

Watkins 'didn't want to believe' news of death



JESSE WATKINS
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use the washroom, then met her downstairs.

"She gives me my sweaters and then she brought up the dancer... I said I was sick of discussing it. I said 'Yeah, I'd been with the dancer and she got really mad and called me an ass and told me to walk home... I basically said 'Yeah, I'm an asshole, that's why I went back to the dancer more than once... I just said it out of spite.'"

Those were the last words they exchanged, he said.

Mr. Watkins testified he went to a friend's house and then returned home, where he played

video games with his brother and then went over to another pal's residence.

Later that night, he got a call from friend Theo Lorefice, informing him Ms. White was dead.

"He basically told me Laurie was gone. I asked him where and he just told me she's gone... she committed suicide. I was in shock when I heard it. I just didn't want to believe it," Mr. Watkins told the jury.

During a statement to police that night, Mr. Watkins told a detective Ms. White made past suicide threats such as: "If I killed myself you're going to feel it." Defence lawyer James Lockyer

asked Mr. Watkins to elaborate.

"Me and Laurie had a lot of problems and she was having a hard time dealing with it... She would say it to me and I would say it back... (They were) just mind games," he replied.

Mr. Watkins's testimony included an admission that several days prior to Ms. White's death he threatened to send a videotape of the couple making love to her

parents. "I know I regret it. I wish I never did it," he said.

Mr. Watkins described his relationship with Ms. White as "getting serious" in February, 1996 and said they planned to get married and were trying to have a child.

He said "we were having a rough time" but testified they spent the Sunday before her death together at his house, dur-

ing which time they were intimate.

Court was told Mr. Watkins has no criminal record, though he was denied bail and has been held at the Whitby Jail since his arrest in May, 1997.

The Crown has tried to portray Mr. Watkins as an obsessively jealous former boyfriend who stalked Ms. White in the weeks leading to her death.

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Public schools get more PCs in IBM deal

The public board is moving ahead with a technology plan designed to increase computers in the region's schools through a partnership with IBM despite concerns the board did not follow the conventional tendering process.

In an 8-2 decision Monday, Durham District School Board trustees approved a recommendation that will see a draft contract between the two parties presented to the board this September. The partnership, centred on the Teaching and Learning with Computers (TLC) program, is part of the board's technology plan to increase access to computers in schools across the region.

And while trustees praised the initiative, some expressed

concern the board did not issue a request for proposal (RFP) on the plan.

"We have a responsibility to give everyone an opportunity to at least have a chance," said Oshawa trustee Kathleen Hopper, who voted in favour of the plan. "This obviously has been shaped. This plan has been tailored with IBM."

The board, together with IBM, is placing five computer work stations in every Grade 1 and 2 classroom this year to support the TLC program. Grade 3, 4 and 5 classes will get new computer work stations next year and Grade 6, 7 and 8 students the following year. Every elementary school is also receiving 12 computers for their resource centres.

The board's technology plan for high schools is similar to that currently under way in elementary schools across Durham. The plan includes central funding for wiring schools and purchasing new computers to lower the ratio of students to computers to 10:1 at the secondary level.

In a report to trustees, superintendent of business Ron Trovovich said the "potential of the Durham/IBM partnership is unique in North America."

However, Pat Jermy, Durham district president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), maintains, "The board has gone about this in a backward fashion...they fully admit they did not follow their own regulation."

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Hospital executive describes Ontario's health care changes as conservative in comparison to other provinces

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ROAD TO AN ELECTION PART III

BY CHRIS BOVIE
Staff Editor

Of all the changes the Ontario Conservative government has made this term, none cuts closer to the skin for most Ontarians than health care.

The implementation of the Health Services Restructuring Commission has paved the way for massive changes to hospital structure including the closure of a number of hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area, amongst them Whitby General Hospital.

Torn between two issues, massive operating costs and the Canadian belief in socialized medicine, provincial governments have struggled for years to find a balance. Cuts in federal transfer payments and the rising costs of health care have forced provinces to implement reforms. In fact, Ontario is one of the last to bring in hospital and health care reforms.

The trend towards shorter hospital stays and more community-based health care is one displayed by the last three provincial governments, says Dr. Robin Davies, chief of staff at Lakeridge Health Oshawa. It's a trend witnessed not only across Canada but in the United States and Europe.

"It's in part driven by changes in technology and the ability to use less resources," says Dr. Davies. In fact, "the decrease of inpatient beds occurred long before restructuring."

The changes implemented by the Tory government have certainly been the most dramatic in years, but Dr. Davies says without clear, concise changes, restructuring seldom occurs.

"When you try and do things in a gradual fashion it's difficult to implement change... people don't take change seriously."

Despite the cries of opposition to the changes, the Province and the HSRC took a very conservative approach in comparison to other provinces says Al Whiting, president and chief executive officer of the Rouge Valley Health System. He says the reforms of the HSRC "were necessary" but adds they needed to go farther. The goal of a seamless health care system is currently "sporadic," he says.

"There was an opportunity for change and it's almost lost."

The HSRC ordered the merger of corporations from the Ajax-Pickering hospital and Scarborough Centenary to form the Rouge Valley Health

Corporation in part because about 30 per cent of Centenary's in-patient care where residents from Ajax and Pickering.

"The real task now is to provide more clinical services at the Ajax site and sustain more services locally," says Mr. Whiting.

That appears to be happening as the Ajax-Pickering Health Centre is undergoing a number of changes such as upgrading of the diagnostic imaging equipment and emergency renovations.

Not all change is delivered via government. The ability to diagnose patients more quickly has resulted in shorter stays in hospital and paved the way for closure of acute care beds. These moves don't necessarily translate into big cuts in operating costs Dr. Davies points out. Most of the cost is in the operating room. Surgical procedures are front-end loaded meaning about 70 per cent of the cost comes from the procedure.

"If someone has a heart attack we might spend about \$3,000 in the first 12 hours and the total cost might be \$4,500."

Asked if the Province seems to be aware of the

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- Dr. Robin Davies,
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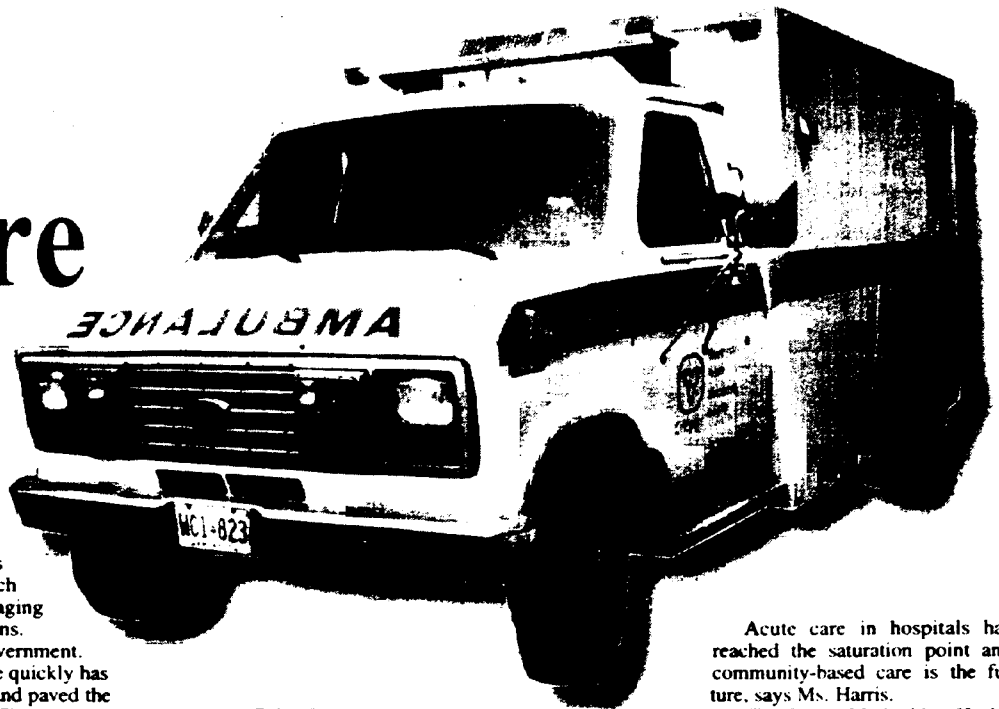
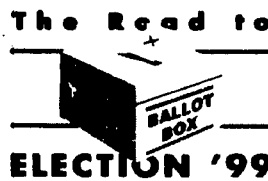
breakdown of hospital operating costs Dr. Davies said, "I'm not entirely sure."

Lately, Durham has been the beneficiary of a number of funding announcements by the Ministry of Health.

The upcoming election hasn't meant new "goodies" for local health care but has proven to be a commitment to past promises such as redevelopment at Lakeridge Health Oshawa and the building of the cancer centre.

If the election wasn't on the horizon, "it might take another year" to get the go-ahead for rede-

Since the election of the Mike Harris government, Ontario has undergone unprecedented change in almost every area of Provincial jurisdiction. As we draw nearer an expected spring election, the News Advertiser will review many of the most controversial areas of change. In this, the third of a five-part series, staff editor Chris Bovie reviews the changes made to Ontario's health care system.



Acute care in hospitals has reached the saturation point and community-based care is the future, says Ms. Harris.

The CEO of Lakeridge Health Corporation agrees. Mr. Lemon says people have a strong dislike for institutional settings and prefer to recover at home.

"Their recovery needs are better-served in a home environment." To accommodate the changing focus of hospitals, community care organizations need the resources to handle the demands, he says.

