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Uncertainty
ends for city
studentsPublic board's busing
policy approvedBy Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Thirteen months after it was approved and following a lengthy review sparked by public outcry, the public school board has finalized its busing policy.

While minor amendments proposed in February are now in the transportation policy, such as a change in measuring walking distance, items that were not written into the document are surplus seating and busing for out-of-area students.

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So CLOSE, YET SO FAR



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AJAX — St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs' Jamie Molony eats dirt and is tagged out on the play by Dan Miched during Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics varsity boys' baseball action Tuesday at the Ajax Sportsplex. The Pickering school split a doubleheader with Miched and the Ajax High School Rams. St. Mary recorded a 14-12 win, while Ajax came out on top in an 11-6 decision.

A little vote of confidence

Liberals stave off
election with key
budget victoryBy Chris Hall
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The passing of the 2005 federal budget and its controversial amendment Thursday evening in Ottawa was "a huge vote" of support for municipalities

of all sizes across the nation, says Roger Anderson.

"I can't emphasize enough how important to Ontario's municipalities and Durham Region that vote was," said the Durham Region chairman, minutes after Paul Martin's fragile minority Liberal government clung to life, thanks to a 153-152 victory in favour of Bill C-48. The original budget was passed 250-54, however there was plenty of suspense over whether

the amendments brokered by Prime Minister Paul Martin to gain the support of the NDP would pass. The defeat of either bill would have been viewed as a non-confidence vote and toppled the government.

Mr. Anderson had stressed over and over again that the federal budget must pass in order for municipalities across Canada to receive much-needed additional revenues through federal

gas taxes. He noted in the past that he didn't care if an election was called — only that the budget document was given a stamp of approval to assure the new funds.

"I'm very pleased that the budget passed," said Mr. Anderson, who also serves as chairman of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). He added that he plans to be busy this weekend

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Senator visits Pickering church and talks about hot-button issue

By Jason Chamberlain
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Anne Cools tackled accountability and same-sex marriage in a visit to Pickering on the weekend.

The Canadian senator was the guest of the Faith at Work Marketplace and Ministry Network group, which meets three times a year at Pickering Pentecostal Church giving Christian business people a chance to meet and exchange ideas, support, and expand their client base.

In her speech, Ms. Cools tackled the thorny subject of gay and lesbian marriages, affirming her position of preserving marriage as a bond between a man and a woman, and cautioned attendees against considering the issue one of privacy.

"This isn't about privacy, marriage is a public act," she said. "Marriage is an institution that looks after future generations. It is not a right, it's a grand privilege, a sacrament of the church."

Ms. Cools is passionate about the issue. "Divorce and marriage are two big issues for me," she said. "I've been working very hard on this issue all across the country."

The senator also urged the attendees to stand up for their rights and contact local representatives to make sure they are doing their jobs properly.

"I hope they take away an understanding that a citizens' government is supposed to represent them, and as citizens they have a duty to keep an oversight on government because governments don't do this on their own."

"We are now in an era where governments quite often are opposed to the population, and the people have a duty to be vigilant."

Each meeting of the faith group includes a guest speaker and organizer Bev Browne was thrilled to welcome Ms. Cools.

"It's a privilege to have her," said Ms. Browne. "She usually talks to hundreds of thousands of people, not a group of 30 like us, and we're not that significant, there are no heads of state here."

"She cares about people a lot. She's strong, passionate, and warm. She's not afraid of sharing her beliefs."

Ms. Cools was happy to meet with the group.

"I feel strongly about supporting church groups like this," she said. "I've always believed that my job is to serve people and support people."

While some people in the public eye may not welcome making such public appearances, Ms. Cools weighs every opportunity carefully. "Some people will only speak to X number of people, but I rely on the individual who's calling, what they say the group is trying to do. It's my way as a person in public life to support these people, who are doing volunteer work."



Anne Cools

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Pickering woman recalls terror of home invasion

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A gun to her head, a Pickering woman offered up her bank cards to three masked men who forced their way into her home, a jury heard Tuesday.

Ingrid Andrejsons said she was desperate to placate the men, who she said were contemplating shooting her 20-year-old son during a home invasion robbery in June of 2000.

"Maybe we should shoot him. Maybe we should shoot him in the leg," Ms. Andrejsons quoted the thieves as saying during testimony in Superior Court in Whitby.

"I (heard) my son being beaten by one or both of the individuals there."

Ms. Andrejsons told a jury about the terrifying ordeal as testimony continued in the trial of Cosmo Jacobson, the former Pickering man charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Roy Jones of Ajax.

It is the Crown's theory that Mr. Jones, a security guard at the Metro East Trade Centre, saw Mr. Jacobson make ATM withdrawals on bank cards stolen during the robbery at the Andrejsons home on June 16, 2000.

The Crown contends Mr. Jacobson shot and killed Mr. Jones on Feb. 4, 2001, outside his Ajax home to prevent him from testifying at a preliminary hearing scheduled just a few days later.

Mr. Jacobson has pleaded guilty to participating in the home invasion, and admits culpability in Mr. Jones's death. But he denies killing the 28-year-old Mr. Jones, or plotting in advance to carry out the execution.

Ms. Andrejsons told the jury she was at her Major Oaks Road home around noon the day of the robbery when she answered a knock at the door to find three young men asking

for her son. She invited them in, and was surprised when they slipped on bandanas to cover their faces and drew guns.

"I felt somebody come up behind me. I felt a gun go up to my left temple and whoever was behind told me to go down on my knees," Ms. Andrejsons said.

"I was on my knees with my head down and a gun to my head," she said under questioning by Crown counsel Paul Murray.

"(The gun) was kept to my temple the entire duration of the incident, until they left my house."

The bandits were after drugs and money, the jury heard. They became angry when Ms. Andrejsons's son

handed over only a small amount of dope, she told the jury.

Desperate to keep the men from hurting her son, Ms. Andrejsons handed over debit and credit cards, along with PIN numbers. Those

cards were used shortly after the robbery to withdraw \$800 from a bank machine at the mall where Mr. Jones worked as a security guard, the jury heard.

Under questioning by Durham

Regional Police Mr. Jones identified Mr. Jacobson, whom he knew from high school days in Pickering, as the man who had used the ATM, court heard.

The trial continues.

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Vote gives needed 'recognition' to municipalities, says Anderson

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setting up meetings with federal officials "to proceed as quickly as possible to get those gas-tax revenues flowing."

"If there was ever an opportunity to make something happen for Ontario municipalities and every province and territory, the passing of this budget was it," he said.

"This budget recognizes, finally, the significant role municipalities play in the quality of life and economy of our nation."

"It was a huge vote."

In order to garner support for the initial budget — the Tories and Bloc Quebecois originally pledged to form a partnership to oppose the budget and, subsequently, topple the Liberals — Mr. Martin forged an alliance with NDP Leader Jack Layton.

However, to gain the support of the 19 NDP MPs, Mr. Layton forced the prime minister to tack an additional \$4.6 billion onto the 2005 budget, changes that included new spending on housing and the environment and delays to a series of corporate tax cuts.

The Conservative-Bloc partnership opposed the amendments on the basis that the deal would put the nation further in debt.

However, after weeks of tell-all headlines from the Gomery Inquiry into the Liberals' involvement in the Quebec sponsorship scandal, followed by polls showing the Grits' fall and subsequent rise in the public's

eyes, Mr. Martin has managed to hold off an election until at least later this year or early 2006.

There was plenty of speculation of how the numbers would shake out — both the Liberal-NDP alliance and the Conservative-Bloc partnership had an equal number of votes heading into Thursday's vote, leaving the fate of the government in the hands of independents. There were also many headlines

regarding the defection of high-profile Newmarket-Aurora MP Belinda Stronach to the Liberals from the Conservative party and the health of MPs.

Thursday's vote on the original budget document ended 250-54, in favour in Bill C-43.



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NEWS ADVERTISER

Trustees voting for new busing policy say it's clearer than the old model

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lings of students in programs such as French immersion. At Monday's board meeting, trustees approved the policy in a 9-2 vote, with board chairman Michael Barrett and Uxbridge-Brock Trustee Gordon Baxster not lending their support.

"I believe that transportation can be a great equalizer in trying to ensure that students have equal access to all programs, to all educational opportunities across the board," Trustee Barrett said in an interview. "I don't think transportation should be restrictive, it should be all encompassing."

For a single parent who has two children, one of whom wants access to a special program at a non-home school, for example, he said the policy means two different schools and two bell times, placing a heavy bur-

den on such a parent. That parent might not choose a program with no bus ride for both kids.

However most trustees said the policy is clearer than its predecessor, where access to busing through surplus seating was a hit-and-miss proposition.

Oshawa Trustee Kathleen Hopper said transportation is always "a contentious issue."

Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford emphasized each issue raised by the public was thoroughly analyzed by trustees at several meetings.

"It was discussed, it was debated and it was voted upon," he said, adding "the outcome may not be as everyone would have wanted it."

In approving the policy last year, staff and trustees argued that the move to a busing consortium with the Durham Catholic board prompted the elimination of, for example,

surplus seating. The rationale drew public criticism however, and a pending government funding cut was then cited as the main reason. But parents and even Education Minister Gerard Kennedy argued the board received more transportation funding in the previous gov-

ernment budget, and the minister said the board shouldn't make cuts based on a draft provincial model.

Business superintendent Ed Hodgins, at Monday's meeting, said the two Durham boards are in discussions on a governance structure for the consortium, approved in

principle by both boards. He expects more bus sharing to occur in Ajax this coming school year. "We have not made as much progress as we had hoped this year," he said.

The board also approved a motion that the existing appeal process be spelled out in the procedure.

TIMEline

2004

Skirting procedure, trustees approve a new transportation policy. Surplus seats and out-of-area sibling riders are off the bus, while parents who use day care are given the opportunity of having children picked up and dropped off at two different addresses.

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Parents, generally caught off-guard two months previous, are becoming aware of the new policy. They inundate trustees with phone calls and slam the board at public meetings for what they say is a lack of public input. Trustee support for the new policy teeters, with at least two calling for a public meeting. Trustees vote 5-4 to reopen the policy, but as two-thirds is required, the policy stands.

