

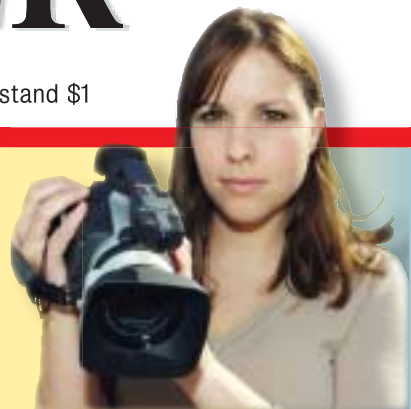
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## Cool down in Pickering

**PICKERING** — With temperatures expected to reach record highs Tuesday, the City of Pickering has set up a cooling station at the Pickering Recreation Complex.

It will be open until 11 p.m. for people to come in to sit down and enjoy some air conditioning, and the pool is open until 10 p.m. for public swimming. Water is also available to help cool people down in this extreme heat.

The station is to stay open as long as the extreme heat alert is in effect. Temperatures are expected to reach 32 C Wednesday.

Other ways to cool down during the extreme heat this week include visiting the local library, taking in a movie or browsing at the mall.

The recreation complex is at 1867 Valley Farm Rd. For more information, call 905-831-1711.

## Armed thugs rob Pickering store

**PICKERING** — Three thugs armed with a knife forced employees at a Pickering store to open a safe before making off with cash Thursday night.

Durham police say the suspects threatened employees and cut phone lines during the robbery at the Dollarama shop on Pickering Parkway, in the Brock Road-Hwy. 401 area.

A 17-year-old clerk told police that shortly before 9 p.m. he was confronted at the back of the store by a man with a knife and forced to lead the way to a safe. Two other suspects rounded up three female employees, one of whom was ordered to open the safe.

The robbers scooped cash into a plastic bag and cut phone lines before fleeing through the back door. A sweep of the area by uniformed cops, a canine unit and the police helicopter did not turn up any suspects.

The three men, one white and two with darker complexions, had their faces covered with bandanas. None of the four employees was hurt, police said.

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# Pickering supports firefighters' fight

Changes would amend workplace safety act

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — Pickering firefighters want to make sure they are compensated fairly for the illnesses and diseases they suffer as a result of their job, and that their families and those of their colleagues are too.

Colin Arnott, vice-president of the Pickering Professional Firefighters As-

sociation and the association's Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (WSIB) chairman, came to Pickering council July 24 to gather support for a new bill that would amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act to create two areas relating to health conditions affecting firefighters. This would mean WSIB claims by firefighters for diseases such as colon cancer would be automatically approved.

Mr. Arnott said currently some claims are approved by the WSIB as workplace related, but it is sporadic

and a lengthy process.

Barb Ritchie is aware of how difficult it is to get a claim approved in Ontario and is fully behind the legislation. Ms. Ritchie's husband Bruce passed away in 1998 from kidney cancer at the age of 52. He had been a firefighter in Toronto for 25 years. It took five years for the WSIB to finally recognize his claim.

"It's a long, tedious process and emotionally it seems like it's never ending," said the Whitby resident.

While Ms. Ritchie is grateful the

WSIB finally did approve the claim, she said it was stressful to deal with the loss of her husband and fight for compensation.

Mr. Arnott said because firefighters are regularly in contact with toxic substances while fighting fires they are more at risk of developing cancer than the general population.

"Even with the best responsible practices and safety precautions firefighters will be exposed to these chem-

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Mark DeGroot is seconds away from a mud bath during the Saddle Bronco riding event at the Claremont Lions Rodeo 'Spirit of the West Weekend.' The seventh annual event was plagued by a seemingly never-ending downpour on Saturday causing a cancellation of the rodeo events for the day.

## Rain means rodeo fails to rope big bucks

Claremont event typically a big Lions Club fundraiser

By Chris Glover  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — Despite tons of effort and community support, the seventh Annual Claremont Lions Rodeo failed to raise the funds orga-

nizers had expected.

Carl Painter, co-chairman of the rodeo, said that due to the intense rain Saturday, the crowds he had anticipated never materialized.

"We'll be lucky to break even," Mr. Painter said.

He added what's unfortunate is the rodeo was raising money to give back to the community of Claremont, something that won't be happening now.

The funds raised from this event were supposed to go to help improve parks in the area.

The weekend events featured the Dodge Rodeo Tour, which has been touring Ontario since the beginning of June and included a rodeo show Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

However, due to the rain flood-

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## Police dealing with serious over-exposure in Pickering

Man asked Ajax girls to take his picture

**PICKERING** — A flasher with a fondness for photography is being sought by Durham police.

Pictures of a suspect have been released by police as they investigate the man, who approached two women and exposed himself at a public beach near Beachpoint Road and West Shore Boulevard in Pickering on Sunday.

Police said the man approached two Ajax women, aged 21 and 22, who were taking pictures on a secluded part of the beach, west of Frenchman's Bay.

The man, who wore tight-fitting black shorts and pushed a bicycle, asked the woman to take his picture -- which they did.

The man left, but soon returned, this time exposing himself as he tried to chat with the women. The women reported the incident to police and supplied investigators with the pictures they'd taken.

Police are looking for a white man, possibly of European descent, aged 20 to 25, about 6-feet tall, and weighing 175 to 190 pounds. He has short dark brown hair and no facial or body hair and rode a blue mountain bike.

Anyone who recognizes the man or who has information about the incident is asked to call police at 905-683-9100, ext. 5320, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Suspect

## Speeding Mercedes slams into house, teen charged

**PICKERING** — A Pickering teen is facing charges after crashing the family car into a neighbour's home Saturday.

Witnesses told Durham police officers they had seen a silver Mercedes Benz speeding along the street in northwest Pickering shortly before 2 p.m. Two boys jumped from the car and fled after it left the roadway and slammed into a home, witnesses said.

Officers tracked two teens to a residence several doors away from the

crash scene.

They determined the driver of the car was unlicensed and had taken the vehicle without consent.

A 15-year-old Pickering boy is charged with dangerous driving, failing to remain at the scene of an accident and driving with no licence.

The crash caused \$50,000 worth of damage to the home and totalled the Mercedes, police said. No one was hurt.



Michelle Cleland photo  
A Pickering teen is facing charges after crashing a car into a neighbour's home Saturday. The crash caused \$50,000 worth of damage to the home and totalled the Mercedes, police said. No one was hurt.

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# Settlement of lawsuit brings 'relief' for injured women

Doctor sued by hundreds for botched surgeries

**DURHAM** — A settlement has been reached between a Whitby obstetrician-gynecologist deemed incompetent and 225 women who had sued for negligence.

The settlement involves Dr. Errol Wai-Ping and the Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital, and the women, who launched the suit five years ago, seeking \$25 million.

Paul Harte, the lawyer representing the women, says the settlement is confidential.

The doctor was accused of botching hysterectomies, deliveries and other gynecological surgeries going back to the early 1990s. Dr. Wai-Ping lost his Ontario

medical licence in 2004, when the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons declared him incompetent.

Mr. Harte has spoken with some of his clients and "there's a tremendous sense of relief there's a settlement. There's some sense of closure."

The agreement was reached following three months of negotiations.

Mr. Harte says the suit wasn't a class-action lawsuit and he believes there are still three outstanding cases involving other lawyers.

Ian Kirby, representing another

woman suing the doctor, doesn't think the settlement would negatively affect his client's case.

"I can't imagine how it hurts. I presume it can't hurt my client," he said, adding he's not allowed to identify his client.

Asked if settling would be viewed as beneficial, Mr. Kirby says, "Most people involved in litigation would feel that way."

Dr. Wai-Ping's hospital privileges were suspended in 2001 after receiving complaints from patients.

"I want to thank the women involved in this case for their courage in coming forward with concerns about their care," said Hume Martin, president and chief executive officer of the Rouge Valley Health System, which includes the Ajax hospital.



Hume Martin

# Sick firefighters deserve 'proper compensation'

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icals," he said, adding firefighters don't have the right to refuse unsafe work as other workers in Ontario do.

Bill 111 states that if a firefighter gets certain types of cancer or diseases it is presumed to be an occupational disease that occurred due to employment as a firefighter and if a firefighter suffers heart damage while attending a fire or emergency, or within 24 hours after attending at a fire or emergency, the heart damage is presumed to be a personal injury by accident that oc-

curred due to employment as a firefighter.

Five provinces have already amended their workers compensation legislation to include a presumption that for some types of cancer in firefighters, the disease is attributable to their work environment. "We as firefighters don't always know what substances are coming off fires we fight," said Pickering Fire Chief Bill Douglas.

"Firefighters and their families deserve to receive proper compensation for illnesses and diseases they have contracted through their work."

Ms. Ritchie hopes in the future it will be easier for other firefighters and their families to make a claim.

"I just hope our politicians can see the benefit (of the legislation) and their support is what is going to be needed to allow other families to not go through what we went through," she said.

Pickering council unanimously passed a recommendation calling on the government to review Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Act when it comes to firefighters. Bill 111, which was introduced by an NDP MPP, has passed first reading.

# More than 200 rodeo competitors make their way to Claremont

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ing the ring, Saturday's show only lasted about 10 minutes and Sunday's was left with undesirable conditions.

This was the first year there was a show Friday night, which was added as a way to increase the number of points the cowboys could earn from the competition.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons stated in revoking Dr. Wai-Ping's licence that "Dr. Wai-Ping exhibited a pattern of care where serious errors in judgment occurred repeatedly. Surgical procedures were done which were not indicated, medical management was not used when it was appropriate, there was a rush to a surgical solution with serious complications and results for patients that goes far beyond errors in judgment."

