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Residents thinking small for Pickering

Sustainable journey begins with meetings

By Danielle Milley Staff Writer

PICKERING — For Vernon Bruce, building smaller houses is one way to move toward a sustainable Pickering.

"If we reduce the size of our homes we'll be able to heat more with windmills," he said, adding the homes would also use less energy. Mr. Bruce also suggested homes be properly insulated, and that society move toward wind and solar to generate power.

Mr. Bruce was one of about 25 people at the first of three town hall meetings hosted by the City of Pickering to solicit ideas on sustainability. Those gathered at the Pickering Recreation Complex Feb. 21 also talked about not using drivethrus and championed eating locally grown food.

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Blaisdale MONTESSORI School Mr. Bruce advocated for his lessis-more ideas, including not buying products with excess packaging.

"If we demand smaller houses be built and we refuse to buy large ones... You are going to save," he said. "We all have to expect less on this planet. We have to change our way of thinking about everything... Everything we had in the past has to change if we're going to survive on this planet."

Michelle Munroe said she's become more concerned about environmental issues since becoming a mother and that's why she came to share her ideas and hear others.

She pushed the idea of making the community more aware of the local agriculture industry and supporting locally grown food.

"They should do more for farmers to help get their products to us," she said.

Community activist Bonnie Lit-

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PICKERING — Adjudicator Jennifer Knelman, left, offers words of encouragement to Jordan Higa after she played 'The Mermaid' by Faber at the 19th annual Pickering Rotary Music Festival. Ms. Knelman offered a one-on-one critique to each student after their performance on Wednesday in the piano solo non-Conservatory, non-competitive 10-years-and-under class. Performances are at Dunbarton High School and Dunbarton-Fairport United Church, including this one, until March 2.



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Jim Hankinson, president and chief executive officer of Ontario Power Generation, sat down for a lengthy and wide-ranging interview with the Metroland Durham Region Media Group on Feb. 17.

Hankinson and OPG

OPG head 'having fun' as he works to restore 'credibility' to company

By Keith Gilligan Staff Writer

DURHAM — Discussions late last year between Ontario Power Generation and its nuclear regulator, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, were not about building new reactors, Jim Hankinson said.

Mr. Hankinson recently sat down for his first extended interview since becoming OPG's president and chief executive officer.

"Those discussions centred on the refurbishment of Pickering 'B' and Darlington," and were not about where OPG could be building new nuclear reactors.

"It's never too early in this process to be looking at refurbishment and what's involved. We weren't having talks on building new build," he added.

It's "never to early" to start considering the refurbishment of Pickering 'B' and Darlington. "We prepared for that eventuality," he said.

Meeting with the CNSC is a necessity, Mr. Hankinson stated, noting an environmental assessment is needed for any refurbishment or the building of new reactors.

"We need to know what's involved with the EA," he said.

Pat McNeil, a senior vice-president at Pickering, will be heading up the refurbishment project and any possible new building down the road.

"He has a big job ahead of him. With new build, a lot has to be done. Part of getting ready is knowing what the process will be," Mr. Hankinson noted.

There are "rules and regulations surrounding new build. Specifically, we're not having discussions on new build. We have no mandate on new build."

An EA could take three to four years. "We haven't been asked, but we stand ready."

Since assuming his dual roles, Mr. Hankinson has focused on reestablishing the company's reputation with the Province and the public.

"OPG lost a lot of credibility with the government because of (Pickering) Unit 4, the substantial cost overruns and time overruns," he said. "We're regaining that confidence and will do that by performing well and producing electricity reliably. We have to earn it back the old-fashioned way."

Getting back that credibility will "also influence whether we get to refurbish our old assets."

He noted last year the company made a profit of \$366 million, which is "an improvement over the \$42 million from the year before."

The operating efficiency of reactors has also increased. In the case of Darlington, the reactors are performing at a 90.6 per cent rate, up from 88 per cent. On the 'B' side of Pickering, the reactors are at 78 per cent, up from 70. "We're looking forward to it being perhaps well over 80 per cent," he said. The Pickering 'A' side suffered "a bit of a setback" in 2005.

Feeders were found to be thinning on two reactors and had to be replaced, while the decision was made to mothball units 2 and 3.

Permanently closing the two units was "a tough business decision" but added, "We don't regret the decision. It's time to refocus.

"It was a disappointing decision but after it was thoroughly aired, we all came to the conclusion it was the right thing to do. I don't think anyone regrets it. We couldn't make the business case.

"There had been a fair amount of degradation" to the feeders and boilers.

Outside consultants were brought in and agreed the units weren't salvageable.

The consultants noted the units would only be able to operate at a 75- to 80-per cent level and added "if that's the best you can do, it's not an exciting prospect."

The four reactors on the 'A' side were taken off-line in late 1997 following a scathing report on then-Ontario Hydro's performance with nuclear reactors. Ontario Hydro was broken up into OPG, which produces electricity, and Hydro One, which operates the grid system.

When OPG was created, the focus at Pickering was to improve the performance of the 'B' side before turning attention back to the 'A' side.

Once CNSC approval was given to refurbishing the 'A' side, work

began on Unit 4. The work, however, was poorly planned and the project ended up being significantly over-budget and well behind schedule.

"Our credibility took a hit with the refurbishment of Unit 4. When the government is dismissing senior management and the board, they aren't happy. We have some rebuilding to do and we're well on our way to doing that," he said.

OPG began the process of restoring its credibility by bringing Unit 1 back online "on time and on budget," he added.

While the company's performance with Unit 4 wasn't sterling,

OPG has earned back some of its credibility. I think we're on the right track. It all comes down to performance and you have to earn the right to have a future.' JIM HANKINSON

> "That's not a reason to turn our backs on nuclear power," Mr. Hankinson stated.

> More than half of the energy in Ontario comes from nuclear power and "coal is out of the mix."

The current provincial government has set a deadline of 2009 to close all coal-fire plants in Ontario.

"It's difficult to say what the impact will be. It will create a significant challenge on the supply side. It may lead to higher prices. It depends on what the replacement is," he said.

Personally, he has a three-year contract, which could be renewed, Mr. Hankinson stated. At the end of his time at OPG, he's hoping it will be "viewed as a very credible company. We want to be recognized as a low-cost producer of reliable electricity. I want to restore the pride of people we have in the company," he added. "The company, I hope, is much more attractive than when I got here.

"We've made substantial performance improvements. Now we have to prove we can sustain these individual improvements. OPG has earned back some of its credibility. I think we're on the right track. It all comes down to performance and you have to earn the

right to have a future.

"We have a narrow focus, sustain the improvements we had in our generation and do it consistently, and to meet the needs of our customers. It's not an easy road, but I don't know of any

other way. We want people to be proud to be here."

Mr. Hankinson noted he was relieved to learn of the dedication from OPG employees.

"I don't think there's much wrong with the culture of OPG. There's a general premise out there that there is, but I don't see it," Mr. Hankinson stated. "When I took the job, I had an idea of what it was about. I didn't believe everything in the paper.

"The people were good. It's stimulating for me. I know the industry a bit. It's challenging and I have some fun at this. I enjoy it. It's incredibly stimulating. I enjoy it even more than I thought."

Region paves the way in advance for roadwork in 2006

Roadwork

The following are included in the Region of Durham's 2006 Road Capital Projects.

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Road	Where	Cost
Regional Road 13 at Layton River	Brock	\$800,000
Regional Road 15 at Whites Creek	Brock	\$100,000
Brock Road at Uxbridge Brook tributary	Uxbridge	\$50,000
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Other structure rehabilitation projects	Various	\$493,500
Road expansion projects		
Road	Where	Cost
Taunton Road (west of Church St. to west of Westney Rd.)	Ajax	\$2.4 mil.
Taunton Road (east of Westney Rd. to east of Salem Rd.)	Ajax	\$7.1 mil.
Taunton Road (east of Harmony Rd. to east of Townline Rd.)	Oshawa	\$3.4 mil.
Harmony Road (Hwy. 2 and Rossland Road)	Oshawa	\$8.25 mil.
Regional Hwy. 47 Toronto St.	Uxbridge	\$2.23 mil.