"It's a trend that's going to continue...it's not short-lived."

Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer agrees. "The reality is this province has a long history of involvement with both the private and the public sector," she said, adding that goes back to both the former Liberal and NDP governments. "It has been established."

Although the Province has opened up community care to private companies Dr. Davies doesn't expect to see the government try and introduce full-blown private hospitals modelled after those in the United States.

Minister Witmer says the Province looked at a number of health care reforms but says it's not considering HMOs (Health Maintenance Organization) - a private health insurance operation paid into by individual Americans and the companies they work for.

"We're not looking at that at all," she said. Health care reform is allowing Durham residents to get specialized services closer to home. Funding for the new cancer care centre and the introduction of an MRI at Lakeridge Health Oshawa are at the top of the list for the Province as recent announcements suggest.

Mr. Lemon also admitted he's had discussions with Durham College and University Centre and hopes partnerships will lead to attracting top medical experts.

Ontario Health Care: Five years of change

February, 1995 - Durham Region Steering Committee unveils its report, recommending Durham's seven hospitals move to a regional health care system in which each hospital would offer specific services.

June 1995 - Mike Harris's Progressive Conservative party and the Common Sense Revolution are swept to power.

February, 1996 - Province cuts health care funding by \$365 million, but high-growth hospitals in the GTA-905 area don't take the full brunt.

March, 1996 - The Health Services Restructuring Commission is formed. Its mandate is to reform hospital and health care in Ontario.

December, 1996 - Health Minister Jim Wilson releases new funding formula for hospital expansion, raising Province's portion from 50 to 70 per cent of capital construction.

March, 1997 - Health Services Restructuring Commission announces the closure of 10 Metro Toronto hospitals.

Nov. 18, 1997 - HSRC issues interim directions for GTA/905 hospitals calling for the closure of Whitby General Hospital by March 31, 1999. It also announces the amalgamation of Ajax-Pickering General Hospital with Scarborough Centenary and the amalgamation of hospital corporations in Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Perry, Uxbridge and Whitby.

Nov. 24, 1997 - Funding of \$2.5 million announced for front-line prevention services to fight diabetes.

Jan. 7, 1998 - Province provides the first instalment of a \$2-billion five-year commitment to hospital restructuring.

Jan. 12, 1998 - Funding of \$11.26 million is announced for public health programs.

Jan. 23, 1998 - Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer announces the first steps in establishing a Women's Health Council to look at women's health issues.

Feb. 2, 1998 - Province announces a five-year \$17-million Heart Health program in partnership with the Heart and Stroke Foundation Ontario.

March 3, 1998 - Minister Witmer announces funding of \$666,566 for four new programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use.

March 24, 1998 - Cam Jackson, Minister Responsible for Seniors announces \$2.1 million for Durham Access to Care.

April, 1998 - HSRC releases the GTA/905 final report

April 29, 1998 - Funding of \$1.2 billion announced to improve access to long-term care services in Ontario.

June 24, 1998 - Minister Witmer announces funding of \$223.7 million to reform and modernize GTA hospitals including \$19.7 million to construct a cancer centre in Oshawa.

Sept. 15, 1998 - Minister Witmer an-

nounces a provincial task force to examine nursing services in Ontario.

Nov. 17, 1998 - Province announces the expansion of the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program from \$10 million to \$50 million annually within three years.

Nov. 23, 1998 - Minister Witmer announces financial assistance for hepatitis C victims who are not covered by an earlier federal-provincial agreement. Ontario's cost for the new plan, for victims who contracted the disease through the blood system prior to January 1986 and after July 1, 1990 is estimated at \$200 million.

Nov. 24, 1998 - Minister Witmer announces \$5 million in funding for 120 nurse practitioners at nearly 80 health agency locations.

Nov. 29, 1998 - Minister Witmer announces the government will immediately spend \$8.2 million to help ease waiting lists for radiation therapy for cancer patients.

Feb. 18, 1999 - Funding of \$22 million is announced to help alleviate strain in hospital emergency rooms.

Feb. 26, 1999 - Funding of \$61 million announced to help build three new cancer centres including one in Oshawa.



Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer denies the Province is looking at HMOs as part of Ontario's health care reform.

Public meetings

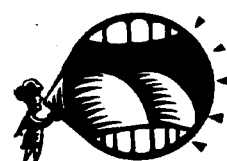
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TOWN OF AJAX
Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. — Standing Committee of the Whole, council chamber, Ajax Town Hall, 65 Harwood Ave. S.

DURHAM REGION
Wednesday, April 28, 10 a.m. — Finance Committee, Finance Department, 60 Bond St. W., Oshawa.

DURHAM REGION SCHOOL BOARDS
Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. — Durham Catholic District School Board, Catholic Education Centre, 650 Rossland Rd. W., Oshawa

Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. — Durham District School Board education finance committee, Education Centre, 400 Taunton Rd. E., Whitby.



WORDS FROM THE WISE

Politics, Points of View and Parodies

Ordered in the courts: New names

Monday marked the first day of business in Ontario courts under their new titles.

For those who have a need to know: Ontario Court, provincial division became the Ontario Court of Justice. One level up was the Ontario Court, general division which is now called the Superior Court of Justice and handles mainly criminal and civil trials. The Ontario Court of Appeal, the province's top court, is not affected by the name changes. And, because these changes are taking place only in Ontario, the court of last resort, the Supreme Court of Canada, keeps its traditionally lofty title.

That's not all. The judges who preside over cases at the former provincial division courts have been bestowed new titles by the change. Formerly

referred to only as 'Judge' Smith, for example, those provincial division gavel-bangers must now be called Mr. or Madam Justice Smith.

Solar winds of change?

In honour of Earth Day Thursday, April 22, here are a few timely facts on solar energy from Greenpeace:

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Marking Earth Week at a grassroots level

Durham students busy saving Mother Earth

Students across the region are pitching in and digging in this week as they clean up school grounds and plant trees and shrubs to celebrate Earth Day Thursday.

"Schools are doing all kinds of things throughout the week," reports Judy Gould, waste and energy officer for the Durham District School Board.

She reports more than 600 elementary students from 18 public and separate schools throughout Durham are heading to the Green Acres Outdoor Education Centre in Markham Thursday to take part in a variety of environmental workshops.

The students, in Grades 6 through 8, will have an opportunity to study forestry, agriculture, the environment, water and recycling during presentations at the outdoor education centre by more than 15 private and government organizations, ranging from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters to the Ontario Farm Animal Council.

And while several schools are attending the "special" event at Green Acres, Ms. Gould says other students are organizing "litterless lunches and tote-your-trash days" this week.

At Grandview Public School in Oshawa, the environmental committee is swinging into high gear this week, says teacher Jill Russell.

"We have a pitch-in crew out every day cleaning up the yard," she says, noting students have been involved in creating Earth Day posters this week and are encouraged to wear blue and green tomorrow.

Morning announcements at the school are also highlighting environmental issues and several members of the environmental committee are tak-

ing part in a special tree-planting ceremony Thursday.

Ontario Power Generation (formerly Ontario Hydro) has donated a tree to replace one that died outside the school, Ms. Russell says.

In Pickering, two Grade 4 French immersion classes from Holy Redeemer Catholic School are heading to the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Thursday morning to plant shrubs on site.

And, at Pringle Creek Public School in Whitby, students are participating in a variety of theme days this week, reports Wendy Ekker, a senior kindergarten teacher and environmental chairman at the Ribblesdale Drive school.

"There are many things that are ongoing year-round. But we really try to highlight it this week," she says, noting students have been encouraged to make an "Earth Day pledge about something they're going to do to look after the planet."

Pupils are also working on "school beautification" projects and are performing a variety of songs and poems at an Earth Week assembly on Friday, she notes.

Students in Grades 6 through 8 are also taking part in the second phase of Techno Challenge '99 at Iroquois Park in Whitby today, Ms. Gould says, noting that event also ties in with Earth Day because pupils used recycled materials to construct mousetrap-powered racing cars.

Students heading to Green Acres include some from Lincoln Alexander Public School and Cadarackque Public School in Ajax and Holy Redeemer Catholic School, St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School and Rosebank Road Public School in Pickering.

Pickering, Province agree over land use

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community had worked hard for the deal and all the parties involved had changed their initial positions to come to a compromise suitable to all. He also pointed out those who want the area preserved for farmland have to remain vigilant because the provincial properties are still going to be sold and it's not clear how much it will cost farmers to buy them.

"No one knows at what price and to whom," said Mr. Flattery.

Area resident Isobel Thompson said she and others plan to continue to push for the preservation of the farmland as they have since it was originally expropriated for a community to support an airport in Pickering 27 years ago.

"We're like terriers, always yapping. We'll be there."

The purpose of the easements is to save as farmland most of the Province's agricultural 'assembly' of about 5,000 acres east of the York Region and Toronto borders, west of Duffins Creek and north of the Canadian Pacific Railway line above Finch Avenue, up to the Fifth Concession.

Last fall, Durham Region approved an Official Plan amendment requested by the ORC to allow some of the properties to be divided, on the condition agricultural easements were placed on the lands. But the ORC appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. An OMB hearing was scheduled for May 10 but the MOU is expected to eliminate the need for it.

Under the MOU, easements will be established on all lots greater than five acres, except for two exempted totalling about 166 acres for which the ORC has already entered into a written offer of purchase and sale. Five years after it's signed, the ORC may conclude the agreement is frustrating sale of the lands. If the Town and Region concur, the ORC would be released from the agreement. If they don't, the issue would be taken to arbitration.

