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PICKERING — Teghan Henderson and Nicole Vandenheuvel go through an arch formed by Flo Oldin and Karen O’Gorman. The Grade 8 students from Rosebank Road Public School were taking square dance lessons from Jim Nesbitt. The students would then help Mr. Nesbitt with the other students in a square dance marathon that was a fundraiser for a sound system for the gym.

Pickering residents want calm

Traffic calming requested as part of proposed development

By **Kristen Calis**
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PICKERING — An application to build a subdivision on Fairport Road has taken another turn with the creation of a working group to find solutions to some long-standing issues.

Mayor Dave Ryan and councillors from Wards 1 and 2 recently held an information meeting on a planned subdivision for the northwest corner of Fairport Road and Welrus Street in Pickering. A statutory meeting on the development took place in February, 2003, where residents raised concerns regarding drainage, lot sizes and traffic concerns, and the application was postponed until it came for another information meeting in July, 2007. Residents still raised concerns at the latest meeting.

“When are we going to get the area residents involved?” said resident Melville D’Mello. He added

he’s not against development, but wants it done properly.


City planner Rick Cefaratti said although staff had questions regarding the original plans, the issues have been ironed out. There were concerns surrounding grading issues that could cause drainage problems but engineering reports have shown solutions.

“They’re decent lot sizes that are consistent with the type of development that has occurred in this neighbourhood,” he said.

Dunbarton neighbourhood development and design guidelines set out requirements of 15-metre minimum lot frontages on existing roads and minimum frontages of 12 metres on internal roads. Nick Lazaridis of Louisville Homes spoke on behalf of the developer, Anthony DeBruin, explaining he now proposes 25 detached homes with lot frontages ranging from 13-to-15 metres.


Resident Sarah Whittaker attended the meeting for information on the development, but also to ensure traffic calming measures are addressed. She fears for the


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Pickering event expected to attract thousands

By Kristen Calis
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PICKERING — Organizers hope to attract at least 20,000 people to Pickering this spring through filling their bellies with ribs. "We intend to make this the No. 1 outdoor event in Pickering this year," said Lon Harnish, the 2008 Pickering Ribfest chairman and fundraising director.

The Rotary Clubs of Ajax and Pickering hosted the event launch and sponsorship luncheon for their first Pickering Ribfest at the Al Dente Restaurant in Pickering Wednesday, attended by City officials, local politicians and representatives from local charities and the Durham Regional Police Service.

In a speech, Mr. Harnish, explained, "It'll be the Olympics of rib-eating."

But, the ribs aren't the only attraction in store for the first Ribfest; Esplanade Park will be filled with local music, arts, crafts, entertainment, dance, stage performances, kids

attractions and wine and beer from June 6 to 8. Admission and entertainment will be free.

"People don't think of it as cultural, but it will be," Mr. Harnish explained in an interview.

And, as the headliner, six "top-, top-rated ribbers from Canada and the United States" will serve up their unique recipes, competing for the winning title.

"You're not going to be able to find those ribs in a normal restaurant," Mr. Harnish said.

The clubs will also collect food for Pickering's St. Paul's on-the-Hill Community Food Bank and the Ajax-Pickering Salvation Army Food Bank.

The luncheon's goal was to attract sponsors for the event, and it did just that. Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson pledged the largest amount, \$15,000, to the festival, and that made Rotarians quite happy since the money raised will go toward such causes as Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital and Herizon House. Others offered either monetary or in-kind donations as well.

"All the money we raise goes back into the local community," Mr. Harnish said. "The Pickering and Ajax Rotary Clubs were ecstatic for the warm reception they received."

Sponsorship packages range from \$250 to \$15,000. Anyone interested in donating money, time or materials needed for the event, such as tents, tables, trophies, signage and fencing, can call Mr. Harnish at 1-800-661-0243, ext. 4146 during the day or 905-723-5478 at night.

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Working group to meet on development

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safety of residents and pets on Fairport Road, and said the sheer noise of speeding traffic has caused a lot of stress.

"It literally was to the point where Mark (her husband) didn't sleep for a year," she said in an interview.

While Mayor Ryan reminded those in attendance the main topic at the meeting was not traffic, Ms. Whittaker, along with former councillor Maurice Brenner, noted the development could offer an opportunity to incorporate traffic calming into the mix.

"I think putting in a development without addressing (traffic issues) would be a mistake and irresponsible," she said in an interview.

She added roundabouts, bike lanes or any visual distractions, such as trees or better signage, could help remove the vision of Fairport Road as a straight-away.

Architectural technologist and resident Stephen Hunt spoke about the importance of maintaining a quality streetscape design. He noted many of the lots backing onto Welrus Street will have an excessive amount of stairs that would be "unsafe and unsightly." He also said an enhanced tree-planting program would help preserve the natural character of the site.

"I think it's the job of the local councillors and planning department to ensure that good quality development is achieved by paying attention to these matters," he said in an interview. Mayor Ryan said at the meeting's end a working group is a good idea, and suggested no more than nine people make one up, and Mr. Lazaridis said he's willing to meet with the group.



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June Morrison and Lon Harnish speak to attendees of the Pickering Ribfest kick-off luncheon at Al Dente Restaurant recently. The ribfest goes from June 6 to 8 and is expected to attract 20,000 people to Pickering.

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Joint smokers, beer tippler nabbed by RIDE

Police check 2,750 vehicles in three-day blitz

By Jeff Mitchell
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DURHAM — They didn't charge any drunk drivers, but cops working at RIDE checkpoints throughout the region last week still caught several motorists doing what they shouldn't while behind the wheel.

A man smoking a joint in a car with an infant as a passenger and another who'd

just popped open a beer were among the drivers nabbed at RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) stops from last Thursday to Saturday, Durham police said.

Officers stopped just more than 2,750 vehicles during the three-day blitz, demanding 33 roadside breath tests and issuing three 12-hour suspensions to motorists who had been drinking.

They wrote 44 tickets and issued two suspensions under the Highway Traffic Act and charged one driver found in possession of marijuana with driving while impaired by drugs.

And there were a few surprises for RIDE officers:

- One motorist had what police are describing as a "freshly lit" marijuana joint when pulled over at the spot check.

- In another instance officers spotted the driver of an approaching vehicle quaffing from a bottle of beer. He was charged under the Liquor Licence Act and had his remaining beers confiscated.

- And in another instance, police checking a vehicle in which a man was travelling with a one-year-old child noticed a strong smell of marijuana. The driver admitted he'd just smoked a joint, police said.

High-speed chase leads to drug, weapons charges

AJAX — Three men are facing drug and weapons charges after a high-speed pursuit sparked by a tip Wednesday night in Ajax.

Durham police were called to the area of Rossland and Westney roads at about 9:30 p.m. for a report of a possibly injured man and other suspicious people in a car, Sergeant Paul McCurbin said.

When police approached a vehicle matching the description, it turned south on Westney and sped off.

Police followed as the vehicle

waved across lanes, reaching speeds of 120 km/h in the 60 km/h zone, Sgt. McCurbin said.

While police were following, a package was thrown from the car and exploded in a cloud of dust, he said.

Police followed at a distance as the car turned onto Hwy. 401 and entered the express lanes. Eventually cruisers caught up and initiated a rolling stop, taking three men into custody. Inside the car police found 57 grams of marijuana and a small bat.

A knife was found concealed in one man's pants, Sgt. McCurbin said.

Richard Garvin Barrett, 22, of Gates Crescent in Ajax, and 20-year-old Peter Carl Glasgow of Longfellow Court in Whitby face charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Naveed Mubashar, 21, of Garrard Road in Whitby, is charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking, dangerous driving and failing to comply with probation.



