



Political Report Cards

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Pickering politicians' costs add up

Councillors spend \$69,000 on expenses

PICKERING — Citizens may be surprised to see in the News Advertiser's annual report cards for area politicians that Pickering councillors collectively ran up a bill of \$68,900 for various Town-related expenses over the last year, compared to a much more modest sum of \$5,133 for all Ajax councillors in 1998.

So what gives? Are Pickering's municipal politicians spending that much more or are expenses just tracked differently? Upon closer examination it appears Pickering councillors are indeed spending a lot more than their Ajax counterparts, mostly because they are allowed to claim expenses in several categories for which Ajax councillors receive no reimbursement.

Councillors here may be reimbursed for 'communication usage charges' incurred for Town-related business. While the Town does not buy or rent them equipment such as cell phones or pagers, it does pay for calls they make or receive on those while acting as councillors, according to Town clerk Bruce Taylor. Itemized bills must be submitted. There is no similar reimbursement for Ajax councillors, according to Ajax manager of finance Rob Ford.

Each Pickering councillor is allowed a maximum of \$6,000 over the three-year term to attend conferences, which covers things like registration, travel, accommodation and meals. The 1999 conference budget for all Ajax councillors together is \$8,000. By comparison, the Pickering system works out to \$12,000 per year if calculated annually and collectively.

In Pickering, politicians can claim the cost of taking people out to lunch or dinner on Town business. This cost is rarely claimed by Ajax councillors, says Mr. Ford, and the total budget for all of them to do so in 1999 is \$500.

A major expense item for councillors in Pickering is newsletters. Each is allowed to send out a maximum of two newsletters per year to each household in their ward, with each not to exceed a legal-size sheet of paper printed on both sides, folded any way they like.

While they could have the newsletters printed on Town photocopiers for free, they're also allowed to send them to an outside printer to obtain features such as glossy paper or photos, with no limit on the cost.

Pickering also pays the cost of mailing the newsletters and other letters or notices within each councillor's ward. There's no limit on the number of mailings. As well, says Mr. Taylor, councillors may be reimbursed up to \$3,600 per year for secretarial services beyond that provided by Town staff, for things such as newsletter typing and clipping services.

Ajax councillors receive no budget allotment for newsletters, though they may print them on Town photocopiers and Town staff do occasionally type letters for them, explains Cherry Sevigny, the executive administrator in the mayor's office who oversees such services. On occasion, she says, the Town does mail out 20 or so letters for a councillor, but most of the time they hand-deliver them themselves. Ajax councillors cannot claim printing, postage or outside service costs.

In Pickering, councillors may claim a flat travel or car allowance of \$300 per month, which amounts to \$3,600 per

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Celebrating Canada

Young students at the Blaittville Montessori School in Pickering Village donned red T-shirts and waved Canada flags during their walk along Old Kingston Road. The parade of youngsters helped them become

aware of what July 1 means. Here (from left) William McCutcheon, Quincy Bishop, Graham Rogers and Daniel Hashoul lead the way during their walk along Old Kingston Road.

Budget 'good' for kids: Durham separate board

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

The Durham Catholic District School Board's 1999-2000 school year budget is "good" news for students across the region, board officials maintain.

Separate board trustees approved the fourth and final draft of the board's \$194,384,049 budget for the coming school year Monday.

And, board chairman Mary Ann Martin says, "A lot of good things are going to be happening in Durham in the next couple of years."

"I'm very pleased with some of the opportunities the new funding model has provided for us," says board director Grant

Andrews, who notes the budget allocates approximately \$800,000 toward resources to support the new elementary and secondary curricula and provides funding for several new schools and renovation projects throughout Durham.

The budget includes funding for additions to St. Wilfrid Catholic School in Pickering, St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School in Whitby and Father Francis Mahoney Catholic School in Oshawa and financing for four new elementary schools in Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa and Scugog, and two new high schools in Ajax and Whitby.

