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**Nominate an outstanding Pickering citizen:** If you know an outstanding Pickering resident, recommend them for acknowledgement.

To commemorate the outstanding service, activities and achievements of deserving individuals and local groups, the City of Pickering is once again presenting its annual Civic Awards.

Pickering residents are encouraged to submit their nominations for the following award categories: Special Citation, Bravery-Heroism, Lifetime Achievement, Individual Volunteer, Service Group, Community Group, Amateur Sports, Youth Volunteer, Youth Leadership, Urban Design, Economic Development, Local Business and the Environment. In addition, the City has added the following new categories this year: Arts, Cultural Diversity and Access for Disability Issues.

A special selection committee will review the nominations and select the recipients for a presentation April 18 at Pickering City Hall.

Nomination forms are available at the Pickering Civic Complex, the Pickering Recreation Complex, all Pickering Public Library branches, and on the City's website, [cityofpickering.com](http://cityofpickering.com). Nominations must be submitted by Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.

[ What's on ]

**University women meet tomorrow:** Volunteering in Tanzania is the topic at the next meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

The group meets Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Kinsmen Heritage Centre, 120 Roberson Dr., Ajax.

Amy McPherson will discuss her experience volunteering in the African country.

All women over 18 are welcome to attend. There's no admission charge and refreshments will be served.

For more information, e-mail [Suzmcq@hotmail.com](mailto:Suzmcq@hotmail.com).

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## Pickering offers relief



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Jeyasri Jeyarajah from Scarborough waits for the music to start during the all-day Durham Community Tsunami Relief fundraising day at the Deer Creek Banquet Hall and Facility in Ajax. Jayasri and dozens of others performed throughout the day.

An 'outstanding' tsunami effort from Durham residents

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — In the 20 years Gordon Dyck has been involved with charitable work in Durham Region, he has never seen anything like it before.

The community services assistant with the Durham Red Cross branch said he never saw the community come together like it did to aid in tsunami relief.

"It was outstanding," he said.

The Durham Region Red Cross Branch has received \$400,000 in donations, not including any donations made by Durham residents online or over the phone. It is also getting another \$200,000 from the Durham Community Tsunami Relief effort.

The working group, made up of local business leaders, politicians and community organizations, raised the \$200,000 primarily through a bank account it had set up and a grand finale event last Saturday. In addition, the Metroland Durham Region Media Group ran a charity online auction with more than \$11,000 in proceeds going to the effort.

Ward 1 Pickering Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner, co-chaired the committee with Ward 2 Regional Councillor Bill McLean, said everything went better than he expected.

"I've never seen anything like it. When we started we said if everyone in Durham donated 50 cents we would raise \$250,000. Raising three times what we dreamt of, it speaks volumes of the heart in Durham Region," he said.

In addition to the \$200,000 raised through the account, Coun. Brenner estimates there was another \$550,000 raised by the community that went

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## Preserve landowners suing Pickering

Asking for removal of agricultural easements

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — Several landowners in the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve have banded together to sue the City of Pickering to get the agricultural easements lifted.

In an Ontario Superior Court of Justice notice of application served to the City last week, 15 landowners are suing the City based on the argument that "the Conservation Land Act does not authorize the agricultural easements registered on title to the properties."

Edward Babin, one of the lawyers representing the landowners, said the point of the action is to get the City to remove the easements. The applicants are also asking for costs.

"The application says that the statute which was relied on in this case can't apply to create an easement of this sort," he said.

It is the position of the applicants that the Conservation Land Act has no legal authority to create an agricultural easement. One can't be created under it, he said, adding the act is intended to deal with the conservation of land.

John Reble, the solicitor for Pickering, said the City is reviewing the application.

"We're examining the City's position right now but it is our understanding that (the easements) are valid," he said. "No one has challenged them up to now."

Mayor Dave Ryan's office referred questions to Mr. Reble.

Mr. Babin wouldn't comment on why his clients are bringing the application forward now, when many of them signed the easement agreements five years ago.

In 1999, the Ontario Realty Corporation began selling the properties in the agricultural preserve on behalf of the provincial government, which expropriated the land about 25 years ago.

Once the land was sold, the easement was registered on the title of the property as a condition of closing. The easements were signed by the City, the Region of Durham, the Province and the owner, with Pickering retaining the sole right to remove the easements.

When asked if the City would be

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## History is on the move at Pickering museum village

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — Their applause said it all.

The people associated with the Pickering Museum Village couldn't contain themselves when council confirmed at a recent meeting that the funding for the Pickering Museum Village program centre project would be included in the City's 2005 budget.

Pat Dunnill, president of the Pickering Museum Village Foundation,

was one of the people who showed his gratitude by applauding council.

"It's going to make a major difference so naturally people were overjoyed," he said.

There are two major projects being undertaken at the museum; the first is to move a building to the museum site in Brougham and it is to be restored, renovated and have an addition built onto it to serve as the new program centre, and then next year the Brougham Central Hotel, which had been used as the program centre,

is to be restored.

Council has approved \$547,336 for the program centre in this year's budget and the foundation is going to pay for \$250,000 of the project. The foundation started raising money for the hotel restoration, but now it has partnered with the City on both projects.

"It's something we've been working towards for a number of years," said Dave Marlowe, education and

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## Pickering teachers poised to deliver strike mandate

Board looks to Province to avert labour action

By Mike Ruta  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Two years ago Durham's public elementary teachers began work-to-rule action in schools — and it all started with a first-ever strike mandate, handed to the union in December 2002 by a 92 per cent margin.

The second is expected Feb. 7, when the local unit of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) once again polls members. Durham unit president Rachel Gencey says "certainly we expect a good strong mandate again." And with no monetary offer from the Durham Dis-

trict School Board on the table, and none expected for some time, she says labour action in Durham schools is almost a given.



Rachel Gencey

"We anticipate in March there will be a work-to-rule commencing," Ms. Gencey says.

The parties met last week with a Ministry of Labour-appointed conciliator,

agreeing to meet again for talks on Feb. 8 and in early March.

ETFO units across Ontario are holding strike votes and thus far have

given union leaders clear mandates to take any action, including a full-blown strike, to obtain their demands. ETFO members are seeking 200 minutes of preparation time per week by 2007, and expect more than the two-per cent salary increase in the first year of new contracts that the Education Ministry has asked them to accept.

But, Ms. Gencey says the province-wide campaign is about more than money and prep time. Some teachers are spending as much as three hours a day supervising students outside of regular class time, a problem she says that has become a major issue over the last two years. While the Durham board covers 90 per cent of teachers' benefit costs, she says in much, if not all of the GTA, boards cover all of the costs. Teachers are also looking for an

improvement to their dental plan.

Sally McIlveen, the board's employee services superintendent, says she hopes discussions underway between Education Ministry and union officials bear fruit, because averting labour action is at this point out of the board's hands.

"There's no solution at a local level for the key pressure points the union is demanding," she says.

She notes that the ministry funds 137 minutes of preparation time, but the board makes up the slack as local teachers receive 150 minutes. Ms. McIlveen says the board hopes the ministry and ETFO leaders can agree upon a reasonable amount of preparation time — and that the Province

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# Museum village 'looking at all sorts of new programs'

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collections officer at the museum. The new program centre is going to have a proper kitchen and space for costumes, as well as space that can be used for programs, meetings, classes or a lunchroom for schools. "We're looking at all sorts of new programs we can run," Mr. Marlowe said. "We've had so many ideas that we would like to do and we're kind of picking and choosing which ones we want to do now that we have the facilities."

Mr. Dunnill agreed everyone is looking forward to the opportunities the new centre is going to provide the museum, "The volunteers and the staff at the museum are so happy that they're getting facilities that are up-to-date," he said. "It is going to do a lot to help us put on better programs for schools and visitors."

