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# Johnson asks for salary study

*Pickering councillor wants City to compare council pay to those in other municipalities*

By Kristen Calis  
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**PICKERING** — Since staff is reviewing the salaries in other City departments, Council's pay also deserves some research, says a Pickering councillor.

At a closed-door meeting before Council Monday, Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson said Council salaries should be evaluated and compared to other municipalities, he explained after the regular Council meeting.

Since it's contrary to the Municipal Act to discuss Council's remuneration behind closed doors, City clerk Debi Wilcox said he'd have to bring it up in public. He did so at the end of the regular meeting.

"Let's see what the rest of the world's doing," he said in an interview.

Coun. Johnson said he doesn't necessarily think salaries should increase, but it's only fair to compare. Plus, he said, for some councillors, that's their only income and he wouldn't want the lack of pay to deter those interested in a Council spot from running.

Other municipalities pay their councillors more than Pickering does, he said.

Pickering councillors make about \$28,000, Markham's make \$61,000 and Toronto councillors make \$97,000. Ajax City councillors make \$22,000 and most of Oshawa's make \$31,000.

"Pay the position what other municipalities are paying so we're on the same wavelength," he said.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Bill McLean at the meeting said that during tough economic times, councillors

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# Company makes case for rebuilding reactors

*Nuclear commission holds hearings in Ajax on matter*

By Keith Gilligan  
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**AJAX** — Ontario Power Generation laid out why it should be allowed to refurbish four Pickering reactors during a one-day hearing of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

The CNSC moved the meeting to Ajax this Wednesday, given the interest in the community on the refurbishment.

While OPG has filed an environmental assessment (EA) with the commission on the refurbishment, the company has not yet made a decision on whether the work will be done. The Province has asked OPG to look into refurbishing Units 5, 6, 7 and 8.

In addition to the EA, OPG is also conducting a business case on whether the project can be financially viable.

The EA completed by OPG found there would be "no significant adverse environmental impacts" with a refurbishment, Pat McNeil, senior vice-president of generation development for OPG, said to the commission.

OPG considered several factors in the EA, including the effect the work would have on air, land and water, effects on humans and wildlife, socio-economic considerations and Aboriginal interests.

In a press conference prior to the start of the hearing, groups opposed to the work outlined where they think the EA is lacking.

"We're here to tell the CNSC not to approve the EA as it is today," said Shawn-Patrick Stensil of Greenpeace.

The EA is "flawed" and "it shouldn't be used as an excuse to rebuild," Mr. Stensil said. "Let's

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--- PAT MCNEIL

state the obvious. Pickering 'B' should be shutdown and replaced with green energy. The CNSC has refused to look at alternatives to Pickering 'B'.

Mark Mattson of the Lake Ontario Waterkeeper said one million fish are killed each year when water is drawn from the lake.

"The EA doesn't consider mitigating effects," Mr. Mattson said.

During the hearing, Paul Pasquet, the senior vice-president of Pickering 'B', said the company has two options to mitigate the impacts on fish, including putting in

a net near the intake or use sonar to keep fish away.

"The assessment should look at options and this assessment doesn't look at that," said Cherise Burda of the Pembina Institute.

There's a "cap" on the amount of green energy that can be produced in Ontario and that has to be removed, she said.

"There's very little space for green energy to grow. If Ontario is serious about getting more green energy on the grid, there needs to be less of something else. Obviously, where they need to do less

is less nuclear energy," Ms. Burda said.

A poll showed Ontarians would prefer to replace old nuclear stations with green energy, Ms. Burda said.

"As nuclear comes off line, we can start ramping up the green portfolio," she added.

Creating "2,000 megawatts of green energy is very easy to achieve," Ms. Burda said.

Mr. McNeil outlined the public consultation undertaken by OPG during the EA.

"Overall, we feel confident in saying that there is not a high level of public concern regarding po-

tential refurbishment, given the overall level of interest in the project," he said.

"The effects of the project are considered to be minor and are already managed and understood," Mr. McNeil said. "The project is not expected to change the local community's use and enjoyment of private property or neighbourhoods."

"The positive effects are broad and regional in scope," he said.

If the refurbishment is done, work would start around 2012 and take about two and a half years for each reactor. The units would then operate until 2060.