Mr. Andrews notes Mother

Teresa Catholic School in Ajax and Good Shepherd Catholic School in Port Perry will open this fall, while St. John Bosco in Oshawa and a new elementary school in Whitby will be ready for September 2000.

He reports the board expects to spend more than \$86 million on new schools in between 1998 and 2001.

However, while Mr. Andrews says the Province's funding formula has created opportunities for the board, he also notes the board will spend more money than is being allocated by the government in several areas, including special educa-

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MARY ANN MARTIN
'Good things are going to happen.'

Get ready to party in Pickering

Canada Day events lined up

PICKERING — There's all kinds of fun in store Thursday, July 1 at Pickering's annual Canada Day celebrations at Kinsmen Park at the south end of Sandy Beach Road, just west of Brock Road.

Activities beginning at noon at the park will include a large penny carnival and entertainment stage area for children with performances throughout the afternoon, featuring the Larry Potter Clown Band Trio, Magical Mystery Tour, a puppet show and the Tree Top Kids.

There's also a bubble-gum-blowing contest, a chance to learn the Pineapple Dance, jumping castles and a variety of games for children, with prizes for everyone, including a chance to win a new bicycle.

A family rest area will be available in the children's activity area for diaper changing, drinks and rest.

Other features include youth sports and challenges, family entertainment, foods from around the world, bingo and a refreshment garden.

For the teens this year, there will be an 'Inflatable City', complete with a bungee run, mountain climbing and an Olympic-style obstacle course.

Teens can also participate in two ball tournaments.

There'll also be entertainment at the Seniors Stage Area beginning at noon with the Pickering Jazz Band, and continuing with the George Lake Band (1 p.m.); opening ceremonies (2 p.m.); Pickering Perennials (2:15 p.m.); Winston Alfonso (3 p.m.); Danny Gain, the Swinging Whistler (3:30 p.m.); Kick Up A Fuss Cloggers (4 p.m.); and Candace Liburd (4:30 p.m.).

The 2 p.m. ceremonies will kick off Pickering's year-long millennium celebrations with a musical procession and cake cutting.

At 5 p.m. the mayor and other Pickering council members will play in the annual Mayor's Softball Challenge on the large diamond.

Get ready to sing and dance at 6 p.m. with KX96's Jerry Archer.

During the evening excit-

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These raccoons are not city slickers

Families to release 'nature's creatures'

BY LINDA WHITE
Staff Writer

PICKERING — For some neighbours who have adopted a family of orphaned raccoons, saying goodbye to their newfound friends is going to be a tough ordeal.

But "we know they are wild creatures," says Lyn Klamph, whose Pickering home has been turned upside down since the discovery of five raccoons under her front porch almost two months ago.

"They aren't city creatures,

they're nature's creatures," explains Ms. Klamph, who began taking care of the tiny creatures after noticing the mother's absence.

"We had seen them playing in the garden, but stayed away from them because we heard the mother tittering away whenever we came near," recalls Ms. Klamph.

When they realized they hadn't heard or seen the mother in a few days, "we knew

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Richard Klamph (left) and Wendy McElwain and others have joined forces to help these orphaned raccoons. They're being released to the wild on July 1.

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Parents of idled students ready for 'meltdown'

St. Mary parents threaten to move kids if extra-curriculars don't resume

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

PICKERING — More than 100 parents at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School are threatening to pull their children out of the Catholic system this fall unless extra-curricular activities are reinstated in September.

Parents and students from the Whites Road school who attended the Durham Catholic District School Board's meeting at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby Monday reported approximately 100 parents have signed forms indicating their intent to transfer their children to the public board unless the separate board finds a way to offer sports teams and clubs this fall.

"If they don't do something soon the parents are going to have a meltdown," says school council chairman Brenda Birinyi. "The parents have been very tolerant and so have the students. We're not going to be tolerant of it anymore."

"Our children are being treated like second-class citizens," feels parent Colleen Judges.

She says, "Good teachers are leaving Durham and good teachers are not coming to Durham (because of the working conditions within the board)."