Dr. Wai-Ping entered a plea of no contest to the charges. He also waived his right to appeal.

"The uncontested acts went far beyond simple errors in judgment or understandable mistakes and represented repeated disregard for the welfare of patients," the college stated in announcing the doctor's licence was suspended.

Along with the three shows, the weekend also included a "Cowboy Breakfast" Saturday and Sunday mornings and a country video dance Saturday night.

Mr. Painter appreciated the support from his committee members and from the entire Lion's Club and considers himself lucky to have only had the event rained out once in seven years.

According to Mr. Painter, the rain failed to scare away more than 200 cowboys, who travelled to Claremont to compete in the rodeo, and between 1,800 and 2,000 rodeo enthusiasts.

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- Members must be residents of the Regional Municipality of Durham.

Membership will be a 4-year term corresponding with the term of Regional Council preceded by an abbreviated orientation period commencing October, 2006.

Application must be received by August 18, 2006.

For complete details and terms of reference visit [www.durhamregiontransit.com](http://www.durhamregiontransit.com).

To serve on the committee representing the **City of Pickering** please send your resume and letter of interest to:

**City of Pickering, City Clerk**  
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The bidder must **include with the tender submission** a bid deposit of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or a bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total tendered amount available for sixty (60) days from date of tender closing; and an original Agreement to Bond form ensuring that 100% performance and 100% labour & materials payment bonds can be supplied.

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# Ajax-Pickering hospital staff helps bring father home

Teach skills so family can care for ALS patient

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Amar Bhullar works slowly and gently as he suction the tube that connects Avtar Singh to the respirator that keeps him alive. He touches his hand and looks lovingly at the sleeping man. He is giving him the kind of care only a family member could provide.

Mr. Bhullar, as well as his mother Baljinder Bhullar and sister Raman Bhullar, is responsible for the daily care of Mr. Singh, his father. They are also helped on a regular basis by their large extended family.

Mr. Singh is treated from the comfort of his Ajax home in a room off to the left of the foyer that very much resembles a hospital room complete with a ventilator, feeding tube monitor and many medical supplies. Except there is a warmth in the room and there is constantly a family member by Mr. Singh's side or not far from it.

While his care is a personal experience for the family, Ms. Bhullar explains they wanted to share her father's story because this chapter would have been different were it not for the staff of the intensive care unit at the Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital.

"They taught us everything beginning with personal care -- washing, bathing, taking care of the mouth," Ms. Bhullar said, adding they also learned how to clear his tracheotomy site, use the respirator and give him his medications.

Mr. Singh was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, in 2001. The 51-year-old has been paralyzed since 2004.

On Nov. 4, 2005, his family couldn't detect a pulse when they went in to check on him. They performed CPR



Avtar Singh's family is caring for him at home as he battles Lou Gehrig's disease. They are from left, his wife Baljinder Bhullar, daughter Raman Bhullar, nephews Yash Chhibbar and Amardeep Chada, and son Amar Bhullar.

and called 911 and the paramedics were able to revive him, but he'd been without oxygen for 10 minutes and as a result would need a higher level of care. He spent the next six months in ICU.

At first, Ms. Bhullar said, they didn't know how long he would be in the hospital or what the next step was, but during the course of his time in hospital the Bhullars were told they could put him in a long-term care facility or bring him home -- the latter option would require a lot of learning on their part.

They decided to take care of him themselves.

"I know that's what my father would have wanted, even though he was taken really well care of in the hospital. He looks more relaxed when he's at home," his only daughter said. "It makes it easier for us as well."

A.J. Groen/ News Advertiser photo

It was an easy decision for them to make. Once they made it, hospital staff took care of all the details, such as ordering the ventilator and getting other supplies.

"We didn't really have to do much,

when it came to having everything organized they took care of everything," she said.

Someone is at home with Mr. Singh at all times and a nurse comes in for a few hours in the morning to help bathe him

and in the evening another comes in to give the family a rest.

"We have nurses who come in to check, but we know how to do everything," Ms. Bhullar said.

They have everything they need at home, including a bulletin board on one wall covered with pamphlets and papers on how to care for Mr. Singh and important numbers and a plastic cabinet with drawers upon drawers full of medical supplies and medication.

The Bhullars are grateful to the ICU staff who took the time to show them how to take care of Mr. Singh so he could be in the comfort of his own home and they could incorporate his care into their regular life.

"I've been to other hospitals and Ajax is like no other hospital... The time they give you and the compassion they show you," Ms. Bhullar said.

Her family is not only thankful for all the staff has taught them, but also for how they made them feel when Mr. Singh was in the hospital.

"They made it so much easier to go through what we went through," she said.

"The situation was horrible, but they helped us deal with it."

Mr. Singh has been home since May 1 and everything is going well.

"Having him home is just perfect," his daughter said with a smile.

## Pickering wants to protect Native history, heritage

By Danielle Milley  
Staff Writer

**PICKERING** — Pickering wants to make sure the city's Native history is protected and that the Province properly consults with appropriate First Nations.

Ward 2 City Councillor Doug Dickerson introduced a motion at the July 24 council meeting referencing a Pickering resolution passed in December 2002 relating to all matters of development that called for all significant aboriginal cultural heritage and archaeological sites to be protected and preserved.

The motion asks that the Central Pickering Development Plan, completed by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, satisfy the requirements of that 2002 resolution.

"In their rush to expedite the proposed (Seaton) land-swap with the developers, the Province has pushed their election claims of resolving clean air, traffic congestion, alternative energy sources and meaningful consultation to the back burner," Coun. Dickerson said. "From that perspective, it is only fitting to conclude that Premier (Dalton) McGuinty's government has no intention of allowing Pickering's

legitimate requests, nor those of First Nations activist David Grey Eagle Sanford, to stand in the way of them bulldozing ahead."

The motion authorizes Pickering's lawyer to consult with Mr. Sanford's solicitor in regards to his application that contends the Province's environmental assessment process for the Seaton land swap was flawed and didn't include adequate consultation with the appropriate First Nations.

Other parties to that application include Silvio De Gasperis, a Woodbridge developer who owns land he wants to develop in the provincially-protected Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve.

Those parties also filed an injunction application to stop the Province from swapping the provincially owned Seaton land for privately owned property in Richmond Hill until the EA application is heard in August.

Ward 1 City Councillor Kevin Ashe disagreed with the City getting involved.

In a recorded vote the motion passed four to one with Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles abstaining because of a conflict and Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson absent.

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**THIS WEEK'S REVIEW**  
**The Mt. Everest Fine Indian Cuisine** 611 Kingston Road west, Ajax

Located in the quaint Pickering Village just west of Church Street on Kingston Road, you'll find an Indian cuisine experience you'll never forget. This popular spot has been voted top Indian Cuisine restaurant for the last seven years in the Ajax Pickering News Advertiser's Reader's Choice Awards. Owner Mohandaar Singh tells us clients travel far and wide from places such as Peterborough, Belleville, Markham and even as far west as Cambridge to satisfy their Mt. Everest craving.

Travelling is the easy part, choosing what to eat from their extensive and reasonably priced menu with over 70 dishes to choose from is the challenging part. Luckily my choice was made a little easier as I was able to take advantage of their daily lunch buffet special (\$7.99). With many dishes to choose from I thought I would try a little of each. Butter Chicken (marinated in their homemade yogurt, garlic, ginger and spices made tandoori style, cooked with fresh tomatoes) is one of the popular menu items.

The Goat Curry, cooked with onions, garlic, ginger and Indian spices, Mattar Paneer (green peas cooked in onions, tomatoes, masala and Chef Singh's homemade cheese). These were a few that really stood out on the palette.

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# Heat brings heavy consumption

Forecast for long weekend looks good

By Jennifer Stone  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Power consumption and overnight temperatures hit record highs earlier this week.

The high temperatures early this week led to Ontario's first power warning of the season, but the outlook for the long Civic holiday weekend calls for more reasonable, seasonable highs and lows.

In spite of the warning, Ontarians used more power than ever. The previous record of 26,160 megawatts, set on July 13, 2005, was topped by noon Tuesday, with anticipated peak usage of 27,225 MW expected at 5 p.m.

The usage led to the need to import power from other jurisdictions, so demand could be met.

Power warnings are issued by the IESO during periods of high demand for electricity. The operator asks residents to take a number of power-use curtailment measures, including turning off all but essential lights; setting air conditioners to 26 degrees C. or higher, or using fans as an alternative; closing curtains or blinds to keep the sun out and retain cooler air; and, avoiding or limiting use of major

power-consuming equipment, like dishwashers or dryers and swimming pool pumps between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

"Curtailment efforts result in a reduced load on the system and provide additional operating flexibility when the power system is strained," said Paul Murphy, of the IESO.

The Province can buy power elsewhere in the case of a shortfall of Ontario-produced electricity, but if not enough is available, the IESO could take actions such as voltage reductions or rotating blackouts.

A decision as to whether the power warning would be extended to Wednesday had not been made at press deadline.

By this point last summer, there had already been 10 days of power warnings, with the eventual total hitting a dozen days.

"We are certainly in a better situation than we were last summer," said Lisa Pearson of the IESO. The combination of having 600 megawatts of new power plus 200 megawatts of additional wind capacity, along with a somewhat cooler summer and less drought-like conditions, has improved matters, she said.