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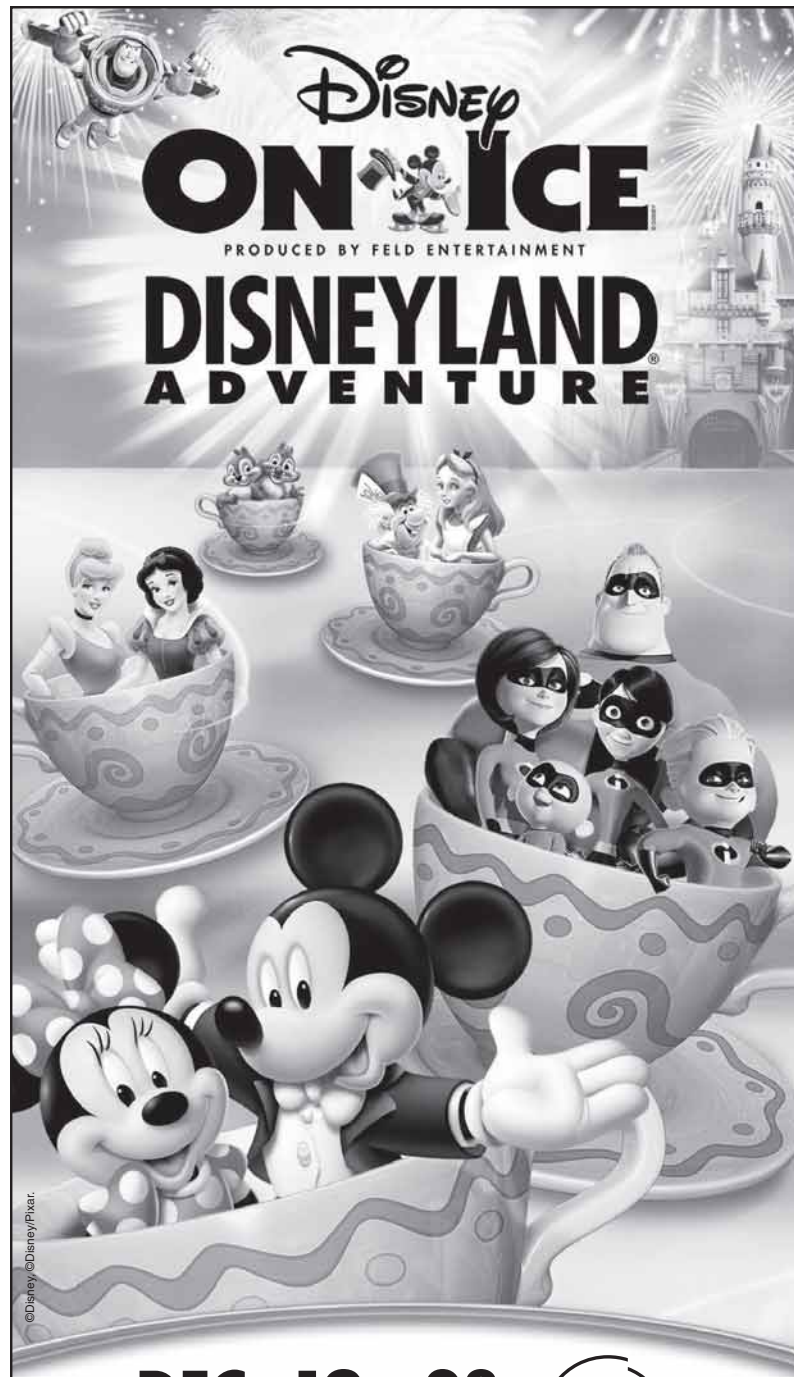
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# Region gets \$1.1 million for ambulance

Residents still have to pay \$45 for essential calls

By Reka Szekely  
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**DURHAM** — Durham will receive an additional \$1.1 million in 2009 to top up the Ontario government's share of land ambulance costs.

The Province and its municipalities have shared the cost of operating land ambulance

services 50-50 since 2000. However, as costs increased over the years, the municipalities were shouldering more than their agreed-upon share. The Ontario government began catching up on its payments from 2006 through 2008.

The funding announcement this month continues the trend.

"I think we were just pleased to see the Province continue to commit to their 50 per cent," said Richard Armstrong, Durham's director of emergency medical ser-

vices. In 2008, the operating cost for land ambulance in Durham was \$29.7 million, of which the Province paid \$14.6 million.

"Certainly we're very hopeful it's going to go beyond 2009," Mr. Armstrong added.

The funding announcement does not affect the fee residents pay when they call an ambulance. If an ambulance is essential, residents are charged \$45. There are exemptions, for seniors, for example. For non-es-

essential calls, the bill is \$245.

"The municipality actually doesn't see those revenues. The Province gets part of the revenue back and the hospital gets a portion."

Local Liberal MPP Joe Dickson welcomed the money as well.

"This funding means residents of Ajax-Pickering and the greater Region of Durham can continue to count on quality land ambulance services when they need them," he said.

'I think we were just pleased to see the Province continue to commit to their 50 per cent.'

-- RICHARD ARMSTRONG

## Not all agree now is good time to review salaries

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should find ways to cut costs, not increase them. The timing to raise such a question couldn't have been worse, he said.

"People are losing their jobs, people are losing their houses; there's so much uncertainty," he said in an interview. "The last thing people want to see is (councillors) getting more money."