2005

Trustees propose several amendments, but not reinstating surplus seating. The method of measuring distance for bus eligibility would revert to the former, home driveway starting point, and students could receive bus for safety reasons and if parents have joint legal custody of a student.

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In a 9-2 vote, the amendments proposed in February are added to the policy. Surplus seating and other cuts made over a year ago are not reinstated.

The period for public input on the amendments and entire policy ends. Just two school councils, four individuals and three organizations, including Canadian Parents for French, send submissions.

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EDITORIAL

No June election as Liberals survive

Stronach, independents save government

Thanks to a big assist from Belinda Stronach and the help of an independent MP or two, the Liberal government has managed to survive — for now.

After Conservative leader Stephen Harper pledged his party would support the original budget — minus the \$4.6 billion in promises by Prime Minister Paul Martin to NDP leader Jack Layton — you could hear a sigh of relief in every municipal council across the land.

That means, no matter what happens over the next few months, the promised gas tax money will flow to cash-starved municipalities that need every penny for ballooning transit and road costs. Regional chairman Roger Anderson and councils around the region can rest easy knowing the cheque is in the mail.

It also means those pricey promises Mr. Martin made to Mr. Layton will be kept as will the multi-billion-dollar Atlantic Accord pressed for by a pair of Conservative MPs and Newfoundland Premier Danny Williams.

So, what now?

Well, the situation, as they say, is fluid. A byelection to replace a deceased Liberal MP will take place in Newfoundland on May 24. There could be more floor-crossers in the wake of Ms. Stronach's surprising move on Monday and, depending on how the numbers stack up, there may well be more non-confidence votes.

One thing remains certain: Short of further dramatics in the Commons, we will have a winter-time federal election, the first in 26 years. The Gomery Inquiry report is scheduled to be delivered in December. If Judge Gomery meets his deadline, the prime minister has given his word he will call an election within 30 days. That means candidates will have to find a way to pound their signs into frozen ground, go door-to-door in mid-afternoon and brave snow, ice and the cold. Not much fun, but Mr. Martin has made a pledge he must keep.

Canadians, in poll after poll, said they didn't want an election this spring, and now they have their wish. The drama in Ottawa continues for now with a budget finally passed and government, at least until the fall, likely secure.

Stay tuned.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gas prices are ludicrous

To the editor:

I am astonished at the level gas prices have reached. It is ludicrous to see the price skyrocket, and yet the companies still continue to raise the price.

It is a big game for all of these oil companies. It is not even as if the gas consumers have a chance to figure the game out. The price may change anywhere from two to five times in a single day. It is mind boggling to see when the price does change there is no consistency.

The price may fluctuate anywhere from 0.02 cents to 0.7. Working as a gas attendant at a local gas station I have the chance to witness all of this madness first hand. It amazes me that people can barely afford to drive as often as they do.

Being a teenager with two part-time jobs who owns her own car, it is extremely difficult to be able to afford gas weekly. At the rate prices are going people are going to be forced to find different ways of transportation.

Something needs to be done to help struggling people such as myself. Something needs to be done soon.

Nicole Florio, Pickering



Pickering's high cost council

It pays to be a Pickering councillor.

Or at least that's the conclusion one could draw from a report released last week. It showed Pickering taxpayers forked out nearly \$330,000 for items such as salaries, expenses and travel for the City's mayor and six councillors.

Meanwhile their counterparts, the mayor and six councillors to the east, cost their taxpayers just \$246,912.67.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson expensed the most again in 2004, increasing on the year previous by a few hundred dollars to come in at \$20,134. Compare this to the highest spending councillor in Ajax, Councillor Joe Dickson, who had about \$4,500 in expenses; only one Pickering councillor — Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles — expensed less than Mr. Dickson, not counting Ward 2 City Councillor Doug Dicker-son who won the seat in a byelection in November.

There is a cost to being a councillor — dinner or lunch meetings, mileage from travelling throughout their ward, or meetings and conferences — but if another council can do it for so much less, why can't Pickering councillors reign in the spending?

Meals are a costly item in Pickering whereas in Ajax, director of finance Rob Ford said "there is a very limited budget for that" and "it is hardly used."

Pickering's combined meals expenses: \$18,742. That's a lot of food, even when you take into account Mayor Dave Ryan's \$7,420 included items such as hosting the Chinese delegation that visited the City to foster business ties.

And it's great to be able to reach councillors by cellphone or have them sending messages on their blackberry during meetings, but that convenience cost \$22,382 last year. Ajax councillors communicate by phone and newslet-



Danielle Milley
staff writer

ters for just \$7,201 (to add newsletters to Pickering's figures increases the number by \$15,485 but it does include postage).

Pickering councillors must spend a lot of time on the road. Mayor Ryan received a \$15,614 travel allowance — using the CAA's figures of \$0.45 a kilometre to own and operate a car driven 24,000 km a year that means he's driving more than 34,000 km a year. The allowance for councillors of \$7,623 works out to nearly 17,000 km.

In that other municipality the mayor gets \$6,300 and councillors get \$2,520. As well, Pickering council added \$100 to their monthly travel allowance in the 2005 budget.

When asked about their expenses councillors say they are "justifiable" and that's what it costs to be a good councillor. Communicating with constituents, attending meetings and conferences are all important parts of a councillor's job that need to be done but other councillors in Durham Region do it for a lot less.

Maybe Pickering councillors could meet their constituents over a coffee this year, instead of a \$40 meal.

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New accessibility legislation applauded

Bill includes obligations for the private sector, tougher enforcement

By Jillian Follert
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A 10-year fight ended in victory last week for accessibility activists in Durham and across the province.

New legislation unanimously passed on May 10, promises to make the public and private sectors more accessible, through tougher enforcement and clear timelines. Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 25 per cent of all public and private transportation fleets will be accessible within five years, and all public and private buildings will be accessible by 2025.

Oshawa resident Kathryn Bremner is a member of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act Committee and has spent years pushing for stronger laws on behalf of her son, who uses a wheelchair.

She says the new bill is a huge improvement on the original Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA) introduced in 2001.

"The ODA only applied to the public sector. It didn't require the establishment of accessibility standards and it didn't include effective enforcement," she says. "The new legislation levels the playing field for all. It means that persons with disabilities will now be able to fully participate in their communities."

Durham currently has individual accessibility advisory committees in each municipality, and a regional committee, mandated by the province to identify barriers and set out plans for their removal. As well, several local residents including Pickering's Tracy MacCharles, sit on the province's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

She says making stores, restaurants and other everyday destinations accessible is vital. She notes that her husband, who is a paraplegic, often

encounters inconveniences like elevators that require special keys to use or narrow doorways.

"Some business owners are concerned about the cost, but there is a compelling business argument to mak-

ing all these places accessible," she says. "Given the number of people who have disabilities, the aging population and the families and friends of all those people, there's a lot of spending power there."



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From May 15-21 local residents are invited to learn more about the works department, which provides the community with safe drinking water, safe roads, recycling and waste disposal programs.

On May 28, residents can visit the Durham Region Recycling Centre at 4600 Garrard Rd., in Whitby, for guided tours and a truck and equipment display between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Call 1-800-372-1103 or visit www.region.durham.on.ca.

Salvation Army launches Red Shield campaign

DURHAM — Salvation Army is ready to launch its annual Red Shield campaign.

In May, Salvation Army officers, employees, and volunteers embark on a national awareness and fundraising campaign to support

programs, including treatment for men and women suffering from addiction, assistance for families in need, and services for people without a place to call home. The 2005 National Red Shield Campaign target for May is \$3 million.

"With the help and support of Canadians, we can make a significant difference in the lives of real people, and make our communities a better place to live," says Christine MacMillan, commander of the Salvation Army in Canada

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One more for the road... bad idea

Editor's note: Reporter Jeff Mitchell's account is based upon a dramatization of an impaired-driving arrest. The events described are not the result of an actual crime.

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

DURHAM — It's the cell door — the long rolling rumble, like thunder in the middle of the night, ending with a crash that sounds for all the world like everything you own and know is clattering down at once — that makes this real.

The rest was just confusion, a cascading and escalating chain of events that has led to this point. Surreal.

But when the cop slides that barred door shut and strides away, there's nothing but the sound of footsteps echoing down the tiled corridor, and then there's nothing at all. Just bleak fluorescent light falling pitilessly on a cot with a thin mattress and a thinner blanket, feet away from a stainless-steel toilet.

Time to assess the situation: I am incarcerated in a tiny cell in a nondescript police station. My blood-alcohol level has been measured at .140, or 140 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit I know — have always known — is .08.

I have surrendered my wallet and my licence and my belt and my liberty and placed a call to a duty counsel lawyer. I have been advised to sit tight.

Sit tight.

Sure. I'm not going anywhere.

THE RIDE STOP

It's about 12 minutes after 4 o'clock when I guide my car down the ramp in Oshawa, looking to get a jump on homeward-bound traffic. Off work early, I've stopped at a pub for a drink, or two, or three. And what the hell — it's cold and wet and dreary, so how about a shot of Irish whiskey for the road?

I had briefly debated with myself the wisdom of getting behind the wheel, but decided to chance it; it is early, traffic relatively light, and I feel OK. Just take it easy, I thought, and we'll get home just fine.

But turning onto the ramp to the 401, my heart nearly stops: Sitting there, lights flashing, are two police cars. Two OPP officers in rain gear — one wearing blaze orange, the other brilliant yellow — are stopping cars and leaning into driver's side windows, then waving them on.

Damn. Be cool. Take it easy.

I pull up and stop where the officer indicates. He leans over and his face fills my window. Damn.

"Evening, sir," the cop says, his face disconcertingly close to mine, "had anything to drink tonight?"

Damn, damn, damn.

"No," I say, after a pause.

His eyes are fixed on mine.

"Are you sure, sir?"

I insist I haven't been drinking but, as the officer continues to question me, I allow that I had a few beers the previous Sunday afternoon and evening while I watched Mike Weir chase Phil Mickelson at Pebble Beach.

"You want to just pull you car over there, sir?" the cop says, motioning to the curb side of the ramp.

The officer obtains my licence and asks me to step out of my car. I accompany him to a cruiser. He opens the back door and has me get inside. Climbing into the driver's seat, he informs me he has reason to believe I've been drinking and demands I provide a breath sample.