Ward 3 local Councillor David Pickles, who represents the area, said after the meeting he was "really pleased" about the MOU.

"We've done something here that's really on the cutting edge," he said, explaining the agreement allows for the preservation of a large farm area in the midst of an urban centre.

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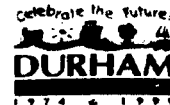
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Editorial & OPINIONS

NEWS ADVERTISER APR. 21, 1999



EDITORIAL

A place to park in Pickering

Mind those new rules and stay out of trouble

Mind where you park in Pickering these days: you could run into trouble.

New off-street parking bylaws regulating what sizes of vehicles can be parked and where have been approved by councillors here.

The policy changes were made in response to complaints from the public over the years about the number and types of vehicles, such as trucks and buses, which were being parked in front of homes. Pickering's previous bylaw provisions dated back to the early 1960s (although some were amended in the 1970s) so it certainly was time for another look at the issue.

And judging by what's on the books now, Pickering has tough but fair and logical parking restrictions now to guide residents.

The overriding concern for anyone in the community regarding parking provisions must be safety. Imagine the space a school bus or commercial truck would take up on a driveway in a neighbourhood. Now imagine children riding bicycles, or skateboards or inline skates around such vehicles. With a motorist's visibility limited by such vehicles, safety for children could be compromised.

But another important consideration, for councillors and some residents at least, is one of esthetics. Who wants to live in a neighbourhood where construction vehicles, for instance, are parked in a driveway? Who wants a neighbour with five or six vehicles in their driveway, two of which have been idle for months or years? Finally, who wants to have their street defined by the amount of commercial vehicles parked in parallel driveways?

Now, none of these issues — save that of safety — are critical to the well-being of Pickering's citizens. But regulations which prohibit the unsightly and occasionally troublesome placement of idle vehicles can help us all live a little more peacefully in our community.

No more arguments with a neighbour about the rusting Ford Pinto sitting on their driveway leaking oil. No more inching out on to the street behind a parked bus or construction vehicle. No more nasty conflicts with the guy who runs an informal auto repair business for friends and family.

Mind where you park in Pickering these days. It could keep you out of trouble.

More hospital funds, better care

Injection of money right prescription for hospital

It must be easier to find smiling faces at the Ajax and Pickering Health Centre these days.

Officials at the hospital, which last year became a part of the new Rouge Valley Health System which includes Scarborough's Centenary Health Centre, have long lamented funding limits placed on a hospital with a burgeoning population.

But news in recent weeks, including the announcement last Tuesday that the provincial government will provide an additional \$1.26 million in base funding for Ajax-Pickering, will mean good things for the people in our community who need health care here.

It means local hospital officials can move ahead with expansion plans for the outdated and at-capacity emergency ward. It means rehabilitation beds and up-to-date diagnostic imaging equipment. It means better health care.

But, that's not all. The Rouge Valley Health System is also getting a \$2.55-million cash injection, specifically to hire more nurses. That, of course, means more efficient and accessible front-line care. It also means the government has acknowledged, finally, that the Ajax and Pickering hospital has historically been operating at funding levels that are hard to justify and harder to understand from a patient's perspective.

This good news sets the stage for a brighter health care future right here at home.

And it couldn't come at a better time.

YOU SAID IT

The question was:

What's your reaction to the creation of a sex offenders' registry in Ontario?



Tim McMenamin says, "It's a great idea to help increase awareness that sex offenders are on the streets."



Casey McCallum says, "It's fair. People have the right to know about them."



George Stork says, "It's a good idea to keep them from re-offending. They are often released too early."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deleting needy off welfare no cure for poverty

To the editor:

Re your April 14 article about 'The bottom line on welfare'. Recently the Ministry of Community and Social Services spent \$180 million upgrading its computers.

Perhaps the biggest change to that system was a much larger delete key. It is not difficult to reduce a list of names by simply hitting that key; it is much more difficult to care about what has happened to them.

I am constantly being told by the government the number of people on welfare is down, and the government is spending far less money (\$2 billion) on the poor — and we are supposed to be proud of that.

Specifically welfare — the community placement component of Ontario Works — is a failure. Morally it is not right to take people in desperate situations and tell them that before they receive the help they need they have to perform certain tasks.

Secondly, a person performing these tasks can't be out looking for work.

Thirdly if these jobs do exist why are people not being hired at a decent wage to do them? (The community is losing jobs to support a government program.)

According to your article Omega in Sudbury is going to be

paid by the government to keep this workforce going, as if Omega needs subsidizing. MPP Janet Ecker asks why community agencies are being harassed for giving people on welfare a job. The answer is because they are not giving them a job; they are using mandatory cheap labour.

So how has the government saved money and where did the people go?

Eighty-three per cent of the savings came simply from the 21-per cent cut and the suffering it caused. To reduce someone's subsistence income by nearly one-quarter is not something to be proud of.

The government tells us that some of the people have moved and some of them have gotten married to get off welfare. (No comment.)

But in reality some have returned to their jobs because our economy has improved substantially; eg. housing starts are up. And some of the people have opted to take jobs at minimum wage, which really is far below minimum. Presently it stands as a little better than half the poverty line. (A single person with one child needs \$12 an hour to be at the poverty line.)

I am a member of the Durham Child Poverty Task Force, the Durham Region Coalition for Social Justice and a minister of the United Church.

I watch as the use of food banks especially by children has risen dramatically in the last four years (statistics tell us that 22 per cent of the children in Oshawa are living in poverty), as the homelessness grows rapidly, as

the loss of human dignity among those caught in the poverty cycle increases and I wonder. We have been told that you can tell "the quality of a government by the way it treats its poor".

Treating a person in need is more than hitting the delete button. It is asking what quality of life do they now have, not how much can we save by getting rid of them.

Rev. Glen Eagle,
Claremont

Expanded 401 means more noise, pollution

To the editor:

The announcement of the Hwy. 401 expansion by the Ontario Tories was greeted with joy, apparently by everyone.

Do people actually believe that the extra lanes will clear the traffic congestion? Why do transit riders and cyclists, who all pay the same taxes, have to subsidize these projects for drivers? The project money would much better be spent on better GO service and establishing a much-needed rapid transit line between Pickering and the new Sheppard subway line.

Why do our tax dollars continually go to promote and support the least efficient of all people movers: the automobile?

Peter Voth

A few simple rules for submitting letters to the editor

Help us help you get the point across

One of the best-read parts of any newspaper is the letters to the editor section and there are usually more than enough to make issues lively and interesting. Rules of writing letters are quite simple. Stick to these and we will be quite happy to print them as space permits.

• Address your letter "to the editor." With "open letters" to someone else, we always get the feeling of snooping in someone else's mail.

• Keep it clean and in good taste. This is a family newspaper. You can make your points without vulgar language.

• Libelous material. To bad-mouth someone in public is slander, to do so in print is libel. If we allowed someone's character to be unduly attacked, we are just as subject to a libel suit as the author of the letter.

• Illegible and incoherent letters. Our typesetters are renowned for their ability to read bad handwriting.

However, the most ideal situation is to have the letter typed and double spaced. Some letters ramble and make no sense, no matter

how nimble our mental gymnastics. If we can't make heads or tails out of the letter, we won't make our readers try.

If we can edit the letter to make it clear, we will. Better yet, send your letters by email to newsroom@durham.net.

• Length. This is not the place for a textbook of personal opinion. We suggest that most people can get their point across in fewer than 200 words. Keep it short and to the point. It is in the best interest of the writer for the letter to be interesting and understandable to other readers.

• Prose and poetry. We are a newspaper and not a literary magazine.

There are places for short stories and poetry. The only time we will publish such materials is if the item is, in itself, newsworthy. Winning a competition with a poem or story is a good reason.

• Anonymous letters. If the writer doesn't believe the letter is worth signing, we can't believe it is worth reading.

The opinion is more valid if the writer is willing to stand behind it. If a person does not want his name

to appear, he must make a strong case to us in person.

• Unsubstantiated facts. If you want to quote "facts" in the letter, tell us where they come from so readers can check on them.

• Thank-you letters. The letters page is designed to encourage debate on issues of local interest. We ask that you send your thank-you letters to the person or organization involved — after all a thank you is much nicer in person.

• End of Debate. After we feel all sides of a debate have been thoroughly aired and letters on the subject become repetitive, we will put an end to it.

• Local Interest. Any topic is fair play, but letters should be of interest to the people of our community.

• Phone number. We like to confirm every letter to the editor so please include your daytime phone number as well as your first and last name and city of residence.

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New water plant ready to supply Pickering

AJAX — You may not notice a difference — in fact, you shouldn't — but you're tapping into a new state-of-the-art facility by turning on the water.

Most of the work is complete on the \$95-million water supply plant on the Ajax waterfront and the facility is supplying water to residents in Ajax and Pickering.

"It's the most modern, efficient and safest water plant in Ontario," Durham Region Chairman Roger Anderson said during a tour. "This is the biggest construction project the Region of Durham has ever done."

Regional Works Commissioner Vic Silgailis said, "We have several water plants and this is the flag ship."

The first phase of the plant can supply up to 37 million imperial gallons of water a day (MIGD). When needed, it will be expanded in stages of 12 MIGD, to an ultimate capacity of 72 MIGD.

Regional Works Department Direc-

tor of Environmental Services Ken Thompson said expansion will be done within the existing building, so the actual size of the facility won't be increased.

The next expansion won't be needed until 2010 at the earliest.