Some of the work for the project has already begun, such as some site preparation work. Mr. Marlowe said the ideal situation would be to have everything completed by mid-June and have programs start running again in August. Next comes the Brougham Central Hotel restoration project. The City is considering putting \$250,000 in the 2006 capital budget for its share of the project, that was estimated at twice that in 2001. The foundation has been working on the project since 2000. "That building has a long history in Pickering, it goes back to the 1830s. It was a temperance hotel; we're using it to illustrate the temperance movement in Ontario," Mr. Dunnill said. Now that work has begun, he said the foundation is going to increase its fundraising efforts. "We hope to step up our campaigning this year now that people can see something is happening," he said.

# Affected area falls within Province's protected greenbelt

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defending the application, Mr. Reble replied, "We have to look at all of the material... The easements are there and one would assume we would be defending the application." If the City's growth management study were able to run its course, it is likely many of the applicants would have the easements lifted from their properties in the future as the GMS recommends development in the southern portion of the preserve where some own land. All of the preserve has been included in the Province's draft Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt, which is expected to be made law next month.

The notice of application indicates the issue will come for a hearing Feb. 7, but Mr. Reble said the City needs more time to examine the material, as well as to file its own. "I don't think it's an appropriate action... This is an action that won't cost the City a lot of money," said Mr. Reble. The applicants listed are three numbered companies, Altona Farms Inc., Ashburton Asset Group Inc., Burkholder Farms Inc., Cougs (Whites North) Ltd., Mark Steven Francis, Judith Patricia Francis, Hollinger Farms No. 1 Inc., Hollinger Farms No. 2 Inc., Brian and Geraldine Hollinger, Sylvia Anne Holloway, Madras Capital Group Inc., and Rowhampton Financial Corp.

# Another Pickering anti-airport group takes flight

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — Michael Robertson is on a mission to save the farmland of north Pickering. Mr. Robertson has started a group, Land Over Landings, in opposition to the proposed airport in north Pickering. He said right now it is really just a website ([www.landoverlandings.ca](http://www.landoverlandings.ca)) and a few like-minded people focusing on the preservation and stewardship of the land. "The land is bigger, the more I got into it I realized it is bigger than the airport," he said. Mr. Robertson is concerned with losing 11,000 acres of prime farmland if the airport is built and the remainder of the area is developed.

"There's a lot of mistakes you can make and go back to fix, but this is not one of them," he said. "Once you pave over the land, you can't go back and save it." Mr. Robertson has lived on the federal lands since before they were expropriated in 1972. The group is meeting weekly to find a way to stop that, with 24 people at the first impromptu session two weeks ago. "Our thrust is to be totally positive and non-confrontational," he said.



Michael Robertson

"We don't think of it as a fight, we think of it as a responsible citizens' action group formed to tell the government this is a dreadful idea." The first step for the group is to do a survey of the site. Mr. Robertson said they are going to compile a list of the homes that are occupied and those that are vacant. He said the group is going to work co-operatively with Voters Organized to Cancel the Airport Lands (VOCAL). "We feel there is a need for another organization to really work on the stewardship of the land and we're partners with Stephen (Frederick) and VOCAL," he said. The committee meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Brougham Hall.



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# Public board building plans for 2005/06 school fall behind

*With new facilities delayed, students will attend existing schools*

By Mike Ruta  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Things don't always work out as planned.

The Durham District School Board intended to open four schools this September, in Ajax, Oshawa and Whitby. But it took longer than expected to acquire school sites and finalize building plans, so none of them will open on time. As a result, at Monday's board meeting temporary arrangements for students were outlined for the next school year. With one exception, all of the schools are slated to open in December 2005 or early 2006.

Brooklin parents knew that the village's third public elementary school, on Selkirk Drive, wouldn't be ready for a September opening. They were concerned that students would end up attending three schools in this calendar year, but that scenario now seems unlikely.

"I'm 90 per cent sure we will not be busing students from one location to another location," Whitby schools superintendent Joe Hircock said at the meeting of the existing two schools.

"It looks as if we can organize it."

Even though not everyone is happy with the re-vamped school boundaries in the village, Winchester Public School council chairman Richard Lloyd in an interview said it's good news that students probably won't have to move from one, to another and then a third school.

"That's a huge relief," he said. "That was, bar none, the biggest flash point (amongst parents)."

Also in Whitby, the board has not purchased a site for the school to be built in the Williamsburg community. The situation was complicated by a poor soils report at one of two sites being considered. As a result, the new school is to open in September 2006 on Medland Avenue.

"The second site is the preferred site to purchase and we had it appraised and are starting negotiations to purchase it," Jack Massie, the board's facilities superintendent, said in an interview.

The delay means overcrowding relief at Captain Michael VandenBos Public School, which has almost 1,000 students, is postponed. Students who will attend the new school will be housed at VandenBos and Leslie McFarlane Public School, where an empty port-a-pak structure will be utilized. The new school's boundary is Twin Streams and Taunton roads,

in the south and north, respectively, and the west and centre branches of Lynde Creek (roughly at Coronation Road and Cochrane Street).

In Oshawa, students heading to the unnamed Park Ridge Public School, on Coldstream Drive, will detour to 10 portables until the school is completed. Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 pupils will attend Sherwood Public School, while the Grade 4-8 population will go to Pierre Elliott Trudeau Public School.

The school's catchment area, in a boundary also approved Monday night, is the area contained by Conlin Road East, Townline Road North, Taunton Road East and Harmony Road North.

"We recently awarded the tender to the general contractor... so it's going to be an early 2006 opening," Mr. Massie said.

Ajax students destined for the unnamed Nottingham Public School, on Seggar Avenue, will start the 2005/06 school year at the two Lincoln schools. The youngest of them, up to Grade 4, will go to Lincoln Alexander Public School while students in Grade 5 and older will head to Lincoln Avenue Public School.

The school's boundary is roughly the rectangle within Rossland, Westney and Taunton roads and Harwood Avenue.



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## Train story rolls in

**PICKERING** — Alison McCullough of the Pickering Public Library read a story about trains, during a recent Monday morning storytime session.

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## Board going ahead with next phase of building

*Announcement on school closures expected next week*

By Mike Ruta  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — The public school board plans to begin the process of wrapping up its third building plan in February or March.

And the timing is right, as an Education Ministry spokeswoman on Friday confirmed there would be announcements next week on school closure guidelines and renewal funding.

A ministry moratorium on school closures last year limited the board's maneuverability in crafting the first part of the plan. The board last October heard deputations from school representatives, anticipating an imminent Education Ministry announcement on capital funding and aiming to approve the second part of its system-wide school accommodation and improvement plan by the end of 2004.

Michael Barrett, chairman of the Durham District School Board, says the intention is to announce at the Feb. 7 or March 7 standing committee meeting an upcoming public meeting for more input.

"There will be more opportunities for public deputations because since (October) we've heard more schools are wanting to make public deputations," Mr. Barrett said.

In addition to requests for new schools in the Whitby Shores and Brooklin communities, trustees at the Oct. 19 public meeting heard pitches for school additions to Brock High School and French-

man's Bay Public School in Pickering. However many of the requests were for science lab and other upgrades to existing facilities.

Eight months ago, Education Ministry Gerard Kennedy vowed that the McGuinty government would rebuild Ontario's schools, outlining a \$200-million amortization fund so boards could address over \$2 billion worth of essential major repairs and renovations. The money is expected to flow in the next school year, but the announcement stated "boards will be notified of their allocations shortly." Boards have been waiting to hear more ever since.

The Durham board has a backlog of millions of dollars in school upgrades that it has not been able to get to because of inadequate provincial funding.