Overnight temperatures Monday in the GTA also broke previous records, hitting anywhere from 25 to 27, de-

pending on where in the GTA the thermometer was mounted, about 10 degrees above the usual overnight average temperature.

"Whatever it was, it was the warmest night ever," said David Phillips, senior climatologist with Environment Canada Tuesday morning. "Never have we had it so warm."

The overnight temperature was closer to average daytime highs for this time of year, said Mr. Phillips.

By 10 a.m. Tuesday, temperatures were already over 30 with humidex values soaring into the mid-40s.

"These may be the three worst days of summer," said Mr. Phillips of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Temperatures should begin to cool Thursday, when Environment Canada is forecasting a high of 25.

The start of the holiday weekend looks promising, with a projected high Friday of 27, and a low of 13, and an anticipated high of 30 on Saturday, with a comfortable overnight low of 17, said Mr. Phillips.

"We should be able to turn the air-conditioning off, and open the windows to feel some good, fresh, clean Canadian air," said Mr. Phillips.



# Make plans in case of regional transit strike, warns Durham

Talks still stalled on system's first contract

By Erin Hatfield  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Buses may be rolling now but the Region is telling transit users to start making alternate plans. Meanwhile the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) union has filed a complaint against Durham Region Transit (DRT) with the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

Negotiations between DRT and the CAW union representing 290 DRT staff broke down on July 17 and no further dates for negotiations have been scheduled. Presently, DRT continues operating full transit services throughout Durham but DRT general manager, Ted Galinis, is warning transit users that there could be a labour disruption.

"We don't know what the union is planning to do at this point," Mr. Galinis said, adding DRT has no plans at this time to lock out the transit workers. "So should they decide to take action we want people to be prepared."

John Johnson, chairman of the DRT branch of CAW local 222, said the union still has no plans to disrupt transit service and the CAW has not even held a strike vote, as required by Ontario law.

"At this point we don't have any intention to go on strike," Mr. Johnson said. "Right now we are still waiting for the Region to come back to the table."

The CAW issued a release Tuesday saying it had filed a complaint with the Ontario Labour Relations Board. The union claims DRT mailed a proposed collective agreement to the members without consulting the union's bargaining committee. The release calls the action an "attempt to undermine the bargaining committee."

DRT presented what it called the Region's final offer on July 14. The collective agreement, which saw four pre-existing agreements carry over when local municipal transit services amalgamated in January, expired on May 31.

DRT had earlier requested a no-board report, therefore the Region can lock workers out or the union can vote to go on strike at any time.

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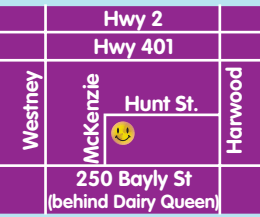
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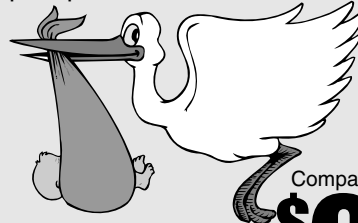
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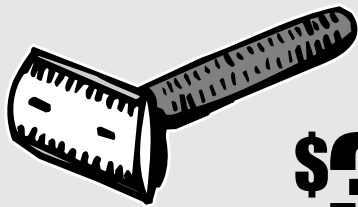
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## EDITORIAL

### Drop in crime rate welcome news

Investment in force seems to be paying off

There's a glimmer of good news to report during these dog days of summer: Durham Regional Police have provided statistics which reveal the overall crime rate dropped in the region by a whopping 11.2 per cent from 2004 to 2005.

Now for the bad news: There was a very slight increase in violent crime by 0.2 per cent.

The stats were provided to Statistics Canada and can be looked up at [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca).

There wasn't much information provided to point to why the crime rate has dropped but, clearly, the increased number of officers in uniform in Durham should be having some effect.

The Durham Police Service budget has more than doubled over the past decade and, along with population growth, the number of officers has climbed dramatically as well. In addition, the use of a police helicopter -- the DRPS eye in the sky -- may be having an impact in cutting crime. With advances in technology, it's hoped the good guys can stay one step ahead of the bad guys in efforts to keep our neighbourhoods safe.

Much of the credit for the increased budget and the jump in officers must be given to former DRPS chief Kevin McAlpine, whose eight-year run at the top of the force from 1997 to 2005 resulted in massive improvements.

While the chief had a few bumps in the road to steer around with regard to his membership, he always was able to make the case to Durham Region council that the local force needed to catch up to other GTA forces with respect to pay, officer numbers and equipment. And, in fact, he managed to do that, leaving a legacy for all future chiefs. For current Chief Vernon White, the benefits may now be in evidence. An 11.2 per cent drop in overall crime in a single year is extremely significant. While we'll have to wait to see if a trend develops in years to come, it's certainly encouraging news to see a dip in crime.

Not as encouraging is the tiny increase in violent crime. Here's hoping the overall trend will include a cut in violent crime when the force releases its crime statistics report in a year's time.

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Vanessa Samuel photo

### Top cadet

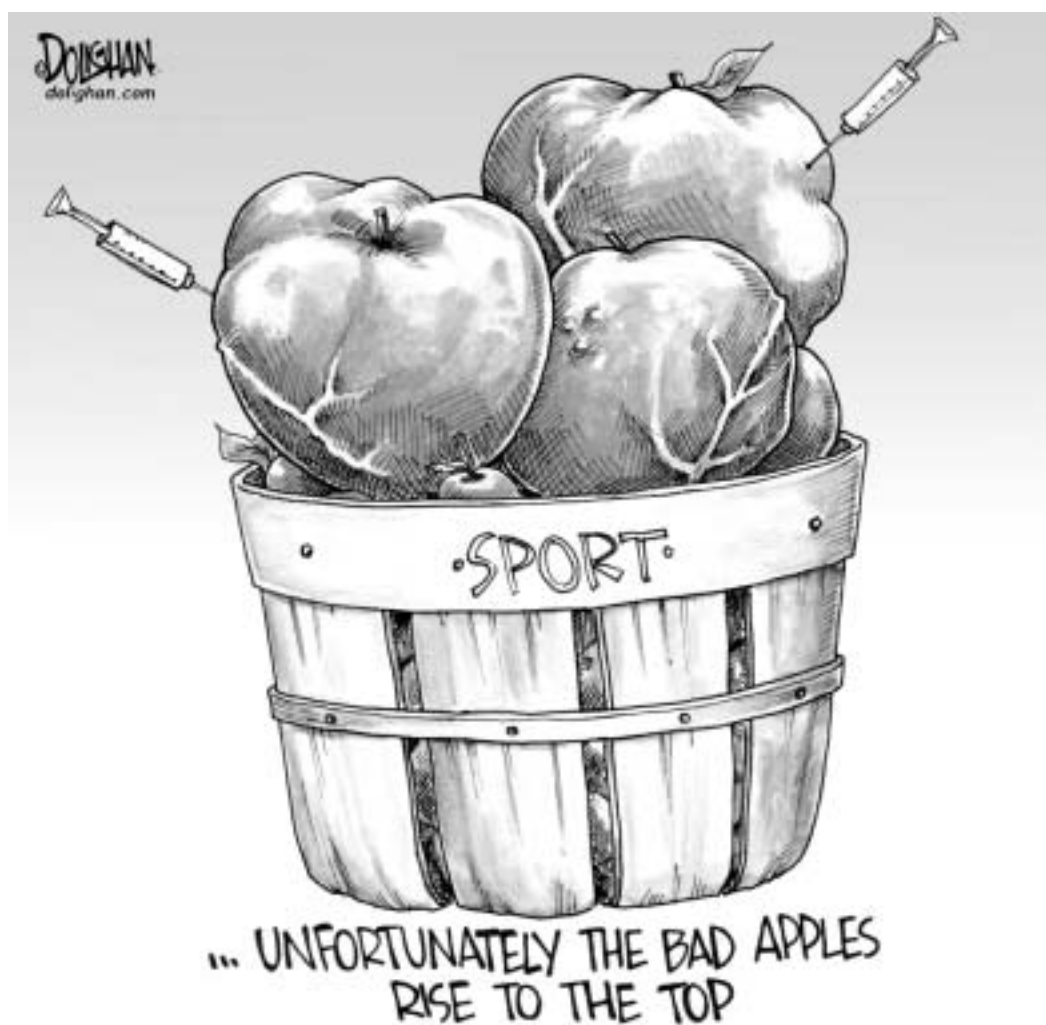
Pickering Cadet Tanya Pascoe, left, earned the Top Cadet award for the Introduction to Instruction Course (ITIC) from Captain Amanda Lanthier, officer commanding ITIC at the Trenton Air Cadet Summer Training Centre (TACSTC). In the middle is Major Michael Campbell, officer commanding the advanced wing at TACSTC. Cadet Pascoe, who parades with the 856 Pickering Kinsmen Squadron, is one of 89 cadets completing an intensive three-week course focusing on youth leadership and development. ITIC provides information to the cadet on how to prepare and teach lessons to other cadets. This skill is required, as more senior cadets will be teaching the junior cadets at their home squadron. Emphasis is put on classroom instruction and drills. ITIC is designed to be an introduction to developing instructors in the cadet movement. Approximately 175 ITIC cadets will attend the training centre over the course of the summer.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Apartment dwellers are recycling

To the editor:

Re: 'Are non-householders also composting, reader asks,' letter to the editor, June 21.

The letter writer asked if people who live in apartment buildings and condos "pull their weight" when it comes to recycling.