I do so, blowing for several seconds into a plastic mouthpiece attached to a breathalyser device. The cop reads the digital numbers that



OPP Constable Greg Clee handcuffs Jeff Mitchell before placing him in the back of a cruiser.

glare red on the device.

I am placed under arrest for driving while exceeding the legal blood-alcohol limit. The officer demands I accompany him to his detachment to provide another breath sample. He tells me I am entitled to talk to a lawyer and that, if I want to, I can call free duty counsel for advice. He tells me that I am not obliged to say anything but that, should I choose to, anything I say may be used against me in court.

OFF TO THE STATION

Persistent, icy rain is pelting down as I step from the cruiser and stand with legs apart. My hands are cuffed behind my back and I am frisked. Handcuffs are not comfortable. Nor is the back seat of the cruiser into which I am placed. It is cramped and has no leg space. A Plexiglas barrier is jammed up to within inches of the seat. I must sit sideways, my legs on the seat, hands shackled behind me, battling claustrophobia.

We drive down the mist-shrouded 401, on the way to the Whitby OPP detachment. My car has been left behind; it will be towed and impounded. It will cost me several hundred dollars to get it back. It is a long, silent trip.

Commuters just off the GO train are streaming out of the parking lot near the police station when we pull up. I crawl out of the back seat and am escorted through a side door. The first thing I see upon entering the building are steel bars.

My arresting officer, whose name I have learned is Greg Clee, asks me to surrender my belongings and I am again frisked.

After a call to duty counsel, I'm led to a cinder-block room in the bowels of the station. Fluorescent lights hum and the tiles are scuffed. Waiting for us is Constable Jeff Edwards, the technician who will monitor my next breath test. I breathe into the mouthpiece attached to the Intoxilyzer machine; the results of the test are printed out on a card that resembles a traffic ticket.

Const. Clee has disappeared with my licence and is filling out the paperwork. Upon handing me over to the custody of Const. Edwards, he outlined the circumstances of the traffic stop and his reasons for arresting me: smell of alcohol on the breath, a red, flushed face and, of course, my failure of the roadside blood-alcohol test. He doesn't mention my failure to fully recite the alphabet. But I'll be damned — seems I was swaying from side to side as we spoke by the shoulder, another tell-



Above, Mr. Mitchell blows into the roadside breathalyser in the back of the cruiser before heading back to the Whitby OPP station for booking. Right, he makes his one telephone call.



tale sign of impairment. Who knew?

Like the many other motorists who slowed to take in the scene on that rainy February afternoon, she likely was wondering: Who is that man — and what has he done?

Among the documents I'm handed when I'm released around 7 p.m. will be a summons to appear in court, and an order to attend back at this station for fingerprinting. The cops will provide me a bottle of soap and paper towels to clean the black ink from my hands afterward.

I'll begin the legal process in Courtroom Number 6 at the King Street West courthouse, where I'll attend a remand court crammed full of people like me and be given a future date to appear.

I'm also alerted to the fact that my driver's licence is suspended for 90 days. How the hell am I supposed to work around that?

SOLITARY THOUGHTS

In the cell with time to think.

I consider the woman who stared through her rain-beaded window at the spectacle by the roadside: Two police officers arresting a man. He stood, legs wide apart, while one of the cops frisked him. His hands were cuffed behind his back.

She watched through the passenger window as her husband eased his car past the two cruisers and negotiated the ramp onto Hwy. 401. Red flashing lights splashed across the windshield of her car.

Like the many other motorists who slowed to take in the scene on that rainy February afternoon, she likely was wondering: Who is that man — and what has he done?

The woman who passed the scene just as the evening rush hour began got onto Hwy. 401 with her companion and drove west, most likely home to dinner, where perhaps she'd mention the arrest she'd witnessed.

She'd be more concerned with spending time with her husband and family, sharing with them the warmth of her home as a miserable winter night deepened.

I, too, had been on my way home, with plans for a quiet dinner to celebrate the day. But it would be a while before I got there.

My wife would be waiting, while dinner grew cold, wondering what had kept me.

A drink or two too many on the way; a police spot check between me and the highway.

Everything had changed, for the worse.

Walk and Roll for WindReach Farm

DURHAM — Walk or roll this month to raise money for programs at WindReach Farm.

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Colborne Community Services now Durham Mental Health

DURHAM — Colborne Community Services is changing its name to Durham Mental Health Services.

After receiving feedback from the community about the agency, which provides mental health services, the organization said a name change is needed to strengthen its identity and clarify uncertainty about the types of services it provides.

Recognition that it serves all of

Y's WISH shelter to have fundraiser

DURHAM — The YWCA's Y's WISH Shelter is celebrating its second year of service with a night of fundraising, dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

The night will begin at 6:30 June 10 at the Trillium Trails Banquet and Conference Centre, 53 Snow Ridge Ct., in Oshawa. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling 905-576-6743.

All proceeds go to Y's WISH Shelter, which in its two years has provided safe accommodations and support to abused women and children.

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Durham Region through its new name is imperative for those who are unaware of its services, the agency said. Robert Adams, executive director, said the change will help first-time mental health cli-

ents find and access the appropriate support more readily, and assist other agencies and local businesses to know where to call or send those in need.

Originating in Whitby in 1987,

Durham Mental Health Services provides supportive housing and case management to people over the age of 16 who are coping with mental health difficulties. In addition, it also operates a 24-hour cri-

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SATURDAY, MAY 21
KIDS CONSERVATION DAY: In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Town of Ajax, the Ajax Rod and Gun Club hosts a day in Pauly Park. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with several areas designed to teach kids about conservation. Each child that registers between 10 and 11 a.m. can help pick up litter in the park and have a chance to win one of 10 fishing equipment packages. There is also a free barbecue.

MONDAY, MAY 23
FIREWORKS: Pickering Village United Church, 300 Church St. N., in Ajax, holds its seventh annual free fireworks display, starting at dusk. There are free balloons for children and refreshments are available. Bring lawn chairs. Donations accepted. Call 905-683-4721.

TUESDAY, MAY 24
BID EUCHRE: Enjoy an afternoon playing cards with the Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club every Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m., and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Newcomers should come a little earlier. Games are at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Dr., in Ajax. Call Lois at 905-686-8040 or Dave at 905-839-3471.

PICKERING POWERHOUSE TOASTMASTERS: The club invites anyone interested in improving and developing interview, leadership, public speaking, listening and other communication skills to its weekly meetings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium at the Pickering Public Library's central branch. Call Sherrif Karamat at 905-509-6769 or Ron Veregen at 905-837-9478.

AUTISM SUPPORT: The Autism Society, Durham Chapter, holds a West CHAT (support) meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Dunbarton-Fairport United Church, 1066 Dunbarton Rd., in Pickering. Call Leah at 1-866-495-4680.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
ONE PARENT SUPPORT: The Ajax Pickering chapter of the One Parent Families

Association meets every Wednesday at KMW Health Care Services, 158 Harwood Ave. Unit 22, in Ajax. Meetings are at 8 p.m., except for the first Wednesday of the month when it's 8:30 p.m. Call 905-683-1082, or visit www.opfa.net.
BINGO: Play every Wednesday at 1 p.m. and Friday at 7:30 p.m. with the Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club. Games are at the St. Andrew's Community Center, 46 Exeter Dr., in Ajax. Call Mary at 905-427-9000 and Tom at 905-683-6565.

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PLANT AUCTION: The Canadian Organic Growers — Durham Gardeners is holding its annual auction at 7:30 p.m. at the Durham District School Board's administration building, 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby, Room 2007. Call Dianne Pazaratz at 905-433-7875.

THURSDAY, MAY 26
CARPET BOWLING: Play with the Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club every Monday and Thursday at 9:20 a.m. Games are at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Dr., in Ajax. Beginners welcome but come earlier. Call Evelyn at 905-683-2947.

FRIDAY, MAY 27
NEW TO YOU SALE: St. Martin's Anglican Church holds its final new to you sale of the year from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 1201 St. Martin's Dr. in Pickering. Items such as used clothing, toys, and books are available. Donations are welcome. Call 905-839-4257.

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FUN FAIR: Lakeside Public School, 4 Parkes Dr., Ajax, holds its 15th annual fun fair and community barbecue from 5 to 8 p.m. Barbecue, games, silent auction, and 'Traveling Critters' are among the activities. Call 905-686-3014.

SATURDAY, MAY 28
FUN FAIR: Sir John A. Macdonald Public School hosts its annual fun fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 77 Balaton Ave. There will be games, prizes, food, face painting,

a Mad Scientist Room, Hot Wheel Challenge, cakewalk, and a silent auction. Admission is free and so are the balloons.

MONDAY, MAY 30
MORNING MEETINGS: The Rotary Club of Durham hosts morning meetings at the Super 8 in Ajax, 210 Westney Road S. between Bayly and Hwy. 2). This week's speaker is Andrew Wells from Durham Business Outsource, discussing technology and if it is helping or hindering. There is a \$10 fee for the light breakfast and everyone is welcome to attend but RSVP to Carla at 905-576-4345 to RSVP.