"We'll go forward with the accommodation plan and if the renewal dollars come we'll be starting to work on that list we've had sitting there for a while," Mr. Barrett said.

Topping that prioritized list, included in the 2004/05 budget, are science lab upgrades at Anderson Collegiate and Vocational Institute, with an estimated cost of \$800,000. In order, the next projects are lighting upgrades at Pickering and Dunbarton high schools (\$120,000), a ventilation upgrade at Duke of Edinburgh Public School (\$75,000), a wash-room upgrade at Valley View Public School (\$75,000), science lab upgrades at R.S. McLaughlin Collegiate and Vocational Institute (\$800,000) and a partial roof replacement at Uxbridge Secondary School (\$800,000).

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## Pickering helps with bidding process

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Guests from Pickering and the Ontario Secretariat will provide insight into the bidding process. The meeting is Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Gathering Place, 1920 Bayly St. in Pickering. Cost is \$25, which includes a light lunch.

For information, call Bev Browne 905-686-9153.

## Correction

**DURHAM** — The story, 'Alzheimer's hits home for Ajax man', in the News Advertiser, Jan. 26, contained two errors.

Barbara Neil has had Alzheimer's disease for 14 years and Barry Neil has been a member of the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region for nine years, six on its board of directors and three years with the board of directors for the Alzheimer Society of Ontario.

The News Advertiser regrets the error.



A.J. Groen/ News Advertiser photo

# Union rep doesn't believe teachers should 'bear brunt of government's shortfall'

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gives boards the funding it needs to offer to teachers.

Both Ms. McIlveen and Ms. Gencey agree Durham teachers obtained an excellent contract last time around, an 8.05-per cent pay increase over two years, a prep time increase from 130 to 150 minutes, a greater share of board coverage of benefit plan costs, and dental and vision plan improvements.

But Ms. Gencey says that doesn't

mean teachers should, as the Province has said, agree to take a two-per cent increase in the first year of new contracts, given the provincial deficit with which the ministry is wrestling.

"I don't know why we have to bear the brunt of the government's shortfall," she says.

"It's not fair."

She notes that other public sector employees have received more generous increases.

Ms. McIlveen hopes the next contract will also be a good one for teach-

ers, noting there's not the catching-up in terms of what other Ontario teachers receive that marked the last deal.

## How low can you go

PICKERING — The Pickering Kinsmen Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron held a recent dance-a-thon, raising more than \$2,500 for tsunami relief. Corporal Lisa Nguyen won the limbo contest at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606 in Pickering.

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## Durham relief effort only the beginning, says committee

♦ Durham from page 1

to either the Red Cross or other organizations. There was money raised by groups such as the Pickering Islamic Centre, which contributed more than \$50,000.

People came together and really made a difference, Coun. Brenner said.

"It's too bad the world couldn't function like Durham Region because it would be a better place," he said.

He also pointed out raising the money and planning the events was a group effort.

"No one person was the soul of this," he said. "It was everybody united."

Mr. Dyck, who worked with the committee

and was at Saturday's event, agreed.

"You could see there was extreme co-operation among all levels of the community," he said.

He credited the committee with helping to raise awareness about the need to help the victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami, as well as with giving people an outlet for their emotions.

"It also helped to release the feelings they had about it, their care and concern," he said.

The Red Cross is putting all donations earmarked to help those in Southeast Asia into a separate account to purchase supplies and aid,

items such as water purification systems to provide clean water, health care and hygiene kits, and shelter. It is also to be used for the long-term rebuilding of affected areas.

Coun. Brenner said the committee isn't done its work just yet. Members are considering holding an event once a year to raise money for a specific rebuilding project, such as a school or an orphanage.

"I'm very much committed to it, along with Councillor McLean and all of the organizers," he said.

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Earl has a diploma in Radio & Television Arts from Niagara College and is a graduate of the Canadian Institute of Management, where he holds the designation of P. Mgr. (Professional Manager).



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## EDITORIAL

### Investment in foreign-trained professionals a must

Board of education programs will help avoid shortages in key areas

The more the numbers seem to project out, the more certainty there seems to be — unless something changes quickly our work force will soon be taking a serious hit.

Our region, and the province and country to be more exact, is aging rapidly and the shortfalls in a number of professions are becoming more exaggerated.

To name just a few, we have a large doctors' shortage, we know we're on the verge of a skilled trades shortfall, and keeping enough nurses working here in Canada continues to be a struggle. And then there are our teachers. With an excellent pension plan in place, longtime educators have the opportunity to call it a career long before turning 65.

In fact, according to Statistics Canada, almost 11 million Canadians are 45 or older, so the tide won't be slowing anytime soon.

So what's a government to do? Well, if it's going to truly prepare us for tomorrow, more steps like the one taken last week by the Province are a must.

The Ontario government announced \$5.8 million is being distributed to 15 programs to help get foreign-trained teachers in classrooms here.

Durham is sharing in that pie, with \$77,000 going to Durham Continuing Education, an extension of the Durham District School Board, which operates three sites, two in Oshawa and the other in Pickering. DCE was picked for its innovative pilot project, Teach in Durham, that beginning this month will offer job-specific training, teacher orientation sessions, internships in local schools, and even computer training, among other topics. When all is said and done with the three-month program, the first 12 students will be prepared for application to teachers' college — one final step from being in the classroom and helping fill the increasing gap in our teacher ranks each year.

Too often in the cases of foreign trained professionals now living here, it's an extremely fine line between utilizing their full capabilities or languishing in a job they're over-qualified for. A lot of times only minimal training is needed, but starting a life in a new country can be a full-time job itself, leaving little room for anything else.

However, we cannot afford to continue ignoring this deep pool of skill and experience.

We need our federal and provincial governments to invest money in more programs like Teach in Durham, and in others that get foreign-trained professionals doing what they do best.

Without the commitment now, we'll soon be facing a miserable shortfall in many skilled areas and fields. And by then, it'll be too late to fix the problem.

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Last Week's Question: *Do you think Prime Minister Paul Martin should call an election on the issue of same-sex marriage?*

Votes cast: 420  
No: 55 %  
Yes: 45 %

## IN THE COMMUNITY



### A toast to the host

Scott Berry, on behalf of Ontario Power Generation, was recently presented a plaque of appreciation by Elias Rizk, president of the Ajax and Pickering Toastmasters. Renata Rozinger sent us this photo and explained the plaque recognized OPG's years of service provided to the club. The Toastmasters meet at the Pickering Nuclear Information Centre every week.

### Do you have a photo to share with our readers?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MP should support same-sex legislation

#### To the editor:

We are becoming concerned about the seeming groundswell of opposition to same-sex marriage.

While it may be expected, though regrettable, that certain religious groups and individuals may not agree with the concept, it is entirely unacceptable that they force their views on the rest of the population. The proposed legislation is not forcing them into same-sex unions, nor does it require their religious institutions to perform same-sex marriages.

There is nothing to indicate that they, or anyone else will, in any way, be adversely affected if two loving people of the same sex marry. Therefore, it can only be concluded that their opposition is based purely on prejudice.

This must not be the basis for legislation affecting human rights, especially the rights of those who, as a minority in our society, need its protection from this very type of prejudice. In spite of what those opposed may think, their rights will remain intact.

Let us now ensure that those rights are made available to all Canadians as guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

We ask our MP, Dan Mc-

Teague, to do the right thing. Support the same-sex marriage legislation.

**Bob and Doreen Gayton  
Pickering**

### Tsunami donation not in Region's mandate

#### To the editor:

I was surprised to read that Durham Region councillors added another \$5,000 to the already \$40,000 they had donated toward tsunami disaster relief. I'm sure some was from their own pockets, but how much of the \$45,000 was from the taxpayers' pockets?