Pickering can be a leader with food

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tley agreed with Ms. Munroe and said Pickering has the perfect opportunity to be a leader in locally grown food because of its Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner, chairman of the Benchmarking Sustainability Standards Committee, said town halls are being held so the public can be a part of the process of defining sustainability for Pickering and be part of the journey with the municipal-

"The future of the City of Pickering doesn't belong to us as politicians, it belongs to you as residents," he said.

The session started off slow with many residents asking about what time frame the City was looking at and what exactly they were being

asked to comment on, but as the evening went on ideas began to flow and the residents expressed enthusiasm about taking ownership of the project.

"The answer might not just be with the council, but with us saying what we want," said Rowena Kirk.

Towards the end of the evening, examples of Pickering's sustainable initiatives were discussed to get feedback, including an expanded waste-diversion program, the anti-idling campaign and a car pooling program.

The second town hall was Feb. 23 and the last one goes March 1 at the Claremont Community Centre.

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By Erin Hatfield Staff Writer

DURHAM — Regional Road improvements continue to be a top priority for Durham.

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Critical rehabilitation and capital needs have been identified in the Region's assessment of area roads to prevent further deterioration, according to Susan Siopis. Also, the expansion of the existing road network to accommodate significant increase in traffic has taken precedence in this year's capital roads project.

"I think a lot of residents of the region are noticing a lot of deterioration and congestion which they can see and feel when they drive the roads," said Ms. Siopis, director of transportation and field services. Total financing for 2006 capital roads projects will be \$33.1 million. The program is paid for through tax dollars and development charges.

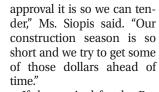
approval, Pre-budget granted at the Feb. 15 Durham council meeting, was needed to get the ball rolling on some projects early.

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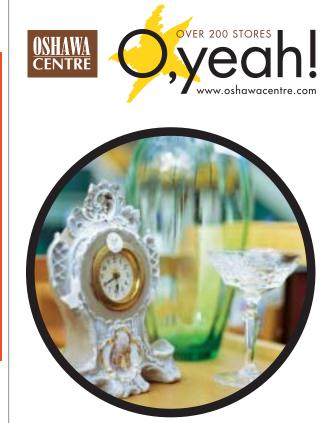
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If they waited for the Region's budgeting process to be completed then Mr. Siopis said it could be well into May before roadwork could start.

The regional roads servicing and financing study, undertaken annually by staff of the financing and works departments, determines what work is to be done and how much money will be spent. The focus is on the long-term financing and servicing issues related to the regional road infrastructure.



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Provincial sharing could mean millions for Durham

Dalton McGuinty wants 'true 50-50 partnership' on ambulance funding

By Erin Hatfield Staff Writer

DURHAM — When fully implemented, a 50-50 cost sharing for ambulance service between the Region and Province could save Durham \$4.5 million annually.

Premier Dalton McGuinty committed to increasing land ambulance funding to 50-50 by 2008 in an announcement Feb. 21 at a meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

'We have been working for a long time to get our partners to be real partners," Durham Chairman Roger Anderson said.

It has been nearly a 10-year battle according to Mr. Anderson, who is also the president of the Association of Municipalities if Ontario

The Province transferred responsibility for land ambulance services to municipalities in 1998 and agreed to fund 50 per cent



of the costs, but municipalities

Roger Anderson

have long contended the current funding does not cover all costs. Now, he said he is happy to see some headway being made.

"It is good to see the premier rectify the fiscal gap between the municipalities and the Province," Mr. Anderson said.

The millions of dollars of savings could mean good things for area roads and municipal infrastructure, he says.

"It certainly gives us some flexibility over the next three years," Mr. Anderson said.

The premier said the Province would spend an estimated \$300 million over the next three years, with annual funding for land ambulance service estimated to reach \$280 million this year, \$333 million in 2007 and \$385 million in 2008.

"Municipalities have been patient but this is an issue of fairness," said Mr. McGuinty in a press release.

"I'm pleased that we are finally going to achieve a true 50-50 partnership."



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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Editorial

Dodging CUPE strike is a relief

In the end, the planned illegal strike by hundreds of thousands of Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) across Ontario amounted to plenty of sound and fury signifying nothing.

Thankfully for the millions of Ontarians who would have been impacted by such a strike -- everything from garbage pickup to snowplowing to janitorial services at schools would have been hit -- it was called off by CUPE Ontario president Sid Ryan.

The truce between the Province, which insisted on passing Bill 206, an act to reform the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) pension plan and CUPE, whose majority of members opposed the bill, allowed everybody to save some face.

It meant the Province could stop administering the plan, turning it over to OMERS employees to look after and allowing firefighters, police officers and paramedics to negotiate pension top-ups so they can retire earlier than they currently do.

And what did CUPE get in return? The union received a promise that the government will do an independent review of the changes brought about by Bill 206 by 2012 to see if CUPE's concerns are valid. In truth, CUPE and the Province both had a hard time making a confusing stalemate easy to understand for a bewildered public. This standoff, after all, wasn't about wages, layoffs or working conditions, issues that most people can readily come to grips with.

It boiled down to one small group of public workers getting a better pension than another larger group of public workers. For many people making minimum wage or little more than that or who do not receive an employer-provided pension at their place of work, it may have seemed like a dispute between the haves and the have-mores. And, to boot, the taxpayer, according to Roger Anderson, Association of Municipalities of Ontario president, will have to pay for pension top-ups through higher property taxes.

The Province could have tried to reason with CUPE at an earlier point to avoid a lot of consternation. In the end, however, Premier Dalton McGuinty gets to pass the bill he wanted to pass without the grief of upsetting voters by being blamed for causing a massive strike. And, CUPE leader Sid Ryan can claim a pyrrhic victory without launching an illegal, unpopular strike. Everybody, it would seem, wins except, of course, the taxpayers who will have to pay more. What's new?

Letter to the Editor

Sourpusses can unite against Crone

To the editor:

Re: 'By God people, just have a big laugh!' Neil Crone column, Feb. 22.

Where does Mr. Crone get off saying that we ought to lighten up and laugh more? Doesn't he know that misery loves company? All miserable sourpusses should take a stand and unite against this new threat of happiness that Mr. Crone seems to be spearheading. Then they'll have plenty of company to be miserable together.

Anyone buying into this laughter and happiness business ought to have their heads examined for termites. Feeling good? Being pleasant company? Enjoying life? Who needs it? Really Mr. Crone, what were you thinking?

Surely people realize this letter in itself is a joke. You don't? Lighten up sourpusses! As for me, I'm off to church where I discovered the joy of the Lord. My Lord and Saviour loves to laugh and I for one love to laugh with Him. After all, He beat the odds, and that is something to laugh about.

Nancy Hendriks, Ajax



Higher education needs to be a priority for federal government

Students saddled with too much debt

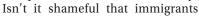
Loope that Stephen Harper managed to find time last week to look out his window and see the hundreds of students protesting on Parliament Hill.

Their message? Lower tuition fees. As the new Prime Minister meets with premiers in the coming months to discuss funding issues for the provinces, post-secondary funding will be a hot topic. Something needs to be done to stop the ever-increasing tuition fees from reaching the critical point where the majority of students will choose to forgo education because it is just too expensive.

As it stands now, Canadian students are graduating from colleges and universities saddled with thousands of dollars in debt. I should know. I'm one of them.

A decade ago, at about the time the Chretien government was cutting funding to education and I was first beginning to browse university catalogues and visit campuses, post-secondary education was still viewed as something of a luxury.

But I would hope that we've moved past that misguided view. If we are to be taken seriously in an increasingly competitive and technologically-savvy world, we have to make the proper investment in our youth. Canada is falling behind other countries in turning out highly-qualified graduates ready to compete in a skills-based economy.





Izabela Jaroszynski Staff Writer

entering this country -- this bastion of wealth and prosperity -- are usually better educated than our homegrown youth?

But in many countries around the world, post-secondary education is free or at least affordable. Students graduate without debt, ready to make a contribution to society. Let's follow that example and make higher education a priority in this country.