Coun. Johnson wasn't surprised that Coun. McLean disagreed with him since he noted during the meeting Coun. McLean makes enough money from his real estate business and from his pension as a former Toronto police officer. Coun. McLean later said he never got into politics for the money, and thinks if strong-minded council-

lors feel they need a raise, they'd speak for themselves.

Ms. Wilcox will contact clerks at other municipalities and expects a report will be ready for councillors sometime in January.

In September, residents petitioned to the ministry of municipal affairs and housing that Pickering Council's salaries, expenses and allowances between 2003 and 2008 should be audited by Minister Jim Bradley.

"My staff have met with the petitioners, have met with the municipality and now we're co-ordinating the facts of the matter," said the ministry's manager of local government, Central Region, Tom Gutfreund. Next, staff will prepare a report to the minister, who will then decide on the next step.

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## Help us be Santa's helpers in Ajax and Pickering

In the true spirit of the season, News Advertiser staff, cub scouts, families affiliated with Carruthers Creek Community Church in Ajax and others delivered roughly 600 gift boxes to Ajax and Pickering families this past weekend. Among other items, the boxes contained warm clothing, toys and candy, just what most people, especially kids, want for Christmas.

The News Advertiser is in its fifth year of taking part in the Toronto Star Santa Claus Fund drive and our staff members and volunteers each year have returned from the task passing on tales of gratitude from the recipients. It can be an emotional day for

volunteers, visiting households where they are met, not just with smiles and thank-yous, but often with tears and hugs. Talk about learning the true spirit of Christmas.

News Advertiser's assistant circulation manager Jodi Raymond is our head elf, in charge of organizing the Ajax and Pickering box delivery since the newspaper became involved in the Santa Claus Fund.

"The kids get all excited and they want to open it right away," Ms. Raymond has said of delivering the boxes. "They are so excited to know someone else is thinking of them.

"Mothers will get teary eyed," she says. "They are so happy and appreciative."

Despite the countless hours involved in co-ordinating the project, arranging the delivery brings her great satisfaction.

"I would do it every year," she said. "I really enjoy it."

There are always people in need but, given the recession we find ourselves in, and the accompanying job losses here, especially in the automotive sector, it's greater this year and will likely be even more acute in 2009. So, it's more important than ever to do what you can to help others because many of us are fortunate enough not to be in need.

If you need more motivation, The Salvation Army and other worthy charities that

assist people at this time of year say donations of money, food and toys are down. We understand where they're coming from because we've noticed a drop in the donations to the Santa Fund this year.

But, it's not too late to do your part to ensure next Christmas isn't as tough on families as many anticipate it will be. Help us bring smiles and tears of happiness to members of our community.

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## Standoff ultimately means less for kids

It's a lose-lose situation for the Province and its elementary teachers.

In a battle of bargaining that saw both sides get less than they wanted, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) were simply unable to sign a provincial framework agreement by an extended deadline.

For months, Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne has been threatening to punish school boards and teacher groups for not having local agreements in place by Nov. 30; now the Province is making good on its promise. Ontario's elementary teachers will get a two per cent salary increase a year for two years, with none of the other benefits granted to the rest of the teacher groups that signed the framework.

Those who signed by the deadline received salary increases of three per cent for each of the contract's four years, smaller classes, benefit improvements and other goodies. It was a good offer, even without consideration of Ontario's economic state.

It's ultimately the kids who will suffer from OPSBA and ETFO's inability to reach an agreement. Students in Grade 4 to 8 will have bigger classes than the Catholic and French school boards, less teachers and possibly a strike to look forward to in the near future.

It's a tough situation with no easy solution that comes to mind.

The elementary teachers, like their secondary counterparts, walked away from the provincial framework bargaining table a long time ago and didn't return until recently. On the other hand, when they did return they offered to trade the last year of their salary increase — \$140 million to hire 1,500 more teachers. This item, like everything when it comes to bargaining, is open to debate.

The offer sounds good, but there's probably more to it than meets the eye. The association claims the federation wanted a lot more along with the trade, such as more maternity benefits and a requirement for all those teaching to be ETFO members.

The association wanted some things from



Crystal Crimi

the teachers as well, such as to live up to Regulation 298, which states teachers must be in class 15 minutes early in the morning and five minutes in the afternoon, according to Rick Johnson, OPSBA past president. But, the teachers wanted that time to be part of the scheduled 80 minutes of supervision time each teacher must do, Mr. Johnson said.

It would be hard to argue the elementary union didn't have it coming.

They knew the Province had deadlines in place — they chose to call its bluff.

The thing that makes this tough is elementary teachers didn't even have a chance to vote on the deal.

Maybe instead of automatically enforcing the financial penalties, the Province should force ETFO to bring the framework to its members for a vote.