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Religion goes under the microscope in Durham

War of the Worldviews presents a spectrum of belief systems

By Josie Newman
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DURHAM — When veteran broadcaster and journalist Michael Coren ascends the stage of All Saints Catholic Secondary School in Whitby on Feb. 22, he'll be ready for battle.

The battle won't be fought with swords and scabbards, but in an exchange of ideas and beliefs. Dubbed War of the Worldviews, the four debates Mr. Coren will moderate over two days at the venue for the discussions will more likely feature a volley of heated exchanges over participants' religious convictions.

A promising panel of theological and intellectual experts will take centre stage, including Uni-

versity of Ontario Institute of Technology humanism professor Christopher DiCarlo; Frank Sherwin, a Christian biologist from Colorado who works for the Institute for Creation Research; Christian radio show host and author Dave Hunt; Hindu leader and cardiologist Budhendranauth Doobay; and Shabir Alley, an Imam and president of the Islamic Information and Dawah Centre International in Toronto.

Working behind the scenes, yet on the psychological frontlines, will be Paul MacGregor, an Ajax resident who started organizing similar religious debates four years ago because he wants to "defend the Bible scientifically, archaeological, and textually."

"The reason we've adopted this format is because we want people to come out, hear the speakers and decide for themselves.

"This is an event for people to use their sense of reason, it's to examine the evidence," he said in a recent interview.

Although he holds no theological degree or title, Mr. MacGregor makes up for it in his degree of moxy. An auto worker and father of four who is convinced that Jesus Christ is the only truth, he single-handedly organized and moderated his first creationism versus evolution conference in 2005 at Sinclair Secondary School in Whitby. It went so well that two more conferences followed suit

there in 2006 and 2007.

In 2006, Pickering resident Thomas Fairfull heard Mr. MacGregor speak at the conference after receiving a promotional flyer on his windshield.

"What he said was so inspiring that I asked him if I could help organize and pay for the following year's conference. He said yes and we've worked together ever since.

"We want to appeal to a broad range of people. That's why the debates, even the website, are called Decide for Yourself. We want to present things in an intelligent, non-threatening manner. We asked Michael Coren to host it because he's so well-known," said Mr. Fairfull.

Mr. MacGregor procured all the speakers although he knew none of them pre-

viously. "I just asked around, asked Hindus who their best Hindu speaker is, looked on the Humanist website and found out who the best Humanist speaker is and so on," he said.

Decide for Yourself Debates start Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. and run at noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the following day. See www.decideforyourself.net for more details.

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Holy Redeemer shows it can be easy being green

By Roland Cilliers
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PICKERING — An amphibian with shocking power visited a local school Tuesday.

The 16-foot inflatable frog came to Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Pickering and brought with it 100,000 kWh of green energy. The school is being awarded the electricity by Bullfrog Power for winning a contest to create a plan to be more environmentally friendly. "We deserve the award because lately we

have been doing a lot for the environment," says Alex, a Grade 7 student at Holy Redeemer and a member of the Eco Team. "The Eco Team collects and instead of throwing out stuff we recycle and try to do more to save energy and paper."

At the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November, school groups submitted environmental pledges that outlined initiatives for ways to be more eco-friendly. Holy Redeemer's winning pledge included commitments to increase recycling and to reduce energy consumption.

"They had to provide documentation on all the green things they are doing, not just around energy but recycling and that sort of thing too. The pledge also included individual students and what they are doing," says Rob McLaughlin, president and chairman of the board of The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

"The students and teachers of Holy Redeemer Catholic School have committed to meaningful and achievable environmental action at their school," says Josephine Coombe, the vice-president of Marketing for Bullfrog Power.

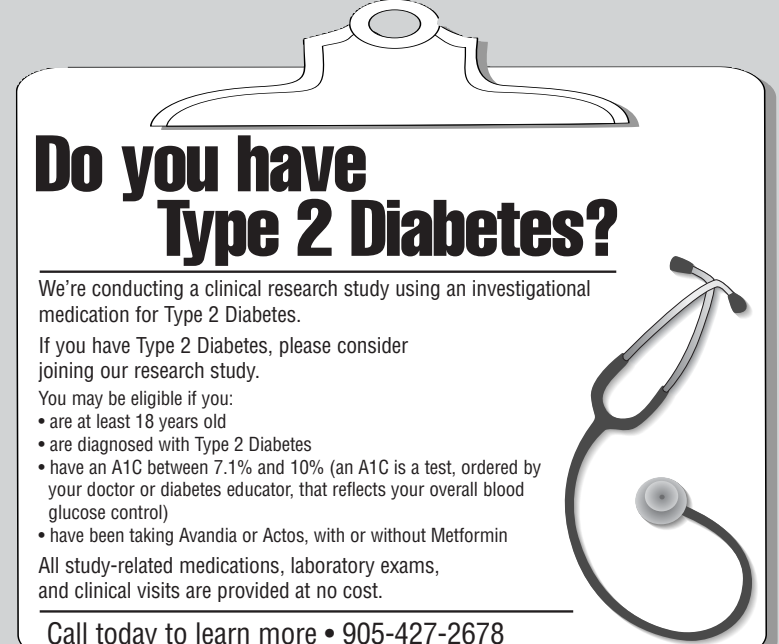
Bullfrog Power is putting 100,000 kWh of green power into the provincial grid on behalf of Holy Redeemer, enough electricity to power 10 homes for an entire year. "Climate change is very severe right now. It's getting really serious and we need to take more interest in it," says Christine, a member of the Eco Team at Holy Redeemer.

People in the community who are looking to switch their homes over to green power can do so by visiting www.bullfrogpower.com and signing up.



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Bullfrog Power donated 100,000kWh to the power grid in the name of Holy Redeemer Catholic School. The school earned that donation because of its pledge to go green. On hand to accept the plaque from Bullfrog were, from the left, Sabastian Bouley, Michelle Walmsley, Rochelle Jones, Taynaya Miranda and Dayne Dellaire.



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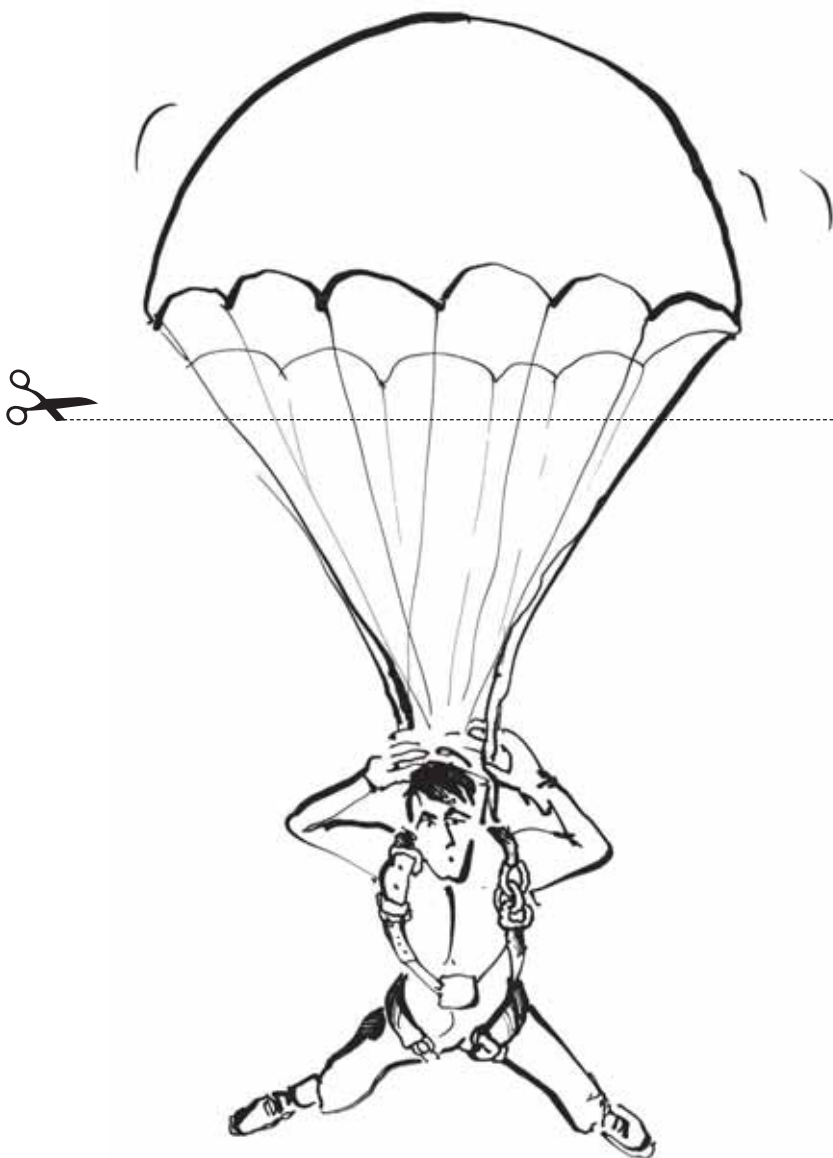
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Durham Region Transit faced with very tough choices