Durham knows their mandate is to provide regional services to the taxpayers — like roads, policing, water/sewers, etc. Anything else would be a misappropriation of funds.

I wonder if they will be giving charitable donation receipts for tax purposes to all their taxpayers, seeing that they took it upon themselves to decide which causes are worthy and which causes are beyond their mandate.

Somehow, I think we won't get the tax credit, but instead we'll just pay more tax and they'll get the credit.

I already gave generously on behalf of my children, the Region should not be donating on behalf of me.

**Paul Johnston  
Pickering**

### Bravo to bylaw officer

#### To the editor:

Re: 'All apologies to all the bylaw officers,' Neil Crone, Jan. 9.

Perhaps Neil, you need to see another side of the picture about dogs — my side.

I am a real dog lover and do own one. When I am walking around town, I see many people like you with their dogs loose while they garden or talk to their neighbours.

Some of these dogs have followed me. I'm not nervous about this but I do know people who are terrified of dogs (any dog) and this must be frightening to them.

My own beef is this. My dog is in our yard, the house, or on a leash. He likes to go for a walk every day so I try to take him. Your dog is loose and when I see him, because I don't know him, I have no idea how he will react to my dog going by.

Believe me, some dogs don't react well. I do not want to be in the midst of a dog fight with my small dog getting the worst of it.

So, I dread this walk and am now confined to two blocks as so many people, like you, feel they are responsible dog owners.

I congratulate the bylaw officer and was very happy to know she was doing her job.

**Patricia Lecuyer  
Bowmanville**

## Be responsible for taking out the trash

One of the things that I've never been able to get my head around is littering.

I simply cannot comprehend the mindset of somebody who can blithely toss a pop can or a candy wrapper on the ground and think no more of it. Every time I witness it I am stunned.

And you can't even put this one down to simple laziness. It's far more malignant than that. How else do you explain a half-eaten pizza slice on the ground two feet from a waste container? No, I am convinced that most of these people have absolutely no idea that tossing their crud anywhere and everywhere is in any way inappropriate. They just do not think about it, not for an instant.

And far be it from me to draw social or class distinctions between those who litter and those who do not, but have you ever noticed that you never see bottles of Stella Artois in the ditch? Or crumpled balls of discarded PhD theses on the ground. No. Inevitably, it's pop cans, pizza plates, candy wrappers and bottles of Ex. You do the math.

And have you ever collared somebody littering? It's one of my favourite things, so I'm a bit of an expert at it. When



### Neil Crone enter laughing

you catch some moron tossing his Joe Louis wrapper on your front lawn, you get one of two responses: A) feigned ignorance and servile apologetics or B) an indignant attitude and anger.

Once almost got into a fist-fight with some stooge who had just dumped a double handful of detritus out his car window in a mall parking lot. I scooped it up and threw it back into his front seat. If my wife hadn't intervened it might've gotten very ugly. I mean, I'm sure I could've taken the guy, but it was nice to know she had my back.

In any event, this tool, like so many others, never, ever conceded in the least that he had done anything remotely wrong. There were people, he righteously informed me, who got paid to pick that stuff up. Oh right, thanks fella, I hadn't

thought of it quite that way. By not littering all these years, I had been selfishly taking work away from people, taking food away from some family's table. How insensitive of me. Using that logic, the captain of the Exxon Valdez should've gotten the Nobel prize for economics.

Finally, the one group who has, for some mysterious reason, never been taken to task for their remarkable ability to pollute the earth, are the smokers. I'm not talking about the second-hand smoke issue either. That one has been pretty much done to death, no pun intended.

I'm talking about cigarette butts. Folks, the world is not your ashtray. Suck all the tar you want into your own lungs, guys, really, knock yourselves out. But don't toss your stinking butts on the ground.

When you smoke cigarettes and then toss the waste out the window or crush it under heel on the sidewalk, you may as well be wearing a sandwich board saying, "I don't give a rat's patootie about my own health or the health of the planet... it's all about me baby!"

Neil Crone, actor, comic, writer, saves some of his best lines for his columns.

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# Courting another hoops Classic

Oakwood Barons the team to beat at this year's tournament

By Al Rivett  
Sports Editor

**PICKERING** — Mike Gordensky doesn't mince words when assessing this team's chances of getting back to the final of the 2005 News Advertiser-St. Mary Classic senior boys' basketball tournament.

"We will struggle in this tournament," the St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs coach says candidly.

Although his Monarchs have advanced to the gold-medal final in the first three editions of the tournament, this year, he says, is different.

The defending Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) champs have been inconsistent this season, in both league and tournament play. In league action, the Monarchs are 4-3, including two losses to the Pickering High Trojans. Moreover, St. Mary will be without one of its veteran starters and leaders, forward Erik Glavic. He'll be in Jacksonville, Florida representing Canada's entry in the Global Junior Football Challenge during Super Bowl week.

The host Monarchs (14-10 overall) are one of 16 teams competing at the fourth annual tournament, on par with last year's 16-team event. The event gets under way Thursday morning, with the Pine Ridge Secondary School Pumas of Pickering playing the Vaughan Secondary School Voyageurs at 9 a.m. Later that afternoon, the Monarchs play their first game against the Monsignor Percy Johnson Jaguars of Toronto at 3 p.m. Action continues Friday, culminating in the championship final at the Pickering school Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Two familiar faces, the two-time champion Pickering High School



Duane Howard will lead his St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs in the fourth annual News Advertiser-St. Mary Classic senior boys' basketball tournament, which begins at the Pickering school tomorrow (Thursday).

Trojans (17-5 overall), of Ajax, and the Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Blue Devils (10-3 overall), of Scarborough, are back for the fourth consecutive year.

In addition to the Monarchs, Trojans, and Pumas, other Durham representatives include Dunbarton of Pickering, the Notre Dame Catholic

Secondary School Cougars, of Ajax, and the G.L. Roberts CVI Lakers, of Oshawa. Other teams are York Region's Vaughan Secondary and Milliken Mills, St. Joan of Arc from Barrie, as well as Toronto schools Oakwood Collegiate, Earl Haig, Monsignor Percy Johnson, Northern Collegiate, Martingrove Collegiate,

Winston Churchill, and Laurier.

The odds-on favourite, says Gordensky, is the Oakwood Barons, a team that has been consistently ranked in the top-10 in the province since the start of the season.

"Oakwood is the number-one seed and I fully expect them to get to the final," he says.

Breaking down the brackets, Gordensky notes the Pickering Trojans should prevail in the top half of the draw. Pickering High plays rival Dunbarton High School Spartans in its first-round game Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The Spartans were a late addition to the tournament as Vaughan Road Academy was forced to withdraw due to a lack of players.

"The top bracket is tough. Any of the eight teams could make it," says Gordensky.

In the bottom half, which includes the Monarchs, Oakwood (25-4 overall) is the favourite, says Gordensky, although the Northern Secondary School Red Knights (11-5 overall), could be in the mix to advance.