Under a board revision to the arbitration ruling handed down in January, Catholic high school teachers in Durham are required to instruct 6.5 of eight classes a year, down from the 6.67 of eight mandated by the original ruling. However, the norm at boards across the province is six of eight and parents say there should be uniformity across Ontario so all students, re-



BRENDA BIRINYI
"The parents have been very tolerant and so have the students."

gardless of where they live, will have an opportunity to take part in sports teams and clubs.

"We have to be the same across Ontario," says parent Irene Leach. She feels, "This is a good example of why boards should be eliminated. They're not doing their job."

"We don't want to move from Pickering," notes parent Dan Osborn. "But the children come first."

The parents, who had hoped to address trustees, were not included on the board's agenda on Monday and left feeling frustrated at not having an opportunity to question board officials about efforts to reinstate extra-curricular activities.

"These people won't even talk to us. They slammed the door in our face," Mr. Osborn says.

Board chairman Mary Ann Martin says she plans to respond to parents' concerns in writing and reports the board is still trying to

"bring a resolution to this (situation for September)."

Trustee Martin explains the St. Mary group was not included on Monday's agenda because it only requested an opportunity to make a presentation earlier that day while board guidelines stipulate that requests have to be made seven days prior to a meeting.

"I'm totally aware of the concerns," Trustee Martin says. "I'm a parent as well. I have two children in secondary schools."

St. Mary teacher and football coach Bob Bridgeman, who plans to continue coaching this fall, is hopeful a resolution will be reached soon.

"Kids need that stuff to look forward to and we need the time to organize it," he says. "I don't think (teaching six of eight) is the total answer...but whatever it takes, teachers and the board have to get together."

Meanwhile, Grade 12 student Adam Chase, who has played football since Grade 10, says without sports, school life was "dull" this year.

The 17 year old, who hopes to get one more year of football in before going on to university, reports there were only a few extra-curricular activities offered this year, including a football trip to Edmonton and the continuation of the school's music program.

"Extra-curricular activities bring out the spirit of the school," Adam says.

He would "definitely" consider attending a public high school in September if extra-curricular activities resume within the Durham District School Board

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Separate board budget gets final approval

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"We do spend more in special education than the Ministry (of Education) required in its funding model," he says, noting the board is increasing special-education staff for the coming year.

According to superintendent of business David Visser, the board will spend \$255,687 more on special-education programs than the government's funding provides.

The board will receive \$13,941,116 for special-education programs, but will spend \$14,196,803

The board is also directing more money into the classroom and will spend in excess of the funding provided by \$1,440,739.

The budget also includes a \$2.5-million increase in the foundation grant to account for new enrolment and an increase of approximately \$370,000 for continuing education and summer school.

Expenditures include \$225,000 to purchase an additional five portables and a \$1.6-million transfer from the board's reserves to fund costs related to the board's technology plan and its school renovation projects.

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Pickering 2000 Kicks Off on Canada Day

Canada Day at Kinsmen Park marks the beginning of a year-long celebration as Pickering welcomes the new millennium. Canada Day activities will be enhanced this year with a seniors' stage show and picnic area in addition to hot air balloon rides courtesy of Enbridge Consumers Gas (weather permitting). Opening ceremonies for Pickering 2000 will take place at 2:00 p.m. at the Seniors' stage. Please come join the fun as we start the countdown to the new millennium.

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High school teachers reject board offer Deal 'would have begun to address' workload concerns: Public board

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

Durham's public high school teachers rejected an offer from the public school board Tuesday that would have decreased their workload and could have opened the door for the resumption of extra-curricular activities this fall, board officials report.

In a vote yesterday afternoon, local members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) voted against a "memorandum of agreement" that would have amended their current contract with the board "despite the best efforts of the (board staff) and the (union's) leadership," a board news release states.

"Both the negotiating teams believed that the proposed workload provisions contained in the memorandum of agreement would have begun to address secondary teachers' concerns over the increased workload of the past school year," the release states.

Under the arbitration award, handed down by arbitrator Richard Jackson in January, high school teachers were ordered to teach 6.5 of 8 classes after negotiations between the board and its high school teachers reached an impasse.

