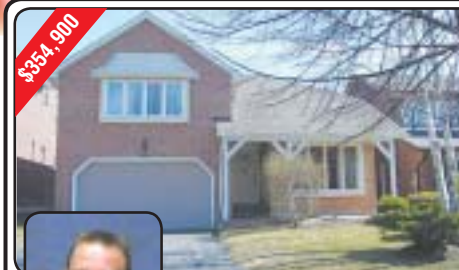
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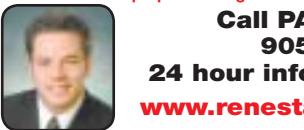


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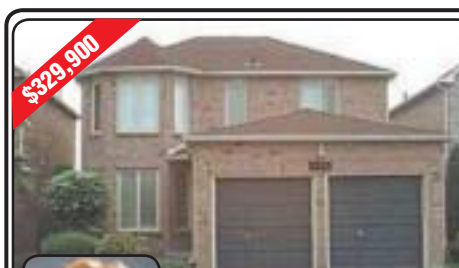
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EDMONDS-Arthur (Ret. Parts Manager Parkwood Central, Toronto; Sheridan Chev. Pickering) Passed away at Community Nursing Home, Port Perry on Wednesday March 29th, 2006 in his 88th year. Dearly loved husband of Eileen Edmonds (nee Ward) of Brooklin. Much loved father of Judi Orsi of Tottenham, Susan and her husband Peter Moore, of Brooklin and Ward Edmonds and his wife Beatrice of Huntsville. Dear Poppa of Luke(Kelly), Sebastian (Siobhan) and Kathleen. Grandfather of Sara, Emily, Danielle and Nicole. Survived by his brother Robert Edmonds of Kenora. Predeceased by brother John and his sister Molly. Private Funeral Arrangements entrusted to **MEMORIAL CHAPEL BROOKLIN**, 79 Baldwin Street Brooklin Village, Whitby. 905-655-3662. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the Diabetic Association or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family .

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256 deaths

MACLENNAN, John Angus Philip. His life was long and filled with much love and happiness. On March 27, 2006 at 6:40 a.m. Philip MacLennan entered through heaven's gates. Beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather. Philip MacLennan is much loved and will be missed dearly. His memory will be revered and his life celebrated by his wife Lillian MacLennan, three sons, Charles, William and Robert and her daughters Cheryl and Carole MacLennan. His daughter-in-law, Susanna and his grandchildren Charlie, Matthew, William, Neil and John Alec will forever cherish his memory. "Papa, you are now in God's hands. I will not mourn your passing but celebrate your life. I will see your face in every wild flower and sunset to come. Your memory lives on as each new day dawns. May the beacon from the lighthouse guide you home." The viewing took place at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village, Ajax, Ontario, L1T 2Z7, Wednesday March 29, 2006, 6pm-9pm. Funeral Service was held on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 10am at the St. Isaac Jogues Church.

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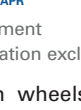


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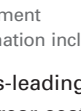
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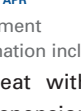


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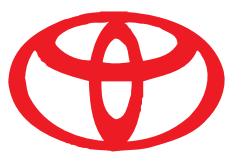
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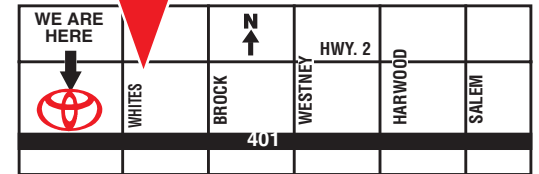
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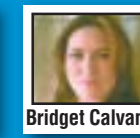
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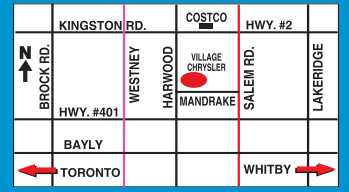


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