"I haven't seen Northern, but I understand they're very good. They probably have the best player in the tournament in Simon Farine, a 6-foot-1-inch guard who handles the ball for them," says Gordensky, adding Farine recently signed a full athletic scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

All games are open to the public, with a nominal admission charge at the door. St. Mary is at 1918 Whites Rd

**NOTES:** Defending champion **Oakwood Lady of Mount Carmel Crusaders** of Mississauga aren't back to defend their crown this year... **Notre Dame, St. Joan of Arc, Earl Haig, Northern and G.L. Roberts** are back for their second consecutive year... **St. Joan of Arc** is the defending consolation champs, defeating the **Markham District High School Marauders** in last year's consolation game, 67-56... **First-round games, Thursday, 9 a.m. - Pine Ridge vs. Vaughan Secondary; 10:30 a.m. - Laurier vs. G.L. Roberts; noon - Notre Dame vs. St. Joan of Arc; 1:30 p.m. - Pickering High vs. Dunbarton; 3 p.m. - Msgr. Percy Johnson vs. St. Mary; 4:30 p.m. - Milliken Mills vs. Northern Secondary; 6 p.m. - Earl Haig vs. Martingrove; 7:30 p.m. - Winston Churchill vs. Oakwood...**

# Top GTA teams vie for fourth annual tournament crown

St. Mary, Notre Dame, Pickering, Dunbarton and Pine Ridge carry Ajax-Pickering hopes

**DURHAM** — Sixteen teams, loads of individual talent, but which team will put it altogether at the News Advertiser-St. Mary Classic senior boys' basketball tournament this year?

Here's a look at the teams and how they stack up:

## St. Mary CSS

City: Pickering  
Team name: Monarchs  
First-round game: vs. Msgr Percy Johnson  
Coaches: Mike Gordensky (head coach), Mark McCann (asst. coach)  
League: Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) 'AAAA'  
Record: 4-3 (league), 14-10 (overall)  
Players to watch: Guard Sean Maingot, guard Duane Howard, forward Andre Tucker, forward Chris Johnson, guard Ryan Lerma. Forward Erik Glavic won't play in the tournament due to playing for Team Canada in Jacksonville, Fla.  
Prediction: "We will be in tough this year. We have made it to the finals the past three years, but the field is much stronger this year. And, the absence of Glavic will hurt us immensely," says Gordensky.

## Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI

City: Toronto  
Team Name: Blue Devils  
First-round game: vs. G.L. Roberts  
Coach: Mike Jovanov  
League: Toronto District School Board - East Division  
Record: 10-3 (overall), 8-0 (league)  
Players to Watch: Marvell Waithe, 6'7" forward. "He runs the floor well and is a great shooter," says Jovanov. Team captain Dale James, 6'2" forward. "He's a good, solid player."  
Prediction: "Oakwood is very strong. I would like to think a final showdown would be between us and Oakwood. They'll be favoured, but hopefully we can try some things," says Jovanov.

## Dunbarton High School

City: Pickering  
Team Name: Spartans  
First-round game: vs. Pickering High School  
Coach: Jeff Maharaj  
League: LOSSA 'AAAA'  
Record: 10-8 (overall)  
Players to watch: Guard Shane Tingling,

centre Andrew Powell  
Prediction: "We're hoping to surprise Pickering. Pickering beat us pretty good the last time we played them. We hope to put together a good game and see how it goes from there," says Maharaj.

## G.L. Roberts CVI

City: Oshawa  
Team Name: Lakers  
First-round game: vs. Laurier  
Coach: John Pfeiffer  
League: LOSSA 'AA'  
Record: 16-3 (overall), won 'The Great Western Round Up' at Western Tech on Jan. 14 beating York Mills 59-51, Western Tech 84-79, and George Harvey 64-56.  
Point guard Amit Sieukumar named tournament MVP, shooting guard Tyson Etali named tournament all-star.  
Players to watch: Sieukumar, Etali.  
Prediction: "We will have to play better than we have all season to keep close," says Pfeiffer.

## Northern Secondary School

City: Toronto  
Team Name: Red Knights  
First-round game: vs. Milliken Mills  
Coach: Ehoud Farine  
League: TDSSA South  
Record: 1-2 (league), 11-5 (overall)  
Players to watch: Point guard Simon Farine, who recently signed a basketball scholarship to play for the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Farine was the MVP of the Nike All Canada Camp, and was a St. Michael's tournament all-star; guard Yannick Walcott, guard Andrew Day, 6'8" centre Andrew Pennycook and forward Shane Miller, also a St. Michael's tournament all-star.  
Prediction: "Hopefully, we'll be competitive," says Farine. "We've made the medal rounds in three of four tournaments we've participated. Hopefully, we'll have a good showing and get to the medal rounds."

## St. Joan of Arc CHS

City: Barrie  
Team name: Knights  
First-round game: vs. Notre Dame CSS  
Coach: John Grace  
League: Georgian Bay Secondary School Athletics (GBSSA)  
Record: 6-0 (league), 21-3 (overall)  
Players to watch: Centre Sebastian Kasuk, guard J.P. Amaral  
Prediction: "We had a great time last year. We played very well in the consolation finals. There are some excellent teams



there, so we hope to play our best. We'll be competing against some of the best teams in the province," says Grace.

## Monsignor Percy Johnson CSS

City: Toronto  
Team name: Jaguars  
First-round game: vs. St. Mary  
Coach: Paul Morrone (head coach), Luigi Vigilanti (assistant), Derek Akoto (manager)  
League: TDCAA West  
Record: 6-1 (league), 1-2 (tournament)  
Players to watch: Shooting guard Nana Ntim, point guard Branden Gordon  
Prediction: "Our boys will compete hard and have a point to prove to the GTA," says Morrone. "We are a young squad looking to compete with some teams outside of our conference. We are a little-known school that will advance to the championship side of the draw."

## Earl Haig SS

City: Toronto  
Team name: Haigmen  
First-round game: vs. Martingrove  
Coaches: Eric James, Laszlo Pocsai  
League: TDSB North  
Record: 8-0 (league), 15-7 (overall)  
Players to watch: Forward Peter Chapman, guard/forward Mike Thomas  
Prediction: "If we play within our system

and not get caught up in an up-tempo game, we should be fairly successful," says James.

## Winston Churchill CI

City: Toronto  
Team name: Bulldogs  
First-round game: vs. Oakwood  
Coach: Jamie Lewis  
League: TDSAA East  
Record: 7-2 (league), 13-5 (overall)  
Players to watch: Forward Joel Belgrave, forward Andrew Ellis, point guard Justin Agostini  
Prediction: "I don't know all the teams, but we hope to stay in the winners bracket," says Lewis.

## Martingrove CI

City: Toronto  
Team name: Bears  
First-round game: vs. Earl Haig  
Coaches: Shawn Gray, Donna Chambers, Matt Taylor  
League: TDSB West  
Record: 7-2 (league), 20-9 (overall)  
Players to watch: Micheal Acheampong, Daine Clarke, Mohaned Mahdi  
Prediction: "This is the only tournament we've been invited to that has a couple of top-10 teams participating. We should make it to the quarter-finals and we hope to play Oakwood at one point in the tournament," says Gray.

## Oakwood CI

City: Toronto  
Team name: Barons  
First-round game: vs. Winston Churchill  
Coaches: Jonathan Smith, Nick DeGiorgio, Branko Samsa  
League: TDSSA South  
Record: 25-4 (overall)  
Players to watch: Jonathan Moscatelli, Nathaniel Mitchell  
Prediction: "We are hoping to get as many games as possible out of this tournament leading us up to our last week of the regular season," says Smith. "As long as we play hard and together, that is all that matters."

## Pickering High School

City: Ajax  
Team name: Trojans  
First-round game: vs. Dunbarton High School  
Coaches: Ron Parfitt (head coach), Marc Picard, Kirk Salesman, Matt Matlese (assistants)  
League: LOSSA 'AAAA'  
Record: 7-0 (league), 17-5 (overall)  
Players to watch: guard Stephen Lopez (excellent penetrator and defender),

point guard Devoe Joseph (Grade 10, good shooter), guard Marcus Wong (takes the ball to the basket well).  
Prediction: "We are unpredictable," says Parfitt. "If our attitudes are good, we could win. If we complain and sulk, we could lose every game."