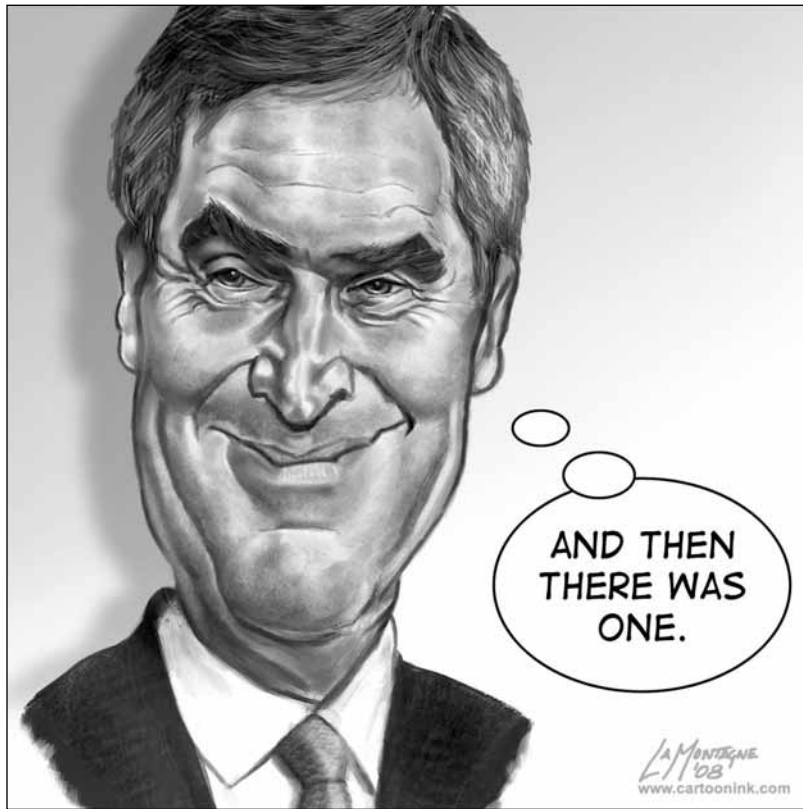
The teachers' union has clearly failed them and, like Mr. Johnson said, it's a shame they didn't get a chance to see what was being offered.

Although it is important for the Province to stick to its guns, they should make a one-time exception if ETFO comes hat in hand, begging to accept the framework.

If they do and the Province doesn't allow them to, then rest assured, elementary teachers will eventually take to the picket lines in an attempt to get what every other teachers' union in Ontario has for signing deals. And, if they don't, they'll be trying to fill the gap left in their wages during the next set of negotiations.

Then again, maybe the penalty will make them more likely to accept an offer next time.

Crystal Crimi's column appears once a month. E-mail [ccrimi@durhamregion.com](mailto:ccrimi@durhamregion.com).



Our readers think...

### Coalition using 'panic tactics'

**To the editor:**

*Re: the Liberal-NDP-Bloc Quebecois coalition.*

Why are the Liberals trying to create a panic about the bailout that the Conservative government in power is not yet offering the auto industry, and using this as an excuse to form a coalition with the NDP and Bloc Quebecois?

The U.S. government has not yet given a bailout to the American auto sector. If we bail out the Canadian auto sector now,

our government will be wasting taxpayer money. If the U.S. auto sector goes down, no amount of bailout to the Canadian auto sector is going help if Detroit shuts down Canadian auto plants.

Why the panic tactics? Could it be a power grab by inspiring fear instead of rational leadership?

We need to calmly and rationally wait to see what the U.S. government is going to do for the U.S. auto sector - then act accordingly.

Now is not the time to panic - have courage fellow Canadians, please!

**Nancy Connolly Hendriks**  
 Ajax

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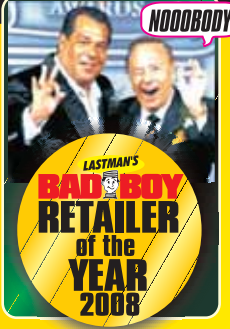
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# Durham College gets a new Challenger

*Chrysler donates limited edition vehicle*

By Crystal Crimi  
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**DURHAM** — Even with its engine off, a newly acquired Dodge Challenger SRT8 500 had motors running for Durham College's Skills Centre students.

The school introduced the limited edition, 2008 vehicle, donated by Chrysler, during a presentation at its Whitby campus, Nov. 27.

"Boy does this baby bring back memories," said Don Lovisa, Durham College president, standing next to the orange Challenger with black racing stripes, modelled after the 1969 Dodge Charger 500.

Mr. Lovisa had a Duster in the 1970s, a sister car to the Charger. Although he can't share those memories, boy were they good ones, he said. Having the new Challenger at Durham College will help prepare students to leave school job ready, Mr. Lovisa said.

"It's just nice to see that Chrysler does care about our future and is trying to get us to learn about the new technology," said Jeremy Mitchell, a student in the automotive apprentice program.

The Challenger allows them a better look at a higher-end vehicle, Mr. Mitchell said.