It may be too late for me to benefit from reduced tuition fees, but as the end of the month draws closer and I make my way to the bank to pay my not one, not two, but three student loans, I will be rooting for the next generation.

After all, they are the ones I will be depending on to support me when I am old and broke.

And still paying off my student loans.

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Ajax and Pickering students put board's new CyberCops to the test

Program teaches risks and safety issues with Internet

By Erin Hatfield Staff Writer

DURHAM - Teaching kids to make healthy choices when using the Internet is a task the Durham District School Board is looking at taking on.

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berCops program, an educational, computer-based system that teaches Grade 7 and 8 students about the risks and safety issues associated with Internet use.

(Children) are incredibly naive and that makes them incredibly vulnerable," said Pickering Trustee Sherry Croteau.

The initiative was made possible through a grant from the Ministry of Education in partnership with the Ministry of the Attorney General. Ontario Provincial Police, in partnership with the Ontario Physical

and Health Education Association, will be involved in the teacher training aspect of the program and will provide support for devel-

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Accused man was ambushed: lawyer

Faces attempted murder charge in stabbing

By Jeff Mitchell Staff Writer

DURHAM — Sean Grant walked into an ambush the night he ended up stabbing a man three times in the chest, his lawyer has suggested.

The assertion came during a day-long courtroom confrontation involving defence lawyer Sean Robichaud and Andrea Baker, a Crown witness in the case against Mr. Grant and the sister of Greg Baker, who was grievously injured in a fight with Mr. Grant on the evening of June 11, 2005.

Mr. Grant is charged with attempted murder and weapons offences in connection with the incident, which a jury has heard was the culmination of a dispute that began over a drug deal brokered by Ms. Baker.

The jury has heard Mr. Grant had been badgering Ms. Baker for his money back in the days leading up to the confrontation, and that he had been in phone contact with Ms. Baker in the hours leading up to the stabbing. Ms. Baker has admitted she consented when Mr. Grant said he was coming to her Rosefield Road townhouse that evening.

Ms. Baker, the first witness to take the stand in the trial, said Mr. Grant was angry and confrontational when he showed up just before nightfall on that Saturday evening. She said her brother Greg grabbed a baseball bat and stepped in when Mr. Grant and another unidentified man became physically aggressive.

But Mr. Robichaud pointed out that Mr. Baker, who was not involved in the drug deal but was aware of the problems Ms. Baker was having with Mr. Grant, was toting the baseball bat earlier in the day when he picked her up after work.

He said Ms. Baker consented to having Mr. Grant come to the house that evening, when she was surrounded by her brothers and other friends attending a barbecue, to either intimidate Mr. Grant or lay a beating on him.

"You knew your brother was there," he said. "You knew your brother had a bat." "I don't even know where you want me to start on that," replied Ms. Baker, who had earlier testified Mr. Baker had gone into the house to fetch the bat after Mr. Grant pulled a knife.

The defence lawyer meticulously hammered away at the witness during their often testy exchanges, pointing out what he said were inconsistencies in statements she gave to police immediately after the stabbing, during a preliminary hearing, and at this trial. Ms. Baker allowed she had "minimized" details about drugs and her brother's using a bat during the fracas.

Mr. Robichaud argued she had done more than that.

"What I'm suggesting is you're making this up and you can't keep your story straight," he told Ms. Baker, 24.

"Of course you're suggesting that," she shot back.

The five women and seven men on the jury began hearing testimony Wednesday. The trial continues.



Arthurs has alarming safety vision for all

By Danielle Milley Staff Writer

DURHAM — For many, the sound of a fire alarm signals danger. For David Hamen, not hearing it poses a safety concern.

Mr. Hamen is program director for Durham Deaf Services and a strong advocate of a private member's bill that would require all provincial and municipal public buildings be equipped with a visual fire alarm system.

"I'm a member of the deaf community and I know the issues and concerns with fire safety," he said. "I think it is about time. I'm happy the bill is going forward."

Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP Wayne Arthurs introduced the bill, which passed second reading Feb. 16, because a hearing-impaired member of his family asked him about fire accessibility.

"Often we don't think the deaf and hard of hearing need the opportunity to protect themselves," he said. "This is a very good place to start, for government to show some leadership."

A visual fire alarm has a light that flashes or shines a beam to make those who are hard of hearing or hearing impaired aware that the fire alarm is going off while at the same time an auditory alarm sounds.

Mr. Hamen knows first-hand the danger that comes with being hearing impaired in a fire. He said about 10 or 15 years ago when he was living alone he left a kettle of water boiling while he went to answer the phone. He forgot about the kettle and didn't realize it had caused the alarm to go off.

"I looked over and I saw out the win-

dow the fire truck and people gathered outside," he said. "It was scary."

He felt bad because he knew that if something had happened, it would have been his fault. But this isn't an isolated incident, he said.

"Often I'm in having a coffee break and the fire alarm goes off and I wonder where everybody is going," he said, adding people usually let him know or come and get him. Both Mr. Arthurs and Mr. Hamen said it would be safer and more accessible if hearing-impaired people could be alerted just like everyone else.

Following the incident in his apartment, Mr. Hamen tried to take the steps to protect himself and others, but found it a challenge.

"I was thinking of buying a fire alarm with a flasher, but no one had any (at that time)," he said. Prices used to be \$400 to \$800 for a visual fire alarm and he said they're now down to about \$200. Mr. Hamen thinks the bill could help lower prices even more.

"It can encourage the prices to go down and once all the public buildings and schools and institutions, once the government forces all the buildings to be accessible, others will follow," he said.

Mr. Arthurs hopes that happens as well.

"I hope it gets approved on the first round... I'm optimistic if the government shows leadership it would be setting the stage for the private sector to follow suit," he said.

The bill goes to committee next for discussion and debate, during which time stakeholders can comment. Following that it will come back for third reading.



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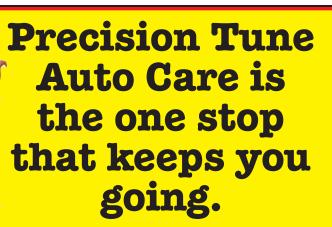
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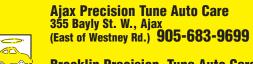




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Ronald J. Klein B.Sc., D.P.M. Podiatrist-Foot Specialist

Dear Readers: The next time you are on an airplane and you begin complaining about the food, the delays in your flight or lost luggage, remember none of these will hurt you. But sitting in a cramped seat for extended periods of times can cause blood clots to develop. These medically are known as deep vein thrornbosis (DVT).

This potential problem, sometimes called "economy class syndrome", has been in the news of last after a 28 - year - old travelling from Australia to London died. An autopsy later confirmed that she died as a result of DVT. Most of us only think of blood clots as occurring in older people, or those with pre-existing health concerns, but the death of this young lady shows that the elderly are not the only potential victims of DVT.

Although the term economy class syndrome infers that the problem occurs only with air travel, individuals seated in movie theatres, cars and other vehicles and even those seated in business class may be at risk. It can also happen to patients bedridden in hospitals. Immobility, and not the environments, is the greatest factor leading to DVT. Plane travel, however does not put the passenger in very confined surroundings, especially in window or middle seats. The space between the seats has also decreased over the years making it difficult to stretch.

Medical studies have not definitively found a link between air travel and DVT. One study found no correlation at all, while another said that the average healthy person would need some other underlying factors. One of the most famous individuals to develop DVT while travelling by air was American vice-president Dan Quayle, when in 1994 a leg clot travelled to his lung. Most of us need not worry about DVT, as flight related cases are very rare.

Sign and symptoms of DVT are pain, warmth, and /or swelling of the legs. Shortness of breath may also be present.

People who think they are at risk should consult their family physician before travelling. Medical conditions that may affect passengers are previous episodes of leg clots, previous leg or pelvic surgery, leg injury, varicosities or pregnancy. Those who smoke take birth control pills, hormone replacement therapy, chemotherapy as well as those with heart disease or diabetes have increased susceptibility to long periods of immobility. Lastly, the overweight, elderly and very tall passengers will find themselves more confined by cramped seating.