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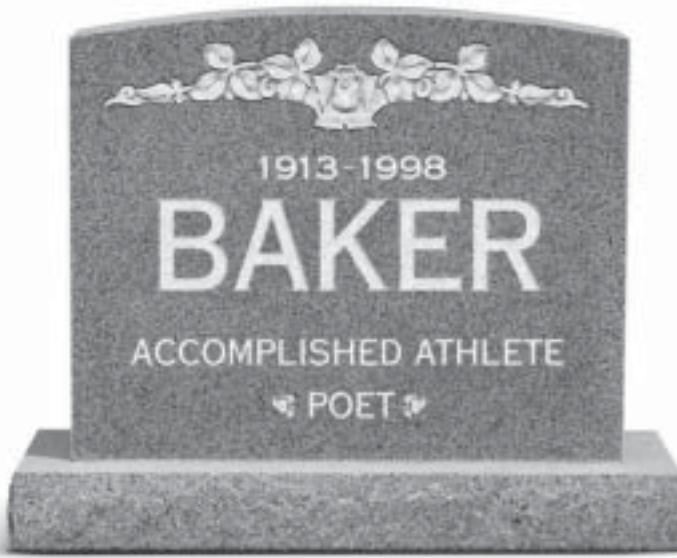
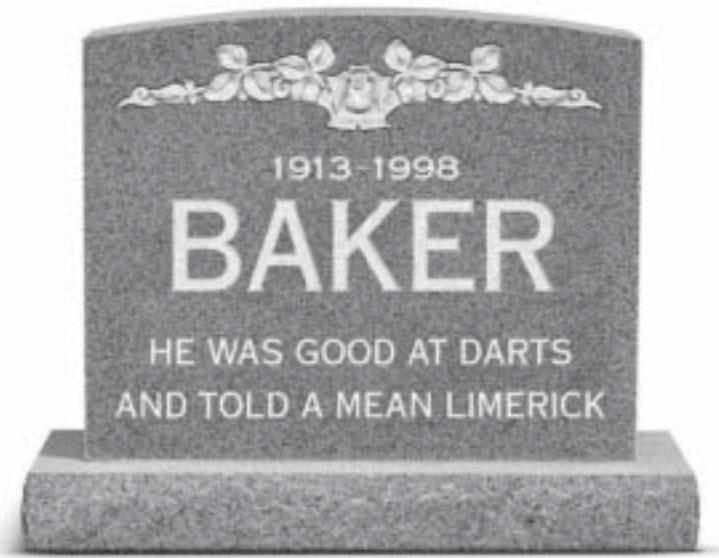
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Blooming borders: Pansies create early spring colour

As soon as you can dig the soil in your garden, you can start thinking about your colour choices and planting pansies as a garden border, full beds or in containers. Whether it's an array of colour and shape or a specific colour treatment to complement a certain theme or holiday, pansies are the hardy flower to start your spring gardening efforts.

Pansies grow well if you work slow release fertilizer into the soil prior to planting, or use liquid fertilizer at the time of planting and every two weeks to encourage more blooming. And, of course, regular

watering keeps the plants from drying out.

In most cases, you would plant them six inches apart and they grow from six to eight inches tall. And, if you plant your summer annuals around your pansies, as the pansies get 'leggy' and your summer annuals get bigger and fuller, you'll have a colourful garden from early spring until fall.

Most pansies come in various shades of yellow,

blue, white, red and purple and some with variations and blends of these colours. Use colour to your advantage. If you plant yellow pansies, for example, these blooms can be seen from far away or, they can lighten up a dormant corner.

Whether looking for colour for a

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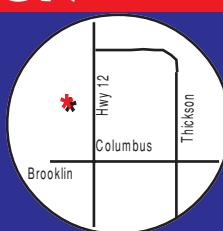
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Canadian focus at Durham Historica Fair

Pickering students learn about people and events in history

By David Blumenfeld
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Students from across Durham showed off their knowledge of Canadian history May 12 at the Durham Historica Fair.

The fair, held in Whitby's Centennial Building, was a second for Durham. By researching and presenting individual Canadian history projects, the fair allows students to learn and share information about national heroes, milestones and achievements.

The projects — which focused on anything from the late Ernie Coombs (Mr. Dress-up) to Canadian Japanese internment camps — were made by students in grades 4 to 8 from 10 Durham schools.

"I worry that we're losing our history, and we do have a rich history," said Jennifer Maddigan, chairwoman of the Durham Historica Fair. "It's not an American history, it's not filled with violence, it's filled with thinkers and doers. If there's anything I can instill in these students, it's to be a thinker and a doer."

Clara Lee, 14, from Valley View Public School in Greenwood, said she liked the idea of a learning experience that was also fun. Her project, on Canada's involvement in the Korean War, included the types of battles that were fought and stories of interest by Canadian soldiers.

"I liked how the concept was to have students study Canadian heritage, and that they would learn more about

Canadians and their land," Clara said. "They actually have fun learning all the stuff, and then converting it into a project."

The Historica Fairs Program is divided into three components: regional, provincial and national. Projects at the Durham Historica Fair were evaluated by judges and a select few move on to the next round. The culmination is the national fair in mid-July.

Ms. Maddigan said work is already being done for next year's fair, which she suspects will occur in Ajax. Her hope is to get a school from every Durham municipality to take part.

Meanwhile, a group of Sir William Stephenson Public School students from Whitby who were touring the fair said they were impressed by a majority of the projects.

"A lot of them have a good amount of detail and a lot of hard work put into them — I say thanks for putting this together," said Douglas Bryan, 13.

Kate Stevenson, 12, who was drawn to a project on Laura Secord, said letting students pick their topics is one of the program's more positive aspects.

"I think it's very cool because the kids can research what they want, and find out about what interests them," she said.

Ian Chislett, 13, said he was grabbed by the display on Rush, a Canadian rock band.

"All the projects were well-researched and were demonstrated nicely," he said. "It wasn't boring and I didn't sleep through it, so that was good," he said.

For more information about the Historica Fair, visit www.historica.ca.

Results: winners going to next level

Greenwood student joins three others at provincial finals

DURHAM — Four students from the Durham Historica Fair are heading to the program's provincial competition, while a fifth will go to the nationals.

The provincial entries are as follows: Katie Crone, of Pringle Creek Public School in Whitby, for her project on the Dionne quintuplets; Katherine Konn, of Trafalgar Castle School in Whitby, for her presentation on Canadian Women through the Ages; Lauren Wianecki, of Valley View Public School in Greenwood, for her work on Canadian lighthouses, and a fourth student who has yet to be named.

Grade 8 student Alea Frauts of Trafalgar Castle School, who focused on Whitby's Camp X, is the national entry.

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Sharon Henry, who is a member of the Durham Folklore Society, tells students from St. Anthony Daniels and St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Schools some native tales in one of the five workshops at the Durham Historica Fair at Whitby's Centennial Building last week. Students from 10 area schools entered Canadian history projects for judging in what was the second annual event.

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Partnership in Service aids Ajax, Pickering residents

DURHAM — Service clubs from across Durham Region gathered in Oshawa April 28 to celebrate the more than \$100,000 raised recently by Partnership in Service.

Partnership in Service is a group consisting of approximately 25 service clubs that decided to bond together to satisfy the many request for funds to assist various people within the Region.

The partnership — which involves such clubs as Kiwanis, Kinsmen and the Knights of Columbus — was spearheaded by Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise member Ron Murdock, chairman of Partnership in Service.

"Every year we have a dinner... and we say thank you for your energies last year," Mr. Murdock said, adding that since July 2002, when the group was formed, Partnership in Service has handled approximately 74 projects with a value of more than \$347,000.

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Head injury group hits the links

DURHAM — The Head Injury Association of Durham Region is teeing off on another charity classic.

On Thursday, July 7, the organization holds a fund-raising golf tournament and dinner at Lakeridge Links Golf Club, 1355 Brawley Rd. in Brooklin. Cost is \$135, which includes golf, a cart,

and dinner. Registration begins at 10 a.m., while dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

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Eight honourees who have made a difference

The 2005 YWCA Women of Distinction

DURHAM — Eight women were named Women of Distinction at the YWCA of Durham's annual awards ceremony.

Catherine Bawden, Esther Enyolu, Nancy Hughes, Bahi Krishnakhanthan, Lucia Lee and Mary Ann Nova received the YWCA honours. Also named were young women Danielle Bentley and Navtej Mudhar at the gala event held at the Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility, in Whitby, on May 12.

Chosen from 26 nominees, the women were presented with the Women of Distinction pins and recognized for their tireless efforts in their communities.

Ms. Mudhar, a Grade 12 student at Dunbarton High School, in Pickering, has developed anti-violence and anti-bullying programs, and is devoted to the promotion of peace through the understanding of all cultures and races in the community.

"I am lucky to be living in such a diverse region," she said. "It is important that we contribute to the world... my contribution is to make a difference."

Ms. Bentley, a Grade 12 student at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in Ajax, is known for excellence in her academic and personal life and for her willingness to help others.

Ms. Bawden is a sergeant with Durham Regional Police and director of the newly formed domestic violence unit. She's worked with the child abuse/sexual assault unit and told the audi-

ence that she often derives strength for her job from the people she tries to help.

Ms. Enyolu is the executive director of the Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre, which she founded 12 years ago. She is committed to ensuring that women and children receive effective and efficient services and to maintaining work environments free from oppression.

Ms. Hughes is the manager of community support and volunteer services for the Victorian Order of Nurses-Durham, working hard to keep the branch going through recent staff reductions and office relocation. She spreads her message of hope and encouragement to others, telling of her determination to keep going and succeed when, at age 24, she was left a single mother of four young children.

Ms. Krishnakhanthan came to Canada from Sri Lanka 22 years ago and overcame a series of challenges in her life, including being a single mother and suffering severe injuries in a car accident. She has built up a career in the finance industry and continues her academic studies. She is a motivational speaker through Toastmasters.

Ms. Lee is executive director of Murray McKinnon Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing support and resources to at-risk youth in the community. She also volunteers with other community organizations, has counselled victims of violence and teaches suicide prevention workshops.

Ms. Nova, principal of R.A. Sennett Public School, overcame learning difficulties to pursue her education and

become a teacher and then principal. She believes every person possesses values and

strengths.

"We all have one opportunity in this world and we

have to make that the best we can," she said.

Each year, the YWCA

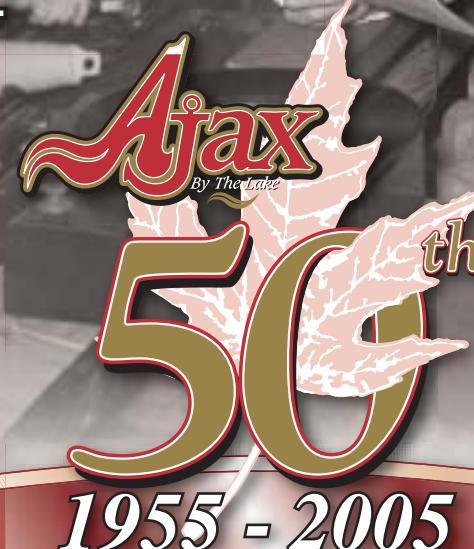
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The day includes prizes and silent auction items. The cost is \$150, which includes dinner, cart, use of the driving range, and green fees. There is also a chance to win a car for a hole in one.