Let the bus take the fuss.

That old phrase was synonymous with getting out of your car and letting public transit get you wherever you wanted to go.

But for some in Durham Region, accustomed to routes they take on a regular basis, the fuss is now that their bus may no longer be coming.

That was the tough, but inevitable decision that had to be reached by Durham Region Transit, charged with cutting into its \$2.3-million deficit. Some routes had to

be trimmed and cut in order to save public money and lessen the flow of red ink.

Since its establishment two years ago, the amalgamated DRT has been a work in progress and a tough learning experience.

Combining several disparate transit systems was a difficult job but necessary in order to build the bigger better system needed to match growth patterns across the region. When your neighbours in the Greater Toronto Area have transit infrastructure that dwarfs yours, you need to make an effort to keep up.

And the advent of such transit-dependent facilities as the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, means the need to move people is more vital than it has ever been.

However, transit routes and development are always a chicken-and-egg proposition. Do you leave underperforming routes in place in order to grow ridership or should you cut those routes and put more resources into more heavily travelled ones? Do you try to go to the riders or do you have them come to you? That's the conundrum faced

by Regional councillors who face different demands in the varied municipalities.

In the end, like any regional department, transit has to operate within a budget and be responsible with taxpayers' funds. That means making hard choices that will inevitably affect people who depend on routes that have been altered.

A comprehensive regional transit study is now in the works and that will allow DRT to better plan and schedule future expansion. For now, however, it has to be efficient in moving riders.



Our readers think...

Lands best-suited for airport

To the editor:

Re: Feb. 6 Anthony Belmonte letter. You have a very narrow vision.

The Liberals in 1972 studied the future economics for Durham Region and had the courage and conviction to pave the road for an airport in order to sustain job stability in Durham Region and revenue flow.

You must preplan for growth. Look around and see what is happening to

the region. The financial demands are going through the roof!

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Therefore the Pickering airport is a must and will proceed.

You want the country, move out further.

The airport lands are too close to the metropolis to be of any better use than an airport.

**T.M. Mason
Oshawa**

What an ugly week it was

This has been a tough week. Not only did I have to sit through almost an hour of sickeningly jingoistic, flag-waving, apple pie and Chevrolet-ing American propaganda, before I could enjoy The Super Bowl last Sunday night, but I also had to find some way of coming to terms with a world where people happily strap explosives to individuals with Down syndrome and then blow them up in crowded thoroughfares via remote control. All, of course, in the name of God.

Jesus and the Buddha would've dropped a few "F bombs" this week.

The football thing was just plain irritating and a powerful reminder of why I cut my cable two years ago. I can't possibly have been the only one gagging on the irony of millionaire football players tearfully reciting the Declaration of Independence... not a one of them blinking at the fact that their current administration is in violation of three-quarters of it. Still, it was an American broadcast and it was on Fox. What did I expect? Norman Vincent Peale?

But this atrocity in Iraq just crushed me. Suicide bombings and acts of terror are horrific enough in the normal lunatic mode but this new twist has me shaking the leaves off my olive branch. I'm speechless. How completely disconnected from your humanity, from your God, do you have to be to take advantage of an individual with Down syndrome in this way?

In my experience, people with Down syndrome seem to share several wonderful qualities. They are all unsettlingly affectionate and completely without guile. They are also extremely tactile. They love to hug and hold hands. They are beautiful people.

Now imagine strapping enough C-4 onto that trusting, innocent body to vaporize it and everyone else within a city block... just because you're angry and you're male and you haven't been taught to use your words.

But listen to me, ranting away. I guess



Neil Crone/ Enter Laughing

this means they've won. Because here I sit, with them firmly under my skin, feeding on the same anger that they set in motion when their dirty little fingers pressed that remote button. That's how it goes, isn't it. I'm sure you've visited here too. It's not a nice place to be. It's not a very healthy place. It's a tumour maker.

So. How do we respond to this?

Well, I think the first thing to understand is that they really aren't winning. They're losing, desperately. You might not think so, but this world is a much better place than it was even 10 years ago. But hate, unfortunately, has a better PR team than love.

Love is out there, doing loads of great things every single day. People are caring for each other, reaching out, being selfless, doing kindnesses... just because. Love doesn't make for zippy sound bites or headlines though. Love isn't what they call a grabber.

But terror, fear, the Declaration of Independence... now you're talking. Fear sells, true, but only if we buy. So don't.

Don't give it your time, your attention or your money. Focus on those people, things and places that make you feel good. Give everything else a big fat pass.

We can't cut all the gunk out of our lives, but we can certainly control how much time we spend dwelling on it.

Durham resident Neil Crone, actor-comic-writer, saves some of his best lines for his columns. He is currently starring in the hit CBC sitcom, *Little Mosque on the Prairie*.

Province speeds up transit projects

Environmental assessments to be limited to six months

DURHAM — A move by the Province to speed up environmental assessments (EA) for transit projects is good for Durham, said the Region's transit boss.

The Ontario government is setting new rules requiring a six-month time limit on EAs for transit.

"It's a very aggressive schedule," said Ted Galanis, general manager of Durham Region Transit. "The intent is to get projects moving."

It's important people continue to get

the opportunity to offer input, Mr. Galanis said.

Under existing rules the average assessment takes two years.

The TTC's Spadina subway extension took three years and the St. Clair streetcar expansion took two.

The current rules say all alternative proposals have to be considered, even unrealistic ones.

"If someone wanted to talk about a new idea using cable cars or catapults you would have to evaluate them," TTC chairman Adam Giambrone said.

That means project opponents can use EAs as a delay tactic.

"Without some control over an EA, some of these projects are sidelined for years,"

Mr. Galanis said.

The Region is working on a project to bring a bus rapid transit (BRT) route to Hwy. 2.

To add high occupancy vehicle lanes, the road would have to be expanded, and that would require environmental assessments.

"That would clearly help with that project," Mr. Galanis said.

In general, EAs tend to take longer for projects such as light rail than for a BRT. But if the Hwy. 2 project is successful and sees heavy ridership, then light rail might be in the cards for Durham.

"If we build it and they come, that's the next step," said Mr. Galanis.

-with files from Torstar News Service


Girls need your help

AJAX — Women of Durham are called to give their time, not money for Valentine's Day this year.

Girls Incorporated of Durham's Mentoring Co-ordinator, Linda Curley, is asking women to share their friendship with young women in the community. "The need for mentors has never been greater. There are currently 42 girls waiting to be matched."