## Milliken Mills High School

City: Markham  
Team name: Knights  
First-round game: vs. Northern Secondary  
Coaches: Chris Skinner, Dave Brake  
League: York Region  
Record: 12-2 (league), 23-5 (overall)  
Players to watch: Point guard Jelani Matthews, shooting guard Dane Osbourne, forward Troy Harmon  
Prediction: "It seems like we have a tough draw. I think we have a good chance as long as we play our best ball," says Skinner.

## Vaughan Secondary School

City: Thornhill  
Team name: Voyageurs  
First-round game: vs. Pine Ridge SS  
Coaches: Ajay Sharma, Constantine Gymnopoulos, Lucas Hiltz  
League: York Region  
Record: 5-3 (league), 8-7 (overall)  
Players to watch: 6'7" centre Vlad Kovalevsky, guards Karl Fredericks and Muddy Trivedi and forward Dwayne Crowl  
Prediction: "We will compete in every minute of every game. We should do well," says Gymnopoulos.

## Notre Dame CSS

City: Ajax  
Team name: Cougars  
First-round game: vs. St. Joan of Arc  
Coach: Shawn O'Hare  
League: LOSSA 'AAAA'  
Record: 2-5 (league), 5-5 (overall)  
Players to watch: Forward Paul Golebiowski, guard Alex DeSilva  
Prediction: "We're just hoping to compete. We have so many injuries right now," says O'Hare.

## Pine Ridge Secondary School

City: Pickering  
Team name: Pumas  
First-round game: vs. Vaughan Secondary School  
Coach: Mark Gilkes, asst Lauren Gregory, staff sponsor Cam Nekkers  
League: LOSSA 'AAAA'  
Record: 4-6 (league), 7-6 (overall)  
Players to watch: Guard Ellis Bowen, G/F Ricardo Pearce, forward Livingston Cunningham  
Prediction: "The record doesn't reflect the calibre of the team. They could surprise some people," says Gilkes.

# Pickering Panthers keep home-ice hopes alive

Juniors take five of six points during whirlwind weekend

By Al Rivett  
Sports Editor

**PICKERING** — The Pickering Panthers are making a bold bid to assure most of their first-round playoff series games will be on home ice.

The Panthers (28-14-2-2 for 61 points) are on a mission to finish either third or fourth in the standings, thus keeping their home-ice advantage hopes alive. In a gruelling weekend of OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League action, playing three games in less than three days, the Panthers rose to the occasion, taking five out of a possible six points, including victories over the Thornhill Thunderbirds (7-1) and Markham Waxers (4-3). They dropped a disappointing 3-2 overtime loss on the road to the Aurora Tigers.

The five points enabled the Panthers to leapfrog past the Waxers (29-15-2-0 for 60 points) into fourth place in the South Conference standings. Both teams have two games remaining. The Panthers sit three points back of third-place North York Rangers, which has one game remaining.

The Panthers finish regular-season play this weekend, hosting the down-trodden Ajax Axemen at the Pickering Recreation Complex on Friday at 7:30 p.m. playing Sunday in Toronto against the St. Michael's Buzzers at 2 p.m.

Weary, but determined in Aurora on Sunday afternoon, the Panthers played the Tigers (31-12-2-1 for 65 points, first place in North Conference) to a 2-2 draw at the end of regulation time. Pickering trailed Aurora 2-0 after the first period, but got it all back in the second on goals by Andrew Dissanayake and Justin Fox. Just prior to time running out in the third period, former Panthers Jeremy Whelan hit the crossbar, while the Tigers were on the power play. In the five-minute overtime, Aurora's Josh Diamond scored in the dying seconds.

Against Markham on home ice Saturday night, Panthers' head coach John Winder says his club held no illusions as to the importance of the contest.

"It was interesting. I had a talk with them on Saturday night telling them how important home ice would be," he said. "It didn't take a statistical genius to figure out that we had to beat Markham. I turned around and there on the notice board they had written the remaining games and the point totals up on the board. They were well aware of what they had to do, and they did exactly that."

After opening up a 3-0 lead early in the third period, Winder notes his team started to flounder with "stupid" penalties allowing Markham to score twice on the power play and put a scare into his squad. Fortunately, they were able to gather themselves and keep the game from getting out of hand.

"At the beginning of the third we had a little bit of a setback. They started to come on and we were on our heels because of some penalty trouble. But, the boys said to themselves, 'we're not going to lose' and they stepped it back up again," explains Winder.

The Panthers' rookie corps came to the fore, with Greg Riggs and Stefan Carnegie chipping in goals. The winner, came off the stick of defenceman Mike Rapson late in the third. Derek Lynden also scored. Ryan Daniels stopped 44 shots to earn the victory.

The Pickering juniors opened the weekend on home ice Friday night, throttling the Thornhill Thunderbirds,



Pickering Panthers' Greg Riggs is cross-checked by Thornhill Thunderbirds' goaltender Kyle Howe during OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League action in Pickering on Friday night. Panthers won 7-1.

as seven different players counted goals. After a scoreless first period, the Panthers struck for three in the second and four more in the third. John Soames, Dissanayake, Carnegie, Lynden, Kyle Roulston, Scrymgeour and Aaron Zimmer scored. Dissanayake added two assists, while Daniels was almost perfect, stopping 24 shots.

The Panthers enjoyed the weekend success despite some notable absences from the lineup, including leading scorer Phil McIlhorne, who's out indefinitely with a broken clavicle, John Scrymgeour, who was out Saturday and Sunday with a severe charley horse, and Cody Smith, who's also out due to injury.

The absences enabled rookies Mark Cornacchia, Riggs, Chris Chappell, Joel Lenius and newcomer Carnegie to play bigger roles in the offence, and they were equal to the challenge.

"They're all playing like veterans and are fast becoming my go-to guys," says Winder. "These guys are taking the opportunities presented to them."

The Panthers have also rode the solid goaltending of Daniels, who started in the wins over Thornhill and Markham and relieved Bryan Schermele in the first period of Sunday's game.

"He has definitely become our number-one goaltender," says Winder. "He's playing with a lot of confidence and the boys are playing with a lot of confidence around him."

As for the injury front, Winder explains there is a glimmer of hope that some of his players in sick bay could be returning soon, most notably Scrymgeour and Smith. If the Panthers go deep into the playoffs, there's a possibility McIlhorne could return. As for veteran forward Richard Schofield, who's been out since early in the season with post-concussion syndrome, he's making overtures that he could resume playing in the post-season.

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**GAME SUMMARIES**  
**SUNDAY, JAN. 30**  
**PICKERING 2 AT AURORA-3 (OT)**  
**FIRST PERIOD**  
1. 5:17 Aurora - Jake Anderson (Wes Ewer, Curtis Yikens)  
2. 14:25 Aurora - Chad Kennedy (Josh McNair, Jeremy Whelan)  
Penalties: Jeff Birr PKR (hooking) 3:11, Justin Fox PKR (slashing) 17:14, Brett Connolly PKR (fighting major, game misconduct) 17:14, Josh Diamond AUR (slashing) 17:14, Clay Costoff AUR (fighting major, game misconduct) 17:14,

Danny Sullivan PKR (roughing after whistle) 18:48, Sean Thompson AUR (roughing after whistle) 18:48.  
**SECOND PERIOD**  
3. 8:08 Pickering - Andrew Dissanayake (Danny Sullivan, Derek Lynden)  
4. 17:43 Pickering - Justin Fox (Joel Lenius, Kyle Roulston)  
Penalties: Michael Banwell PKR (interference) 0:29, Mark Cornacchia PKR (holding) 4:09, Andrew Jakubaitus AUR (roughing) 9:53, Wes Ewer AUR (holding, roughing) 13:40, Tom Caravaggio AUR (fighting major, game misconduct)