About 20 MIGD are being treated daily, which is double the capacity of the old Ajax water plant.

Before the new plant came on line, some of the water used in Ajax and Pickering came from the Whitby and Oshawa supply system.

Planning on the new water plant began in 1988 and construction started in 1996.

The Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa water supply plants are all operated out of the Ajax facility. The plant has a staff of 25, including maintenance, administration and laboratory workers, but only two people are needed to operate the facility.

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Pickering Hydro staff to plant 200 trees and shrubs in support of the Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project.

Pickering April 13, 1999. Pickering Hydro employees and their families will be celebrating Earth Day by conducting a mass tree planting in support of the Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project.

"We're very excited about our contribution to this project," says John Wiersma, Pickering Hydro's General Manager. "Our utility is very committed to the retention of Pickering's natural heritage, and we believe that the Frenchman's Bay watershed is one of our Town's most precious resources."

The Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project is a two-year initiative made possible by a partnership of government agencies, local community groups and corporate sponsors. It was established in September 1996 with the mandate to develop and coordinate environmental activities in the Frenchman's Bay watershed community.

Pickering Hydro's staff will be doing their part by conducting a general clean up and then planting 200 native trees and shrubs in an area just north of the Beachpoint Promenade. According to Wiersma "We already have over 50 people committed to helping out for the morning. Considering that we have just 53 employees, I believe that this is testimony to our staffs commitment to our community". The tree planting will take place on Saturday, April 24th.

Community groups or businesses interested in contributing to the Frenchman's Bay Rehabilitation Project can contact Ms. Patricia Lowe at 905-420-4660, extension 2155.



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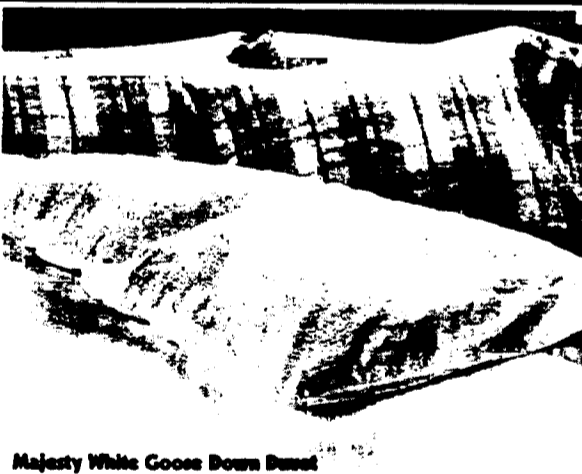
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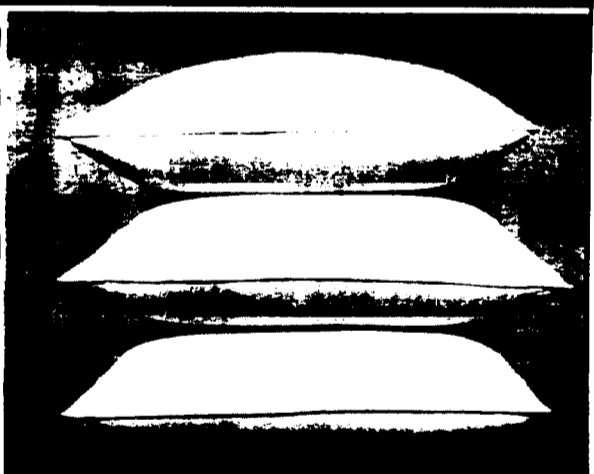
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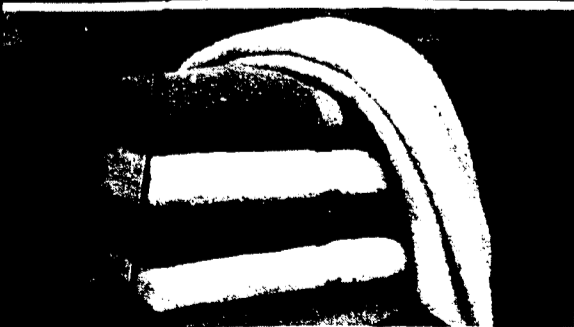
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Earth Day Canada (EDC), an environmental communications organization, offers resources and several year-round programs. Check out EcoKids online at ecokids.earth.ca.

Take time to reflect upon your environmental conscience. Learn to compost; recycle diligently; walk or bike; turn off a light; don't put pesticides on your lawn; use vinegar and baking soda as cleaning agents; take reusable bags when shopping; have a shorter shower tomorrow; lug-a-mug to meetings and events. To find out more about EDC, call 416-599-1991 ext. 107 or visit the



Lorraine Roulston
Recycler's Corner

website at: www.earthday.ca.

With the arrival of spring and International Composting Awareness Week set for May 2 to 8, now is a good time for parents who love gardening to think about helping their children's school become the location for a small garden.

Gardeners who can spare an hour or so a week might want to share their passion and talent with students and teachers in the hope that their enthusiasm will become contagious.

An attractive little garden will do much to lift the morale in today's school atmosphere. Here, students of different grades and cultural backgrounds can come together on common ground to produce an attractive corner of their world.

Whether the garden is designed to attract butterflies or to grow vegetables and herbs, it gives children an opportunity to work together in a peaceful setting and become connected with the earth.

As well as flowers being a source of pride, it has been discovered that where gardens exist, neighbours are more friendly and student behavioural problems are lessened.

Recent results from a comprehensive US study clearly demonstrated that education using the environment as an integrated context helps students learn better than a traditional classroom setting.

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Food bank celebrates bountiful drive

Despite a slow start, it has been a successful Easter food drive for the St. Paul's on-the-Hill Community Food Bank.

After the first weekend of the drive, which ran March 26 to April 9, there was concern not enough food was coming in and the shelves would be bare at St. Paul's before its next drive at Thanksgiving.

"Donations did pick up on the Easter weekend as we had hoped," says drive co-ordinator Brenda Romeo. "Once again the community supported their food bank. We are very grateful for their generosity."

About the same amount of food was taken in this Easter drive as last Easter. That will allow the food bank to help needy Pickering and Ajax residents up to twice a month. In 1998, St. Paul's distributed 1,918 packs of food, each providing about four to five days of nourishment for an individual or family. Those supplies helped an estimated 5,866 people, about half of them children.

St. Paul's accepts donations of food or cash year-round. For more information call the St. Paul's on-the-Hill Anglican Church office at 839-7909.

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On page 2 of the Home Health Care flyer in effect from Wednesday, April 21st, 1999 to Saturday, May 1st, 1999 the Camina 355 Walker may not be exactly as depicted.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause



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These Durham Region students are at the head of their class

Outstanding teens honoured for contributions to schools, community

The Durham District School Board celebrated the achievements of more than 50 outstanding high school pupils Thursday at its annual Student Recognition Night.

The event, held each spring, is designed to acknowledge the contributions of secondary school students across the region.

Each of the board's 19 high schools can nominate up to three students to be recognized for contributions they've made to their school or community.

The students, who were selected by their principals, were presented plaques from board trustees.

"It was just an excellent evening," says Mary Brown, communications manager for the board. "The accomplishments of the students are truly amazing."

Ajax students who were recognized for their accomplishments included Ben Cho, Esther Skinner and Katherine Thompson from Ajax High School; Sarah Kelsey, Kimberly Mills and Amie Watson from Exeter High School; and Jammal Anderson, Olga Lubaczewski and Vidal Seegobin from Pickering High School.

Pickering pupils honoured were Shelley-Ann Brown, Zahra Juma and Ian Patterson from Dunbarton High School; and Heather Coffey, Jason Gomez and Brian Natola from Pine Ridge Secondary School.

Whitby students recognized at the ceremony included James Graves, Kim Hewitt and Rebecca Klanert from Henry Street High School; Brett MacRury, Ruby Luthra and Susan Carter from Anderson Collegiate and Vocational Institute; and Jennifer Connell, Tim Lade and Niraj Mistry from Sinclair Secondary School.

Oshawa students awarded for their accomplishments were Katherine Couture, Michelle Lafferty and Mandy O'Connor from Central Collegiate Institute; Jennifer Roche, Lynette Underwood and George Vertsonis from Dr. F.J. Donevan Collegiate Institute; Nadia Affolter, Jessica Harrison and Scott Werry from Eastdale Collegiate and Vocational Institute; Robyn Jeans, Deb Thompson and Jana Lee Tryan from R.S. McLaughlin Collegiate and Vocational Institute; Brenda Pond, Amanda Fleming and Joanne Stephenson from O'Neill Collegiate and Vocational Institute; and Bernadette Arthur, Naveet Bains and Teresa Lee from G.L. Roberts Collegiate and Vocational Institute.

Award recipients from the Durham Alternative Secondary School in Oshawa were Jacqueline French, Jodi O'Neill and Shenelle Swanston.

Julie Abstfeld from Cartwright High School in Blackstock, Casey Heintzman and Denise Patterson from Brock High School in Cannington and



The Durham District School Board honoured its top academic achievers last week across the region. Pictured here are Pickering High School students (front row, from left) Vidal Seegobin, Olga Lubaczewski and Jammal Anderson. With them in the back (from left) are school principal Gary Down and School Community Council chairman Shawn Witton.

Amanda Cornelisse, Ryan Davies and Katherine Perrott from Uxbridge Secondary School were recognized for their contributions.

Port Perry High School students honoured at the celebration were Gavin Stanley, Basja Demmers and Sherry Spofford.