To register or for more information, call the Epilepsy Durham Region office at 905-666-9926.



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Ajax, Pickering residents can donate blood in June

Four upcoming opportunities

DURHAM — Canadian Blood Services is offering Ajax and Pickering residents four opportunities to donate blood in the coming weeks.

In Ajax on June 11, CBS is at Ajax Fire and Emergency Ser-

vices, 40 Westney Rd., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pickering residents have three opportunities in June, starting with Wednesday, June 8 at the Pickering Nuclear Information Centre, 1675 Montgomery Park Rd. from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On Thursday, June 16, donors can go to the O'Brien Room at the Pickering Recreation Com-

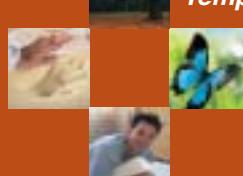
plex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd., from 2 to 8 p.m. The final chance to donate is Wednesday, June 22 in the Holy Redeemer church hall, 796 Eyer Dr. from 3:30 to 8 p.m.

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Pickering man just likes to dig in

Michael Shaw pitches in wherever needed

By Jason Chamberlain
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — For Margaret Bernard, neighbour Michael Shaw is an angel in disguise.

"He's just an angel sent from God for me," beams the Pickering resident of the Good Samaritan, who during the winter goes out of his way to shovel driveways for many of his neighbours. He doesn't do it for recognition or reward, indeed Ms. Bernard didn't know who was doing it until she came across him shovelling one morning. "He really helps me tremendously, especially when there's a big snowfall," she said.

Walk This Way to better health, fitness

DURHAM — If you don't exercise regularly, but would like to start, the Durham Region Health Department invites you to Walk This Way.

This free, self-help walking program for people age 20 and over, is part of the annual nationwide SummerActive campaign, running from May 6 to June 20.

"Walking is one of the best ways to be physically active — it can make you feel energized, relieve stress, and help you achieve and maintain a healthy body weight," says Chris Arnott, a public health nurse with the health department. "Being active doesn't have to be difficult, or take up large amounts of time. Adults simply need to build up to achieving at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, preferably every day."

Studies show that walking is the most popular form of physical activity, with 80 per cent of Ontarians reporting walking as their most enjoyed type of exercise. However, a 2000-01 Canadian Community Health Survey indicates that 54 per cent of Durham residents are not physically active enough to achieve health benefits.

All participants who qualify for the Walk This Way program will receive a walking kit to help them set personal goals and monitor progress. Those who register during the SummerActive campaign will also receive a free pedometer.

For more information or to sign up for Walk This Way, contact the health department at 905-579-8521 or 1-800-841-2729, ext. 2928, or visit the website at www.region.durham.on.ca.



"He's got a helpful attitude, a good personality, and a giving spirit. He's got a big heart," continues Ms. Bernard.

His kindness is not limited to the winter months, as Ms. Bernard attests.

"He cuts the grass, he helped clean

up my garage, he helped put up my mailbox," she said.

"He's like a handy man in the neighbourhood, and you don't have to ask him, if he sees that you need help he'll just come over."

Though he doesn't do it for any reward, Mr. Shaw is still touched when someone takes the time to say thank you.

"It's unexpected, and I love it. It makes me feel good," he said.

"People work, and I have time off. If someone needs help, I lend a hand."

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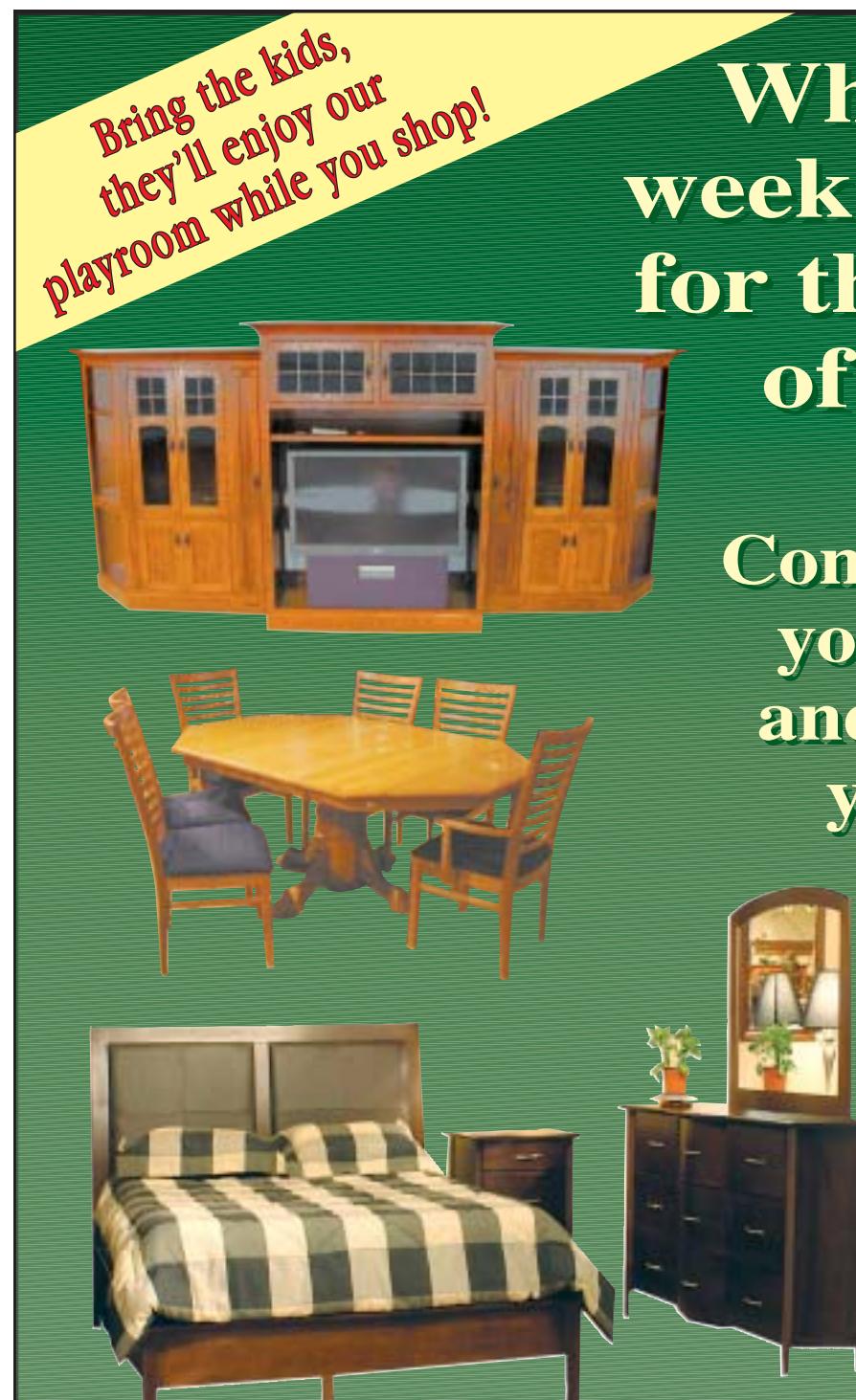
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Facing cancer, Durham woman shows courage

Ajax event one of many to help fund her treatments

By Jason Chamberlain
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — A Whitby woman whose life changed dramatically after being diagnosed with cancer, credits the love and support of her family and friends for getting her through tough times.

Cindy Mitchell was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma seven years ago. Her life has been a whirlwind of treatments and appointments ever since and she has survived thanks to a lot of help.

"Support from your friends and the community gives you strength," said the 47-year-old. "People need support, and I'm rich in that. You feel like, 'I don't want to let them down.' It motivates you to try harder, to be there for them. It's wonderful support."

For Ms. Mitchell, who has fought through chemotherapy and a stem cell transplant, that support has manifested itself in a variety of ways. One example is her mother, who moved in to help her and take care of her children.



Jason Liebrechts/News-Advertiser photo

Cindy Mitchell, who has lived with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for seven years, credits the love and support of her family (like two of her children, Karen Inwood and Jacob Mitchell) and friends for keeping her going through the challenging times, which have included chemotherapy treatments and a stem cell transplant.

"She was a mother figure, a role model for them when I couldn't be," Ms. Mitchell said.

Also helping her were a multitude of friends who kept track of appointments

and made themselves available.

"I'd have 20 people calling and saying, 'can I drive you to your appointment today?'"

When she ran into money

trouble, her friends quickly organized a fundraiser. During her hospitalization for the stem cell transplant, friends from her hockey-playing days hosted an event in Ajax that featured

a silent auction as well as musical entertainment. The event raised close to \$7,000.

Close friend Carol Hendry went so far as to camp out in her hospital room

They're all men of distinction

Dan Carter, Rick Johnson among those honoured with awards

DURHAM — Five men in Durham Region were honoured recently for their outstanding contribution to the community.

The 2005 Durham Region Men of Distinction Awards were held Thursday, May 5, at Tosca Banquet Hall featuring guest speaker Mi-

chael "Pinball" Clemons.

Dan Carter, of Dan Carter Productions and CHEX Television, was named Man of Distinction. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Pickering regional councillor Rick Johnson.

Oshawa General Hospital Foundation executive director Jim Szeman was awarded the Spirit of Success award. Volunteer of the Year was Bill Cardie and Terry Kelly was honoured for Outstanding Contribution.

Support and savings are in full swing

DURHAM — Hit the links with great deals and savings this golf season, and help a good cause at the same time.

The Lung Association, Durham/Kawartha and Haliburton area are once again selling their Golf Privilege Books. The 2005 book sells for \$25 each and offers more than 70 coupons featuring 35 golf courses all across central Ontario. Proceeds from sales

of the books support community health education programs and research for those living with lung disease.

They are valid from May 1 to October 31 and available at the Lung Association office at 1627 Dundas Street East, 2nd Floor in Whitby, or at Dynamics Golf at 1916 Dundas Street East in Whitby.

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for a week of treatment. Ms. Hendry, a former nurse, assisted in her care.

"She saved the health-care system an awful lot of money," Ms. Mitchell said.