I, being a person who has lived in several Ajax apartment buildings, can answer yes, we do participate. Tenants in an apartment building have been recycling since the recycling program started in Ajax. All one has to do is to go behind each building to see several huge recycling bins. Also, every unit in each building is supplied with a recycling box to show new tenants that they are expected to recycle -- and most of us do.

She also made a comment stating that \$1.50 per extra garbage bag put out can be quite costly when a person moves. My question to her is why she believes a person would have more garbage when they move. If it's quality items she is talking about, then she can

donate these to a second-hand store.

L.A. Kitchener  
Ajax

### Region needs to give on waste program

To the editor:

Regarding the concern that many residents have over the decision by Durham to change once-a-week black bag collection to biweekly.

This has many householders annoyed over the fact we now have to keep bags of garbage containing possibly diapers, medical or other hygienic waste, as well as items that cannot be put out for compost or recycling. Keeping the waste for two weeks could pose a possible health hazard.

One dubious reason given by Durham is that there will be fewer black bags to pick-up, however in the Amberlea community this recycling program has been in effect for over a year and there has not been any great reduction in the number of bags being put out. The average is about three per week, so now under the

new program that limits the number of bags to four every two weeks, a household will have to pay \$1.50 for additional bags.

It has also been put forward that only clear plastic bags can be used for regular garbage collection.

Does this mean that if we continue to use the black bags instead of clear ones, they will not be collected?

Whilst residents are in agreement and support the new recycling and waste program, the feeling is that the Region has gone too far in cancelling the weekly collection and that they should reconsider this decision.

Residents already pay enough in taxes for garbage service and we now have to purchase only the special expensive biodegradable bags permitted by the Region for use with our compostable items. What will happen if someone use the wrong bags? Will the garbage police be looking around for any transgression?

The Region should give a little on this issue.

Ray Sinclair,  
Pickering

## An unforgettable birthday present

Everyone should have an Uncle Jack

I went to my Uncle Jack's 80th birthday party yesterday.

I really like my Uncle Jack.

Every kid should have an Uncle Jack.

My Uncle Jack builds his own canoes, has thick white hair and hands like catcher's mitts.

Throughout his 80 years he has fished and hunted and had an abiding love of dogs, poker, fresh berries and ice cream.

How can you not love a guy like that?

As a young boy, and even now, I never tired of hearing the story (perhaps apocryphal... frankly I don't care) of how my Uncle Jack thumped out his bully of a gym teacher. You need to be an Uncle Jack to do that. Uncle Irvings don't thump out their gym teachers.

I've always had a soft spot for my Uncle Jack.

We spent Jack's birthday cruising around his favourite spot, Stoney Lake, where his family has islanded for generations. It was, aside from Captain Grumpy Pants' Bly-like barking of the onboard rules and regs, quite wonderful. This clown had me shaking my head. He was like Captain Stubing with a bad case of piles. It's a birthday party for an 80-year-old gentleman for crying out loud and this



### Neil Crone enters laughing

guy sounds like he's addressing a room full of drunken co-eds. Hey, Commodore, I dig the white socks but it's a cruise boat, not the freaking Bismarck.

I made eye contact with my brothers and it was plain we were all thinking the same thing.

"Let's pants this stiff and toss him overboard. How hard can it be to steer this thing?"

Anyway, once Admiral Halsey finished dressing us down, it was a lot of fun. And, as well as a birthday party, it turned out to be a sizeable family reunion. The boat was so full of relatives on my Dad's side that had the Chippewa II gone down, our DNA would've disappeared from the planet.

I saw aunts and cousins and second cousins I've not seen for years. Some I met for the first time.

I took great delight from sitting in the sun, beer in hand, the stunning, granite-studded topography rolling slowly by and just watching everyone.

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**Tender No. T-7-2006**

Tender for Helen Crescent / Brands Court / Trellis Court Road Reconstruction and Watermain Works

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned department for the above no later than 2:00 pm:

**Wednesday, August 16, 2006**

The work consists of the excavation required of the existing road base in preparation for storm sewer improvements, concrete curbs, sidewalks, asphalt paving, grading and sodding of the boulevards on Brands Court, Helen Crescent and Trellis Court, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the City.

The work also consists of the supply of the required materials, labour, machinery, tools and appliances required to remove and replace existing watermain and appurtenances on Brands Court & Helen Crescent in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Region.

The bidder must **include with the tender submission** a bid deposit of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars **or** a bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total tendered amount available for sixty (60) days from date of tender closing; and an original Agreement to Bond form ensuring that 100% performance and 100% labour & materials payment bonds can be supplied.

After tender closing for evaluation a bidder will be required to provide a copy of their Health & Safety Policy, current Cost and Frequency Report issued by WSIB; current Certificate of Clearance issued by WSIB; certificate of insurance - \$5,000,000 Comprehensive Liability including premises and all operations.

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Tendering packages are available upon a non-refundable payment of \$50.00 per set by cash or cheque made payable to the City of Pickering by contacting Supply & Services tel. 905.420.4616, located on the 2nd Floor of the Pickering Civic Complex.

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Vera A. Felgemacher, C.P.P., CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M., CMM III  
 Manager, Supply & Services

**Tender No. T-2-2006**

Tender for the Installation of Lighting Retrofit, New Lighting Fixtures and Provision of Lighting Control Systems at Pickering Civic Complex and Pickering Public Library

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned department for the above no later than 2:00 pm:

**Wednesday, August 16, 2006**

The work consists of lighting retrofit, installation of new fixtures and installation of an upgraded lighting control system at Pickering Civic Complex and Pickering Public Library, in accordance with terms, plans and specifications prepared by MCW Consultants Ltd. and the City of Pickering.

A mandatory site visit of each site has been arranged for **Wednesday August 9, 2006**, starting at **1:00 PM** in the foyer of the Pickering Civic Complex, followed by a visit to the Pickering Public Library, One The Esplanade South. Bidders shall visit each site. **Only tenders received from bidders who attend the site visit, sign in on the attendance sheet, perform a complete viewing of each site during the scheduled tour shall be considered.**

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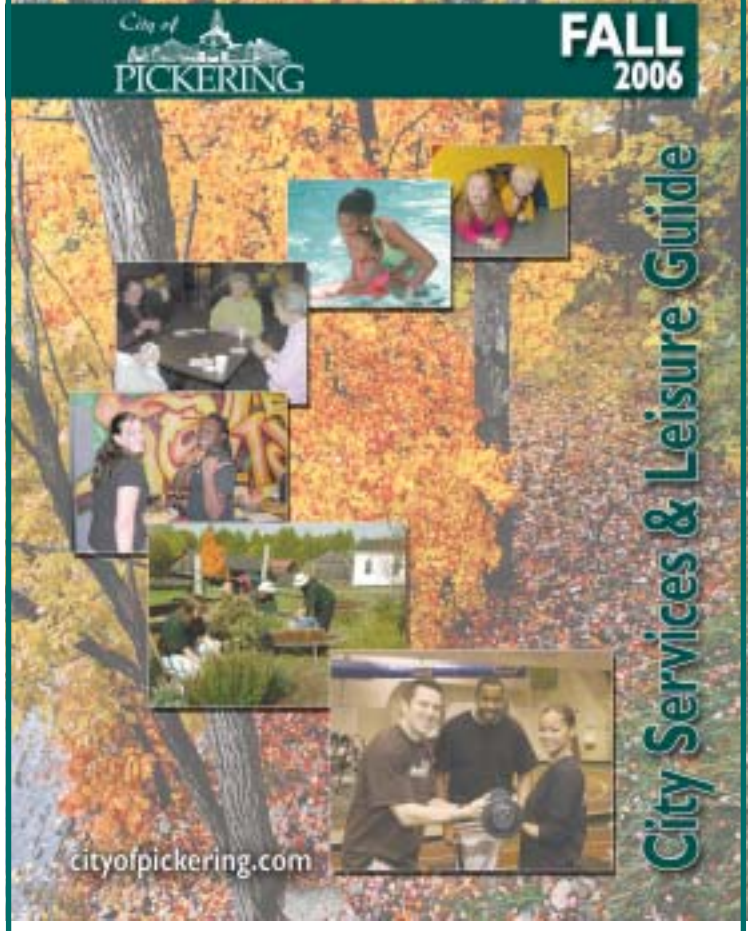
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# 'Was I ever scared' recalls returning Durham man

Offers first-hand account of strife in Lebanon

By David Blumenfeld  
Staff Writer

**DURHAM** — Saady Elawar was born in Lebanon, but he never experienced the turmoil of the Middle East like he did over the last two weeks.

"I was really, really scared because I've never gone through this before," said Mr. Elawar, 49, who finally escaped from the Israel-Lebanon conflict last Thursday.

After coming to Canada in 1974, Mr. Elawar had only returned to his homeland twice -- once in 1990 and earlier this summer, before fighting erupted between the two nations.

"I went back in 1990 and that was it. That's why every time I heard a bombing I was really, really scared," he said.

Although Mr. Elawar and his wife, Mayada, were staying in the mountainous region of Lebanon, about 30 kilometres away from Beirut where the fighting was concentrated, he said the fear started when it came time to travel down to the southern port to try and board one of the evacuation boats.

"Oh, was I ever scared," he said, adding the bombing was occurring roughly two kilometres from the port. "They were bombing all the trailers, the trucks and the south part. That's where the bombing was most of the time because that's where Hezbollah were situated, and basically the Israelis they were aiming on Hezbollah, but nobody else."

Mr. Elawar said he and thousands of others were turned away because the situation was disorganized and officials were not prepared to deal with the large crowd.