13:40, Joel Lenius PKR (roughing) 13:40, Aaron Zimmer PKR (fighting major, game misconduct) 13:40, Sam Skwarchuk AUR (high sticking) 14:44.  
**THIRD PERIOD**  
No scoring.  
Penalties: Danny Sullivan PKR (slashing) 9:05, Josh McNair AUR (slashing, roughing after whistle) 9:05, Josh Diamond AUR (cross checking) 11:43, Michael Tuomi AUR (roughing) 14:16, Danny Sullivan PKR (interference) 18:02.  
**OVERTIME**  
5. 4:28 Aurora - Josh Diamond  
**Goaltenders**  
PKR - Bryan Schermele: 6/2, -/-, -/- = 6 saves (8 shots)  
PKR - Ryan Daniels: 6/0, 10/0, 14/0, 5/1 = 35 saves (36 shots) [14:25 1st Period]  
AUR - Ryan Dickie: 3/0, 17/2, 6/0, 2/0 = 28 saves (30 shots)

**SATURDAY, JAN. 29**  
**MARKHAM 3 AT PICKERING 4**

**FIRST PERIOD**  
No Scoring.  
Penalties: Jeff Birr PKR (kneeing) 0:41, James Gaulrapp MKM (high sticking) 5:12, Shareef Labreche MKM (slashing) 7:43, Bench MKM (unsportsmanlike conduct) 7:43.

**SECOND PERIOD**  
1. 14:36 Pickering - Greg Riggs (Chris Chappell, Mark Cornacchia)  
2. 15:56 Pickering - Stefan Carnegie (Joel Lenius, Danny Sullivan)  
Penalties: Kyle Roulston PKR (holding) 1:20, James Gaulrapp MKM (tripping) 3:56, Nathan Morris MKM (roughing after whistle) 5:08, Brett Connolly PKR (roughing after whistle) 6:31, Stefan Carnegie PKR (high sticking) 11:08.

**THIRD PERIOD**  
3. 2:16 Pickering - Derek Lynden (Brett Connolly, Andrew Dissanayake)  
4. 6:57 Markham - Brett Molnar (James Gaulrapp, Nathaniel Brooks) 2PP  
5. 8:03 Markham - David Kostuch (Joel Gaulrapp, James Gaulrapp) PP  
6. 12:35 Pickering - Mike Rapson (Derek Lynden, Aaron Zimmer)  
7. 17:22 Markham - James Gaulrapp (Joel Gaulrapp)

Penalties: Michael Banwell PKR (high sticking) 5:08, Joel Gaulrapp MKM (high sticking) 5:08, Mike Rapson PKR (roughing after whistle, rough after whistle) 6:17, Riley Hill MKM (roughing after whistle) 6:17, Derek Lynden PKR (high sticking) 6:41, Mark Cornacchia PKR (fighting major, game misconduct) 9:10, Riley Hill MKM (fighting major, game misconduct) 9:10, Brandon Rubeo MKM (slashing) 13:23.  
**Goaltenders**  
MKM - Jeff Fisher: 8/0, 16/2, 7/2 = 31 saves (35 shots)  
PKR - Ryan Daniels: 13/0, 12/0, 19/3 = 44 saves (47 shots)

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We are seeking individuals who are interested in contributing their skills and experience to the Board of Directors. We would ask that you respond in writing highlighting your qualifications for this role as well as how your expertise may benefit The Denise House. Our goal is to have a Board of Directors that reflects the diversity of our community including those who have used our services.

Successful candidates will be required to undergo a Criminal Reference Check.

Please submit your qualifications on or before February 12, 2005. While we thank all who are interested, only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

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Please forward resume before 5:00 pm  
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Port Perry Star  
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Dated at Whitby, Ontario, this 20th day of January, 2005

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# Robbie Burns celebrated at Annandale bonspiel

Hart cashes in at Canadian Open, ready to compete at KIA Cup in Whitby Feb. 7

By Jim Easson  
Special to the News Advertiser

**AJAX** — Haggis and curling went hand-in-hand at the Annandale Curling Club on Saturday.

The annual Robbie Burns Bonspiel attracted a full draw of 128 curlers at the Ajax club. And, the bonspiel again featured all the traditional pomp and ceremony, including the players following the piper onto the ice for their first draw.

The day included the piping in of

haggis by Arthur McCrorie, followed by a dinner, dance and prizes.

Two games of six ends each were played by each team, and each end had a different rule to follow. The high-point winning teams of Tom Clancy, Al Waters, and Lynda Pellow were afforded bragging rights only.

Pellow convened the event again this year.

The feat of scoring an eight ender is rare. One was accomplished, however, during Annandale Monday Ladies' League play on Jan. 24 with Sharon Leung skipping the team of Cindy Farner, Jo Itenson, and Shelly Pankhurst.

The Ontario Curling Association will recognize the event with a pin for each

of them to mark the occasion.

Pickering resident and Olympian Richard Hart was back on the money trail on the weekend. Curling with Glenn Howard of Coldwater, the team made it to the semifinals for the World Curling Tour 2005 Canadian Open in Winnipeg.

They collected another \$12,000 for their showing, and bring their WCT Money season winning listing to \$84,651.

The Howard rink heads to Whitby for the KIA Cup from Feb. 7 to 13 to compete for the Ontario Men's Curling Championship.

The champions there will advance to the Tim Hortons Brier in Edmonton from March 5 to 13.

# Injuries slow Durham West bantams at Cambridge Roadrunners tournament

Short-staffed house leaguers lose to London in championship final

**DURHAM** — Injuries took their toll on the Durham West Lightning Bay Cycle bantam girls' house league squad in its pursuit of the championship at the recent Cambridge Roadrunners Tournament.

A strong run to the final ended in disappointment with two injuries putting a short-staffed Durham West squad in the hole against a strong London team. Several late-game goals lifted London past Durham West 4-1, although the Lightning battled gamely to the end.

Sam Soubasis, the team's strongest two-way player with a plus-six rating throughout the tournament, was a force

again in the final.

In the semifinal, Durham West outplayed, outshot and, in the end, outscored Oakville en route to a convincing 3-0 victory. Reported scorers were Sam Cretto and Kelly Baumann. Durham West outshot Oakville by a wide 17-3 margin. Robyn Garvey and Erin Macina supplied strong defensive games, assisting goaltender Chantelle Caissie in posting her second shutout of the tournament.

Durham West opened tournament play by blanking Stoney Creek 3-0. Ashley Gaudet led the way with two goals and an assist. Caissie earned the shutout. Playing the host Cambridge Roadrunners in Game 2, Durham West continued their solid play with a decisive 5-1 victory.

Sam Peroff started the ball rolling with an early marker. Shannon McCar-

roll had a strong game with two goals and an assist. Kristin Clarke supplied a strong two-way effort, scoring a goal in the process. Erica Savoie earned an assist.

Durham West played Ripley, a small community in southwestern Ontario, near Lake Huron, in Game 3. With the score tied at 1-1 with less than two minutes remaining, Ripley was whistled for a penalty.

Durham West took full advantage of the man advantage as Sarah Muto scored the game winner to keep her team undefeated in preliminary play. Assisting on Muto's marker were linemates Julianna Musclow and Ashlee Ploughman.

Caissie posted a .910 save percentage in the five tournament games.

Claude Musclow, Andrew Watts, Sara Muto and Paul Caissie coach the team.

# Collingwood ski trip to benefit cancer centre

**DURHAM** — If you'd rather ski on snow than shovel it, then the Durham Ski for Hearth Place in Collingwood is the place to be Feb. 9.