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No bones about it

The Ajax and Pickering Health Centre's fracture clinic has been the beneficiary of a local restaurant's fund-raising drive. Applebee's Neighbourhood Bar and Grill in Ajax donated \$1 from each meal served between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and came up with approximately \$1,100. The donation and fund-raising drive was organized as part of the restaurant's first anniversary. Here, (from left) co-owners Michael Lewis and Ian MacKay celebrate the donation with the Ajax and Pickering Health Centre's Bruce Cliff.

Families, teens today's homeless, SCOPA hears

The plight of the homeless was the focus of the recent annual meeting of the Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Guest speaker Elizabeth Greaves, a member of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force in Toronto, talked about the problem in the Greater Toronto Area and the recommendations made to help combat it.

Although the Ajax-Pickering area does not have the visible signs of homelessness on our streets as is the case in Toronto, it's still a problem here and across the country.

"It is not a Toronto issue," said Ms. Greaves. "It is a national issue."

Ms. Greaves said the stereotype of the homeless male alcoholic is not accurate any more. Recent studies have shown that youth under the age of 18 and families with children make up the fastest growing homeless groups in Ontario.

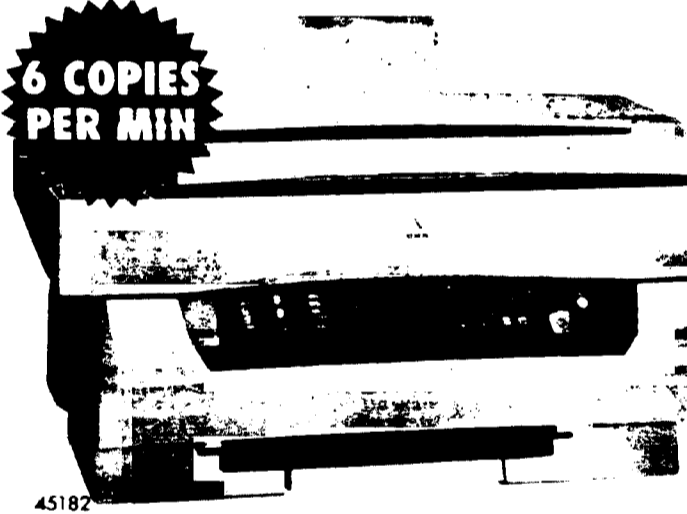
Ms. Greaves spoke about some of the 105 recommendations made to Toronto council to help curb the problem. They include more affordable housing initiatives by government; the waiving of federal and provincial taxes for the homeless; and rental banks where people can borrow money for the sole purpose of paying rent.

These initiatives "would help some families we're worried about," she said. When asked about the homeless problem in Durham Region, Ms. Greaves said it is fixable.

"You can avoid visible street homelessness if you detect where poverty is. I think it is an area you can do something about by gathering information and using it as a tool."

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Miranda Laramy, 14, of Ajax, will perform as a soloist with the Festival Players Philharmonic Society in its concerts in Whitby and Ajax on April 23 and 24, respectively. It's the first time the talented flautist has performed as a soloist. She is a Grade 10 student at Oshawa O'Neill Collegiate's Performing Arts Program.

Ajax flutist flaunts her talents

Teen shows flute success no fluke in solo shows

BY AL RIVETT
Staff Editor

AJAX — A teenage flautist will make her solo performance debut with the Festival Players Philharmonic Society this month.

Miranda Laramy, of Ajax, will perform Andante in C major by Mozart at the Festival Players' Youthful Artists Series Kaleidoscope II in Whitby Friday, April 23 and in Pickering Village Saturday, April 24. The 14-year-old Grade 10 student in Oshawa's O'Neill Collegiate Performing Arts Program says she's excited about the chance to perform her first solo work.

"I think it's great. It's the first real opportunity to play as a soloist," says Miranda, who's been playing the flute since she was in Grade 7 at Southwood Park Public School.

Miranda was recommended for the Festival Players' second annual showcase of talented youths from the Pickering Metro East and Rotary Music Festivals by Jean McDonald, director of the Pickering Metro East Music Festival.

This year, Miranda played two pieces at the Pickering music festival and received top marks of 86 and 88 per cent. The results make her eligible for the provincial competition in Waterloo in June in the Grade 8 woodwind category.

Miranda is currently studying flute at the Royal Conservatory of Music in the


Grade 8-9 level. She received the conservatory's highest honour - the Silver Medal - in recognition of achieving the top mark across Ontario in Grade 6 flute.

When she's not studying flute under the guidance of her new teacher Linda Schuychuk, she plays the piano in the eight-member O'Neill jazz combo called O.J. Box. The combo has performed at various art shows in Durham

Region this year and has also played at the Durham public school board headquarters in Whitby.

The Festival Players' concert in Whitby is at the Whitby Free Methodist Church at Rossland and Thicketson roads. The Ajax concert is at Pickering Village United Church at 300 Church St. N. Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 471-6926.

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Showcase of student art presented Thursday

PICKERING — The Durham Catholic District School Board is hosting its annual Showcase for the Arts at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School Thursday, April 22.

The evening, which begins at 7 p.m., will include musical and dramatic performances presented by elementary students from schools throughout Ajax, Pickering and Whitby.

Participating schools in Pickering include St. Anthony Daniel, St. Elizabeth Seton, Holy Redeemer and St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic schools.

Students from St. Mark the Evangelist and St. Theresa Catholic schools in Whitby and from St. Bernadette Catholic School in Ajax will also take part.

St. Anthony Daniel is at 2090 DuBerry Dr. in Pickering.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event.

For more information call the school at 427-9610.

Harvey hits the stage at Ajax High School

AJAX — Area residents are invited to attend a performance of the production Harvey being presented by Ajax High School students this week.

Performances are being held Wednesday, April 21 (tonight) through Friday, April 23 beginning at 7 p.m. at the school.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors, students and children and can be purchased at the door or reserved by calling the school at 683-1610.

Ajax High School is at 105 Bayly St.

Comedy Night aids army cadets

AJAX — A Comedy Night to benefit the 2525 Royal Canadian Army Cadets will be held Sunday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Yuk Yuk's, 235 Bayly St. West, in Ajax.

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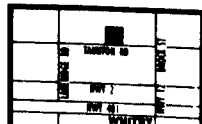
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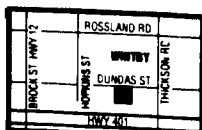
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Film warns kids of life on the street

Letters to a Street Child almost a wrap in Pickering

BY MATTHEW FERGUSON

Special to the News Advertiser
Andree Cazabon left her loving family life in the leafy suburbs of Ottawa at the age of 12 to dwell in the dark underworld of Toronto's urban street life.

Thirteen years later, Ms. Cazabon is making a film about her street experiences as a drug addict, but from the perspective of her father who kept in touch with his daughter through letters.

Letters to a Street Child is a 23-minute docudrama partially filmed in Pickering at both St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School and at a private residence.

Now 25 and a director at the National Film Board, Ms. Cazabon left the cozy confines of suburbia after being sexually abused by an employer.

Confused and alone, she turned to the streets for refuge.

"Pickering was a good place to film," she says. Homeowners "Rhonda and Gary Keys as well as the school were extremely generous and helpful in providing us with space."

The willingness of the school and the Keys' to donate their property was especially appreciated in light of the usual high rents associated with filming, says the graduate of film studies at Ryerson Polytechnic University, who recently started her own production company, Cinemuse.

Letters to a Street Child, which will be finished

filming after one remaining shoot at a Pickering barn, will be distributed on video for schools, parents and community groups.

Ms. Cazabon credits two supporters of the film, the Rotary Club and Operation Go Home, which helps kids make the transition from the streets back home, with convincing her to make the move.

Asked what advice she would give to street youth today, Ms. Cazabon says, "It depends on the situation."

"If they go home, parents should provide a support system to help."

A change of geography was only half the battle for the youth whose street name was Zia.

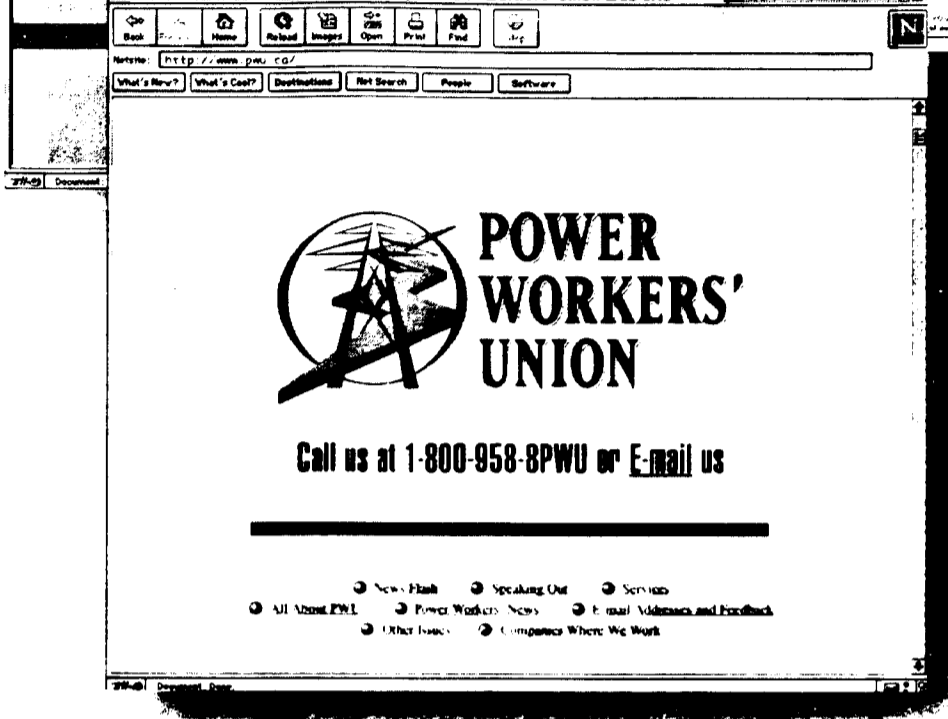
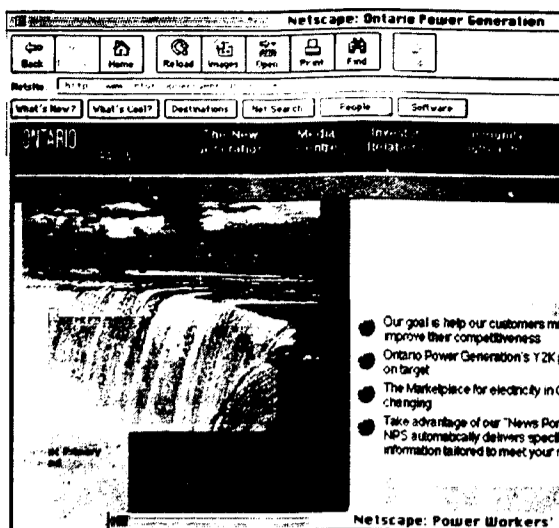
After returning home, she still had a nasty drug habit to cope with, a byproduct of her life on the streets.