"The people there, they weren't orga-



Mayada and Saady Elawar returned from Lebanon last week. They were welcomed home by their much-relieved family.

nized... and everybody was scared," he said. "A few got through, but the majority of them, after six and half hours waiting in 35 Celsius, they told us to go back."

Finally, on July 27, Mr. Elawar took one of the few remaining roads intact from the north down to the port again, where he boarded a boat to Cyprus and then Turkey, before boarding a plane to Montreal. He arrived at his Ajax home the same day. A few days earlier his brother, Walid, also welcomed home his wife and 4-year-old son to their home in Whitby.

He said Canadian officials did a superb job to help Lebanese Canadians escape the region.

"I can speak on behalf of all the people that came on this trip with me, about 400 or 500 people, and they all were amazed of what our government did for us," he said. "They did a fantastic job... starting from Lebanon to all the way up here."

His sister, Joanne Elawar, said her entire family is overwhelmed that everyone has returned safely, but that her heart goes out to all the people still in danger. "My whole family is very relieved and

thankful for my brother's arrival," she said. She also praised the local newspaper for getting the story and message out.

Mr. Elawar hopes to return to Lebanon one day, but for the time being is relishing the time back home. "For the past two weeks, my mom, she never stopped crying. She wasn't thinking of seeing me again," he said. "My brother, my sisters, all my friends, they came over to my house. I received so many phone calls from a lot of people today wishing me well. It's a great feeling."

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- 3) Pick up vacuum part at A Plus and ask about replacing our old central vac with a newer system for the house.
- 4) Make appointment with Dr. Tom for Graham's braces. Steve's mom says he's the best.
- 5) Pickering Urgent Care treats all motor vehicle accidents.
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- 8) Go to Golden Age Insurance & buy travel insurance for cruise.
- 9) Girls coming in from out of town next week. Book facials and manicures at The Jasmine Tree.
- 10) Book 6 rooms at Super 8 for Dan's soccer team for next weekend.
- 11) Go to Party Tyme next week to arrange supplies for engagement party. Talk to them about the hall decorating.
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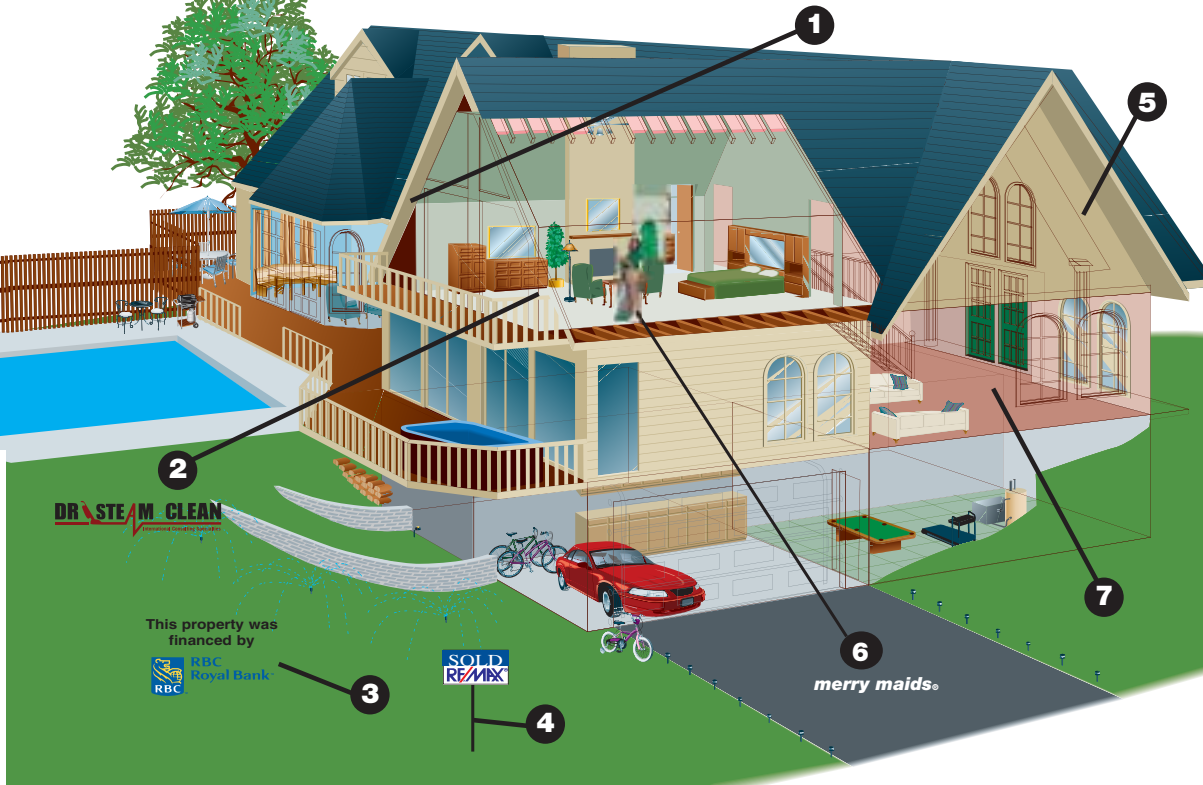
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The Oshawa Dodgers dropped their opening game of the Intercounty Baseball League playoffs to the Barrie Baycats. Page B2

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# Finally, Rock book first shot at title

Ajax-Pickering lacrosse club sweeps Brooklin, final expected to begin Sunday

By Al Rivett  
Sports Editor

**DURHAM** — The Ajax-Pickering Rock have officially entered uncharted territory in their short four-year history in the OLA senior 'B' lacrosse league.

The Rock will play in their first-ever league championship final series, expected to begin Sunday night at the Pickering Recreation Complex, against either the Owen Sound Woodsmen or the Wellington Aces.

Ajax-Pickering booked a ticket to the final by completing a three-game semifinals sweep of the Brooklin Merchants. The final blow came in Pickering last Sunday, with the Rock pulling out a stunning 7-6 come-from-behind victory.

The Merchants, as they did in every other game in the series, threw everything possible at the resilient Rock. And, like a punch-drunk boxer, the Rock absorbed a number of body blows, but nothing that could knock them out.

In fact, Brooklin had everything going its way through the first and most of the second period of Sunday's game, building up a 6-3 cushion at the halfway point of the second and was clearly in the

driver's seat. It was all downhill from there, however. Ajax-Pickering found its footing late in the second period and early in the third, reeling off four unanswered goals, including the tying marker by captain Jim Veltman, on the power play only 26 seconds into the third. The winning goal came just more than a minute later off the stick of Tony Henderson during a delayed penalty call against the Merchants.

Veltman noted it was a matter of staying within striking distance during Sunday's game. "We did a good job of hanging around, then we used our conditioning in the third period to take the lead," he noted. "You have to be a good team to pull it off. You have to give kudos to these guys in the dressing room."

Most of all, Veltman led the Rock into the league final. "We're going to a place this team has never gone before and that's pretty



Ajax-Pickering Rock's Mark Craig splits the Brooklin Merchants' defensive pair of Cory Reed and Mike Hamilton late in the first period of Game 3 of their best-of-five OLA senior 'B' playoff semifinal series at the Pickering Recreation Complex Sunday night. The Rock won 7-6 to complete the three-game sweep of the Merchants.

exciting," says Veltman.

The Rock set up the series-clinching win with a 13-10 overtime victory in Brooklin Saturday night. The Merchants trailed the Rock by six goals at one point, but the hosts roared back to force extra time. It was all Rock in overtime, however, as they reeled off three goals.

## Pebbles

Record:  
3-0 OLA Senior 'B' playoffs

Mark Craig had a big game for the Rock in Sunday's match against the Brooklin Merchants, netting a hat trick and adding two assists. All Craig's three goals coming on special-teams play, scoring two power-play goals and one short-handed marker... Tony Henderson, Chris Parkin, Jim Veltman and Mike Daley also scored... Barrett Church, James Hinkson, Duke McNutt, Steve Youngman, Jon Niziol and Marc Burton scored for the Merchants... In Saturday's OT win in Brooklin, Veltman led the way with an eight-point (all assists) night. Joel Johnson scored a hat trick to go with two as-

For Brooklin head coach Steve McCarthy, Sunday's game was all about the Rock's special teams play and his team's inexperience and inability to put the hammer down when the opportunity existed.

"We had a comfortable lead to some extent, 6-3, which was our biggest lead of the series, but we let them off the

hook," he lamented. "We took a couple of penalties and it came down to their special teams outperforming ours and that was the game."

Rock head coach-general manager Paul St. John says he would never have believed a sweep over Brooklin was possible.

"Brooklin is just too good a team to think sweep," he says. "In Game 1 we pulled it out in the third period. In Game 2, they rebounded from a six-goal deficit and tonight was another one-goal game. Steve McCarthy has built something special there. That was the best team he's ever put on the floor but, unfortunately, this year there are other teams that are good as well."

St. John downplayed the Rock's arrival in the final, as the team's only halfway through the goals set at the outset of training camp: Finishing first in the standings and earning a trip to the finals are in the books; winning a league championship and vying for the Presidents Cup -- emblematic of national senior 'B' supremacy -- are now coming into sharp focus.

"We're on a mission. We wanted to win a league title and the Presidents Cup, so we're only half way there," he says.

sists. Craig, Henderson, Daley and Jaime Lumsden added two goals apiece. Single goals went to John Veltman and Tim O'Brien... Scoring for the Merchants Saturday were Hinkson and Ryan McMichael with two, Burton, Clem D'Orazio, McNutt, Church, Cory Reed and Tyler Harris... The Rock's opponent in the league final series could be known as early as Wednesday evening. The Wellington Aces are in Owen Sound to play the Woodsmen and carry a two-games-to-one series lead into the contest. A Wellington win will clinch the series. An Owen Sound win will send the series back to Wellington County for Game 5 in Elora on Saturday night.