Chrysler chose Durham for the Challenger because it likes to spread its donations out amongst the different colleges, said Jack Sulymka, Chrysler's regional communications manager.

"It allows them to get their hands on the latest technology and get ready for the future," Mr. Sulymka said.

The car is the most talked about in the auto industry, Mr. Sulymka said of the Brampton-made vehicle.

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"Please enjoy this car and make the best use of it," he said.

The Challenger was donated to Durham College as originally built to be the last of 500 limited edition, 2008 models, but incurred damage during production allowing Chrysler to donate it to the college. The model retails for about \$47,000.

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Small engines student Drew Heming checks out the new Dodge Challenger donated by Chrysler to the Durham College Skills Training Centre in Whitby. The car is intended to help students gain experience working on a new, high-end vehicle.

# Giving animals a Christmas

**PICKERING** — PetSmart and the City of Pickering are teaming up to help abandoned, sick and injured animals this Christmas.

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Pickering Animal Services 2009 calendars are also ready. They're available for a \$6 donation at Pickering City Hall (One The Esplanade), PetSmart and the Pickering Recreation Complex (1876 Valley Farm Rd.).

Animal Services will continue to participate in the Iams Home 4 the Holidays campaign for the rest of December to try to find new homes for the animals currently at Pickering's shelter.

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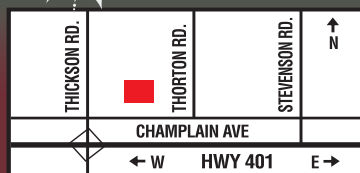
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# Pickering Catholic trustee takes chairman's seat

Jim McCafferty chosen to lead Catholic school board

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inaugural meeting. Their positions are effective from Dec. 1 to Nov. 30, 2009. This is Trustee McCafferty's third term as chairman and Trustee Oldman's second as vice-chairwoman. "I look forward to continuing my work

as chair of the board and working with trustees and staff to continue to make Durham Catholic a great place for all students," Trustee McCafferty said. The board also appointed Bishop Peter Hundt as honorary chairman, and Grant Thornton LLP as its auditors.

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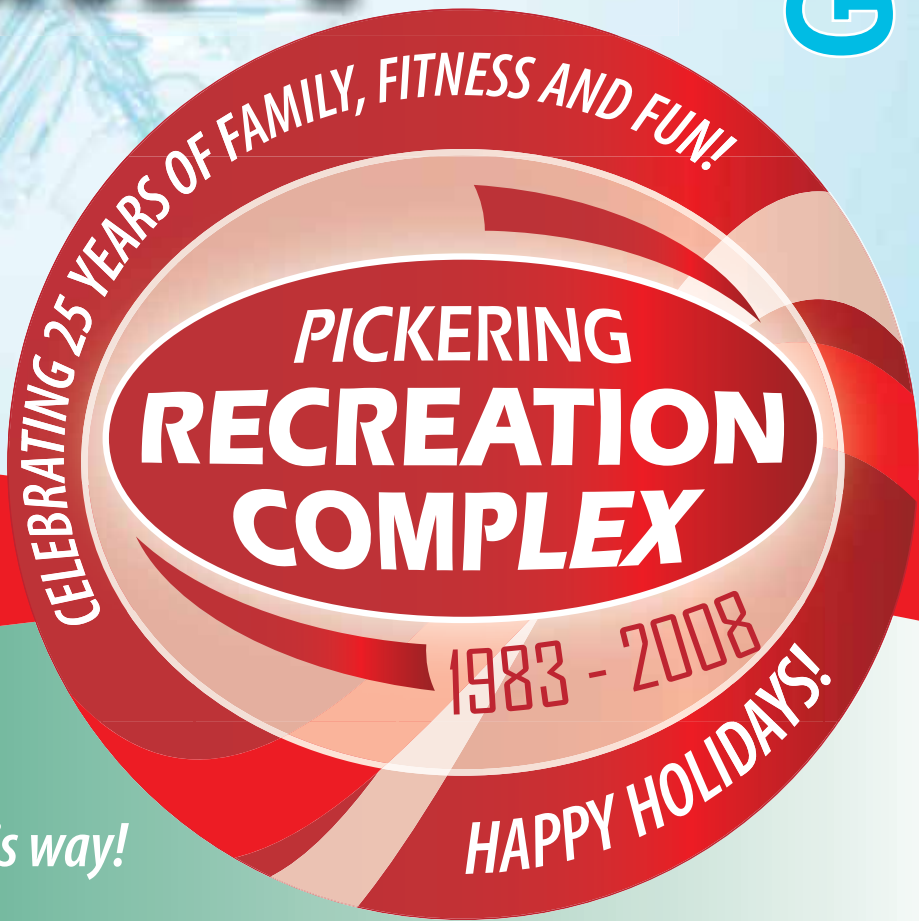


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# Counselling service offers five tips to stay out of credit trouble

Canadians plan to spend less this Christmas season

By Stefanie Swinson  
sswinston@durhamregion.com

**DURHAM** — It's that time of year again. Santa isn't the only one double-checking his wish lists. With less than a month to go before Christmas the malls are busy with holiday shoppers looking for a deal. In fact, a new study says Canadians will spend 14 per cent less this Christmas shopping season than last year.

will tell you that," said Whitby resident Jason Yort as he shopped at the Oshewa Centre.