A mother of three, Ms. Mitchell finds it hard to fully express her gratitude for all that her friends have done and continue to do for her.

"What can I say but thank you," she said. "When you don't burn bridges, and try to be a good person, people remember you. Thank goodness it comes back to you when you really need it. There's no way to express how great and important that is. They've been shoulders to lean on."

Though she is still receiving treatment, Ms. Mitchell looks toward her future with hope and a desire to repay all that has been given to her.

"A person can't do much more than give back," she said. "Hopefully one day I'll be able to give back to the community and do the same for someone else. Life's changed a little bit, and I have to face the fact that I might not ever work full-time again, or do the things I love, like hockey."

"It's tough, but I'll find other ways to be healthy and contribute."

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New cancer index measures quality of care

Screening, wait times a concern in Durham and across Ontario

By Jillian Follert
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Too little screening and too much waiting are among the key challenges identified in a new index that measures the quality of cancer care in Ontario, and both are is-

sues that Durham officials believe will be addressed by the region's new cancer centre.

The Cancer System Quality Index unveiled recently, was developed by the Cancer Quality Council of Ontario and Cancer Care Ontario, and is the first Web-based system of its kind in North America. The index compares care provided in 11 geographic areas, using 25 headings that measure such factors as accessibility, efficient use of resources

and patient outcomes.

"This index is in line with the provincial government's efforts to improve quality, accountability, reduce wait times and assist with regional planning," said Lakeridge Health CEO Brian Lemon. "The results of this first index will help us measure quality and performance improvements in subsequent years."

While Durham is on the list, Lakeridge officials caution that the local data is slightly skewed on this first attempt, due to the inclusion

of statistics from York and Simcoe.

"It's not focused closely enough on Durham this time... we expect that the next go round in six months' time will be much more accurate," said Dr. Peter Dixon, Vice President of Cancer Services at Lakeridge. "Things will also be different next year, when the cancer centre is open."

Despite having less than perfect data, Dr. Dixon said Durham is roughly on par with other areas when

it comes to screening and wait times. He added that this isn't necessarily a good thing, as all parts of the province need to improve in these areas. An aging population and the prevalence of unhealthy lifestyles is expected to push cancer rates higher in the coming years, making early detection key, especially for cancers that are treatable if detected early.

According to the index, Durham also falls slightly below the provincial average in the area of accessibility

of services, with radiation treatment as a specific concern.

"These are things that will be addressed by our new cancer centre.... That's why we're building it," Dr. Dixon said. "It's going forward, we're building new programs all the time. The cancer story in Durham is quite a good one at the moment."

The Cancer System Quality Index can be viewed online at www.cancercare.on.ca/qualityindex.

Claremont pair experiences El Salvador

Destination changes outlook on life

By Jason Chamberlain
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Two Claremont residents recently went on a life-changing journey.

Rodney and Aleta Voss took part in World Vision's 'Destination Life Change' program from March 4 to 13, travelling to El Salvador where they not only met the natives, but helped them build new homes.

"It's a really efficient and effective way of reaching the communities," said Mrs. Voss. "It was really a privilege to be in their homes and to be able to meet them."

Mr. Voss also enjoyed meeting the people.

"It's enriching to visit the families, and to meet the children. It's an amazing experience to speak with them, it's pretty powerful," he said.

Mr. Voss was moved by the positive attitudes and bright spirits of the people, despite their meagre possessions and means. "There are no buses, everyone has to walk to get anywhere," he said.

"A lot of kids will walk five to eight kilometres to school and back. School is their hope for a better standard of living.

"There's a lot of joy in the eyes of the children," he continues. "They're amazing people."

The Vosses aren't strangers to volunteer work having run their own youth group, so they did not hesitate in deciding to take part.

"North America is pretty wealthy, the majority of people don't live like we do," said Mrs. Voss. "We appreciated that and wanted to help out."

Mr. Voss agrees, and recommends the experience. "It's well worth the effort. It opens your eyes to what's really important in life, and how you can make a difference."

Get your golf swing sparkling

DURHAM — Golf under the stars this summer.

WindReach Farms hosts its first 'A Night of Stars GloBall Night Golf' event Thursday, Aug. 18 at Lakeridge Links Golf Club, north of Brooklin.

From a visit by Charlie Farquharson (Don Harron), to a viewing of the stars and planets (thanks to the Durham Region Astronomy Club), and new stars in the form of GloBalls, the night promises to be a dazzling sparkle of

stars of all kinds.

A cocktail reception starts at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and entertainment at 7:30 p.m. and a shotgun start at 9 p.m.

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Should councillors decide their own pay?

PAY INCREASES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS ALWAYS PROVOKE DEBATE. SO WHAT'S REALLY FAIR FOR THE WORK OUR REPRESENTATIVES DO? AND HOW CAN THEY GET IT WITHOUT OFFENDING A CYNICAL PUBLIC?

By Jennifer Stone
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Wouldn't you love a job where you were able to set your own salary?

Municipal councillors are able to do just that.

Across Durham, there are a variety of ways by which councils go about setting their pay rate. Several councils have made changes to their pay in recent months.

Earlier this year, for example, Oshawa council received a raise. Though it was originally brought up at a not-so-public meeting, when word got out, council sent the matter out to a consultant, who, for \$24,000, came back with the recommendation to raise council salaries. Increases, including a base salary boost for all and another of approximately \$14,000 each for local councillors serving two wards, were approved by council.

In Clarington, in December 2003, a motion came forward, late at night, after an in camera session, increasing the mayor's salary by \$10,000 in 2004. Councillors' salaries were also increased through the motion. The salaries are tied to the Municipal workers' collective agreements, so increases to the base come at the same rate, generally 2 to 3 per cent per year, as those given to unions.

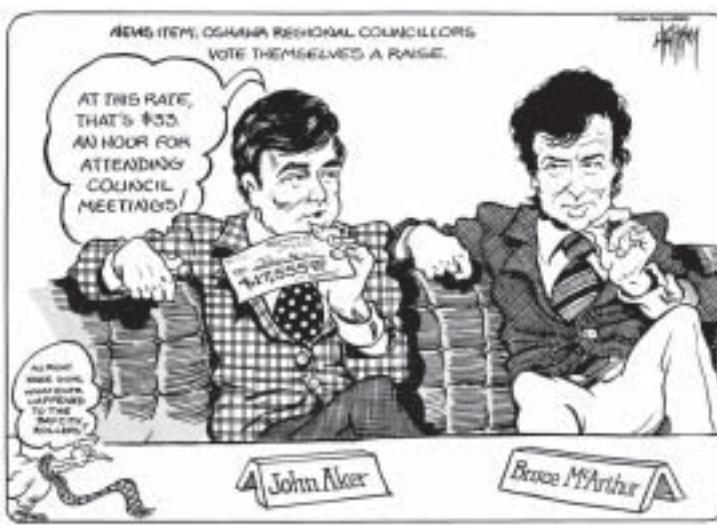
In Whitby, council tends to review its salary annually in November. A municipal bylaw currently stipulates that the mayor and councillors' salaries are to be based on an average of the salaries of the five southern Durham Region municipalities, said Don McKay, Whitby's director of corporate services. That may change this November, since Oshawa's new bylaw differentiates between councillors, by rewarding



Mayors' salaries

At right are the 2004 salaries (1/3 tax free) of local mayors.

Ajax	\$50,940
Clarington	\$42,537.77
Oshawa	\$67,215
Pickering	\$60,000
Scugog	\$24,307
Uxbridge	\$27,989
Whitby	\$65,100



Council salaries have long been a political hot potato, as this cartoon from Oshawa This Week on Feb. 16, 1977 illustrates.

approach is to look at comparable jobs and organizations to set salaries, said Ken Robb, vice-president of Human Resources at Durham College.

"Either you purchase salary surveys or contact similar organizations in your sector and look at salaries for that sector," he said. Then, pay for similar jobs outside the sector can be studied. Market and demographic factors also play a role in salary determination, said Mr. Robb.

"When you find the comparators, you find there's a range ... so then, you identify how far into that range you want to go as an employer," he explained. "You set the percentile based on what you think it's going to attract people."

Employers also have to consider their track record for employing good employees.

"The extent to which you can attract those good people tells you that you're in the right percentile," said Mr. Robb.

Attracting good people to the job is important in the political arena as well, said Dr. Myer Siemiatycki, a municipal politics professor at Ryerson University.

"The issue of salaries for elected public officials has long been a contentious one," said Dr. Siemiatycki, noting there are two traditional schools of thought on the matter.

The first sees municipal public office as "almost community service or volunteerism," said Dr. Siemiatycki. As such, people who follow this school of thought believe the job "should have a minimal, almost honorarium attached to it," he said.

"You can still find that ethos alive and well in many school boards

and municipalities," said Dr. Siemiatycki.

But, there is another school of thought under which people believe municipal councils should be well-paid.

"Over the last few years, there has been the recognition that council is big league responsibility," he said. "If you treated elected politicians as if they were the CEO of organizations with multi-millions of dollars going in and out, then the (current) salaries are a joke."

Growth of municipalities triggered the change in how many people view municipal politicians, and thus, the pay rates, said Prof. Siemiatycki.

"What it comes down to is, how do we see them — as glorified volunteers, or has municipal government become complicated enough that it's almost become a professional level?" he said.

Paying salaries more appropriate to a part-time job skews the people who can run for office, as only those who can afford to work part-time are able to run, noted the professor.

"My own personal preference is to pay a reasonable salary to signal this is a position of importance," said Dr. Siemiatycki.

It is a full-time job, said Jim Schell, who is on his third term on Clarington council, serving as regional councillor for Wards 1 and 2. Mr. Schell moved the motion on the most recent Clarington salary increase, after considering the salary for the mayoral position.

"I felt that position was way under-remunerated," said Mr. Schell.

Having the responsibility for setting their own salaries is an uncomfortable one, noted the long-time councillor.

"It's extremely uncomfortable, extremely politically incorrect, to set our own salaries," he said.

The vast majority of municipal politicians aren't in it for the money, said Coun. Schell. "Those who get in and stay in do it because of (a sense of) civic duty," he said.