# Patchett ready to chew on Hershey's record

By Al Rivett  
Sports Editor

**AJAX** — An Ajax teen is not merely looking to earn a medal at a prestigious U.S. track and field meet, he wants to leave his athletic imprint on the record books, too.

Julian Patchett will run the 800 metres at the Hershey's Track and Field Games North American Final Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania from Aug. 3 to 6. The 14-year-old notes a medal and breaking a 23-year-old meet record in the event would be the perfect ending in his final year of eligibility for the meet.

"I hope to medal, but my main goal is

the record," says Patchett, a member of the Durham Dragons Track and Field Club. "The record is 2:03 and you can only break it at the meet. My personal best is 2:01, so I've already run faster than that, but I need to break it at the meet."

Patchett earned the right to compete in Hershey after meeting the qualifying standard at a Hershey regional meet in Oshawa earlier in the summer.

There, he won the 800m in 2:08. His time was compared to others in the Great Lakes region, which includes runners from Ontario, as well as Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

In addition to qualifying for the Hershey final, Patchett also competed at the Ontario Minor Track Association provincials earlier this summer, where he broke the long-standing meet record in the 800m with a time of 2:01.28.

Patchett had previously qualified for the Hershey North American final in 2004 where he ran the 400m, winning silver as a 12-year-old.



Julian Patchett

Since qualifying for the Hershey finals, Patchett has been hard at work, training with the Dragons three times a week. There, he's helped along by a group of decorated scholarship track and field athletes, including Ryan Kendall, Michael Anderson and Ian Mayne.

With so much training and help from his coaches and clubmates, Patchett believes he's well-prepared for Hershey.

"I think I'm ready. I just need to be on my game the day of the race," he says.

Aside from the competition at Hershey, Patchett says the athletes are treated well there, including a trip to the world famous chocolate factory to see how it's made.

# Sisters aim for relay gold

**AJAX** — Chocolate's fine, but two Ajax sisters have gold in mind at the upcoming annual Hershey's Track and Field Games North American Final Meet in Hershey, Pa.

Kendra and Nichelle Prince, both members of the Bramalea Bullets Track and Field Club, are competing in the 4-x-100-metre relay races in their respective age groups at the international youth meet on Aug. 5.

Kendra, the third Prince sister to compete in Hershey, will run the first leg of the 9-10 girls' relay race with teammates Aurea Gordon, Kyanne Small and Jadyne Skeen. The team qualified by winning the Ontario qualifying meet in Oshawa last month in a time of 1:02.

Meanwhile, Nichelle is making her third trip to Hershey. She won gold last year in the 100 metres in the 9-10

age group and captured silver in the 4-x-100m relay in the same age group in 2004.

This year, Nichelle has qualified to represent Region 1 in the 4-x-100m relay with teammates Athena Wisdom, Nikki Allison and Khadijah Thompson. The team won the qualifying meet in a time of 53.73 seconds. This relay team is the same team that represented Region 1 and captured silver in 2004.

So far this track and field season, Nichelle has produced some excellent times, establishing provincial records in the 50m (7.43), 60m (8.56), and 200m (27.93) for the 9-10 age group. She moved up in age group to 11-12 in January and still continued to produced excellent times. In the Minor Track Association championship in March she established a re-



Sisters Kendra, left, and Nichelle Prince are running at the annual Hershey's International Track and Field Championships in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

cord for the 200m (27.01).

This outdoor season Nichelle ran the 100m in 12.65 seconds and the 200m in 26.40, both provincial re-

records. Nichelle's times in the 200m this season (indoor and outdoor) have been as fast or faster than the girls in the 13-14 age group.

## Sports briefs

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### [ Equestrian ]

## Ajax Pony Club hosts final show jumping qualifier

**AJAX** — The Ajax Pony Club plays host on Sunday to the third and final Central Ontario Regional qualifier for the Regional Show Jumping Finals.

A total of 64 young riders from 12 pony club branches have entered the final qualifier, at Audley Road Stables in Ajax, with late entries still trickling in. Selection for the regional finals will be based on scores at this meet and at qualifiers held in May and July.

In this show, three divisions of pre-entry riders will compete in two classes each, a medal class and a Table AM5 single round plus jump-off, preceded by a warm-up round.

A schooling division will follow the same format.

Medal classes involve judgment of the riders' equitation skills, not the horse or pony, in two phases -- with and without fences.

The higher classes -- entry, starter, beginner, novice, intermediate and advanced -- compete in three classes each: a medal class, a Table AM5 single round plus jump-off, and a power and speed round -- to determine a champion and a reserve in each division.

Audley Road Stables are at 777 Audley Rd., between Rossland Road and Hwy. 2. The show starts at 8 a.m. and spectators are welcome without charge.

### [ Baseball ]

## Ajax bantams win Mississauga tournament title

**AJAX** — The Ajax Spartans Total Rehab-Simplicity Computer Solutions bantam rep baseball team swept all five games en route to the championship at the annual Mississauga North Baseball Association tournament last weekend.

The Ajacians secured the title with an emphatic 15-5 victory over Niagara Falls in the championship final.

Kyle Taylor supplied outstanding starting pitching, while Luke Ruggiero Jr. supplied a big bat for the bantam Spartans.

In the semifinal, the Spartans posted an 8-0 victory over St. Catharines.

Ajax led 1-0 in the sixth inning, thanks to solid pitching from Thomas Fearon and Wayne Feltham. After a walk was issued to Nicolaou to load the bases in the sixth inning, Jacob Featherstone delivered a grand-slam home run.

The Spartans started the event with a 9-4 win over Niagara Falls. Nick Arruda and Ethan Sayers provided strong play for Ajax.

In Game 2, the Ajax bantams blasted Royal York 10-0. Shane Murli and Kyle Lewis produced strong games.

The Spartans prevailed in a close 7-5 win over Barrie in Game 3.

Troy Campbell and Brandon Kushner were stellar in the winning cause against Barrie.

Luke Ruggiero Sr., Gord Lewis and Frank Arruda coach the team. Jan Lewis is the manager.

### [ Golf ]

## Top juniors in Pickering for match play championship

**PICKERING** — A Pickering golf course will play host to a major tournament this week.

The Canadian Junior Golf Association's annual PING Canadian Junior Match Play Championship, presented by HSBC Bank Canada, began Tuesday at Cherry Downs Golf Course and continues until Friday.

As the only match play event on the CJGA schedule, the tournament has become a favourite among junior golfers in the country.

The field competes in two rounds of stroke play to determine the match play seedings.

The top 16 junior golfers in the boys' 14 to 16 and 17 to 19 divisions moves on to the match play portion, while the top eight in the girls' division and boys' 13-and-under division move on.

Tee-times begin at 7:34 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Matches are scheduled to begin at 7:34 a.m. and 1:05 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

The event is one of three national championships conducted by the CJGA in 2006.

# Dodgers drop series opener to Baycats

Oshawa suffers 5-2 setback in Intercounty baseball playoffs

By Brian McNair  
Staff Editor

**DURHAM** — Close may work in horseshoes, but definitely not in baseball.

Just ask Mike Prosper. Although the Oshawa Dodgers stayed close to the defending champion Barrie Baycats in the opening game of the Intercounty Baseball League playoffs, Sunday's 5-2 loss at Kinsmen Stadium did not sit well with Prosper, the team's manager.

"We had a lot of chances, a lot of guys left on base," said Prosper, adding his team made five costly errors in the game. "You can't make mistakes against a team like Barrie, you just can't. They're too good a ball club."

"I told the boys afterward, 'you can't be happy about that,' Prosper continued. "It's the playoffs now. Close isn't good enough."

A difficult task to begin with -- Barrie not only won the playoff title a year ago, but finished first this season with a 26-10 record -- the Dodgers are now faced with needing to win at least two games in Barrie in order to pull off the upset.

The series was originally scheduled to start in Barrie Saturday, but the game was postponed due to rain. Instead, Barrie hosted Game 2 last night (after our deadline), while Game 3 goes tonight in Oshawa at 7:30 p.m., Game 4 tomorrow in Barrie and, if necessary, Game 5 in Barrie Saturday, Game 6 in Oshawa Sunday and Game 7 Monday in Barrie.

Despite dropping the first game with this ace, Matt Tosoni, on the mound, Prosper remains confident in his squad, which saved its best ball for late in the season.

"I have so much confidence in this team in a lot of ways," says Prosper. "If we do the little things well, we're in every game. We've learned how to win."

On Sunday, the Dodgers jumped out to a brief lead with a run in the bottom of the third inning, but Barrie took over for good with a run in the fourth and two in the fifth.



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## Close play at the plate

**PICKERING** — Clarington Orioles catcher Dillon Corcoran dives and tags out Robbie Heard from the Pickering Red Sox during the second game of an Eastern Ontario Baseball Association doubleheader at Brockridge Park. The teams play in the minor bantam 'AAA' rep division.

## Ajax fighter loses close decisions in Nova Scotia

*Caracas joins provincial team boxers in Maritimes*

by close decisions in each of his two bouts.