Girls Incorporated of Durham has helped young women in Ajax and Pickering for more than 24 years. They are dedicated to giving the support and tools young girls need to deal with personal and social pressures. Those interested are invited to attend the Girls Inc. 101 Orientation Session on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at 398 Bayly St. W. in Ajax.

For more information, contact Linda Curley at 905-428-8111 or e-mail lcurley.durham@girls-inc.org.



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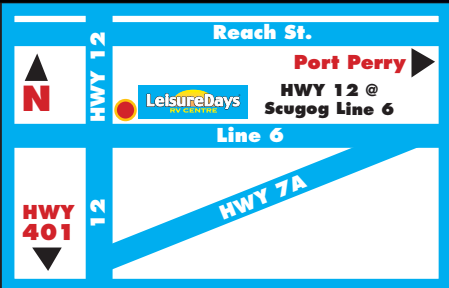
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The day begins with a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Claremont United Church. It's \$6 per adult, \$3 for kids aged 12 and under, and kids three and under eat free.

The Mile Run begins at 10 a.m. at the Country Depot and ends at the Four corners. Entry forms can be found at the Country Depot or the Claremont General Store, and must be handed in and signed by 10 a.m. on the day of the run.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. Entries must meet at 10:30 a.m. on William Street. It will travel along Old Brock Road and end at Claremont Park, where numerous activities begin.

Following the parade (around 11:30 a.m.) the J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate rugby team hosts a barbecue outside the Claremont Community Centre, and proceeds support their Wales Rugby Tour 2008.

Also at that time, the Fire Hall and the Claremont Li-

brary hosts an open house.

The Children's Carnival begins inside the community centre around 11:45 a.m., where activities and entertainment include magicians, face-painting, jumping castles and clowns.

The Soup and Chili Contest begins at 12:15 p.m. at the park. Entries must be in at that time and latecomers will not be judged. It's \$2 to taste and vote, and cash prizes go to the winners.

A bonfire and horse and buggy rides runs throughout the day until around 2 p.m. An Amazing Children's Race begins at 1 p.m. at the park, where teams race against others, solving riddles and finding hidden clues. All entries receive free loot bags and the winning team gets a cash prize.

The awards ceremony begins inside the community centre at 2 p.m., where winning floats, snow sculptors and other competition winners receive a prize. Cake will also be served.

The Trapper's Ball and Lip Sync Contest ends the day. The doors open for the dance at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10 each at the door.

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Since the beginning of this year, Ajax fire crews have responded to almost 70 calls for carbon monoxide problems in homes. In most instances, the problem was caused by someone warming up a vehicle in an attached garage.

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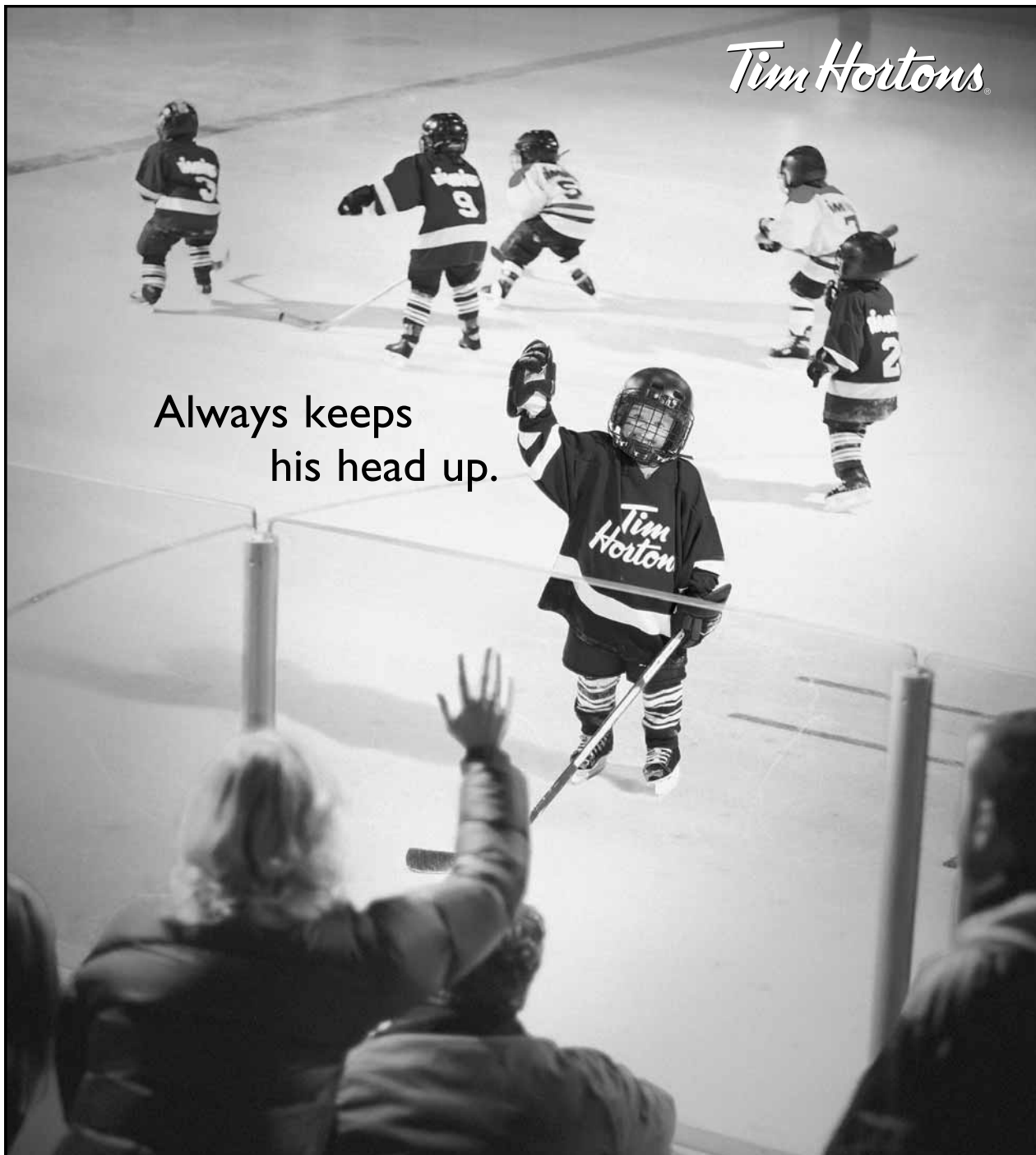
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Pickering scouts give totem pole to Ajax

By Roland Gilliers
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DURHAM — Duffins Creek has an imposing new security guard thanks to the 1st Pickering Scout Group.

Driving along Kingston Road past Old Pickering Village you may have seen the new 21-foot totem pole that stands alongside Duffins Creek.

"2007 was the 100th year of scouting in the world so we decided to find an original way to commemorate scouting," says Katie Beaton, president of Venturer Company.

The totem was constructed by members of the Scout section Venturers that consists of youth aged 14 to 17. The

youth took part in all aspects of the totem's construction from the submission of designs through to the placement at its final location.

The pole was made in the backyard of a 1st Pickering Scout Group member from a cedar log. Special carving tools were fabricated for the project and the paint used on the totem was recycled.

There are five distinct symbols on the totem pole, which represent the founder of Scouting, Sir Robert Baden Powell, and the four sections of Scouting, which includes the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers.

"We wanted to create a symbol of scouting that would be around for awhile," says the Group Commissioner

Bob Martindale.

The totem pole stands at the gateway to the North Duffins Trail. The Venturer Company of 1st Pickering adopted the trail in 2007 and now provides maintenance for it. They have also created a development plan for the area.

The 1st Pickering Scout Group was formed in 1920 and is the oldest Scout group in Ontario. They were also the first local group to invite girls into the movement.

The dedication ceremony for the totem pole is on Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. on the corner of Kingston Road and Elizabeth Street in Ajax.