The survey released on Monday by marketing research firm Maritz Research Canada showed shoppers plan to spend an average of \$571 on gifts.

Last year the average amount was \$663.

And although 70 per cent of Canadians say they will use cash (including debit cards) to pay for purchases, some retailers are offering discounts for people using their store credit cards to pay.

"Just say no to the offers," said Sandra Sherk of Credit

Counselling Service of Durham Region.

The firm is a non-profit, charitable organization that has been assisting residents of Durham Region with financial concerns since 1970.

Ms. Sherk suggests that people stick to these five tips when gift shopping this year.

1) Set a budget for your holiday spending and don't forget the cards, wrapping, stocking stuffers and extra food.

2) Make a list of the people you want to buy presents for, set a spending limit and see if the total fits into

your holiday budget.

3) If you want more gifts than you have money, see how you can shorten the list. Consider drawing names or giving to the kids only.

4) "Show off your talents." Homebaked cookies, knitted hats, wooden toys etc., are a treat.

5) Give the gift of time. Shovel the neighbour's driveway or spend an afternoon with Grandma or Grandpa. "A deal isn't a deal if you can't afford it," Ms. Sherk said.

"Or if you have to put it on a credit card and pay it for the next four years. Paying a minimum payment on a

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**SENIORS:** The Ajax Seniors' Tuesday Morning Discussion Group meets at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd., Ajax. Jack and Ruth Foster will entertain. Everyone welcome. 905-683-7799 (Louise), 905-428-8711 (Shirley).

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## Pickering musician chasing the dream

By Lyra Pappin  
Special to the News Advertiser

**PICKERING** — It's not that unusual to hear of aspiring rock stars, but a 55-year-old still chasing the dream is less common. However singer/musician Christopher Stapley wouldn't say he's chasing the dream, but "living it."

After a 25-year career in sales, Stapley put aside the practicality and necessity of living a so-called normal life and chose to pursue music, his lifelong passion.

"I finally felt like I had the confidence and experience to really pursue this seriously and, after so many years of thinking about it, I knew I'd reached the 'now or never' point," he said.

Stapley had grown up with a love of music, especially singing. Although he dabbled in a few bands as a teenager, he never thought about making it a career, opting instead for a more traditional route of settling down by choosing a career, marriage and children.

"I kind of did it backwards," he said of his later decision to get back into music.

"I was happy enough with my job, but thoughts of music kept coming back to me, almost haunting me with that idea of singing and writing my own material. After a few years of thinking about it, I found time to join a local cover band back in 1993. I sang for a few different cover bands over the years until it stopped being fun. I reached a point where I knew I needed a break from that and I wanted to figure out what to do next or if I was ready to take my own music seriously."

It wasn't long before Stapley decided it was the right time to take what he called "a leap of faith." In 2006, he left his job and security behind in order to follow through with his enduring ambition to write and record his own album.

In an era of dwindling CD sales and some less-than-minor panic in the music industry, the timing isn't ideal, but Stapley remains optimistic.



Submitted photo

Pickering resident Christopher Stapley left a sales career behind to work on his music, and is planning to release a disc next year.

"My generation, the baby boomers, are still the largest part of the population right now, and we're looking for more," he said. "I've felt for a long time that there isn't much coming out today that is appealing to my generation, and after speak-

'I don't regret anything - I'm doing what I love. I'm having a lot of fun and I've been getting good responses so far.'

— CHRISTOPHER STAPLEY

ing with friends, and the musicians I've played with over the years, I realized it wasn't just me. I'm realistic, but I do believe there is an audience for my kind of music."

Stapley's love of classic rock, soul and R&B is evident in his bluesy,

easygoing pop/rock, the genre that best fits his soulful and gravelly voice.

Currently at work on demos and recording new material, Stapley is pleased with his progress and expects an album in spring 2009.

A coincidental recording partner, David Wipper, a studio musician who has worked with Alannah Myles and Amanda Marshall, has propelled along the making of the album.

"We actually grew up together, so it's kind of funny it's worked out this way," Stapley said. "David and I used to play music together when we were kids and now here we are again. It seems like a good sign."

While the road ahead isn't easy for any musician just starting out, Stapley is keeping his eye on the prize and enjoying every minute of it.

"It's been a blast. I don't regret anything - I'm doing what I love," he

said.

"I'm having a lot of fun and I've been getting good responses so far."

The most meaningful moment of Stapley's burgeoning career?