"I hit bottom with my addiction," she says. "Now, I've been off drugs for 10 years."

Ms. Cazabon was fortunate to have supportive parents who sent their daughter to a drug rehabilitation clinic in Minnesota for three months.

The budding filmmaker has also produced and directed a music video, Congratulations, Hard & Soul, as well as an educational video for the Dental Surgeons Association of Ontario.

Letters to a Street Child was also supported by the National Film Board and the CBC.



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Former Pickering teacher still setting an energetic pace

Andy Dymont retired four years ago, but still coaching area youth

BY BRIAN LEGREE
 Staff Editor

"Walk just a little faster than the normal man and you'll go a long way."

That's the advice Bill Dymont gave his son Andy more than 50 years ago.

Andy took the advice to heart in his approach to sports. He's always the first to leave the starting blocks — a Tasmanian Devil of sports — setting a frenzied pace for thousands of kids to follow.

Dymont is a true sporting icon in Durham Region.

Anyone with children who grew up in the public elementary system knows him.

The Brooklin resident spent 35 years teaching physical and health education, 28 of those years with the Durham District School Board, at Woodlands and Gandatsetiagon public schools in Pickering.

He retired from his job in 1995, but Dymont knows no off-season.

He turned 59 on Feb. 11 and spends his retirement time spinning from one sporting endeavour to another — coaching elementary school-aged kids in cross-country, volleyball, wrestling, track and field, lacrosse and basketball.

His impact on Durham's youth can only be described as huge.

In 1971, Dymont, along with John Hinch, Gary Edgar and Gene Schaaf created the Durham Elementary Athletic Association — an inter-school sporting program which now conducts region-wide playdowns in several sports for close to 100 public elementary schools.

"I just enjoy taking kids as far as they can go," says Dymont.

"I think my greatest attribute is the motivation of kids. I really believe in the pyramiding of kids. How high can you take it? You start with the base, which is the phys-ed classes and the next level is intramurals and then inter-school competition and then the X-Ls."

The X-Ls (literally, to excel) are the brainchild of Dymont, along with fellow teachers Bob Stuart and Mike Glanfield. In sports such as wrestling, cross-country and track and field, the teachers decided to invite the best young athletes from the public board to test their abilities at a higher level competing at provincial and national events.

The X-L program proved to be an overwhelming success. For example, X-L wrestlers won 10 Ontario team championships in succession.

While Dymont has a passion for winning, his real victories are rooted in developing skills and encouraging kids "to be the best they can be."

"We won't remember the scores, but we will remember the commitment," says Dymont, who says young athletes can be goal-oriented, but fun has to be a major part of the sporting equation.

Dymont is an "incredible innovator of ideas and finding different ways of motivating kids," says Jon Patte, a teacher-coach at Glen Dhu school in Whitby.

Good coaches share information and Dymont gained notoriety within the physical education community for his 'garbage can theory' of acquiring new drills, Patte says.

"Andy would go into a gym and see another guy coaching and using a great drill and he'd use it and sell it to his own kids and he'd be so enthusiastic about it," says Patte. "He'd even come right into class and tell you 'I got another one from the garbage can' and it became known among the coaches as the 'garbage can theory'."

Dymont's fascination with sports started at an early age. Born and raised in Barrie, Dymont grew up in a family where a sporting lifestyle was dominant.

His grandfather, Albert, is a former president of the Ontario Jockey Club and champion horse breeder whose horses scored King's Plate (now the Queen's Plate) victories in 1903, 1904 and 1921. His father Bill, who served for five years in France in the Second World War, was inducted posthumously into the Barrie Sports Hall of Fame last year for his contributions in golf, football, hockey and lacrosse. An avid golfer, Bill Dymont was able to shoot his age until he was 85.

Andy's uncle Herb, a former North American light-heavyweight boxing champion, is also a member of the Barrie Hall of Fame and the Canadian Box-

ing Hall of Fame.

While the young Dymont grew up with an affinity for all sports, he also loved music.

"I got caught up in music in high school," he says. "Drums were a huge thing for me."

During his late teens and early 20s, Dymont was on the road with the Barrie-based Linda Lane and the Martels and ultimately played with Durham Region favourites Par 4 and Lockerbie (Dymont's middle name).

At a time in his life when Dymont might contemplate relaxing his frenetic pace, he shows no signs of slowing down.

He's currently running a wrestling program at Meadowcrest Public School in Brooklin and will coach a Whitby minor lacrosse team beginning this spring — his 17th year coaching lacrosse.

In addition, he helps operate the

Brooklin Cheetahs cross-country club, which includes athletes from 27 different schools in Durham. Along with Phil Ovsenek, Dymont also runs the Durham Attack volleyball club.

He remains involved, in part, due to the "fabulous coaching" being made available by elementary teachers in Durham. The programs have set the foundation for what Dymont believes is an outstanding high school program, currently in limbo, due to changes to teachers' contracts.

"These programs have just been destroyed," he says. "I wish it hadn't come to this. The Durham board has been built up — the big Bertelsmann (Award) winner — built up as the epitome of boards and now there's a void."

In between his seemingly endless list of sporting commitments, Dymont finds time for his wife Mary Lou, along with sons Rob, Steve, Rich, Bradley and Andrew.



Long-time Durham sporting icon Andy Dymont relaxes in his Brooklin home, something he's not done a lot of since his retirement from teaching in 1995. Dymont taught at Pickering schools for 28 years and was instrumental in forming such school sporting organizations as the Durham Elementary Athletic Association (DEAA).

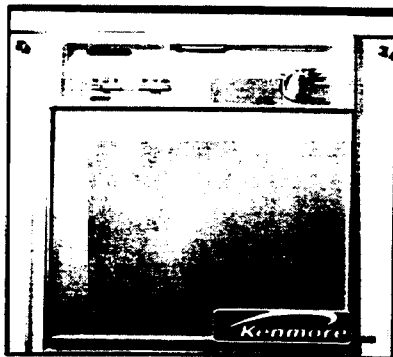
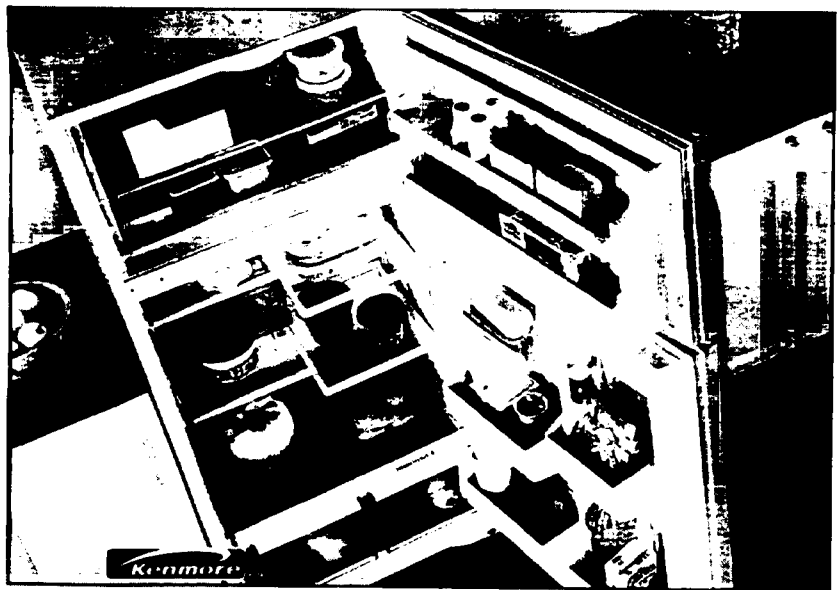
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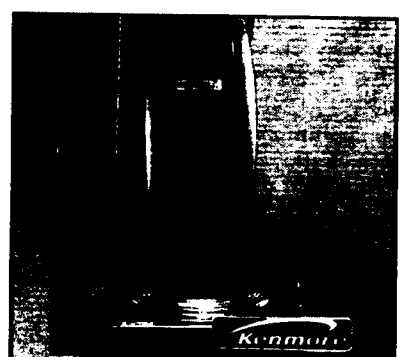
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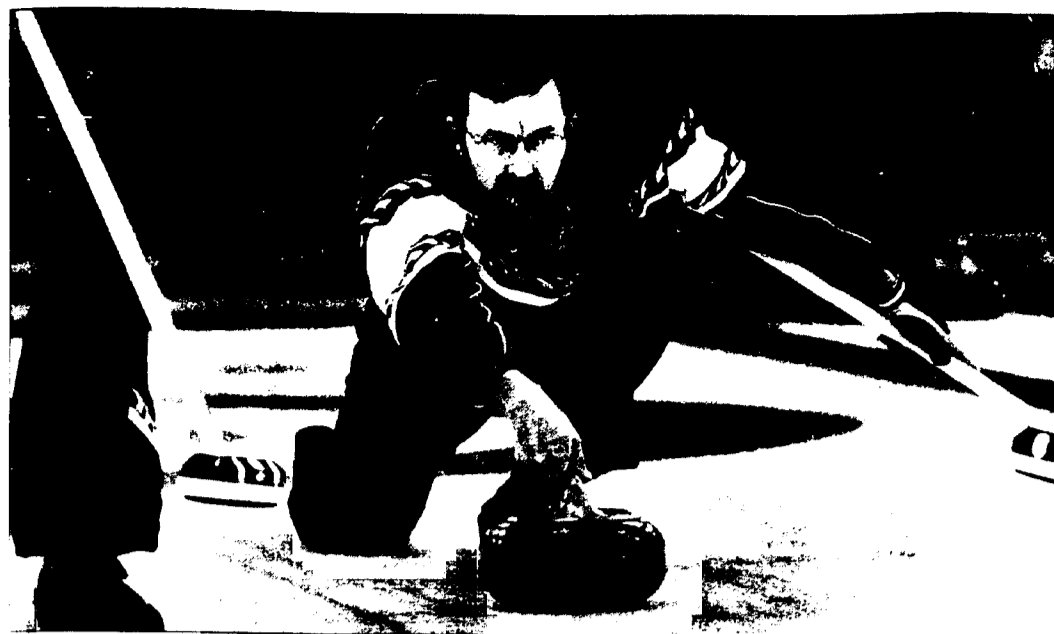
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Avonlea rink wins top prize at popular event