In his first fight, Caracas lost to Stephen Cannell of the Citadel Boxing Club at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

Caracas entered the ring against Joey Lavolette,

of the Emsdale Boxing Club, in his second bout. Lavolette is the reigning Nova Scotia provincial champ at 57 kilograms. In the boxing card, hosted at the Halifax Casino, Caracas was beaten 26-22.

"He was very disappointed in the result," says Chris Tiller, head coach at Tiller's.

Tiller's fighters will compete at the Cabbagetown Boxing Festival in Toronto on Sept. 9. Six fighters from the club are expected to attend.



Chico Caracas

## Scoreboard

AUGUST 2, 2006

### PICKERING MEN'S SLOW PITCH LEAGUE

League standings as of July 23

Papps Restaurant A DIVISION						
TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Gophers	11	0	0	210	85	22
Dazed & Confused	7	3	0	149	90	14
Watermaker	7	4	0	100	113	14
Yankees	4	5	1	143	138	11
Molson Canadians	4	5	1	123	147	8
Shamrocks	3	6	2	123	130	8
Tigers	2	6	0	67	97	4
Knights Corner Royals	0	10	0	69	186	0

Shoeless Joes Ajax B DIVISION						
TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
P. City Rollers	12	0	0	192	107	18
Shoeless Joes Sox	5	5	1	128	144	11
Papp's	5	5	0	133	108	10
Rockwell Rowdies	4	5	1	101	122	9
Winston Shagwell Chiefs	2	5	3	108	143	7
The Old Stone Cottage	3	6	1	117	155	7

C DIVISION						
TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
The 'Burbs	8	2	1	126	90	17
Storm	7	4	0	112	99	14
Shockers	6	3	1	82	84	13
Durham Bulls	5	5	2	104	83	12
Taps 21	5	5	0	95	83	12
Danforth Roofing Supply	5	6	0	91	96	10
Shagwells Longhorns	4	5	0	72	79	8
Deloitte & Touche Rebels	4	6	0	101	109	8
Scarborough Lexus Rangers	4	7	0	91	127	8
Pickering Rounders	3	6	0	82	97	6
Pickering Rounders	3	6	0	89	98	6

Cruise Ship Centers D DIVISION						
TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Cruisers	10	0	0	184	55	20
The J's	7	1	2	95	90	16
Stainers	6	3	1	141	111	13
ISOFI	6	4	0	153	123	12
Eastern Eavestroughers	5	5	1	152	127	11
Underdogs	5	5	1	129	119	11
Wingshock Titans	5	5	1	143	145	11
Krueger Décor	3	7	1	109	143	7
Sad Sacs	2	8	1	125	164	5
Canadian Clubbers	0	11	0	73	227	0

E DIVISION						
TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Marauders	11	0	0	187	58	22
Bank Of Montreal	6	5	0	127	133	12
Robbins Moving	3	8	0	97	141	6
Water Doctor Warriors	2	9	0	80	159	4

Ross Wilson Memorial F DIVISION						
TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
R.C.L. 606	10	2	0	134	72	20
Butt's Pumps	9	2	0	121	76	18
Remax	8	4	0	169	99	16
Shagwells	7	3	1	120	78	15
Papp's Big M	5	5	1	108	87	11
17 Catchers	3	6	0	45	72	6
SAS Masters	3	7	0	54	123	6
Country Style	3	8	0	103	128	6
Jesters	0	11	0	54	173	0

### PICKERING SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

SOFTBALL STANDINGS As of July 30

SQUIRT-NOVICE GIRLS STANDINGS						
Team	G	W	L	T	Pct.	GBL
Ellis Packaging	10	8	2	0	0.800	0.0
Century 21 Percy Fulton	10	5	4	1	0.550	2.5
Elite Mouldings	10	5	4	1	0.550	2.5
Ontario Power Generation	11	6	0	0.455	3.5	
JLL Janitorial Services	11	2	9	0	0.182	6.5

BANTAMMIDGET GIRLS STANDINGS						
Team	G	W	L	T	Pct.	GBL
Century 21 Percy Fulton	10	10	0	0	1.000	0.0
S&R Carpentry	11	5	4	2	0.545	4.5
Spencers Garage	5	1	4	0	0.200	10.0
DISTICOR	11	5	6	0	0.455	5.5
West Pickering Ladies Slow Pitch	10	1	8	1	0.150	8.5

MITE-SQUIRT BOYS STANDINGS						
Team	G	W	L	T	Pct.	GBL
Suburban Glass & Mirror	11	8	2	1	0.773	0.0
Hazzmasters	11	7	3	1	0.582	1.0
Ontario Power Generation	11	5	6	0	0.455	3.5
Dr Herman Comlekci	11	4	6	1	0.409	4.0
All in Stride Stables	11	4	7	0	0.364	4.5
Knights of Columbus	11	3	7	1	0.318	5.0

SQUIRT-PEEWEE BOYS STANDINGS						
Team	G	W	L	T	Pct.	GBL
Ontario Power Generation	10	9	1	0	0.900	0.0
Northern Customs Brokers	9	6	3	0	0.667	2.5
Pickering Mens Slow Pitch	7	1	6	0	0.143	6.5
Pickering Mitsubishi	8	1	7	0	0.125	7.0

BANTAM-MIDGET BOYS STANDINGS						
Team	G	W	L	T	Pct.	GBL
Moore's Clothing for Men	12	7	3	2	0.667	0.0
Canadian Progress Club	12	6	4	2	0.583	1.0
Pickering Mens Slow Pitch	12	5	6	1	0.458	2.5
Sheridan Chevrolet Cadillac	12	5	6	1	0.458	2.5
Papp's	12	3	7	2	0.333	4.0

### AJAX SENIOR MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

Standings as of July 24

TEAM	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Antiques	8	3	0	157	99	16
Pizza Pino	6	3	0	110	101	12
Sharks	6	3	0	104	90	12
Mills & Hadwin	6	4	0	164	103	12
Gators	5	5	0	119	121	10
Eastmen	4	5	1	121	125	9
Slugs	4	7	0	87	152	8
Sweat Sox	3	6	1	120	122	7
Relics	2	8	0	59	127	4

Results: Antiques 15 vs. Sweat Sox 14; Antiques 20 vs. Eastmen 10; Sharks 6 vs. Relics 0; Gators 6 vs. Slugs 5; Pinos 8 vs. Mills & Hadwin 3.

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# Ajax Eagles soar to North Scarborough soccer crown

**AJAX** — The Ajax United Eagles girls' under-13 rep soccer team emerged as champions from the North Scarborough Soccer Club Tournament last weekend.

The Eagles, which compete in the Central Girls' Soccer League's 2nd division, captured the crown after scoring an exciting 5-4 victory in a shootout over the Richmond Hill Raiders. Playing in the blistering heat, the final was scoreless at the end of 50 minutes of regulation time. After 62 minutes of play, penalty shots settled the issue.

After the fifth shooter, the game was still tied 4-4, but Ajax's sixth shooter made no mistake in placing it in the back of the net.

Head coach Michelle White says her Eagles demonstrated their ability to prosper against higher-level competition.

"Our team was considered the major underdog going into this tournament due to our current league standings. We played the second-place team in our division, and two teams in the above division, and we were able to beat them all. We have shown that we can compete with the best of them and come up winning. Hopefully this will be a turning point, and we can turn it around for the second half of the season. I'm very proud of the girls."

United opened the tourney Saturday with a convincing 2-1 win over their 2nd division

competitors, the Oshawa Kicks Strikers. They later faced 1st division Richmond Hill Raiders and held them to a scoreless tie.

On Sunday, the Eagles faced another 1st division team, the Vaughan Vipers, and this time took three points with a 1-0 win.

Team members are Naomi Leon-Palmer, Sarah Matthews, Ashley Magee, Natalie Farrell, Amber Anderson, Natalie Wright, Taylor Frey, Lindsay Brazill, Kameel Dixon, Jessica Blakeley, Rachelle Boutros, Maya Daly, Meagan Chivers, Katelyn White, Halle Livingston, Melissa Rose, Alana Raymond and Renee Stork. Darryl Blakeley serves as the team's manager.



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The Ajax United Eagles girls' under-nine rep soccer team earned the championship at the North Scarborough Soccer Club Tournament last weekend. The Eagles won the title after an exciting 5-4 shootout victory over the Richmond Hill Raiders.

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## Ajax native gets Oscar vote of confidence from academy

Grignon has worked on 'Shrek,' 'Madagascar' among other films

By Marva Palmer  
Special to the News Advertiser

**AJAX** — Rex Grignon has achieved another career milestone.

The award-winning animator and former Ajax resident has been invited to become a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization that hands out the Oscars. Membership in the academy was extended to Grignon and 119 other artists and executives, who "have distinguished themselves in the field of theatrical motion picture," said a release from the AMPAS.

"It is a huge honour for me to have been invited to be a member of the academy," said the 44-year-old in an e-mail interview.

"I guess it means I've been around

long enough that they feel sorry for me or I must have done something that they liked," he joked.

Grignon, head of character animation at PDI-Headworks, worked on 'Shrek' (for which he won an Oscar in 2002), 'Toy Story,' 'Antz,' and 'Madagascar.' He's currently working on 'Madagascar 2' and also lectures worldwide at animation conferences, festivals and schools, including Sheridan College.

Grignon enjoys his work. "I spend my day thinking of fun ways to entertain an audience."

His job is to oversee everything involving animation on a given film and he gets involved from the beginning. He helps directors and designers turn their ideas and drawings into believable, living characters on screen.

Grignon said animation requires a lot of patience. It's a slow process.

"One animator can create about five seconds of animation per week," he shared.