Any amount of immobility is not healthy. Sitting for long periods of time without contracting your leg muscles can cause the pooling of blood in the deep veins leading to DVT. Walking on the plane every hour is the best way to prevent clot, even if it means climbing over the passenger beside you. Avoid placing your carry-on bags under the seat in front of you so you can stretch your legs out more easily. While sitting, flex your ankles up and down as if you were stepping on the accelerator. Repeat this 20 times every couple of hours. Another exercise is to clinch your toes and hold for three seconds at a time. This will aid in contracting your calf muscles. Never sit cross legged

Speak to your family physician about taking aspirin before flying to help to keep blood thinner. Air on a plane has less humidity. This can lead to dehydration, thickening the blood and making it more prone to clots. Drinking an eight - ounce glass of water every two hours will help prevent blood from stagnating.

When booking seats on an airplane, always choose those with the greatest amount of leg room. Ask for the seats on an exit row, the bulkhead or on the aisle. Remember, immobility is one of the greatest causes of DVT, whether you are in a hospital bed, sitting in the theatre or flying on an airplane. Know if you are at risk and speak to your medical doctor.

If you have any questions you would like answered or a topic you would like addressed, send to ASK THE PODIATRIST, C/O THE NEWS ADVERTISER.





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Manners have to be reinforced every day

Amount of disrespect is amazing

A s long as I've been employed, I have worked in the so-called 'service business'. I was a waitress, a cashier, a sales representative and have worked directly with people to ensure that my service met their standards. However, I have never encountered so many children and adults with little to no manners or respect as I did when serving them.

The issue of manners and the dire lack of them in our society strikes a very sad chord in me. When teenagers and children have little to no respect for authorities and lack in proper etiquette, it only supports the stereotype of rebellious teen characteristics. The lack of manners could result from parents who are too lenient with their child's behaviour or their child's simple reluctance to obey rules.

Is it that some parents believe that once children have reached a certain age, they should know what manners are and how to use them? If so, why do we put so much accountability on young children? Despite these questions, teenagers and children are being further stereotyped because they are not being taught the right manners and more importantly not being taught how to maintain them. As I see it, lack of manners and etiquette diminishes the civility of par-



Katalin McLean youth columnist

ents, their children and anyone they come in contact with, which leads to a very cranky society.

Parents normally teach children from an early age that respect is directly forwarded through one's manners. I was certainly taught at an early age that please and thank you were essentials in daily conversation. However, children tend to find that crack in their parents' discipline and linger there until they are promptly set in their place.

They will settle into what they believe is rebellious behaviour, awaiting guidance from their authorities. Unfortunately, this transition from young child to disobedient child is very gradual and sometimes difficult to catch. It could be anything from not saying thank you when somebody opens the door for you, or failing to utter thank you when receiving a food order. The point is something is going desperately wrong with today's generation when we fail to remember these morals once we set out into the world.

Most of the children and adults I serve are very polite and gracious. However, it's sad that the almost one per cent of people who are rude to me are the ones who I tend to remember at the end of the night. I was certainly surprised when I entered the serving business and found how many people do not say thank you when I bring their order. It's so simple, isn't it? I was appalled at how some children are let free to run around the restaurant, dodging servers who are carrying trays full of drinks. It just makes me angry that somebody is not enforcing that restaurants are not playgrounds, and some people are trying to enjoy their meal. Sadly, this is almost a daily occurrence and can make a server's shift very difficult.

I understand children will rebel, but when they start to be disrespectful to other people, someone must put them in their place. After all, who is the adult here? Kids will be kids and that's OK with me, but they will learn from example and sometimes, to be quite frank, the adults can be more impolite than the children.

Please continue to enforce manners every day, as it will lead to a more respectful bond between the citizens of Durham.

Katalin McLean is an 18-yearold Ajax resident. She is the News Advertiser's youth columnist and appears on the fourth Sunday of each month.









and Brian "Carol Eathorne are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lindsay, to Gregory Robert, son of Debbie and Garry Bugden of Newfoundland. A September wedding is planned. We wish the happy couple a lifetime of love, happiness and laughter."



"Our baby is three years old. On Feb. 11, friends and family celebrated Jonah O'Hara's birthday. Jonah, you are a special boy and we love you so very much. You have grown so much last year and you amaze us everyday. We love you. Happy birthday and love, Mommy and Daddy."



Tom and Deb Mohr of Pickering, and Brett and Ann Harrison of Whitby, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Harrison, to Todd Walker, son of Dennis and Pauline Walker of Colborne. Love and best wishes for a long and happy future together. A meeting of the minds is yet to be attained regarding a date for the nuptials."



"Happy first birthday to Brianna Bridgemongal on Feb. 17. Love Mommy, Daddy, Grandma Dolly and Ann, Grandpa Errol and Tonic, Great-Grandma June and Doris, Aunty Cookie, Baby and Nadia, plus the rest of the family."



"On Feb. 17, Shelby celebrated her 14th birthday. A made-toorder day with school closed and ringette at the ACC! Can it get any better? Happy birthday Stinz. Hugs and kisses from Mom and Dad."



"Jan. 23 was a special day in the Scherer household, as Jacob celebrated his fifth birthday. Happy birthday sweetheart, we are very proud of you. Lots of love from Mummy and Daddy, brother Christopher and all of your family and friends."



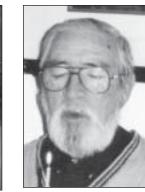
"Our 'Cheeky Monkey' turned one Feb. 13. Happy first birthday Ciara. You have made our love stronger, days shorter, nights longer, bankroll smaller, home happier, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten, and the future worth dreaming about. Thank vou for all the love. laughter and happiness you have brought to our lives. Lots of love n' cuddles from Mummy, Daddy. Grandma. Nonno, Nana, Bisnonna, and all your family and friends.



"Look at our teen now. Jennifer Barr turned 13 on Feb. 12. We can't believe you are a teenager already. Boy how time flies. Happy birthday and lots of love always, from Mom, Dad, Stephen and pets Brandy and Lilly ('woof').



"Speerzy's 18 on Feb. 24! Happy birthday Kyle. We wish you all the best on this special day. Love Mom, Dad and Ashley."



"Congratulations go out to Ed Forrest, longtime resident of Pickering, who turns 80 on Feb. 26. Ed will celebrate his birthday with his family, including wife Betty, daughters Lindsey, Julie, Diane, sons-in-law John Paul and Roger, and grandchildren Simon, Amanda. Torv. Holly and Katy. Lindsey and Simon are travelling from Richmond, B.C. to help celebrate the special day. We love vou Ampie."



"Happy birthday to Nicole on Feb. 22. Lots of love from Mom, Dad and Sheryl."

"MacKenzie Earle



turned six Feb. 20. Another year has gone by already and you have turned into a beautiful young lady right before our eyes. Your honest and innocent outlook on life gives us all a new perspective on things around us. You are truly special. All our love, from Mommy, Daddy, Dallas, Grandma and Grandpa Sheath, and Nanny Earle."



"Don Bilby celebrates his birthday Feb. 26. Best wishes from Boo Boo, friends and family."



"Preston Farrell turned 14 on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. Our little boy is growing up to be the perfect little man. We are so proud of you Preston. Lots of love from Mom, Dad, Jaylyn and Kola."



"Happy first birthday on Feb. 14 to our special Valentine, baby Drew. Thank you for the most amazing year of our lives. We love you sooo much! Love from Mommy, Daddy, Brandi and all of your family."



"Serena turned sweet 16 on Feb. 21. She's still smiling. Happy birthday and love from Mom, Dad, Aaron, all the aunts, uncles and cousins. And, Nona celebrated her 76th birthday Feb. 18 too."



"Happy first birthday Abby Rose. Love from Mitchell, Mandy, Mommy, Daddy and family. There's lots of love on your big day, Feb. 21."



"Happy birthday to Paige and Erik Lojet. Paige is nine on Feb. 25 and Erik is six this year, but since he is a leap-day baby (born Feb. 29), he doesn't really have an actual 'birthday day', so we will be celebrating his special day March 1. We are blessed to have such wonderful children. Love for eternity, Mom and Dad."