Curling ends at Annandale with Last Chance Bonspiel

BY JIM EASSON
Special to the News Advertiser
AJAX — The Warren Leslie foursome was king of the rink this year in the Annandale men's curling championship played last Wednesday. In the final, the Leslie rink prevailed 6-4 over the Gordon Norton foursome. With Leslie were Harry Nolte, Marvin Harrison and Mike Nelson. Curling with the runners-up Norton rink were Rich Poole, Doug Lawson and Ron Alexander.

were Andrew Roegle, Blair Metrakos and Mat Critchley. The Annandale mixed championship playdown started with 16 teams in the double-knockout event. Shooting it out in the club final were the teams skipped by Jon Payne and Barry Moylan. Payne and teammates Robyn Rauch, Dave Hutchison and Maureen Calderbank captured the championship over the Moylan team of Susannah Moylan, Bernie Tyman and Pat Bolger.

won by Vic Susuki of Richmond Hill over clubmate Rob Shepherd. The Mike Cicci rink of Annandale won the Fourth Event over clubmate David Gaudette. After the bonspiel final on Sunday, the ice was given over to the skaters to finish the season.

Ajax residents Bob and Kristin Turcotte spent last week in the hunt for their fourth Ontario Mixed Curl-

ing Championship title at the Rideau Curling Club in Ottawa. Curling out of Scarborough, they finished tied for first place after the round robin. The chase, however, ended in the semi-finals on Saturday night after losing to Dale Kelly of Forest. Also in the competition was Pickering resident Collin Mitchell with his skip Mike Harris of Tam Heather club. They finished tied for fourth.

The final of the skins game was last Wednesday by the bantam boys' rink skipped by Graham Hill which played the junior men's team skipped by Keith Metrakos. The junior team prevailed in the final by winning \$400, while the bantams came away with \$200 for their efforts. On the Hill rink were Jason March, Paul Boyland and Darryl Hill. Playing on the winning Metrakos rink

The annual Last Chance Bonspiel at Annandale this past weekend was captured by the Steve Pestell rink from Avonlea, winning the \$600 first prize over runners-up Darell Wood rink from East York. The Second Event went to Annandale's Gerry Pinkney, who collected \$400 for his win over the Don Bince rink, also of Annandale. The Third Event was

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Pickering swimmers reap pot of gold at Rainbow Classic

PICKERING — Pickering Swim Club members reaped a pot of gold at the club's annual Rainbow Classic Swim Meet at the Pickering Recreation Complex last weekend.

The high-profile competition attracted almost 600 swimmers from 16 central Ontario region clubs.

Leading the way for Pickering was Daniel Langlois, 10, who captured five gold medals in the 10-and-under boys' category. Langlois swept the backstroke events, winning the 50-metre, 100m and 200m, and won the 200m freestyle and 200m individual medley. He also earned three silver medals in the 50m free, 100m butterfly and 100m free.

Also in the 10-and-under age group, Alex Griffith won a gold medal in the 100m fly, and two silvers in the 200m back and 200m free. He also earned a bronze in the 200m I.M., was fourth in the 50m free, sixth in the 200m breaststroke and seventh in the 100m free. Calan Eldridge finished fourth in the 100m breast, fifth in the 200m free and 200m back, sixth in the 100m fly and 100m free, and seventh in the 50m free. Kent Williamson was fourth in the 100m back and seventh in the 50m and 200m back. Nicholas Barbaro placed sixth in the 50m breast, seventh in the 100m I.M. and eighth in the 100m breast. Jake Stevens was sixth in the 200m back and eighth in the 200m free. Jeremy Prevoc was eighth in the 50m breast. Also representing Pickering in this age group were Jeffrey Cernele, John Ferguson, Jeffrey Hannon, Scott Johnston, Michael Storto and Caleb Symons.

Natasha Szpak earned three gold medals in the 50m and 100m fly and the 200m I.M. in the 10-and-under girls' bracket. She also won silver in the 50m free and 200m free, was fourth in the 200m back and 200m breast and fifth in the 100m breast. Stephanie Peters struck gold in the 100m breast and 200m breast, won silver in the 50m and 200m back and 200m I.M., and bronze in the 100m and 200m free events. She also placed fourth in the 100m fly. Sarah Wolch won gold in the 50m breast, bronze in the 100m breast, was fifth in the 200m breast and eighth in the 50m free. Jessica Ward earned bronze medals in the 200m back and 100m fly, was fourth in the 100m free, fifth in the 200m breast and sixth in the 50m free, 200m I.M. and 200m free. Megan Aird placed fourth in the 200m breast and Maia Kirk finished sixth in the 100m free and seventh in the 100m I.M. Also representing Pickering were Katherine Ball, Amanda Baniuk, Lisa Barbieri, Cailie Douse, Jennifer Jacoby, Alizeh Ladak, Patricia Manos, Arian Ratelle, Rebecca Symons, Christina Walsh and Leah Williams.

Brenna Wilson captured gold in the 100m back and the 100m fly, silver in the 50m and 200m back and 100m free and bronze in the 50m free in the 11-12 girls' age group. Caitlin Heggie earned gold in the 50m breast, was fourth in the 50m back, sixth in the 100m breast and eighth in the 200m breast. Krista Hastings placed fourth in the 200m fly and seventh in the 50m fly. Laura Barnes placed fifth in the 50m breast. Melanie Campbell finished seventh in the 200m fly and Taryn Kavanagh was eighth in the 50m breast. Also swimming for Pickering were Jenna Bayley, Ashley Dow, Erin Gordon, Mikki McGuinty and Kim Young.

Brandon Barbaro swam to a silver in the 200m back and a bronze in the 100m back, was fourth in the 50m free and 50m back and sixth in the 100m free in the 11-12 boys' division. Ryan Shanks finished seventh in the 200m back. Brent Bundy, Callum Clarke and T.J. Stevens also represented Pickering.

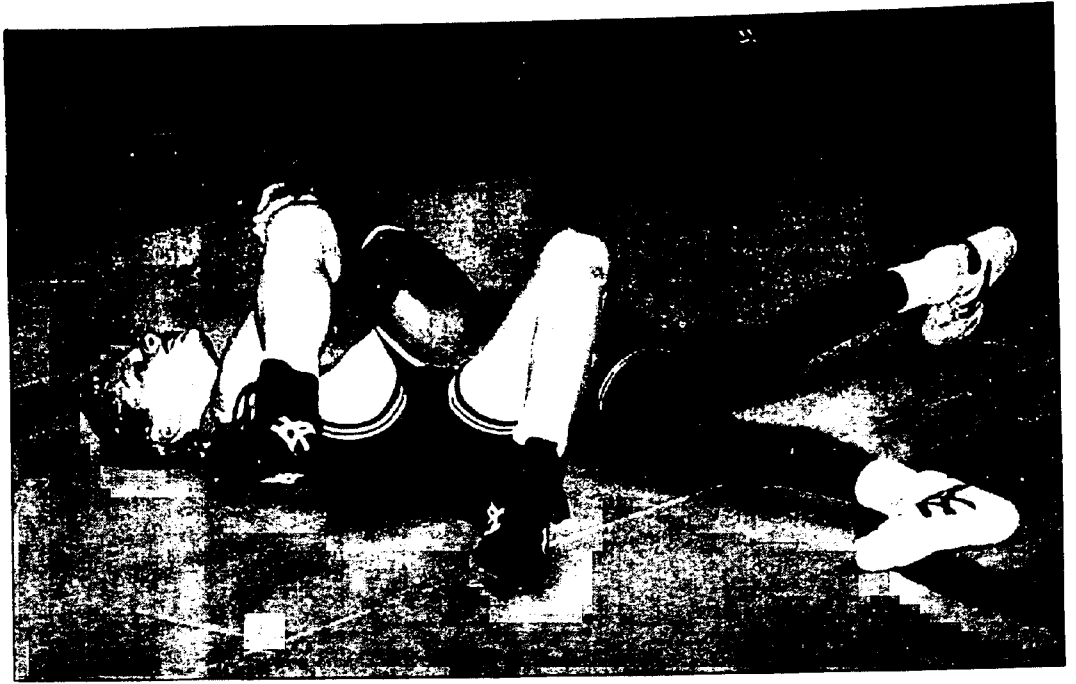
In the 13-14 girls' category, Stephanie Mathias placed fourth in the 50m fly. Fahreen Ladak, Kelley Lee and Jennifer Wiggins swam for Pickering in this age group.