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Poor air quality can lead to heart attacks and strokes

Ontario receives failing air quality grade

By Reka Szekely
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DURHAM — Poor air quality increases the risk of heart disease and stroke, and Durham residents are among the most vulnerable in Canada.

That's according to a report from the Heart and Stroke Foundation that gave Ontario and Quebec a failing grade when it comes to the impact of air quality on heart health.

"It's no surprise when you think of Quebec and Ontario, when you think of the vehicular traffic in the Windsor-Quebec City Corridor," said Mark Di Buono, research director for the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Ontario.

The problem is particularly pronounced in the Greater Toronto Area where, in 2006,

there were 28 days when fine particulate levels in the air exceeded Environment Canada's acceptable levels of 30 micrograms per cubic metre for at least part of the day. In Oshawa, where Environment Canada has its only monitoring station in Durham, there were 24 days in 2006 that exceeded acceptable levels.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation estimates that of the 6,000 additional deaths in Canada caused by air pollution, 69 per cent of them are the result of heart disease and stroke.

Although research shows it's a problem, most Canadians don't draw a link between air pollution and heart disease, with only 13 per cent doing so.

That could be because they can't see the pollution.

"It's a bit misleading to judge by the naked eye what the air quality is like in the area," Mr. Di Buono said.

It's not just a problem affecting big cities. Woodburn-

ing stoves commonly used in rural areas can release almost 30 per cent of fine particulates in the winter, the report said.

Pollution from outside Canada also has an effect, with American emissions af-

fecting Ontario and Quebec and Asian emissions affecting British Columbia.

"You start to realize this is a pretty significant problem in all parts of the country," Mr. Di Buono said.

Ken Gorman, environ-

mental health director for the Region of Durham, said there are several reports that link poor air quality and health.

The Region sends out an e-mail advisory to staff on smog days, he said asking them to minimize their impact by

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ReConnect for Catholic high school students gets permanent home

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who head it up travel to meet their students either in libraries or other public areas, Carolyn Anco, superintendent of student success and secondary program, told the Durham Catholic District School Board at its meeting Monday. A permanent site for the project will soon be built near Hopkins Street and Consumers Drive in Whitby, Ms. Anco said. The program gives individualized mentoring and tutoring to students who don't want to finish their high school courses for a variety of reasons.

"Of the 43 who enrolled, there are 39 students remaining. I believe it's working out for those students because they get one-on-one help," she said.

A letter Ms. Anco read from a parent of one of the students said, "It's exciting because the ReConnect program is an excellent program for students who need a second chance. The program has brought positive changes in our home and we're happy that it has encouraged our daughter to finish high school and apply to college."

DURHAM — An individualized program that helps 16-to-18 year olds who want to drop out of school is getting a street address.

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New unit commander greets Pickering

'My door's open, my phone's always on':
Inspector Stephen Ross

PICKERING — Fairly new to his job, Inspector Stephen Ross introduced himself as the new unit commander of 19 Division of Durham Regional Police Services in Pickering at a recent council meeting.

"My door's open, my phone's always on," he said to a packed house.

He added council members are welcome to contact him with concerns at

any time.

Insp. Ross has been a police officer for 26 years.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Bill McLean said although he has the big shoes of former unit commander Inspector Jim Douglass to fill, he was quite impressed with his resume.

Coun. McLean noted problems in Pickering parks and speeding issues are particular areas that could use the inspector's help.

"I'm looking forward to meeting with you and welcome aboard," he said.

Mayor Dave Ryan also welcomed the inspector and thanked him for his commitment.

Valentine concert in the Village

Music night features three acts

DURHAM — Bring your honey to a valentine concert in Pickering Village tomorrow, Feb. 16.

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The challenge in kitchen design today is creating a kitchen workstation that is at once efficient, eco-friendly, and stylish!

The eco-chic kitchen goes green with style

(NC)-Today's kitchen is no longer just a place to cook and eat. It is often the central gathering point in the home for conversation, homework and entertaining. Most recently, added to this multi-functionality, is the task of waste management as consumers adopt new practices for living greener in the home.

"The challenge in kitchen design today is creating a kitchen workstation that is at once efficient, eco-friendly, and stylish," says Alexandra Marshall, marketing director with Blanco Canada. "Some consumers may in fact be discouraged from practicing better waste management if there is no room under the counter for waste management bins or if they can't find a way to hide unsightly plastic waste containers. Fortunately, there are some new products that add eco-functionality without sacrificing style or convenience."

One such product is the new Solon, an elegant stainless steel organic waste collector that can be mounted into the kitchen counter near the sink or anywhere in the kitchen. Designed by German kitchen workstation manufacturer Blanco, the Solon is a winner of the prestigious international IF product design award for quality, workmanship, ergonomics, environmental friendliness and functionality among other criteria.

"The Solon can be top-mounted or undermounted to the kitchen counter," notes Ms. Marshall, "and provides a convenient and highly attractive way to collect organic waste. A fitted lid prevents odours from escaping. The bin easily lifts out for emptying into your outdoor collection unit and all parts can be put in the dishwasher for cleaning."

Low-flow faucets are another addition that can contribute to a more eco-friendly kitchen workstation. As well, selecting natural or renewable materials, including a renewable countertop or a natural granite sink makes for a kitchen working area that is functional, eco-friendly and attractive. "New solid surface countertops are available with many eco-friendly features," says Ms. Marshall. "Silgranit sinks, made of 80% natural granite, are the only granite sinks manufactured in Canada and are extremely durable." Put these products together and the consumer has made a better environmental choice with improved functionality and eco-savvy style.

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Consumers getting bolder with colour

(NC)-More and more Canadians are experimenting with colour on their walls. That's the finding of a survey by PARA Paints, in polling its more than 400 paint dealers across the country.

The study, conducted in late 2006, shows that only 39 per cent of consumers prefer neutral colours for their walls. This compares to a 2002 PARA survey which revealed that 90 per cent of consumers opted for neutral colours - such as whites, beiges, and grays - when painting their homes.

According to the survey, green is the number one choice, with 15 per cent of consumers choosing green shades for their rooms. Red and yellow are next, with 13 and 12 per cent of consumers, respectively, opting for these two hues. Blue is chosen by four per cent of consumers.

If you haven't yet experimented beyond neutral paints, PARA recommends introducing colour on a small scale. Begin with any one room, such as a bedroom, dining room or living room. If you're apprehensive, small spaces like bathrooms or dressing rooms are safe bets. An entranceway is another good area to try out brighter tones, since you get only glimpses of the space as you move through.

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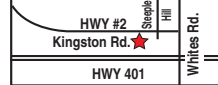
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The review and adoption or amendment and adoption of the 2008 Business Plans and Budgets and related fees and charges will occur at the regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2008 in the Regional Council Chambers located at 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario.

Comments from the public are welcome in writing or by attending the Council meeting and presenting oral comments. Written comments may be forwarded to the Regional Clerk at the address indicated below. For inclusion in the Council agenda, receipt of written comments by noon on Thursday, February 28, 2008 is requested. For further information regarding the Regional Council meeting, please contact the Regional Clerk at 905-668-7711 ext. 2100.

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OPSEU fights for part-time employees at Durham College

Membership drive is one of largest in Ontario history

By Jillian Follert
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DURHAM — Two hundred part-time teachers and support staff at Durham College are being included in one of the largest union membership drives in Ontario history.

The Ontario Public Services Employees Union (OPSEU) has launched a massive drive to recruit more than 12,500 part-time faculty and support staff at colleges across the prov-

ince.

OPSEU spokesman Roger Couvertte says part-timers have been struggling with a lack of job security, lower pay and no benefits for years, as a result of legislation passed in the 1970s.