"Whatcha doing? Turning 28? H.B. from Brian, the fam and Momo. Jena turned 28 on Feb. 10. Love va!"



"Happy 18th birthday to Brent Kenneth Tamane on Feb. 23. We want you to know how proud and how special you are to us all. Lots of love and best wishes for a wonderful day. Love from Dad, Mom, Grant, Nanny, Grandma, Grandpa and all the rest of the family."



"Oh no, it was the 'F' word for Rhonda Wiles on Feb. 21. If you see her, wish her all the best and a very happy 50th birthday."













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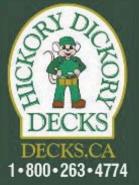


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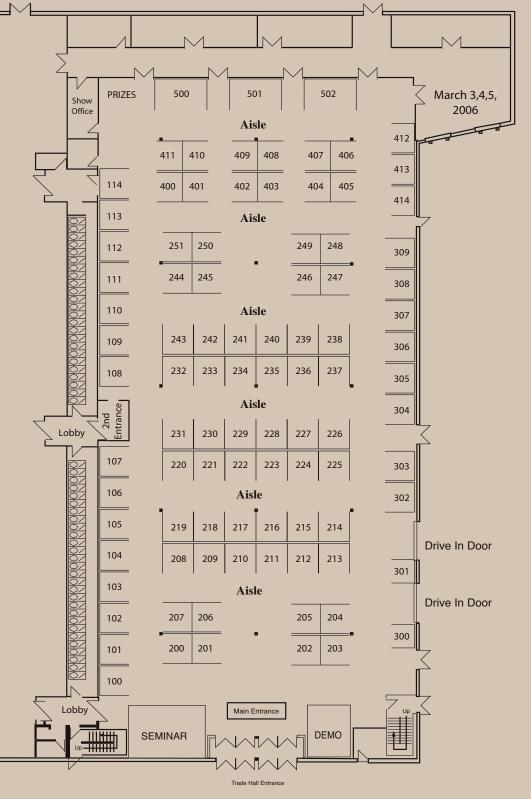
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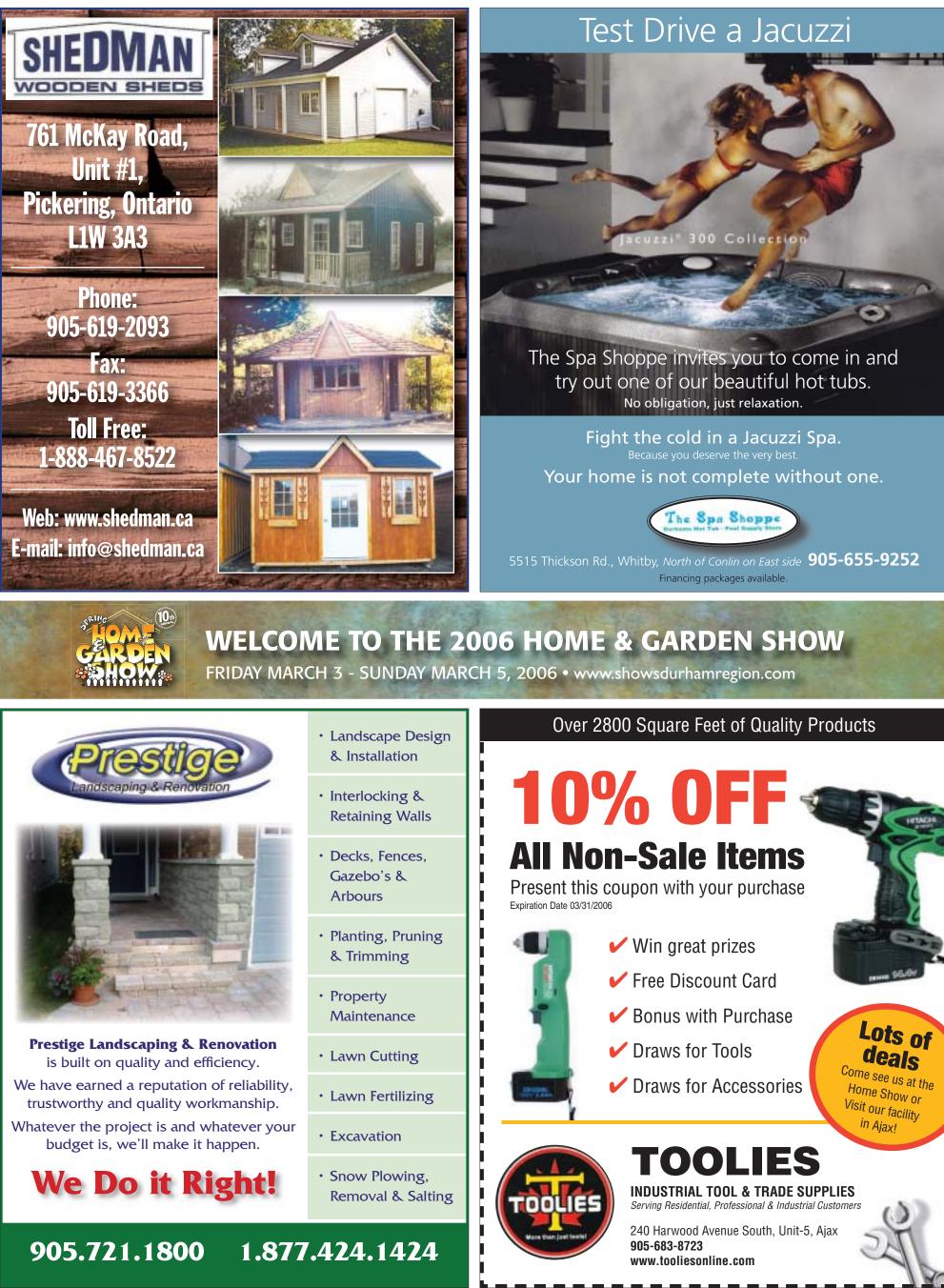
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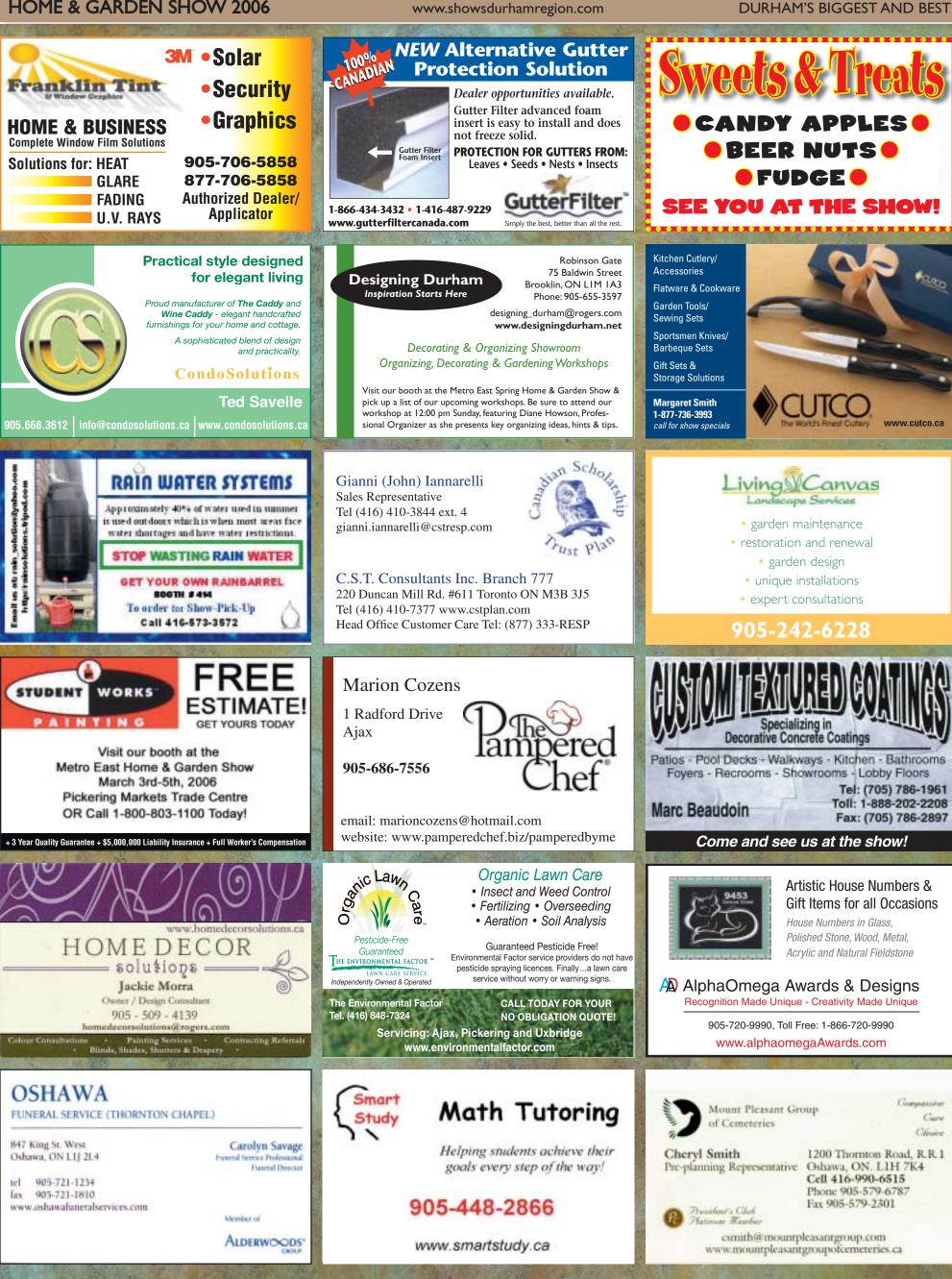
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Walk this way