The ruling represented an increase in the teaching load for local high school teachers who had taught six of eight classes under the union's prior agreement with the board.

Details of the proposed amendment that was voted on yesterday were not released by the board.

"The board is disappointed that (the offer), which would have benefited students across the region, was turned down by secondary teachers," board chairman Doug Ross said in the news release, which also reported "the board believed the memorandum of agreement would have signaled the gradual return of extra-curricular activities as they had been delivered in the past."

OSSTF Durham district president Pat Jermy refused to comment on the outcome of the vote yesterday, other than saying the federation was "still waiting for the last school to report" the results shortly after 2:30 p.m.

The public board had scheduled a special meeting last night to deal with the amendment to the arbitration award had it been accepted by teachers.

The meeting was to go ahead but the only item on the agenda was to be the distribution of the board's news release.



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Oliver makes his mark

Oliver Dumpit, a Grade 5 student at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic School, won a provincially run contest by the Scientists in School project by designing a special bookmark illustrating the program. Scientists

in School is a non-profit organization which tries to raise awareness and interest among youth for science, engineering and technology studies. Oliver was one of three winners selected from Durham.

Durham's 'eye in the sky' makes arrests

Police helicopter a hit from first take-off

BY CHRISTY CHASE
Staff Writer

Durham Regional Police Services' new helicopter has scored two busts in its first week of operation.

Air One helped officers in Oshawa break up a bush party on the lakefront late Friday evening and led officers in Ajax to an arrest in an armed robbery of a doughnut shop, in which a store employee was slashed with an axe early Saturday.

The helicopter's infrared technology was used to spot people in both instances, said spokesman Sgt. Jim Grimley.

Residents in the Park Road South area had complained to police about large groups of young people holding bush parties near the lake, he said. Air One was sent up to check out the area and detected the party, he said.

"The infrared pinpointed their location and the helicopter crew was able to direct officers on the ground to the site," he said.

Charges under the Liquor Licence Act were laid but details were not available at press time.

Several hours later, Air One was put into service to help track down a robbery suspect in Ajax. A man armed with an axe attacked an employee of Coffee Time, 475 Westney Rd., in the robbery about 1:25 a.m. Saturday.

The robber fled with cash from the store and the employee's wallet. The employee was taken to Ajax and Pickering Health Centre, treated and released.

The helicopter used infrared to check the area for the robber, Sgt. Grimley said.

"At that time, the helicopter did identify a lone male walking southbound on Westney and directed officers to check him out," he said.

The officer who investigated found the person's clothes didn't match the de-



JIM GRIMLEY
"The infrared pinpointed their location."

scription from the employee so he noted the person's identification and let him go, Sgt. Grimley said.

Later information received from the employee led police to realize the person did match the suspect, he added. A check with a cab company led Durham Police and Toronto police to a Scarborough address where a 17-year-old Ajax youth was arrested.

The youth is charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of possession of a dangerous weapon. The second robbery and weapons charges relate to a Feb. 8 knife-point robbery of a Petro Canada station at Westney Road and Hwy. 2.

Durham and York police are sharing the helicopter under a six-month pilot project.

The helicopter, which alternates weeks between Durham and York, will return to Durham the first week of July.

Molotov cocktail tossed at Whitby-Ajax MPP's office

BY CINDY UPSHALL
Staff Writer

Attorney general for just over two weeks, Whitby-Ajax MPP Jim Flaherty is getting a personal introduction to crime.

Early Monday morning a Molotov cocktail was thrown at the front window of Mr. Flaherty's Dundas Street East constituency office, say Durham Regional Police. The projectile fell short of its intended target and landed on the front lawn, burning there. Mr. Flaherty was named to the position of attorney general on June 17 when Mike Harris announced his new cabinet. As attorney general, Mr. Flaherty is the chief lawyer for the provincial government and is responsible for all criminal prosecutions in Ontario.

For this reason, he says, he can't comment specifically about the details of the incident.