ENTERTAINMENT

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The spotlight shines on the arts

Variety is the key to shows and exhibits available next week

By David Stell
News Editor

DURHAM — Patrons of the arts could be a little overwhelmed with their choices next week.

It's Arts Week in Ajax and Pickering and there's no shortage of events or variety to enjoy. Watch artists paint, listen to any number of genres of music and performances, or learn the history of the area and the ties one famous painter and his family have to Durham Region: it's all available.

Both municipalities were easily swayed to declare Arts Week in their communities, says Angie Littlefield, executive director of the Durham West Arts Centre. Along with the many arts groups in the two communities, she has crafted several events at DWAC to complement a lineup of events being offered throughout the week. Key events from the Ajax Creative Arts, the PineRidge Arts Council and others have helped organizers reach their goal to offer a wide variety of events.

"It wasn't as difficult as I thought," Littlefield says. "There's really supportive organizations here and we want to highlight the strengths of the various arts in the area."

Of the many shows starting next week, a special highlight Littlefield points to is the Ajax Creative Arts 'Artists in Action' show on May 25. Artists of the group will be drawing and painting original works right before the eyes of anyone who drops by their studio at 22 Sherwood Rd. W. in Pickering Village.

"It will be great for students to see these works, to see them at various stages, some nearly done, some in the middle," she says. "It's



A.J. Groen/News Advertiser photo

The senior jazz band at Dunbarton High School is taking part in the school's music night Thursday, May 26. Some of the members are, from the left, Jon Pappas, Melissa Paterson, Andrew Mee and Leah Dobbin.

an opportunity to see artists at work."

Both communities will have a chance to enjoy 'Off the Hinges', a joint project of the Town of Ajax and the PineRidge Arts Council. When the event opens with three days of display at The Atrium, in Ajax Town Hall, they expect to have 25 doors all creatively altered by local artists.

Joanne Dies, one of the organizers of the project, explains the idea came about last year in discussions about how to artistically celebrate the town's 50th Anniversary.

"We asked 'how can we highlight local talent', she says. "(And) doors have a lot of symbolism — to the past and the future."

The public gets a chance to view the doors Wednesday, May 25 to Friday, May 27 at The Atrium and on Friday at 7 p.m. there is an official opening of the exhibit.

The 'Thomsons of Durham' ex-

hibit is ongoing at DWAC and Littlefield launches her own book on the subject during the week. The recently finished book is 60 pages, she says, and they have printed 1,000 copies. Aside from being an interesting read, she hopes it can be a resource in local schools.

"It's a feel-good book for people in Durham because it ties (the Thomsons) to the area so well."

The Thomson family, whose most famous member artist Tom Thomson was born in Claremont, will be celebrated in a special fishing exhibition as well, Thursday, May 26. The Thomsons were avid outdoorsmen and fishing expert Bob McGary is leading an evening seminar on fishing heritage in the area, starting in the time of the Thomsons, in the 1830s, talking about how techniques have changed over the years.

That same night Dunbarton High School hosts a 7 p.m. performance

by the school's jazz and concert bands as well as the choirs.

On Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28, seven talented singers from the area will perform 'Broadway Glitter Songs from Broadway' at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. They are raising money for the Junior Diabetes Association and that's a cause close to the hearts of the performers, especially one member organizer Gary Faulkner says.

Carol Rutledge lost her son to the disease, Faulkner says. She suggested the concerts donate to the cause and everyone thought it was a worthy cause, he adds.

The show will feature Broadway music and a few other select pieces. Faulkner says it's music they love to perform.

"We wanted to be able to perform music that people don't hear enough about," he says. "It's going to be a lot of fun."

Wars rage on in Episode III

The following movies are in theatres this weekend:

Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith
Directed By: George Lucas
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen
Rated: PG-13

After three years of relentless fighting, the Clone Wars are nearly at an end. The Jedi Council dispatches Obi-Wan Kenobi to bring General Grievous, leader of the

separatist droid army, to justice.

To his closest ally, Anakin Skywalker, Chancellor Palpatine reveals the true nature of power and the promised secrets of the Force in an attempt to lure him to the dark side. Skywalker is dangerously close to the Dark Side and in conflict with Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Also opening this weekend: Dominion: Prequel to the Exorcist.

Arts Week Special Events

MAY 22-28, 2005

Wednesday May 25

ART: Ajax Creative Arts is letting the public in to see about 50 artists create works in oil, acrylic and watercolours. 'Artists in Action' is at 22 Sherwood Road W. between 1 to 4 p.m.

MUSIC: Guitarist Nick Cuda invites music lovers to a concert of music from his soon-to-be released third album, 'Mattina De Caffe'. The 7 p.m. show is at the Durham West Arts Centre at 72B Old Kingston Road.

Thursday May 26

BOOK LAUNCH: The Durham West Arts Centre launches its first book, 'The Thomsons of Durham: Tom Thomson's Family Heritage'. Author, Angie Littlefield tells the story of the book and signs copies at the Durham District School Board, 400 Taunton Rd. E. in Whitby between 4:30 and 6 p.m. Copies of the book are on sale for \$20 starting May 27, at the Durham West Arts Centre at 72B Old Kingston Road.

FISHING: Expert Bob McGary discusses the fishing heritage of famous Canadian artist Tom Thomson. Starting in the 1830's and working up to the present, he will discuss local fish species, techniques for angling and local fishing spots. It begins at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion at Rotary Park in Ajax, 177 Lake Driveway. Tickets for DWAC members are \$7 and for non-members \$10. Call 905-686-7697.

MUSIC: The concert and jazz bands and choirs of Dunbarton High School present a music night. The event is at the South Campus beginning at 7 p.m. For more information call 905-839-1125.

Friday May 27

ART SHOW: "Off the Hinges" is a unique display of artistically altered doors celebrating arts in the community. The official opening begins at 7 p.m., but the doors are on public display from May 25 to 27 at The Atrium, in Ajax Town Hall, 65 Harwood Ave. S. before it goes to Pickering for Artsfest.

ON STAGE: Songs from Broadway hit the stage at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church as they present 'Broadway Glitter Songs from Broadway'. Two shows, May 27 and 28 each at 7 p.m. The church is at 35 Church Street in Ajax. Proceeds go to the Junior Diabetes Association. For tickets call 905-686-1325.

Saturday May 28

ART FESTIVAL: 'Artsfest on the Esplanade' in Pickering. The annual event is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The outdoor art show and sale features free live performing artists at the gazebo, free children and teen art area, an art demonstration and over 70 artists in the sale. Call Marisa Carpino at 905-420-4660 ext. 2099 for more information.



Hayden Christensen fights the call of the dark side in 'Star Wars: Episode III'.

SPORTS

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Pickering swimmers shed time at world trials

Warren Barnes fourth behind Olympian, sister Laura posts personal best in Montreal

PICKERING — A Pickering brother and sister swimming duo posted personal best times against the best swimmers in Canada at the 2005 World Aquatic Championship trials in Montreal last weekend.

Laura and Warren Barnes were two of eight Scarborough Swim Club athletes who made the trek to Quebec to compete at the trials, which was also a selection meet for the Canada Games swim team.

Warren Barnes, 20, who's attending the University of Pittsburgh on an athletic scholarship, came up big in the 50-metre breaststroke. He finished fourth, just behind Canadian Olympian Morgan Knabe. Barnes achieved a new personal best time of 29.66 seconds in the process.

The 50m breast winner, Matthew Huang, 21, of B.C., posted a time of 28.45.

In the 100m breast, Barnes placed eighth in Canada in a time of 1:05.67.

Laura Barnes, 17, a Dunbarton High School student, had an outstanding swim in her 200m breast. She finished 11th overall in a time of 2:38.34. She dropped five seconds off her previous personal best time.

A select group of swimmers will attend the U.S. Grand Prix swim meet in Santa Clara, California next month.

THIS WEEKEND

Durham City Basketball Association ended its first year of court action with its award banquet. Page 36

Tracking down gold in Oshawa



Celia Klemenz/ News Advertiser photos

Track and field athletes from Ajax and Pickering schools were on the hunt for medals at the annual Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) Track and Field Championships at the Oshawa Civic Stadium Wednesday and Thursday. Clockwise from left, Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School's Cheria Morgan looks before she leaps in the junior girls' triple jump. St. Mary Catholic Secondary School's Nick Smith strains as he puts his javelin in flight during the senior boys' event. Pickering High School hurdlers Anthony Lue, left, and Ryan Gordon compete in the senior boys' sprint hurdles. Pickering High's Shenika Schoburgh chases down frontrunner McLaughlin CVI's Jessica Scheffee in the midget girls' 100-metre sprint race. Top finishers at LOSSA move on to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) central regionals at York University next week.

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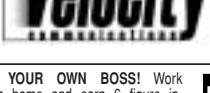
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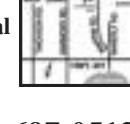
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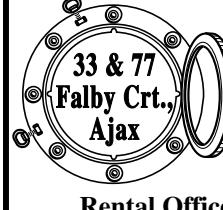
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Hoops organization celebrates first year on the court

Durham City basketball wraps up season with banquet on Saturday

DURHAM — The Durham City Basketball Association (DCBA) held its inaugural banquet last Saturday with several awards handed out on the night.

Held at Ajax High School, the banquet celebrated the end of a successful season of rep play and was attended by players, parents, family, friends, coaches and club executives and Ajax Mayor Steve Parish. DCBA executive director Kevin Browne took care of the emcee duties.

Players were selected for individual and team awards and two overall club awards. Individual awards were for academic, defence, leadership, most improved player, most valuable player, and sportsmanship. Club awards were for Mister and Miss Basketball. Club president Nkosi Adams and Teran Richards made the presentations.

Winning MVP awards were Davion Parnsalu (novice), Myles Sterling (major atom 1), Shaquille Redhead (major atom 2), Asher Tulloch (bantam), Matthew Leon (major bantam 1), Cee-Jay Williams (major bantam 2), and Tianna McFarlane of the ladies' major midget Chameleons. Redhead was crowned Mr. Basketball and Miss Basketball was Rhea Pascal.

Mayor Parish handed out appreciation certificates and Town of Ajax pins to the coaches and the many volunteers whose efforts were a big part of the club's first year.