PICKERING — Ed Young walks along the boardwalk of the Beachfront Park in Pickering on a warm, windy Thursday afternoon before the bad weather hit.

Girls are going in Ajax

Ophea program promotes healthy bodies and minds

By Crystal Crimi Staff Writer

AJAX — Go Girls is working to get Ajax's 12-14 year olds going on a healthy body and mind.

An Ontario Physical and Health Education Association (Ophea) program, Go Girls wants girls throughout Ajax to be more active, improve eating habits, increase self esteem and develop positive relationships.

"In some cases, this program has really changed girls' lives," said Jennifer Cowie Bonne, Ophea's director of development.

The seven-session program is held after school throughout Ajax for girls in Grades 7 and 8, and is presented by Big Sister and parks and recreation volunteers, aged 18 to 25.

"Basically it's a mentoring program," said Ms. Cowie Bonne. "It's not necessarily for kids who have problems."

Ms. Cowie Bonne said along with activities, participants learn about balanced eating and have a healthy snack and talk session to discuss healthy choices.

"These (mentors) aren't just people, these are people in the same community as the girls in school," said Ms. Cowie Bonne.

She said it's offered to students aged 12-14 because the age category tends to be the activity drop out age. She added some studies show girls don't like to sweat in public.

"We felt this was a good time for intervention," she said and added the program tries to get the girls on the right track before they get to high school.

The program began as sports mentoring in 1999 and in 2001 it became provincewide. In 2004, Big Brothers and Sisters joined as Go Girls delivery partners. The Town of Ajax recreation services as well as public health units are also partners.

Most of Ophea's funding is provided through a temporary Trillium Foundation grant. Although Go Girls helps start up the program, it is up to local communities to keep it going.

For more information on Go Girls, call Ophea at 416-426-7120.

No ban for now, butt Province still has a say

Public board trustees decide against getting tough on smoking next to schools

By Erin Hatfield Staff Writer

DURHAM — Public board trustees will wait for the Province to decide if smoking by students adjacent to schools should be banned. At the Feb. 20 meeting of the Durham District School Board, Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford made a motion requesting students not be permitted to smoke next to school property until the Province makes a universal decision on the matter.

Last November, trustees decided to send the Province a letter regarding the issue.

The letter, sent in January to coincide with national non-smoking week, requested that Ontario's ministers of health and education, as well as the attorney general, look into amending the Smoke-Free Ontario Act to prevent anyone under age 19 from possessing tobacco products.

"I thought it might be a long time before they come back with this," Trustee Crawford said.

A large majority defeated the motion after concerns were expressed about the repercussions of prohibiting students from smoking adjacent to schools.

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"The insinuation, by default, is that we are asking them to go somewhere else," Pickering Trustee Sherry Croteau said.

"They will just be across the street or go somewhere else," student trustee Kiyoko Fujimura said.

"It might just make students late for class a lot more."

The DDSC is still awaiting a response from the Province.



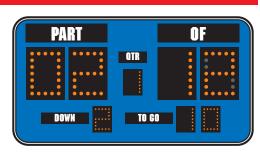
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The Pickering Panthers host the Markham Waxers in Game 4 of their second round playoff series at the Pickering Rec Complex Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

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Youth soccer growing more popular in Pickering



Pickering Soccer Club a year-round enterprise

By Al Rivett Sports Editor

PICKERING — Whether it's 30°C with the sun beating down as he watches from the sidelines or it's -10°C outside and he's overlooking the play on a gymnasium's parquet floor, Steve Pootes is never far from a soccer pitch.

A volunteer coach in the Pickering Soccer Club for the past seven years, Pootes is a rare breed. He spends the long winter months as an indoor coach and then, when the outdoor season arrives after the Victoria Day long weekend, Pootes is right back on the field.

Indoor or outdoor, whether the ball's dribbled on hardwood or grass -- the game holds the same allure for the 40-year-old Toronto District School Board employee who, you could say, gets a kick out of coaching kids.

"I love it," he says, simply, as to why he's so involved. "I get along great with the parents and the children. I love both the indoor and the outdoor game."

Pootes is one of more than 350 coaches in the PSC who deliver the game to the approximately 4,500 players who inhabit the pitches, be they indoor or outdoor, each season. The numbers speak loudly as to the game's popularity in Pickering; it's a sport that cuts through cultural and socio-economic boundaries, making it appealing to all. The PSC, in its 22nd year of providing soccer in the city, is made up almost equally of boys and girls from age four to adult, and boasts more than 1,000 volunteers and employs a yearly budget in excess of \$800,000.

This indoor season, Pootes is as active as ever. The two-time. PSC house league outdoor coach of the year is doing double duty, serving as a coach for his daughter Jennifer's under-14 co-ed team, as well as coming out each Sunday during the winter months to give instruction to his son Robert's under-16 co-ed team.

He describes the indoor game as a great way for kids to keep their skills sharp, while also getting a great workout.

"It keeps them in game shape for the outdoor season and it is very fast paced. The kids run back and forth like cheetahs. It's incredible."

And, the smaller ball used in the





instruction to his team in a time out during a Pickering Soccer Club indoor soccer game at Dunbarton High School. Pootes is a volunteer coach with the organization in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. Among the players he coaches is son Robert Pootes, left, who is seen moving into position in front of the goal.

Above, Stephen Pootes offers

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By the numbers

- 4,508 players in 2005 season -- 51 per cent female
 90 or more referees each outdoor season
- 250 coaches
- 1.000 volunteers
- 2,020 female players in house league
- 1,933 male players in house league
- 279 females in competitive programs276 males in competitive programs
- 4 -- age of youngest players
 40 or older -- ages of senior women's players
- 16 -- percentage of city population involved

indoor game is "like a tennis ball on steroids

"If you can control an indoor ball, it's effortless to control an outdoor ball.

Oddly enough, Pootes says it was his wife who urged him to get into coaching. And, after an extensive playing career with the Wexford

Soccer Club in Scarborough in his youth, as well as playing high school soccer there, he wanted to share some of his soccer knowledge.

"It's such a great team sport and I try to help the kids with any skills that I had learned over the years," he says. "It's great fun. It's great to see the kids achieve something and I'm

- PSC's competitive teams play in a number of leagues, including the Durham Boys Soccer League, Durham Girls Soccer League, Central Boys Soccer League, Central East Boys Soccer League, Central Girls Soccer League, and the Ontario Youth Soccer League, the top level for competitive boys' and girls' teams.
- Over the years. PSC alumni have earned scholarships to top U.S. universities and have played internationally. One in particular, Steve Gill, made 21 international appearances on the Canadian national youth and Olympic

- Source: Pickering Soccer Club

glad to do my little part for the community and to help out the kids."