"We take the security of MPP offices very seriously," he says, adding damage to government offices is seen as a seri-

ous offence.

"It's a public office. It's a public place and it's important the offices are safe," says Mr. Flaherty.

While no one was hurt in the incident, this isn't the first time Mr. Flaherty's office has been a target for vandalism.

"There was one incident when I was the solicitor general, covering for Bob Runciman when there was a rock thrown through the window," he says, adding he doesn't know if there's a relation between his new position in the justice system and the event.

Asked if he was disturbed by the most recent incident, Mr. Flaherty pointed to his government focus on safer communities, saying, "It concerns me always when there are incidents that involve property damage or physical violence."

Police are asking for any witnesses to call the Whitby detachment of the Durham Regional Police at 579-1520 ext., 1836.

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Q2 What about building and fire codes? Is the station up to the latest standards?

A2 We're making sure it is. And because an independent viewpoint is always a good thing to have, the station has hired an outside company to do a fire safety assessment. They're looking at the plant in light of the latest National Building and Fire Codes, as well as the Canadian Safety Association Standards — particularly the CSA Standard that deals with fire protection in nuclear power plants. In many ways, this standard exceeds the requirements of building and fire codes, with specifications designed to ensure that fire will not affect cabling or other equipment related to safely operating a reactor.

The final report on the assessment will be ready by the end of September. When we receive it, we'll do any work that is needed to bring the station up to the latest standards.

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New life lies ahead for orphaned raccoon cubs

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Simply the best

Grade 8 Holy Redeemer Catholic School student Kimberley Ibarra is the proud recipient of this trophy after winning first place in the Durham Region Catholic Women's League public speaking contest held in Oshawa last week. Kimberley's topic was phobias. She's obviously not afraid of speaking in public.

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something must have happened to her," Ms. Klampf reports. "Mother raccoons are very protective and she wouldn't just leave them."

Ms. Klampf called Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary in north Pickering, but there was no room to care for the orphaned raccoons. Sanctuary founder Joyce Smith became "our nursemaid and walked us through this. She told us when it was time to put them on Pablum and has been just wonderful."

Ms. Klampf and her 10-year-old son Richard kept three of the raccoons, while two neighbouring families have shared in taking care of the other two.

"We make sure the raccoons still play together so they don't lose that bond," says Ms. Klampf.

Richard and his friend Christopher Calder enjoy taking the raccoons for walks to a nearby creek, which had likely been home to the mother raccoon.

"The raccoons follow behind them. At first, they used leashes, but now the raccoons just follow them wherever they go," reports Ms. Klampf, who compares caring for the animals to caring for babies.

"It has been magical. I can't tell you how wonderful this has been."

— LYN KLAMPF

"We held them in our hands when they were just young and fed them from a bottle. When their arms and legs became strong enough, we could prop them up in a basket and they would hold onto the bottle and feed themselves."

And, the Klampfs have taken lots of pictures and videotape of the animals, just as they would babies. Ms. Klampf, a teacher at Roland Michener Public School in Ajax, has taken the raccoons to class, while Richard showed them off at his school, Vaughan Willard Public School in Pickering.

But "we know they are ready for their next step," admits Ms. Klampf. "They're cute now, but we know how difficult they can be when they grow up."

Neighbour Jill McElwain, who has helped care for two of the animals, agrees. "It has been quite a learning experience," admits the Maple Ridge Public School teacher

in Pickering. "They've become stronger."

Still, it will be particularly difficult for her five-year-old daughter Wendy to say goodbye. "She calls them her babies and bundles them all up in a blanket," reports Ms. McElwain. "We're doing the countdown...I have to remind her that she is lucky to have had this opportunity. She may never again hold a raccoon in her arms."

On Canada Day, the families plan to take the raccoons to Aspen Valley Wildflower Sanctuary near Huntsville in northern Ontario, where they will be taught to survive in the wild before being released.

"It has been magical. I can't tell you how wonderful this has been," Ms. Klampf admits.

"We're planning to take a lot of Kleenex with us."