"When the Bill Davis government passed the Colleges Collective Bargaining Agreement (CCBA) in 1975, it specifically excluded part-time workers from the right to bargain collectively," he explained at a press conference in Whitby Friday morning. "That was common at the time and it wasn't a big deal because there weren't many part-time people. Now, that has changed."

In June 2007, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the right to collective bargaining is protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and in August the McGuinty government announced its intention to recognize the bargaining rights of part-time college workers.

Chris Bentley, minister of colleges and universities, said the Liberal government will introduce legislation following a review of the

CCBA by Kevin Whitaker, chairman of the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

He is expected to make recommendations by the end of February.

It's a welcome process as far as John Bisset is concerned. He's been teaching at Durham College for 25 years and has seen firsthand the inequities that exist between full-time faculty and support staff -- who already belong to OPSEU -- and their part-time coun-

terparts.

"There's no question the part-time and sessional faculty aren't treated the same way we are," he said. "The school couldn't function without the part-time faculty and they deserve for this to change."

He said bringing part-time faculty into the union could benefit the college and its students by ensuring teachers stay with the school, rather than hurrying off to their next part-time

gig as a way of ensuring steady income.

Ken Robb, vice-president of human resources for Durham College, said it's impossible to speculate how organizing part-time workers might impact the college financially, but he stressed officials are supportive of the process.

"We fully support the right of part-time employees to organize as they see fit. We're just letting the process take place."

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RUG HOOKING SOCIAL: The Ajax Rug Hooking Guild meets for a social evening on the third Monday of each month at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd. at 7:30 p.m. Shelley (905-683-0017) or Pat (905-839-4964).

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SENIORS CARPET BOWLING: The Ajax Seniors Friendship Club hosts carpet bowling at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd. in Ajax, on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:20 a.m. but beginners should come earlier. All seniors are welcome. Jim (905-428-2716).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
TOASTMASTERS: Gain confidence and develop public speaking skills with the Pickering Powerhouse Toastmasters. The club meets on Tuesday nights from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at the Pickering Central Library auditorium, One the Esplanade (near Kingston and Glenalla roads). For more information call Joanne at 905-428-7875 or just drop in for

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PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: A parent support group meets locally every Tuesday for parents of kids involved in drugs, alcohol, running away, dropping out of school, crimes and parent abuse. The meetings are at 7:15 p.m. For more information, visit www.apsgo.ca or call 416-223-7444.

MOMS AND TOTS GROUP: A Moms and Tots group has many activities for children, including a sensory table, snack time, crafts and singing. The group meets every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Hope Centre Salvation Army building, 35 King's Cres., Ajax. It is free and everyone is welcome. Dannyelle (905-831-4774).

DISCUSSION GROUP: Bill Parish continues his talk on the History of the Aboriginal Nations of Canada at the Ajax Seniors Citizens Friendship Club, 46 Exeter Rd, Ajax at 9:30 a.m.
TAI CHI: The Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club holds Tai Chi classes for seniors at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd. in Ajax. This is the second week of the 10 week session which runs until Apr. 15. Interested parties may join at any point but due to the complexity of the moves it is advised one starts on the first day. Class starts at 11:15 a.m. and the cost to join is \$20. Sylvia (905-683-6219) or Marian (905-683-2768).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
TOASTMASTERS: The Ajax-Pickering Toastmasters' Club invites anyone interested in public speaking, personal growth, improving their leadership and presentation skills, and building self-confidence to its Wednesday meetings at the

Ontario Power Generation Information Centre, 1675 Montgomery Park Rd. (at the foot of Brock Road), in Pickering. The doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the meeting is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call Richard at 416-562-0140 or visit www.toastmasters.org.
EAGLE'S NEST: The Eagle's Nest drop-in for those 50 years and over is at Forest Brook Community Church, at Elizabeth Street and Kearney Drive in Pickering Village, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jack (905-686-5647) or Bob (905-571-5635).

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AJAX — Some trees in Town are being spruced up. During February, trees on boulevards in

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Back to baroque

Japanese conductor returns to Oshawa symphony

Sings praises of orchestra

By Christy Chase
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DURHAM — Just over a year ago, Koji Kawamoto made his North American conducting debut here, directing the Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra in Handel's Messiah.

This month, Kawamoto is back for more Handel and more conducting at the Feb. 23 concert of ODSO.

"I am very happy to be coming back," said Kawamoto from his home in Germany.

In December, 2006, he conducted ODSO, guest soloists and choir in the massive work by Handel, a staple at Christmas.

"It was my debut in North America with the Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra," he said.

He'd heard of some orchestras in Canada but not ODSO until his friend Marco Parisotto, the artistic director of ODSO, informed him of it. Kawamoto agreed to come to Oshawa and was glad he did.

"I was very impressed with how good they are," he said. "They have a very nice technique. They are professionally trained."

So he's pleased to be return-

ing. For this concert, there's more Handel on the program, along with Bach and Vivaldi, in Baroque Gems. Also visiting will be flutist Massimo Mercelli from Italy. He'll perform with the orchestra on Bach's Suite No. 2 in B minor, Vivaldi's flute concertos, The Sea Tempest and The Goldfinch.

As for Handel, the orchestra will perform his popular Water Music and Royal Fireworks Music. There will also be Albinoni's Adagio and Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets in C major.

Until recently, Kawamoto was the principal conductor of the Vorpommern Opera and North East German Philharmonic. This September, he will become the music director of the Radio Symphony Orchestra Pilsen, the first music director of Japanese origin in the Czech Republic. The prize-winning conductor has been studying in Germany for several years, after studies in Japan and the United States. He met Parisotto in Tokyo in 1997 and the two have become good friends, he said.

Mercelli is artistic director and founder of the Emilia Romagna Festival in Italy and has been a jury member on international music competitions in Europe and the US. As a soloist, he's performed throughout the world.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Rossland and Ritson roads, Oshawa.

Tickets are \$40, \$15 for students. For ticket information, go to www.odso.ca or call 905-579-6711.



AJ Groen/ News Advertiser photo

Through Michael's eyes

PICKERING — Pickering photographer Michael Semak's exhibit of new photographs taken in Durham Region is at the Durham West Arts Centre, at 364 Kingston Rd. in Pickering, until March 7. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment.

Weber Brothers bring unique sound to Durham

'It's just about being real and good, believing in what you're doing and playing it with heart': Sam Weber

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DURHAM — Fans of rock/blues duo the Weber Brothers can expect "an intimate night" at Oshawa's Arts Resource Centre Feb. 28, according to guitarist Sam Weber.

"It'll be sort of a different taste," Weber elaborates. "Just the duo, so a lot of acoustic stuff with some rockabilly."

Playing as a straight duo has become a "different taste" for the brothers, who are both in their 20s, because they've already been playing with some of music's most notable names for years.

When Sam got a guitar for Christmas at the age of 8, his brother, Ryan, quickly took up bass and honed his vocals playing in several bands during their youth in Maryland.

After high school graduation, they hit the road for Ronnie Hawkins' Peterborough-area farm to attend his 90-day rock and roll boot camp, which turned out to include more

physical labour than the boys had bargained for.

"It was rough, very rough, but I think that was kind of his intention," Weber says of Hawkins' camp, where the brothers performed tedious farm chores like spreading gravel and chopping stumps. "He knew we were hungry and we wanted to play, but I think he wanted to see how much we would sacrifice. So it was three months of hard work and nothing in return, but then he started letting us sit in on practices, and finally we were in."

And by "in" Weber is referring to Hawkins' legendary backing band, The Hawks, with whom the brothers have played since they finished with all the manual labour.

In the course of their stint with the Hawks, the brothers have had the opportunity to meet and play with many of their musical heroes, including Garth Hudson and Levon Helm of The Band, Jeff Healey, Johnnie Johnson, John Fogerty and Robbie Robertson, who laughed when he heard of the brothers' toil on Hawkins' farm.