Outside of knowing and teaching soccer, Pootes says coaches need patience in large doses in order to juggle the many and varied personalities on a team.

"Some kids think they should be playing this position instead of that

position or they should be playing more. The kids all have different ways of looking at things." Overseeing the colossus that is

the Pickering Soccer Club is firsttime president Larry LeBlanc. He notes he's in awe of the level of participation in soccer, which he sees as traversing upwards year over year

"We are experiencing growth and we have for a number of years. And, there's the potential for a lot more growth," says LeBlanc, adding the club could easily top 5,000 participants in the next few years.

But, with growth, there are also growing pains. And, LeBlanc acknowledges the PSC has experienced some of that, too. Mostly, it's centred on the lack of playing fields in the city that keeps the PSC literally bursting at the seams. That, says LeBlanc, is the single biggest issue facing the club.

'We have a number of quality fields, but we don't have enough of them. We don't have enough fields, period," he says, adding "99 per cent" of the fields utilized by the PSC are in the south end of the city, with the new-growth areas in the north having few soccer facilities attached to them.

The strength of the club, which operates on a year-round, basis, is in its players and coaches, says LeBlanc. Under the stewardship of head coach Tony La Ferrara, the quality of PSC coaches -- in both house league and rep levels -- has increased, thanks to an ongoing program of skills development.

'We've always strived to get the best coaches we can. It's a volunteer system, so we're limited that way, but we've provided good training procedures, education and upgrading -- those kinds of things," says LeBlanc.

The focus on good coaching, along with player-development programs, has produced outstanding results on the field, says LeBlanc. This past outdoor season, PSC rep teams captured a whopping 36 tournament championships, including two teams that claimed prestigious Robbie International Tournament titles

As for Pootes, with soccer being a family affair, he's confident he'll be patrolling the sidelines each summer and winter for the foreseeable future.

"I don't see myself stopping for quite a few years yet."

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Other information:



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo Pickering High School Trojans' Megan Canavan lunges to make a return during the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics junior girls' 'AAAA' volleyball final advinet Whithy's Singlein Secondary School Celting at Alex Lith School and Thursday at the School Athletics junior girls' 'AAAA' volleyball final against Whitby's Sinclair Secondary School Celtics at Ajax High School on Thursday night. Pickering High won the LOSSA title with a 15-12 come-from-behind victory in the third and final game.

Trojans refuse to lose in final

Pickering High girls make big comeback to nip Sinclair in junior volleyball final

By Al Rivett Sports Editor

AJAX — Despite facing its fair share of adversity in the Durham Region final, the Pickering Trojans junior girls' volleyball team simply refused to give in.

After winning handily 25-16 in the first set, the Ajax high school's game seemed to go south against Whitby's Sinclair Secondary School Celtics in the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) 'AAAA' volleyball championship at Ajax High School on

Thursday night.

ship starting

to slip away,

Pickering High ended up losing the second set 25-22 and



Scott Burrows

Pickering High righted the ship in the nick of time.

The Trojans completed the comeback, thanks in large part to better serving and to a steppedup defence, pulling out the narrow 15-12 victory for the 2-1 win.

"To our credit, our girls refused to lose," says a proud Pickering High coach Scott Burrows. "It was a fantastic match, a real nailbiter.'

Although he praised his players for their ability to dig deep when it mattered most, Burrows was most impressed with the play of the Celtics. The Trojans had beaten the Celtics for the gold medal at Durham College early in the season, but this version of the Celtics was much improved.

'Their coaches (head coach Kate Kolesnik and assistant Shannon White) have done a good job with that team. They gave us a good game. It could have gone either way and that's a tribute to their coaches," says Burrows.

Leah Saar was Pickering High's most valuable player for the LOSSA championship. Erin Bickle was the team MVP for Sinclair.

Other Trojans' team members are Monica Jones, Megan Canavan, Riana Gee, Suzanne Miller, Stephanie Antoine, Tiana McFarlane, Alex McLeod, Jamila Blackman, Kendra Bianchi, Adriana Allen, Iva Pantic, Rachel Martini, Stephanie Wood, Carly Lock and Sam Gray. Assistant coach is Tania Craig and the trainer is Aaron Morris.

Notes: The Wilson Gators of Whitby captured the junior girls' 'AAA' championship, defeating Henry Street in the final... Anderson Collegiate Raiders of Whitby defeated Sinclair in the senior girls' 'AAAA' final, 3-1.

Meet medals for city gymnasts

PICKERING — A large contingent of artistic gymnasts from the Pickering Athletic Centre had their competition over a barrel at a meet in Niagara Falls last weekend.

Many of the 29 girls who participated made their competitive debut for the season at the meet.

Among the category winners were Ashley Hart, who led the way in the Level 3 age 8-to-11 division. She finished first on vault, balance beam and floor exercise, and third on uneven bars. Also striking gold was Tiara McCleary in the Level 5 7-and-8 division. McCleary was first on vault, bars and floor and second on beam. In the same category, Kaitlyn Trach was the silver medallist, finishing second on vault, bars and beam and first on floor.

In Level 3, 8-to-11, Ashley Hart was golden, placing first. She was first on vault, beam and floor and third on bars. In Level 5, age 9, Julia Watters captured gold, finishing first on beam, third on vault, fifth on bars and sixth on floor.

National-level gymnast Tara Swami finished with the overall silver medal, finishing second on vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

Other results were:

Other results were: • Level 4, age 11: Taylor McFarlane, second on vault, first on bars, sixth on beam, third on floor, second overall; • Level 2, age 7: Cassidy Collin, second on vault and bars, third on beam and floor, third overall; • Level 2, age 8: Jesse Taylor, sec-ond on vault, bars, beam floor, second overall; Stephanie Stiles, second on vault, bars, beam, floor and overall; Sh-emoya Hylton, third on beam, second on vault, bars floor, second overall;

emoya Hytton, third on beam, second o vault, bars floor, second overall;
 Level 2, age 9: Jennifer Hamlyn, first on vault, third on bars, second on beam, second on floor, second overall;
 Sarah Harris-Lowe, third on vault, first on bars, fourth on beam, seventh on floor third overall

Ibor, third overall.
 Level 2, age 10-11: Sonya Morais, eighth on vault, sixth on bars, sixth on beam, sixth on floor, seventh overall;
 Level 3, age 9: Casey Kurtin, first

Level 3, age 3. cases with, in st sixth on floor, third overall;
 Level 3, 12-and-over: Cassandra Schilling, second on vault, eighth on bars, eighth on beam, 10th on floor, sixth

Level 3, 8-11: Presley Tiernan,
eighth on vault, sixth on bars, eighth on beam, third on floor, eighth overall; Lindsey Gordon, third on vault, 10th on bars, 12th on beam, second on floor, 10th

12th on beam, second on floor, 10th overall; • Level 3, 11: Ashley Cammisa, ninth on vault, fourth on bars, fifth on beam, second on floor, fourth overall; Emma Kikulis, second on vault, 11th on bars, 13th on beam, first on floor, ninth overall. • Level 4, age 11: Brooke Hing, fifth on vault, fourth on bars, second on beam, ninth on floor, fifth overall; Bebecca Palen, eighth on vault, sixth on

on beam, ninth on floor, fifth overall; Rebecca Palen, eighth on vault, sixth on bars, seventh on beam, seventh on floor, eighth overall; • Level 4, 12-13: Jessica Hughes, fifth on vault, sixth on bars, seventh on beam, eighth on floor, sixth overall; • Level 4, 14-and-over: Angela St. Denis, fifth on vault, third on bars, second on beam, fourth on floor, third overall; Thesha Rozas, seventh on vault, ninth on bars, 12th on beam, eighth on floor, 12th overall;

Level 5, age 9: Samantha Smed-ley, second on vault, third on bars, third

rey, second on valit, filled on bars, filled on beam, first on floor, fourth overall; e Level 6, 10-11: Alexandra Large, fourth on vault, first on bars, fifth on beam, first on floor and tied for third overall with Sydney Marcoux, fifth on vault, fourth on bars, second on beam, third on floor:

hird on floor;
Level 7, 12-13: Alex Clayton, second on yault, ninth on bars, fourth on

beam, first on floor, fourth overall.
 Level 8, 10-11: Maya Swami, third on vault, second on bars, fourth on beam, fourth on floor, third overall.