The 11th annual Durham Ski for Hearth Place will occur at the private resort Craigeleith in Collingwood. Participants will leave at 7 a.m. from the Oshawa Golf Club and travel by bus to Craigeleith, and registration includes transportation, a continental breakfast,

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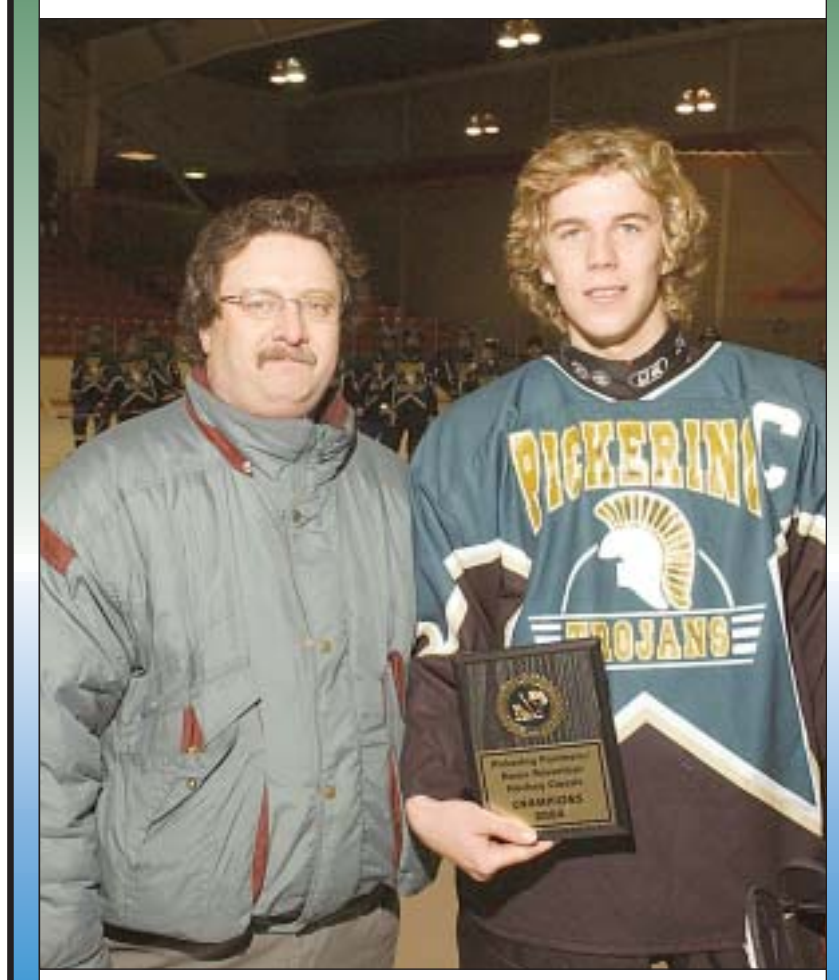
Buses will arrive back in Oshawa at approximately 9 p.m. Tickets are \$125 each, with the skiing and camaraderie helping to raise funds for Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre located at 86 Colborne St. W. in Oshawa. The centre offers one-to-one peer support and a variety of both peer and professionally

facilitated group formats. An ongoing lecture series also provides information and resources for patients, and ongoing programs teach coping strategies such as yoga, tai chi, relaxation and visualization, art therapy, and keeping a journal.

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Ian Zwicker is tested by his demons during a dream sequence in 'On The Edge' at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School. Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo

## St. Mary living life On The Edge

By Joshua May  
Special to the News Advertiser

**PICKERING** — The inner-most thoughts of St. Mary Catholic Secondary School students are on display for all to see next month.

Senior drama students are conducting this year's Grade 12 Drama Showcase, 'On The Edge,' on Feb. 9 and 10. A collection of scenes, one act-plays and student-written pieces, Cathie McDavid, curriculum chairwoman of fine arts for St. Mary and the show director, describes the play as a montage of mind-altering questions.

"This will be a show to remember," said Ms. McDavid. "The students involved feel a lot of ownership to the play for it is their own creation. They have become more than just actors (working on this show), they are artists now."

An amalgamation of eight separate

scripts, including professional and amateur pieces of work, the drama students involved in 'On The Edge' have become extremely entangled in the production process, says Ms. McDavid.

Converting the school's cafetorium into an integral part of the show, the event proves to be an interactive night for participants, involving mature themes and unconventional philosophies.

"It is an extremely unique play," said Ms. McDavid. "The process has really tapped into the conceptuality of our students. It forces them to think creatively and honestly about extreme taboos in our society."

Although Ms. McDavid is very proud of the work, she warns parents that many of the issues discussed throughout the show are quite mature and may not be suitable for younger children.

"All are invited to attend (the play)," said Ms. McDavid. "However, it must be understood that this is an adult show and we are taking things quite professionally. You're looking into a student's mind when you see a piece like this."

Tickets are \$5 and are on sale Feb. 3, 4, 7 to 10, during all three lunches at St. Mary, or at the door.

## A little blues to boost tsunami relief effort

United Church raising money with concert

**AJAX** — Pickering Village United Church is having a fundraising concert featuring the blues of Bonnie and Friends.

The church promises an evening of folk and blues music Friday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in support of the United Church of Canada's tsunami relief fund.

The night features the 'Chrome Dobro' of Bonnie Henderson and her

Cajun folk and delta blues songs, the folk and blues of Joanne Shaw, and Canada's original singing policeman, Meredith Cutting, with his six- and 12-string guitars to compliment his exceptionally deep and melodious voice.

The show also features the local talent of Ernie Mee on bass and David Kai on the piano, assisting in the pre-concert and grand finale.

The church is at 300 Church St. N. in Ajax. For more information, call 905-683-4721 or e-mail pvuc@pvuc.ca or visit www.pvuc.ca.

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# A diverse show of diversity

By Joshua May  
Special to the News Advertiser

**AJAX** — Diversity is the key at the Durham West Arts Centre.

In its new exhibit 'Common Threads: A Show of Diversity', the centre is displaying a collection of cultural works from varying Durham artists. Throughout February, adults and children alike can visit the gala to examine the more than 50 pieces of artistic compositions.

"These works are extremely important for they display the diversity of our community," said April Polak, curator of the exhibit. "No matter what your ethnic background, all the pieces featured carry a common thread that pulls us together."

Featuring notable works by local artists such as Dorsey James, Wayne Headley, Cheryl Rock and Sudharshan Deshmukh, the gala also features the works of 10 students from Alexander Graham Bell Public School in Ajax, as part of the Copper Relief project. A collection of the students' interpretive experiences from in and around the Duffins Creek area, the undertaking is a part of travelling artist Wendy Wallace's project with the Ontario Arts Council.

"(This exhibit) gives these youngsters a stage for their artwork that, other than in their schools, would normally not be available for public viewing," said Ms. Polak. "We have everything on display here from copper foil works to oil paintings to sculptures and more. It's quite a diverse show, not only in the artists who created the pieces, but in the mediums as well."

Schools are encouraged to tour the facility as many works will feature themes associated with the upcoming



A.J. Groen/ News Advertiser photo Show curator April Polak and Dorsey James, one of many artists in 'Common Threads: A Show of Diversity' show off James's sculpture 'Eden Seed'.

Black History Month. The Durham West Arts Centre can accommodate up to 35 students at a time for both an informative lecture and tour of the gala. The program is suggested for Grade 5 to 12 students and a study sheet will be made available. In addition to schools, the general public is invited.

Common Threads: A Show of Diversity runs Feb. 4 to 28 at the Durham West Arts Centre in Pickering Village, 72B Old Kingston Rd. The cost is \$3. For more information, call 905-686-7697 or visit [www.dwac.ca](http://www.dwac.ca).

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