"I remember telling Robbie Robertson that story when we were in Beverly Hills. I knew he had to work hard to get in," Weber says of recounting his boot camp experience for Robertson. "But when I told him some of the details about what we had to do, he was shocked."

In the end, though, it was all worth it to the brothers, who credit Hawkins with giving them a leg up in the industry.

"I've never underestimated Ronnie's knowledge of music and the business that we're in," Weber said. "Just to be in the presence of someone like that, I mean, he's been through it all and just his celebrity and all his famous friends have been amazing."

During their breaks from touring with Hawkins, the brothers cultivated their own sound by writing and playing original material around Ontario. Their music blends the sounds of their many musical inspirations to create a fusion of blues, rockabilly, and roots. Currently touring in support of their third and latest album, 2007's *Exhibition*, the brothers have found the reception keeps getting warmer.

"It's been surprisingly good," Weber said of the fans' reaction to their unique sound. "It's just about being real and good, believing in what you're doing and playing it with heart, then people of all ages can get into it."

The Weber Brothers will be playing at the Oshawa Arts Resource Centre as part of the House Concert Series Feb. 28. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in advance from The Casket Store. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Some African art in Ajax

Jazz, sculpture, masks and more at Black History Month celebration

AJAX — Cultural Expressions Art Gallery is marking Black History Month with a Feb. 23 celebration.

The event features artwork from around the world, spoken word performances, and jazz performed by the band ACTS.

ACTS is a four-member group from Pickering whose members hail from Zimbabwe, Nigeria and India. They describe their musical style as "African jazz groove."

The band is completing its sec-

ond album, 'Not My Will'. Proceeds from the sales of the album will go to supporting the education of 19 Zimbabwe orphans.

The art on display is Afro-centric and includes stone sculptures from Zimbabwe, canvas from Zambia, and masks from Ghana.

"We hope to create an area where people, especially young people, can see the other side of the culture of the black community. It has a lot of negative press that focuses on the bad side and this will show a good side," says gallery owner Esther Forde.

The celebration is at the Cultural Expressions gallery, 62 Old Kingston Rd. in Ajax.

The free event runs from 4 to 7 p.m. All are invited.

Four versions of science fiction classic film now out on DVD

By John Foote
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Blade Runner (1982)
Directed by Ridley Scott
On DVD

"I've seen things you people wouldn't believe... All those... moments will be lost... like tears in rain... Time... to die..." -- Roy Batty, Blade Runner (1982)

And with those words, Roy Batty (Rutger Hauer), the

vicious replicant who has spent so much time trying to kill Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), bows his head with a sad smile and dies right in front of Deckard. The rain that always seems to be falling courses down his cheeks like the tears in rain he speaks of. It is a haunting and deeply moving moment because in the moments before, though he tried to kill Deckard, he saves his life before his own ends.

That tiny moment was the moment that hooked me the



first time I saw 'Blade Runner' (1982), the moment that burned itself into my mind. In the years since, 'Blade Runner' has gone from box-office failure to cult film through video discovery to new cuts from the director, to misunderstood masterpiece, to this final incarnation, with four versions of the film, a

stunning documentary about the making and legacy of the picture and commentaries galore.

Director Ridley Scott states that one would have to be a moron to watch this new cut and not realize that Deckard too is a replicant, something long debated.

The director plunges us into Los Angeles, 2019, where replicants, once used as slave labour, have been banished from earth and are used as slave labour on the colonies on other planets with a built-

in fail-safe device, a four-year life span. It seems their creators never expected them to develop their own feelings and, as living creatures, seek life. When a group of them slaughter the crew of a ship and return to earth to find their creator to extend their lives, Rick Deckard is sent to "retire" them, a dangerous job because they are stronger and certainly every bit as intelligent as humans.

Deckard is brought back to find them because he supposedly, in the years before,

was the best of the blade runners.

Scott's masterpiece finally gets the deluxe DVD treatment from Warner Brothers in this massive collection that was by far the finest DVD release of 2007.

John Foote, director of the Toronto Film School, is a nationally known film historian/critic and a Port Perry resident. Get more reviews at www.footeonfilm.com. Contact him at jfoote@IAOD.com.

Ajax filmmaker nominated for Juno

Christopher Mills up for video of year for Blue Rodeo's 'C'Mon'

Sum 41 in running for rock album of year

By Roland Gilliers
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DURHAM — The 2008 Juno Awards, a celebration of Canadian music, are in Calgary in April, but they are filled with Durham Region-connected artists.

Christopher Mills, a filmmaker from Ajax, is nominated for the Video of the Year.

He is being recognized for directing the music video to the Blue Rodeo song 'C'Mon'.

The video shows a spark travelling from the band's recording to a variety of scenes and experiences

across Canada.

Mr. Mills has worked with multiple top-billed artists including Mandy Moore, Broken Social Scene, Rush, and Modest Mouse.

It's a big departure from his first experience with music videos, when he made short horror films with friends that were scored to heavy metal tracks.

The Blue Rodeo video is up against videos by Arcade Fire, Bedouin Soundclash, Tokyo Police Club, and Marianas Trench.

Other Durham-related artists nominated for Junos include Bedouin Soundclash, for Pop Album of the Year, Jack DeKeyser for Blues Album of the Year, The Sadies for Roots or Traditional album of the year, and Ajax punk group Sum 41 for Rock Album of the Year.

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Team meeting helps Howard rink get back on the winning track

Three-peats as provincial men's curling champs in Waterloo

Off to Winnipeg to defend Tim Hortons Brier title next month

By Al Rivett
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PICKERING — A team meeting among the members of the Glenn Howard rink, including Pickering's Richard Hart, Brent Laing and Craig Savill, was perhaps, in retrospect, a title saver for the reigning world champs at the Ontario TSC Stores Tankard Provincial Men's Curling Championships in Waterloo.

The foursome needed to get back on track in a hurry after losing its final preliminary game 9-6 to the Mike Harris rink of the Tam Heather Curling Club last Friday night and then dropping their second in a row, in the page playoff game to the Peter Corner rink from the Brampton Curling Club, 6-4, last Saturday.

With only hours between the end of the page game and the start of the semifinal on Saturday, the team members needed answers and fast, says Hart, who plays vice on the reigning world champion rink.

"We managed to get away for two hours before the semifinal for a team meeting. We talked about things and the ice conditions. We came back Saturday night and got to where we were midweek and it carried us over to the final."

The meeting, says Hart, served as a wake-up call as the Howard team returned to form in the nick of time to defeat the Harris rink 7-2 to earn a berth in the final and a chance to defend their previous two Ontario championships.

The Howard rink continued to play well in Sunday's final, posting a convincing 9-4 over the Corner team.

If Hart had to put a finger on the team's earlier troubles, he chalked it up to complacency. And, the experience of playing together in so many big games



photo courtesy of David Bebee/ Kitchener-Waterloo Record
Team Howard, left to right, Lead Craig Seville, Second Brent Laing, Third Richard Hart and Skip Glenn Howard, salutes the crowd after winning the Ontario Men's Provincial Curling Championship in Waterloo.

proved just the tonic.

"(Complacency) unknowingly slipped into our game, but we were smart enough not to let it continue. Fortunately, we caught it before it was too late."

Earning a third consecutive

Provincial crown is a satisfying achievement for Hart and his teammates.

"Days later you stop and think about it and I think of the magnitude of winning three in a row. It's a pretty great accomplish-

ment for us," says Hart, who's been with the Howard rink, which curls out of the Coldwater and District Curling Club, since 2000.

But, Hart acknowledges he and his mates won't have much time to bask in the afterglow of their Provincial three-peat.

The Tim Hortons Brier — and a chance to repeat as champs — beckons.