"I wrote a love song for my twin daughters that was meant to be just for them," he said.

"I struggled with the lyrics because it felt so personal and I'd always wanted to write a song for them. It's kind of a quiet tune, just me and the guitar. It's not something I'd think of as a crowd pleaser, but the first time I played it, everyone was just rolling about it after. People had tears in their eyes. It's not what you'd expect to be a hit, but I guess it goes to show that when you write something personal, people connect. It's a great feeling."

To check out Stapley's music, visit [www.myspace.com/christopherstapley](http://www.myspace.com/christopherstapley) or add him as a "friend" on Facebook for further details, including upcoming shows.

## Entertainment in brief

DECEMBER 12, 2008

### Ajax woman makes singing debut in play

**AJAX** — An Ajax woman has the lead role in the production of 'Dear Santa' in Scarborough.

Stephanie Langford has been singing and performing for the majority of her 18 years. She performed and studied at Act One School of Drama in Pickering and continues to take vocal lessons.

Ms. Langford auditioned alongside many other talented youth for the chance of a lead role in the play. She is also making her debut as a singer, with an inspiring version of 'This is My Christmas'.

'Dear Santa's' remaining shows are on Friday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. and Sat. Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Scarborough Village Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd. (at Markham Road). Tickets are \$17 each. To order call 416-396-4049.

### The show goes on at Herongate

**PICKERING** — Herongate is getting into the holiday spirit.

Herongate Barn Theatre presents a Christmas show, 'A Flagstaff Christmas', where the audience can join in for classic and humorous singing alongside a variety of comedy skits on Dec. 17.

The menu includes a traditional Christmas meal.

'Pardon Me Prime Minister', also playing at Herongate, runs until New Year's Eve. The farce is performed twice during Christmas week, on Sat. Dec. 27 in the evening and a matinee on Sunday, Dec. 28. The New Year's Eve performance also comes with jazz and a midnight buffet.

Herongate is at 2885 Altona Rd., between Whitevale and Taunton roads. To make reservations or for more information, call 905-472-3085 or visit [www.herongate.com](http://www.herongate.com).

### Choir presents Christmas with a Celtic touch

**DURHAM** — Christmas with a Celtic touch is coming to Simcoe Street United Church on Dec. 21.

A Celtic Christmas features the choir, soloists from the church and guest musicians Kristen Theriault on harp, Melanie Hartshorn-Walton on guitar, Marianne Turner, on piano, and the Celtic duo of Sheri Drozd and Ian Anderson. There will be carol singing and Christmas music with a Celtic twist.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. at the church, 66 Simcoe St. S. Admission is by freewill offering. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

## Timing was right for Dan Carter to release new book

**DURHAM** — Local TV personality and motivational speaker Dan Carter has a new book.

'It's The Right Time Now' was released earlier this fall, with a portion of proceeds going to the building of The Hope Centre of Learning, part of the new Oshawa Community Health Centre and Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre at the Conant Centre in south Oshawa.

More than 250 people, including local politicians, turned out for the book launch. The book is the result of Carter's personal journey and blends reflection, inspiration, education and motivation as he discusses adversity and success in his life. It's ideal for people who deal with adversity in their lives or realize society isn't doing enough to help our fellow citizens make the

world a better place, Carter said.

The book also contains reflections by Carter's friend and mentor, Rev. Doug Schneider, head of The Embassy of the Kingdom of God, Taunton Road.

Carter overcame a 20-year addiction to drugs and alcohol and has since gone on to raise awareness about mental health and addiction issues. He's also a TV producer and

host.

His book is available online at [www.dancarter.ca](http://www.dancarter.ca).

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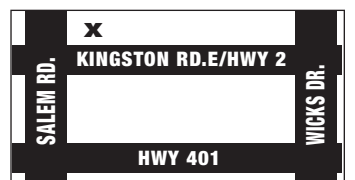
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## Pickering swimmer breaks decades-old record

**PICKERING** — A city swimmer broke a long-time record in the pool in Toronto recently.

Pickering native Warren Barnes broke a 24-year-old Ontario record at the Canada cup short course swimming competition in Toronto. The Canada Cup is a national meet designed to enhance the domestic competitive program and provide Canadian athletes with a competitive environment in which they can excel.

In the men's 100-metre breaststroke, Barnes lowered one of the oldest men's short course Ontario records, clocking 1:00.59. That eclipsed the

1:00.61 time set by the late great Olympian, Victor Davis.



Warren Barnes

"I am truly honoured," after his record-breaking performance.

Barnes captured two gold medals and one silver medal in other breaststroke events.

In an interview after the 50m breaststroke Warren said, "The race felt great," with a clocking of 27.86. The national record is 27.57, held since 1999 by Morgan Knabe.

"I wish I could have lowered that record," he said. "That was my goal for this competition but I still have a crack at it in March at the Spring Nationals."