He credits one of his high school teachers with steering him in the right direction.

"At Ajax High, I had a teacher, Mr. Porayko, who encouraged me in his film class to try some animation and I really liked it," he said.

He studied animation at Sheridan and upon graduation was awarded a Presidential Scholarship to the New York Institute of Technology. After New York, he worked and studied in Europe.

His mother, Joan, is pleased with his success. "I'm very, very proud of him and his brothers," she said.

The multilingual Grignon, the youngest of three boys, lives in California with his wife and 10-year-old daughter. He enjoys playing hockey, music, bike riding with his daughter and spending time in his workshop.

So, what's next for Grignon?

"I couldn't possibly wish for anything more than I already have," he said.



Ajax native Rex Grignon is now a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization that awards the Oscars.

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Fast Forward

### Stephanie Hughes age 14



Stephanie joined Wasdell in September 2004. She has thrived through the academic innovations which Wasdell offers. Emphasis on Memory and Brain-Building exercises has led to considerable advancement for Stephanie. This fall Stephanie will move on to Secondary School. With focus on subject areas such as Logic and Reasoning, Memory Skills and Note-Taking in addition to above average scores in academic subjects such as Reading, Math, Social Studies and Science, Stephanie will be well-equipped to handle grade 9.

In the last year Stephanie has made remarkable gains and is very ready to enter Secondary School this September:

Stephanie's focus tenacity and sheer drive for success have become her cornerstone character traits. She has taken this determination beyond the school to one of her favourite activities --- Air Cadets. Stephanie took up the tenor saxophone this year and was awarded the Most Improved Band Member in the Air Cadet band. She also received the high recognition of being named the Top First Year Cadet of her squadron.

We are very proud of Stephanie and are confident that she will be an important 'Face of the Future' for our society.



### Vincent Moxley-Paquette age 11



Vincent joined Wasdell September 2002. He was 7 years old at the time and while he was tested as Gifted, he was also challenged by a language-based learning disability called Central Auditory Processing. He was having trouble making friends that were good for him, and was being taken advantage of by bullies. His defence was a combination of becoming the class clown and oppositional behaviour. He was a 1st grader in crisis, and already 'dropping out' of school.

In this past year Vincent has made some remarkable gains:

- Advanced another .8 years to 'equiv. age 18' in Logic & Reasoning skills
- Advanced .8 years in Processing Speed placing him now in the average range for his age
- Is comfortably ahead of his age in Working Memory
- Advanced 3.6 years in his composite score for Math Skills, now working at a grade 8 level
- Advanced 2.3 years in his composite score for Reading Skills placing him at a grade 6 level

In the past year Vincent has noticeably become a more balanced young man. He is demonstrating increasing confidence in his academics and he has made many friends easily. He has developed a number of wonderful skills in the dramatic arts with acting & script writing, in piano, in riding horses, skiing, soccer, golf, Kumon Jiu Jitsu, and 'constructing anything he chooses to build' in addition to building a great set of friends and achieving solid academic success! Vincent's quiet yet passionate persistence will be a cornerstone for his future successes. He is ready for bigger challenges and we are proud of him! Vincent is one of our 'Faces of the Future' and we are certain he will make a difference in our future society.



Wasdell Centre for Innovative Learning is a place where children and youth can learn to their full potential. Leading edge educational technologies are used to develop expanded capability, skill and knowledge. Each

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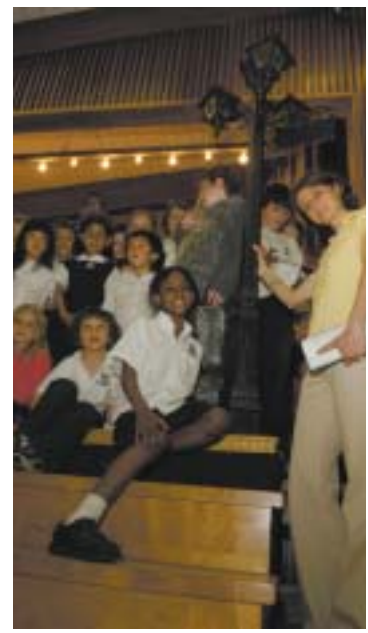
### Ami-Joy age 9



Ami-Joy joined Wasdell Academy March of 2005. Canada and cold weather was new for her as well as entry into a bilingual academic program. Ami-Joy's testing showed her as gifted. Ami-Joy was shy and reserved not knowing what her new life was going to bring her way.

- A little more than a year later Ami-Joy has blossomed:
- Advanced 3 years in Logic and Reasoning
  - Advanced 1.4 years in Processing Speed
  - Advanced 3.4 years in Working Memory
  - Advanced 2.0 years in her composite score for Math
  - Advanced 2.7 years in her composite score for Reading Skills

Ami-Joy is a well adjusted gifted child who has reached new personal 'giftedness' levels. She has expanded beyond academics and is developing wonderful social skills. Ami-Joy is a modest, exceptional young woman who is becoming very gifted in the Dramatic Arts. Ami-Joy will be one young person we will want to watch as one of our 'Faces of the Future.'



### Justin Crimless age 12



Justin joined Wasdell March 2005. He was a student in crisis who had been bullied in his old school. Justin was being positioned as a child needing to join the Multi-Exceptionalities 'Home Schooling' classroom. At that point Anne Masson (Justin's mom) chose to remove Justin and bring him to Wasdell.

- Within his first year and a bit with us Justin has:
- Advanced 3 years in Logic and Reasoning skills
  - Advanced 3+ years in Working Memory
  - Advanced 3.4 years in Auditory Analysis
  - Advanced 1.4 years in his composite score for Math
  - Advanced 1.2 years in his composite score for Reading Skills

Justin has improved in his overall understanding of language (both receptive and expressive language). Justin's quality of understanding and attention to detail -- leading to improved expression of his thoughts on paper has advanced a full year. His ability to understand social situations and social cues has also improved 20%. Most importantly Justin's sense of personal value -- his self esteem -- has dramatically improved this past year. We have a ways to go but Justin has made significant strides. He has the work ethic and focus to overcome his challenges and he will be one of our 'Faces of the Future' because of his tenacity, courageous spirit, and determination to meet and exceed his personal goals. We are very proud of Justin.





Ron Pietroniro, left, Rob Mitchell/ News Advertiser photos

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DURHAM — Members of the Twinkletoes Studio of Dance and Performing Arts Competitive Dance Team, above, received numerous awards during the recent season. Among the dancers celebrating a successful season were Jenna Leach, Riley Waldriff, Ashley Newth, Olivia Waldriff, Mariah MacRae-Marshall, Sapphire Currie, Maggie Heevel, Layla Cornacchia, Katie Henry and Jasmyn Kersey. At left, Kayla Dawson performs a Scottish sword dance in the auditorium at the Pickering Public Library as part of the Durham West Arts Centre's on-going Kids Saturday Morning Music Madness series.

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## Beat it for Durham drum workshop

**DURHAM** — If you're looking for a hands-on workshop, Ron Cross is the man this summer. Cross, from Random Acts of Rhythm, is leading drumming workshops at WindReach Farm from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The final two are Aug. 15 and 31. All skill levels, including beginners, are welcome and the workshop is open to all adults and youth (minimum five years of age). Each night starts with a short concert by Mr. Cross, followed by one hour of hands-on drumming for participants and refreshments.

The cost is \$10. There is a \$3 charge for support staff if required by a participant. For more information or to register, call 905-655-5827, e-mail [thefarm@windreach.org](mailto:thefarm@windreach.org), or visit [www.windreach.org](http://www.windreach.org). WindReach Farm is at 312 Townline Rd., on the Scugog-Whitby border, between Lakeridge Road and Brock Street.

## Find Redemption at Ajax church

**AJAX** — Church and a movie might seem to be a strange combination. But not at Ajax's Crossroads Com-

## Entertainment in brief

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munity Church, where worship, movie clips and discussion are a nice fit. "I hope this is a great way to get all kinds of folks to come out on Sunday morning and find out how some of their favourite movies can be seen in a whole new light," says Pastor Ken Ritsema. The 10:30 a.m. service on Aug. 6

features sing-a-long tunes from the church worship band and a social time afterwards, with cookies and coffee for people to discuss what they've just seen and heard and chat about their week. A nursery is provided. The Aug. 6 movie is 'The Shawshank Redemption,' which generates a talk about hope. "It's amazing how these box-office successes and culture classics can help us delve into stuff that really matters in life," notes Ritsema. Crossroads Community meets at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays at Lester B. Pearson Public School, 21 Coughlen Ave. (off Westney Road, south of Rossland Road). All are welcome.

## Volunteers needed for Jazz Festival

**DURHAM** — Volunteers of all ages and abilities are wanted for the 5th Annual Oshawa Jazz and Blues Festival. From Aug. 7 to 13 energetic and enthusiastic people can volunteer in any aspect of the Festival, including hospitality, security and stage support staff. For more information on becoming a volunteer, e-mail Alaina McGuigan at [alaina@eclipseconcerts.com](mailto:alaina@eclipseconcerts.com) or call 905-986-0666. Volunteer forms can also be downloaded on the festival website at [www.oshawajazzandblues-festival.com](http://www.oshawajazzandblues-festival.com)

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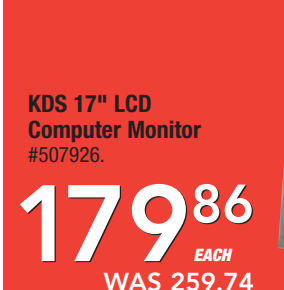
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