ESN, NAP play to sister kisser on the basketball court School last Wednesday night.

Top Shelf pins loss on printers

AJAX — ESN Packaging Services and North Alliance Press were fit to be tied in Ajax Men's Baskethall League nlay at Aiax High

The teams played to a 47-47 draw. Claude Whitfield led all scorers with 18 points for ESN. Bob Hunt added 10. John Beyaz had the hot hand for NAP with 17 points; Mike Allen chipped in

Game 2 proved to be no contest as Top Shelf breezed by Dickson Printing 56-31. All Top Shelf players scored, including Gord Brown and Louis Davis with 13 each, and Luke Luukkonen with 12. Stephen Johnston led Dickson with eight points followed

by Kevin Walker's seven.

The Burgundy team prevailed 41-32 in a see-saw battle with the Blue team. The lead changed several times. Frank Forde paced Burgundy with 13 points. David Jackson was solid on the boards for Blue scoring 15 points

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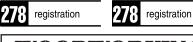
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PICKERING MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

GAME ONE GAME ONE Accent Building Sciences 56 vs. Gallantry's Eatery 47 TOP SCORENS Accent: Rick Jones 16, Ian Campbell 15, Mike Horn 11, Marin Rojas 8. Gallantry's: Steve Gazmin 23, Corrado Roccasalva 7, Tim Bowen 6, Tony Oliver 6.

CAME TWO Best Buy Insurance 52 vs. Lakar Carpentry 49 TOP SCORERS Best Buy: Iain Grant 15, Frank Tuitt 15, Frank Gallo 10, Tom Recalls 8. Lakar: Dodge Beckford 25, John Feming 11, Pat Roach 6, Bill Boston 3.

GAME THREE GAME THREE West Hill Men's Slo-Pitch 63 vs. Ell-Rod Holdings 57 TOP SCORENS West Hill: Orin Taylor 19, George Iordanov 18, Chris Sheldon 10, Elman McLean 10, El-Rod: Alberto Daros 13, David Voth 13, Steve Leahy 11, Roger Young 10.

GAME FOUR Verifeye 49 vs. Ellis Packaging 30 TOP SCORERS Verifeye: Scott Poulton 13, Collin Exeter 10, Howard Jones 9. Ellis: John Esposito 10, Conrad Davis 7, Kevin Walker 6.

CAME FIVE CAME FIVE Knights Corner Pub & Grill 59 vs. Warwick Publishing 54. TOP SCORENS Knights: Rod Fraser 17, Karl Hutchinson 16, Randy Filinski 14, Jim Willinson 16, Randy Filinski Marwick: Alonzo Starling 17, Claude Feig 13, Gord Brown 13, Luke Lukkonen 5.

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GAME FIVE Gallantry's Eatery 58 vs. Lakar Carpentry 51 TOP SCORERS Gallantry's: Tony Oliver 21, Jim Bowen 16, Corrado Roccasalva

LOSSA WRESTLING RESULTS 2006 The LOSSA Wrestling Championship tournament was hosted by Uxbridge Secondary School with 177 wrestlers and 14 Durham Region high schools in attendance. The Open category wrestlers who won gold and silver medals qualified to represent LOSSA at the Ontario High School Championships (OFSA) at the Sarria Sports and Entertain-ment Arena Feb. 28 to March 2

OFSAA Qualifiers: Josh Sherland, 64 kgs, Pine Ridge SS – Gold Liam Berry, 77 kgs. - Pickering HS - Gold Trent Boughner, 75 kg - Ajax HS – Gold Paul Rabjohn, 72 kg - Ajax HS – Gold Michael Procas, Heavy Weight - Ajax HS - Silver Ajax H. S. Individual Results for Open Boys: Od ences. Ierken Marce @ 47 5 Ajax H. S. Individual Hesuits for Open Boys: 3rd place Judrah Amos (#7.5 kg 1st placeTerni Boughner (@ 57.5 kg 1st placePaul Rabjohn (@ 72 kg 2nd place Michael Procak (@ Heavy Weight (Unlimited) Team Results for Open Boys: 1st place - Ohael ICVI. 70 points 2nd place - Sanctair SS, 44 points 3rd place - Sinctair SS, 44 points 4th place - Ajax H. S., 38 points 5th place - G. L. Roberts, 32 points

AJAX H. S. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FOR CADET BOYS.: 1st place, Brett Calhoun @ 51 kg 1st place, brett Cantouri er or ng 2nd place, Kevin Lee @ 51 kg 1st place, Adam Palmer @ 54 kg 1st place, Brandon De Vries @ 57.5 kg 3rd place,Scott Graham @ 64 kg

3rd place, Robert Palmer @ 67.5 kg 1st place, Jacob Featherstone @ 77 kg 3rd place, Ryao Butron @ 83 kg PINERIDGE S. S. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FOR CADET BOYS.: 2nd place, Place Jemmitt @ 54 kg 2nd place, Dylan Lloyd @ 89 kg

PICKERING H. S. INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FOR CADET BOYS: 2nd place, Maxwell Bean @ 47.5 kg 3nd place, Tim Chase @ 77 kg 1st place, Pean Hipson @ 64 kg 1st place, Arif Mahbodo @ 47.5 kg 1st place, Bean Smith @ 33 kg 3rd place, Audan Morgan @ 54 kg

TEAM RESULTS FOR CADET BOYS: 1st place, Ajax H. S., 66 points 2nd place, Pickering H. S. 60 points 3rd place, Sinclair S. S. 39 points 4th place, Uxbridge S. S. 27 points 5th place, G. L. Roberts 26 points AJAX SOCCER CLUB Indone Seanon

Standings and Results inclusive to Feb. 12, 2006									
Standings – Under 8 Division									
TEAM	G	Ψ	L	Т	GF	GA	PTS		
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Terriers	12	6	4	2	11	8	20		
Shepherds	12	6	5	1	18	13	19		
Beagles	12	5	6	1	21	23	16		
Retrievers	12	3	5	4	13	18	13		
Greyhounds	12	1	8	3	3	16	6		

January 29 results Beagles (Champagne) 5 Vs Retrievers (Maroon) 3 Greyhounds (Yeljow) 0 Vs Shepherds(Orange) 3 Dalmations (Red) 0 Vs riers (Sage)2

February 5 results Beagles (Champagne) 3 Vs Greyhounds (Yellow) 0 Sheppards(Orange) 1 Vs Dalmations (Red) 2 Retrievers (Maroon) 0 Vs Terriers (Sage) 1.

 February 12 results

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January 29 results Thunder (Champagne) 5 Vs Lightning (Gold) 2 Fury (Orange) 7 Vs Bilizzat (Kelly Green) 0 February 5 results Fury (Orange) 4 Vs Lightning (Gold) 4 Thunder (Champagne) 3

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February 5 results Stealth (Silver) 3 Vs Mustangs (Maroon) 0 Firebirds (Forest Green) 3 Vs Corvettes (Yellow) 3

February 12, 2006 Results Corvettes (Yellow) 3 Vs Mustangs (Maroon) 5 Stealth (Silver) 4Vs Firebirds (Forest Green) 1

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Liverpool	12	6	4	2	34	36	20
Everton	12	5	4	3	41	35	18
Arsenal	12	5	5	2	40	44	17
Chelsea	12	2	9	1	29	52	7

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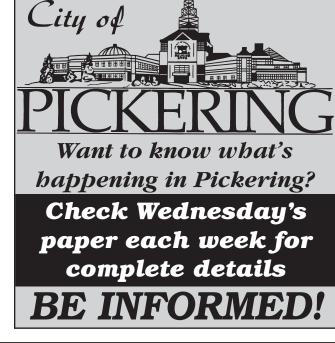
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