Warren Barnes swam to gold medals in the 50m breast, 50m fly and 100m breast in the 13-14 boys' division. He also placed fifth in the 100m fly. Jon Kaye won a silver medal in the 200m back, was fifth in the 200m breast and seventh in the 50m fly. Joey Lupicini finished fourth in the 50m back and 50m breast and eighth in the 50m free. Matt Wolch was fifth in the 50m breast, Matt Johnston sixth in the 50m back, Ryan Ferguson seventh in the 50m breast and Willie Ball eighth in the 50m back. Michael Loewen also represented Pickering in this age group.

Alicia Kaye captured four gold medals in the 50m free, 100m back, 200m fly and 200m I.M. and earned a bronze in the 50m back. Lauren Campbell won gold in the 50m

breast, two silvers in the 100m fly and 100m breast, a bronze in the 50m fly and was fourth in the 200m fly. Megan Shanks won gold in the 100m breast, two silvers in the 50m back and 200m I.M. and bronze in the 50m free. Jenn Martin captured gold in the 200m back, was fourth in the 100m back and 200m I.M. and eighth in the 50m free and 100m breast. Carrie Lahti swam to a bronze medal in the 200m back, finished fourth in the 200m free, fifth in the 100m fly and seventh in the 50m and 100m back.

Erin Kelly won two gold medals in the 15-and-over boys' 200m free and 200m I.M. He also won silver in the 100m free and bronze in the 50m free and was fifth in the 50m back. Brett Harding won gold in 200m back and 200m fly, silver in the 100m fly, was fifth in the 200m breast and eighth in the 100m breast. David Grose won gold in the 100m fly, silver in the 50m and 100m back and was eighth in the 100m free. Graham Wolch captured silver in the 50m breast and 200m fly, was fourth in the 200m I.M., fifth in the 100m breast and eighth in the 100m fly.



Down for the count

Conrad Salmon, 11, of Pickering, has his opponent, Nathan Carrick of Orillia, on the mat during action at the recent Brampton wrestling meet. Salmon, a mem-

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Sign-ups set for summer hoops

The Durham West Summer Basketball League is gearing up for another season. The season runs from May until August and includes divisions for boys and girls. Registration is at the Durham West School Saturdays, April 17 and May 1 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Mondays, April 19 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 905-881-1111.

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AJAX — A seminar for women on The Pain of Emotional Abuse is being held here tomorrow.

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It's being held Thursday, April 22 at 7:30 at the Christian Life Centre, at the corner of Rosland and Ravenscroft roads, Ajax. Call 416-878-6571.



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All in a flap at Ballycliffe

Residents and staff at Ballycliffe Lodge in Ajax dressed in period attire for a Roaring '20s night which featured a live band and plenty of revelry. Here, Betty Batho and Ballycliffe activity director Vanieca Harner pose in the flapper fashions during the festivities.

Ajax hospital patients can breathe easy

Pharmaceutical firm provides equipment to Rouge Valley Health System

A major donation to Centenary Health Centre, the Ajax and Pickering Health Centre's partner in the Rouge Valley Health System, is also bringing benefits to the local hospital and its patients with lung problems.

The patient breathing machines in an en-cloves. The closed clear accumulated re-chamber and suits provide all performs various the total lung volumes more accurately and also measure the resistance in the lungs.

Centenary's cardio-respiratory department has received \$100,000 worth of pulmonary function equipment from Glaxo-Wellcome Inc.

As a result, APHC is receiving some of the pulmonary function testing equipment previously used at the Centenary site.

The equipment is used to test the lung function of patients with problems such as asthma, lung obstructions or shortness of breath.

"The pulmonary function lab provides complete diagnostic testing which helps the physician determine the basic lung function of a patient and their response to lung medication," explains Kim Parr, director of respiratory therapy at APHC.

"The equipment that we've received from Centenary, although used equipment, is still the industry standard and is calibrated on a regular basis and offers precise measurements.

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HEAD INJURY: The Head Injury Association of Durham Region holds a support group meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 459 Bond Street East in Oshawa. Survivors meet on the main floor, family and caregivers meet upstairs. Call 723-2732 for transportation assistance.

EUCHRE: The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606 Ladies Auxiliary holds an open euchre night at 8 p.m. at the branch hall, 1555 Bayly St., Pickering. All welcome. Prizes and refreshments. Phone 427-1257 for information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

CHRISTIAN WOMEN: The Ajax-Pickering Christian Women's Club meets from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the Gallantry's Banquet Room, lower level of the Pickering Town Centre, corner of Liverpool Rd. and Hwy. 2. Feature is Summer Blooms by Vandermeer Nursery. \$5 per person, half-price for first-timers. Free child care for preschoolers. Phone 665-8183 (Laura) for more information or to RSVP.

WORKSHOP: C.A.R.E. and the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre host a workshop on self-esteem at 1 p.m. at 1400 Bayly St., Unit 12. To reserve a seat call 420-4010.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

ALCOHOL ADDICTION: Is your life affected by alcohol? If so, Al-Anon hosts its weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, 209 Cochrane St., Whitby. Call 1-800-921-3555 or 728-1020 for more information and ask for Al-Anon.

ART SHOW: The Ajax Creative Arts is holding a Spring Art Show and Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 22 Sherwood Rd. West in Pickering Village.

Admission is free and includes a draw for a door prize and refreshments.

Access to Care gets funding boost

BY CINDY UPSHALL
Staff Writer

A multi-million dollar infusion of funding by the Province will help Durham Access to Care meet the needs of the growing community, says the head of the agency.

"It's not that there's any (service) really missing. It's more making sure we have enough to reach the growing demand," says Janet Harris, chief executive officer of Durham Access to Care.

Minister of Long Term Care Cam Jackson announced recently the agency's funding would increase by \$4.4 million for the 1999-2000 budget year, bringing the agency's budget up to almost \$40 million.

The agency services over 5,400 clients a month and provides at-home health care service for Durham residents through contracts with health care agencies like Saint Elizabeth Health Care and Victoria Order of Nurses. The agency is funded 100 per cent by the Minister of Health.

Unlike in other areas, where community care access centres have had to create waiting lists for clients needing care, Durham has been able to keep up to the demand.

"We haven't had to do this at this point and with this announcement we're hoping we won't have to do it," says Ms. Harris.

The agency is aware it could be in this position one day if demand grows out of step with funding.

For this reason, she says, staff will keep an eye on the situation and begin to make contingency plans.

Durham Access to Care was established in June 1997 and delivers services including IV treatments, chemotherapy and physical and occupational therapy.

Unicef seeks local volunteers






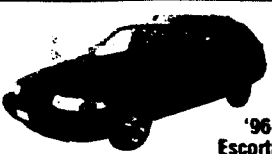


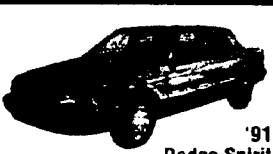



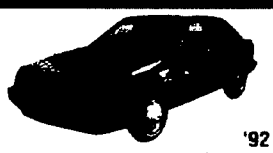

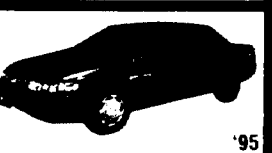

Unicef Ontario is looking for volunteers in Durham Region.

Volunteers are needed to help with marketing, Halloween and other special events.

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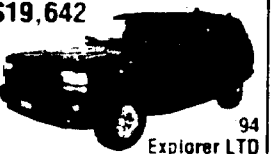
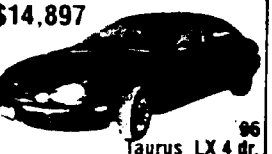


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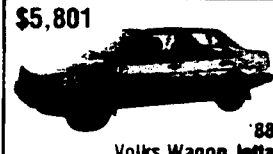

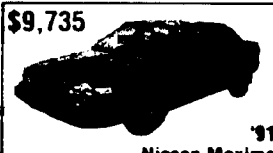
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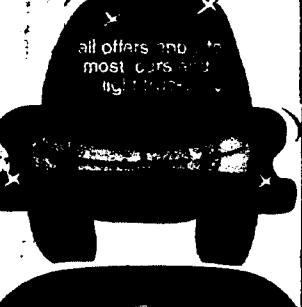
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