"It's going to be incredibly different to defend our (Canadian) title, but that's been our goal since the beginning of the season, to defend our title," says Hart. "It's going to be tough for sure, but that's what we're going out there to do."

Prior to the Tim Hortons Brier in Winnipeg from March 8 to 16, Hart says the Howard rink plans to compete in the annual Canada Cup event in Kamloops, B.C. from Feb. 27 to March 2.

"We'll do some practising on our own, head (to the Canada Cup in Kamloops) and then on to the Brier."

Turcotte takes four of 10

AJAX — There was plenty of other Durham Region flavour to the Tankard, including 63-year-old Bob Turcotte of Ajax leading a team from the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club to a 4-6 record.

Turcotte, making his 13th — and he says final — trip to the Ontario men's championships, dropped his first three games before putting up a 9-6 win over Rob Todd in Draw 5.

He won three of the next four games before closing out with a loss to Peter Corner.

Turcotte ended up tied for seventh in the 11-team event and did not advance to the playoffs. He was joined by Dennis and Kevin Noakes, who are cousins, and Kent Cochrane.

Yet another local player, Collin Mitchell of Whitby, was part of Mike Harris's Tam Heather team that finished 8-2 and reached the semifinal before falling to Howard 7-2. Mitchell curls second for the Harris rink.



Bob Turcotte

Monarchs girls advance to hockey semis

PICKERING — The St. Mary Catholic Secondary School Monarchs varsity girls' hockey team is off to the Durham Region semifinals after sweeping the Clarington Central Coyotes out of the playoffs.

The Monarchs, the second seed among the eight playoff teams, finished the Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) quarter-final series Wednesday in Bowmanville with a 3-0 shutout victory over seventh-seeded Clarington Central.

Goaltender Lindsay Arathoon earned the shutout.

Lee Ann Murphy, Sarah Stephen and Jessica Vella scored, with assists to Vella, Michelle Sabourin, Shannon Stoneburgh, Lee Ann Murphy and Courtney East.

In Game 1 on Monday, the Monarchs started the series by silencing the Coyotes 3-0. Kimmy Caggiula posted the shutout. Stephen, with two, and Vella were the St. Mary goal scorers. Tiffany Allen, East and Murphy drew assists.

The Monarchs now play the quarter-final winner of the Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School Saints and Ajax High School Rams in the semifinal series, expected to begin next week.

In other St. Mary varsity girls' hockey news, the team returned from the ultra-competitive Cardinal Carter Classic Tournament in Toronto recently with a winning 2-0-1 record. That record, however, didn't translate into a ticket to the playoffs out of their pool as they were bettered on goal differential.

Despite coming so close to a playoff berth, the Monarchs played well against strong competition, noted coach Melanie Cayford.

"We felt that the girls demonstrated excellent team play, and improved overall team chemistry on the ice," says Cayford.

The Monarchs started the Carter tourney with a 1-0 victory over Brebeuf, last year's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) bronze medallists. Christina Paterson scored the lone St. Mary goal.

In Game 2, the Monarchs registered a 3-1 victory over Saunders from London. Paterson, Allen and Vella scored, with assists to Paterson with two, Stoneburgh, Kayla Richard, Stephen and Murphy.

The Monarchs played to a 4-4 draw with Markham in Game 3. Allen, Stoneburgh, Paterson and Laura Bashford scored. Paterson had three assists, Allen had two, Murphy, Richard, Michelle Sabourin, and Vella chipped in with one apiece.

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1 BEDROOM AVAILABLE in newer home located in Whitby. Above grade windows, fireplace and more \$950/month. Call Tom at 905-426-7515.

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2-BEDROOM APARTMENT with balcony in Courthouse. Separate entrance, parking \$750/month. + utilities. No dogs. First/last, available immediately. Call 905-579-7553 or 905-436-2583

2-BEDROOM BASEMENT apt. newly renovated, includes utilities, satellite TV, A/C, internet, shared laundry, 1 parking, no smoking/pets. \$900 first/last. Phillip Murray/Steveson. April 1st. (905)728-2211

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SAVILLE, Gordon Dorrien

Peacefully at Victoria Manor, Lindsay on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 in his 91st year. Gordon, beloved husband of the late Kathleen and Helen. Dear father of David & his wife Linda, Lynda & her husband Bill VanDoleweerd, Gay & her husband Brian Fletcher, Michael Hilling & his wife Karen and predeceased by James, Carol & her husband Ted Angel. Loving grandfather of 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Friends may pay their respects at the **MORRIS FUNERAL CHAPEL**, 4 Division St., Bowmanville at the Gathering of Friends in the Morris Reception Facilities on Sunday, February 17, 2008 from 2 - 4 p.m. Cremation at Bowmanville Crematorium. Donations to Clarington Community Care in Gordon's memory would be gratefully appreciated.
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Spitfires feel right at home

Local contingent, including Ajax's Bradley Snetsinger, leads Windsor to win over Oshawa

By Brad Kelly
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DURHAM — The homecoming wasn't spoiled.

No, the homecoming isn't in reference to the Oshawa Generals returning to the General Motors Centre after winning a road game in Mississauga on Friday. On the contrary.

The homecoming had to do more with the visiting Windsor Spitfires and the five players who live in the Durham Region, and the show that four of them put on Sunday night.

Josh Bailey (Bowmanville), Brad Snetsinger (Ajax), Greg Nemisz (Courtice) and Richard Greenop (Oshawa) all figured in on the scoring, as the Spitfires won convincingly 7-2 over the Generals. The foursome combined for 12 points on the night, with just Andrew Engelage (Oshawa), who served as the backup goalie, missing out on the opportunity to delight family and friends in attendance.

"There was so much tied into this game," said Spitfires' head coach Bob Boughner of the unusually high number of players on his roster with local connections. The number actually expands to seven all told if you include Justin Shugg and Jakub Kovar, both traded from the Generals to the Spitfires back on Jan. 8.

"There was a lot of emotion because of the big trade that we made... and we have a lot of local boys. I was a little worried that they might be a bit distracted from the actual job on the ice, but I give the guys credit. They came to play and were excited to get out there."

It took all of 2:12 for the local players to make an impact. Bailey scored his first of three on the night on a rebound, with assists to Nemisz and Snetsinger. Just over three minutes later, Nemisz wired a shot high over former Spitfire goaltender Michal Neuvirth during a two man advantage, with Bailey picking up the assist.

"It's a big deal for me," said a beaming Nemisz about playing so close to home, after finishing the night with a goal, two assists and a fight against Ryan McGinnis in the final minutes. "All my friends and family are in the stands. This rink has a

great atmosphere so I was really excited to come back."

The Generals did manage to tie the game at 2-2 before the end of the first period on goals by Dale Mitchell and John Tavares. But that glimmer of hope was dashed by the Spitfires in the second period, scoring four unanswered and adding another in the third.

Bailey, who finished the night with three goals and an assist, was pleased with his performance.

Snetsinger was equally impressive with four assists on the night in his final regular season game in Oshawa. The overager will graduate from the junior ranks after this season.

"It was really special this time. It's the last time I'm going to play here, so it was extra special," he said. "I had tons of family here, so it was nice to get a lead early and play a great game."

Greenop, noted more for dropping his gloves for a fight than raising them for a goal, even got in on the act. He deflected a point shot in the third period for his second goal of the season. The sixth round draft pick of the Chicago Blackhawks has 159 penalty minutes this season, including 21 fighting majors.



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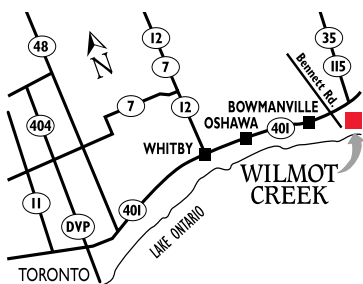


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