A graduate of Dunbarton High School, Barnes has attended the University of Pittsburgh on an athletic scholarship. He has completed a degree in Communications and will be completing a second degree in Political Science this spring.

After graduation, Barnes will return to train with the Scarborough Swim Club for World Trials, which takes place later in the summer in Montreal.

## Don't mess with Halle

**OSHAWA** — Halle Livingston from Ajax Pickering Wado-Kai competes in the Wado-Kai Karate Tournament at the Oshawa YWCA recently. Wado-Kai club members from across Durham Region as well as the GTA participated in the event.

## Annandale curler helps Timbers topple foes

### Ajax club hosts men's zone 6 playdowns

By Jim Easson  
Special to the News Advertiser

**AJAX** — An Annandale curler helped an Uxbridge rink earn its way to the men's regionals after the TSC Stores Tankard Zone 6 playdowns at the Ajax curling club last weekend, Dec. 5 to 7.

The zone event featured 16 men's teams in a double-knockout draw for one of two spots at the Regionals slated for Toronto's St. George's Curling Club on Jan. 3 and 4.

The winning teams were Rob Lobel of Whitby and Greg Timbers of Uxbridge. Annandale member Warren Leslie was on the Timbers' team with Barry Acton and Kent Cochrane.

Annandale had two entries at the zone playdown. Skip Blair Metrakos and his rink finished with a 3-2 record. With Metrakos were Chris Van Huuse, Andrew Klein and Scott March.

Another Annandale entry, skipped by Wes Johnson with Patrick Janssen, Tyler Anderson and Spencer Yule, lost the 'B'-side final.

Two other Annandale members competed at the zone event. Alex Bianchi and Mike Trudeau played on an Oshawa foursome skipped by Brian Suddard with John Brotherhood.

The Suddard rink, however, didn't place.

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Annandale also hosted the Zone 6 Scotties Tournament of

Hearts playdown on the weekend.

Four teams entered, but none were from Annandale. Christine Pierce of Unionville won the 'A' draw and Janet McGhee of Uxbridge came out of the 'B' side. The Pierce and McGhee rinks advance to the Regionals in Tweed from Jan. 9 to 11.

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Sandra Thain and her Annandale women's team of Barb Luffman, Joan O'Leary and Janet Alexander advanced from the zone level to the OCA senior women's regionals in Lakefield on Dec. 13 and 14.

Ajax resident Bob Turcotte, curling out of the Scarboro Golf and Curling Club, will be there, too, as his team won the senior men's zone 7 playdowns in



Thornhill on Dec. 3.

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For the first time this curling season, the Glenn Howard rink, which contains Pickering's Richard Hart at vice, finished out of the money at The National event in Quebec City from Dec. 3 to 7.

The National was the second leg of the men's 2008-09 Capital One Grand Slam of Curling series.

Howard's Ontario rival Wayne Middaugh, of the St. George's club of Toronto, captured the top spot.

The next scheduled competition for Team Howard is the TSC Stores Tankard Zone 10 in Penetanguishene on Dec. 20 and 21.

Eight teams are entered in the double-knockout playdown that will send two teams to the regionals in Elmira on Jan. 3 and 4.





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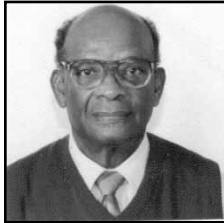
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RIELLY, Keith R. - Passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Wednesday December 10, 2008 in his 83rd year. Devoted husband of Olis Loretta June Rielly (nee Fulmer). Proud father of James Oliver Rielly (Mary Ann) of Pefferlaw and Keith E. Rielly (Bonnie) of Bowmanville. Loving grandfather of Laura (Mike), Crystal and Annalisa. Keith is predeceased by his brother Eric and his parents James and Minnie. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. The family will receive friends at the McEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME, 28 Old Kingston Road, Pickering Village (Ajax) 905-428-8488 on Saturday December 13, 2008 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Sunday December 14th, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Interment will take place on Monday December 15th, 2008 at Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens at 1:00 p.m. Should family and friends so desire donations to The Parkinson's Foundation of Canada, the SPCA, The Canadian Cancer Society or the Arms of Jesus Children's Foundation would very much be appreciated by the family. A book of condolences may be signed at www.mceachnie-funeral.ca

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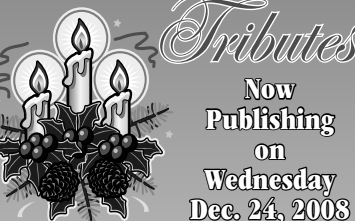
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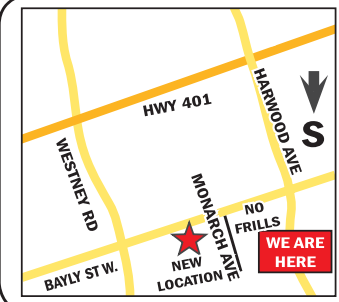
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