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For more information 905-713-7343.

Dance raises MS funds

A generation's worth of musical numbers hit the air next month at a fund-raising dance.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Durham holds a dance with cash bar featuring music of the 1970s-1990s Saturday, July 10 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 43, 471 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling 686-2581. Proceeds go to provide services for people with MS in Durham.

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Pickering's third Community Pride Day held on Saturday, April 24th was a complete success. Many individuals and community groups were involved with a variety of projects that included cleaning up litter, and tree and shrub planting. I am sure everyone would agree that all our greenbelts, marshlands and other open spaces are much cleaner and more attractive as a result of these community efforts.

COMMUNITY PRIDE AWARDS

The Council of the Town of Pickering has created the Community Pride Award Program to recognize groups and individuals who make significant contributions to keeping their neighbourhoods clean and inviting while generally displaying promoting pride in the Town of Pickering. These awards shall be given by Council following each Community Pride Day to two individuals and one organization from each of the three Wards in the Town of Pickering.

If you wish to nominate a group or individual for a Community Pride Award for their efforts on Community Pride Day, April 24th, 1999, please submit your nomination in the form of a letter to the Town Clerk on or before July 9th, 1999. The letters of nomination will be given to the Town Council who shall decide who should receive the awards.

Nominations should be sent to:
Bruce Taylor, AMCT, CMM
Town Clerk
One The Esplanade
Pickering, Ontario
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SALE OF SURPLUS TOWN LANDS BY PUBLIC TENDER

TAKE NOTICE on June 29, 1998, The Corporation of the Town of Pickering passed Resolution No. 126/98/By-law 5391/98 deeming the property municipally known as 4959 Brock Road, Clarendon, surplus to the needs of the Corporation.

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned department no later than 2:00 p.m. local time:

Friday July 23, 1999

The tenders will be opened in public on the same day at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Tenders must be submitted in the form of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale which will be provided in the tender package. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order, bank draft or cheque certified by a bank, trust corporation or Province of Ontario Savings Office payable to The Corporation of the Town of Pickering and representing a minimum of 10 per cent of the tender amount.

The Corporation of the Town of Pickering makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered, the relevant land transfer tax, applicable GST and all related legal costs. The purchase transaction shall be closed within 60 days of the acceptance of the tender by The Corporation of the Town of Pickering.

Site Visit

The property will be shown on July 6 and July 8, 1999 as follows:

Description of Land
4959 Old Brock Road
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Viewing time
7:00 p.m.

Agreements of Purchase and Sale and Terms of Reference are available from the Department of Supply & Services at the location set out below and at the site visit.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Department of Supply & Services
Pickering Civic Complex
One The Esplanade
Pickering, Ontario
L1V 6K7
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Email: supply@town.pickering.on.ca

Vera A. Felgenmacher Jeffrey, CPPO, C.P.P., CMMI
Manager of Supply & Services

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T-6-99

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Wednesday, July 7, 1999

This contract is for the supply of the required materials, labour, machinery, tools and appliances required to place a Bituminous Surface Treatment and Emulsified Asphalt Slurry Seal on the Pickering Uxbridge Town Line in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications prepared by the Town of Pickering and as directed.

This contract is also for the supply of the required materials, labour, machinery, tools and appliances required to resurface Rougemont Drive with 50mm of HL-4 asphalt pavement in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications prepared by the Town of Pickering and as directed.

Tender forms and specifications will be available, and may be obtained by contacting the Department of Supply and Services upon a non-refundable payment of \$10.00 per set by cash or cheque made payable to the Town of Pickering.

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(905) 420-4616
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HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

DO YOU NEED A HOME-BASED BUSINESS LICENCE?

If you live in the Town of Pickering the answer is Yes.

While less progressive municipalities have chosen to ignore Home-Based Businesses, the Town of Pickering encourages and supports the growth of "Canada's fastest growing small business sector." In doing so, Town Council has adopted a by-law (5195/98) which permits a business to operate legally from a permanent residence.