Also highlighted were successes at the recent OBA Provincial championships in London.

All seven DCBA teams participated, with the major atom 2 Bulldogs winning bronze and the major midget Chameleons silver. The club entered the championships relatively unknown by teams across the province and surprised established powerhouses with the skill and heart of its players.

Representative of the club's success was the major atom 2 team, which started out tentatively in October 2004 with disheartening

losses. The team started to gel in January, when it took third place at the Peterborough Tournament. Last March, the major atoms, made up of 10 and 11-year-olds, won silver at the Burlington Invitational and then in April, the bronze at the Provincials. Powered by point guards (Hayle twins Anthony and Chris, Joshua Pantaleon, and Denver Wright), shooting guards (Kendell Wilson and Redhead), small forwards (Matthew Johnston and Michael Chambers),

power forwards (Brandon Nunes de Souza and Steven Summerville), and centres (Austin Chambers and Jamal Mohamed) this 'AA'-calibre team was a force to be reckoned with at the end of the season. Adrian Kwan, Jason Yee, and Immanuel Ekwenuke coached the team.

Former Olympic high jumper Milton Ottey was the keynote speaker.

For more information, log on to the club's website at www.durhamcitybasketball.ca.

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Pickering under-eights get their Kicks

Soccer squad nips Woodbridge Strikers 1-0 in Oshawa soccer tourney final

PICKERING — The Pickering Soccer Club boys' under-eight soccer team struck down the Woodbridge Strikers to capture

the title at the Oshawa Kicks Spring Classic Tournament recently.

In the final, Jonathan Chetram notched the game winner in a 1-0 victory over Woodbridge.

The Pickering under-eights advanced to the championship contest after posting a 1-0 victory over the host Oshawa Kicks. Aidan McNally was the goal scorer.

In pool play, the Pickering boys

started the tournament with a close 2-1 victory over Spartacus. Jason Wise and Julius Griffiths recorded goals.

In Game 2, Pickering stung the Aurora Stingers by a 2-1 count. Wise and Barrington Smith struck for goals.

The Pickering squad received solid defensive play from Alonzo Addae, Sam Auer, Terrick Brissett, Luke Wharton and Zack Palantzas.

The midfield, consisting of Chetram, Michael Boyd, Andrew Jegg, McNally and Griffiths, was outstanding.

Forwards Wise and Smith were at the top of their game.

Goalkeeper Luke Lamana allowed only two goals during the tournament.

Tony Helm coaches the Pickering under-eight team, assisted by Ange Palantzas and trainer Kevin Helm.

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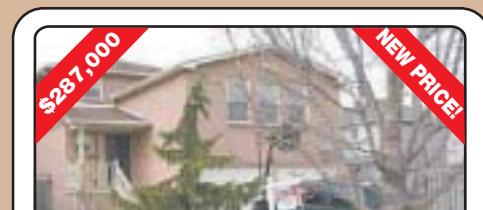
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MAY 20, 2005

AJAX SENIOR MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

Standings as of May 16

Team Name	GP	W	L	T	Pts	RF	RA
Mills & Hadwin	3	3	0	0	6	43	38
Pizza Pino's	3	2	1	0	4	44	32
Antiques	2	1	1	0	2	24	30
Sharks	2	1	1	0	2	12	11
Eastmen	1	1	0	0	2	7	22
Gators	2	1	1	0	2	7	18
Sweat Sox	2	0	2	0	0	16	12
Relics	1	0	1	0	0	12	17

GAME RESULTS

Monday, May 9: Raven & Firkin 12 vs. Pizza Pino's 17; Relics 0 vs. Eastmen 0; Antiques 5 vs. Mills & Hadwin 7; Sharks 17 vs. Mills & Hadwin 18; Gators 6 vs. Sweat Sox 5.

Monday, May 16: Pizza Pino's 17 vs. Gators 1; Pizza Pino's 10 vs. Antiques 19; Sweat Sox 11 vs. Eastmen 12; Mills & Hadwin 18 vs. Raven & Firkin 16; Relics 12 vs. Sharks 17.

SENIOR 'B' LACROSSE STANDINGS

Updated as of May 17

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
K-W Kodiaks	3	3	0	0	38	22	6
Ajax-Pickering Rock	4	1	2	1	35	37	3
Brooklin Merchants	3	1	2	0	25	25	2
Emmishore Shamrocks	4	0	3	1	26	35	1

WEST DIVISION

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Mohawk Stars	3	3	0	0	41	21	6
Arthur Aces	4	3	1	0	32	31	6
Owen Sound Woodsmen	4	2	1	1	33	29	5
St. Clair Storm	5	0	4	1	33	63	1

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Recent scores

Saturday, May 14: Durham Chiefs 5 vs. Mississauga Tigers 1

Durham Chiefs 12 vs. Mississauga Tigers 3

Sunday May 15: Whitby Chiefs 4 vs. Pickering Pirates 7;

Whitby Chiefs 3 vs. Pickering Pirates 3;

Burlington Bulls 3 vs. Mississauga Stars 2;

Burlington Bulls 4 vs. Mississauga Stars 3;

Richmond Hill Phoenix 12 vs. Bloor Jays 0;

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Oshawa Talons 6 vs. Barrie Red Sox 7;

Oshawa Talons 6 vs. Barrie Red Sox 1.

LOSSA SENIOR BOYS' BASEBALL

Recent scores and standings

MONDAY MAY 16th

Bowmanville 11 vs. Donevan 1

Bowmanville 17 vs. Donevan 2

Central 20 vs. O'Neill 4

(One Game and one to be made up on Wednesday)

TUESDAY MAY 17th

Sinclair 16 vs. Eastdale 0

Pickering vs Notre Dame (Doubleheader) at Hermitage Park in Ajax - start time - 1 p.m.

Pickering 16 Notre Dame 6

Pickering 13 Notre Dame 0

Ajax 11 St. Mary 6

Dunbarton vs. Pine Ridge (Doubleheader) at Kirkey Field in Pickering - start time - 1 p.m.

Dunbarton 22 Pine Ridge 0

Dunbarton 7 Pine Ridge 0 forfeit

Recent standings

TIER 1 EAST DIVISION

TEAM	G	W	L	GBL
Sinclair Celtics	6	6	0	--
Anderson Raiders	6	5	1	1
Courcile Cougars	6	3	3	3
Henry Street Hawks	6	3	3	3
Father Leo J. Austin Wildcats	6	1	5	5
Eastdale Eagles	6	0	6	6

TIER 1 WEST DIVISION

TEAM	G	W	L	GBL
Dunbarton Spartans	7	6	1	--
St. Mary Monarchs	7	5	2	1
Pickering High Trojans	7	4	3	2
Ajax High Rams	8	4	4	2.5
Pine Ridge Pumas	7	2	5	4

TIER 2

TEAM	G	W	L	T	GBL
Bowmanville	6	4	1	1	--
Central	7	5	2	0	.5
Paul Dwyer Saints	6	3	2	1	1.5
O'Neill	5	1	4	0	3.5
Donevan	6	1	5	0	3.5

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TEAM	G	W	L	T	GBL
Bowmanville	6	4	1	1	--
Central	7	5	2	0	.5
Paul Dwyer Saints	6	3	2	1	1.5
O'Neill	5	1	4	0	3.5
Donevan	6	1	5	0	3.5

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6. Dennis Setzer	-174
7. Todd Bodine	-175
8. Jack Sprague	-192
9. Matt Crafton	-231
10. Johnny Benson	-231

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TOP 10 IN POINTS	BUSCH SERIES
1. Carl Edwards	1,797
2. Clint Bowyer	-180
3. Reed Sorenson	-271
4. Martin Truex Jr.	-318
5. Ashton Lewis	-354
6. Kenny Wallace	-373
7. Denny Hamlin	-378
8. David Stremme	-411
9. Greg Biffle	-418
10. Jason Keller	-489

Pickering Swim Club hosts Last Gasp competition May 28 and 29

PICKERING — The Pickering Swim Club hosts its final meet of the season next weekend.

Appropriately named The Last Gasp swim meet, the event will be held at the Pickering Recre-

ation Complex pool on May 28 and 29.

Five swim teams — Ajax Aquatic Club, Halton Hills Blue Fins, Niki Swimming School (Toronto), Toronto Swim Club and

the host Pickering Swim Club — are scheduled to compete.

More than 229 athletes are expected in the pool during the two-day competition.

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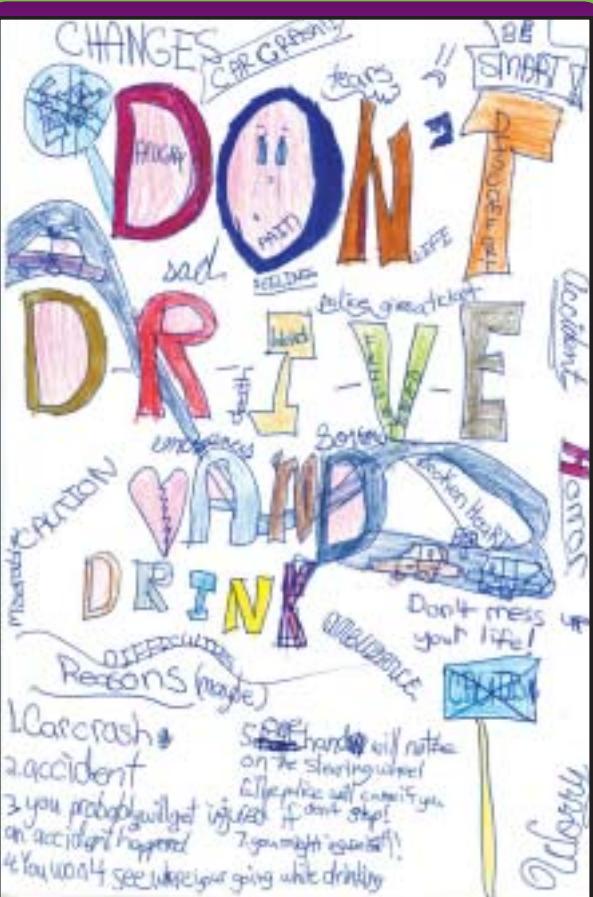
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