A home-based business licence is required and must be purchased from the Town on an annual basis for \$50.00.

A copy of the Home-Based Business Information Booklet is available Free of Charge and will answer most questions regarding Home-Based Businesses.

For more information, contact the Town of Pickering at (905) 420-2222.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS NOW!

Who's spending what?

These 1999 figures from Durham municipalities include salaries, wages, benefits and expenses for councillors, mayors and office staff where they exist.

Here is what each Town expects to spend this year:

Town of Ajax:	\$304,600
Township of Brock:	\$112,431
Town of Clarington:	\$187,300
City of Oshawa:	\$250,270*
Town of Pickering:	\$435,726
Town of Scugog:	\$122,542
Town of Uxbridge:	\$190,800
Town of Whitby:	\$407,100

*The most recent complete figures available from the City of Oshawa are for 1998. The 1999 figures are unavailable, according to the City's treasury department.

Canada Day party planned

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ing and talented artists will provide family entertainment on the main stage.

Canada Day will be topped off at 10 p.m. with a large 'pyromusical fireworks show' at the park.

All the day's activities are free.

Limited parking is available for \$2 on Parkham Crescent.

(There'll be no parking on Sandy Beach Road.) Some free parking is available on lots E and F at the Pickering nuclear station.

There's also free parking at the Pickering GO train station, where shuttle buses will run to Kinsmen Park every 20 minutes starting at noon, at a fare of \$1 for adults and no charge for those under 19 years of age.

Pickering council expenses add up for taxpayers

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year each. Until this year Ajax councillors received no such allowance. As of Jan. 1, 1999, however, they may claim a flat rate of \$200 a month for travel.

Pickering politicians are about to move ahead of their Ajax counterparts in terms of salaries as well. Councillors are being paid at a rate of \$17,500 per year, and that will go up to \$19,000 on July 1 and \$20,000 on July 1, 2000. Ajax councillors are receiving an annual salary of \$17,748 this year, which will go up 2.5 per cent in each of the next two years.

Overall, Pickering is the top-spending municipality in Durham on its mayor and councillors (including their salaries, benefits and expenses and the salaries, benefits and expenses of their staff, where applicable). The total budget for those costs in Pickering is \$435,726. It's \$407,100 for Whitby, \$304,600 for Ajax, \$250,270 for Oshawa (for 1998; the 1999 figure was not available), \$187,300 for Clarington, \$190,800 for Uxbridge, \$112,431 for Brock and \$122,542 for Scugog.

Pickering Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner says the expenses he is reimbursed for go to meeting the needs of constituents.

For example, he notes a large portion of the expenses he incurs is for cell phone calls on a number he uses for Town business only. He says he usually deals with

15 to 25 Town-related calls a day.

"What I try to do is provide the equivalent of full-time accessibility to residents. If you're committed to community empowerment, which I am, it's important to make yourself available whenever possible. What I have is a (phone) service that follows me wherever I am."

Though Coun. Brenner says he usually only sends out one newsletter a year and doesn't use colour, he believes newsletters are important and some councillors use more colour and graphics to try to make theirs more readable and understandable.

"I do see newsletters as being important in communicating what's happening in the community and what's happening on council."

In the future, however, he expects some communications costs may go down as councillors are increasingly able to connect with constituents via the Internet and the Town Web site.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, who had the highest expenses among Pickering councillors, says that's partly because he represents the biggest and fastest-growing ward in the Town and thousands of his constituents are long distance by phone.

He says it's also because of the large number of committees and boards he sits on and chairs for Pickering and Durham Region.

That's a combination, he explains, that makes for 17-

hour days, a lot of issues to deal with and a lot of time spent on the cell phone in his car as he commutes from meeting to meeting.

"When I'm responding to my constituents on the phone, I'm always long distance. You want to get to people because people's problems are immediate problems. They want you to get back to them ASAP."

Coun. Johnson also points out he has to "piggyback" some of the expenses he incurs on his Regional duties on his Town expense budget, because the Region doesn't provide offices or reimburse cell phone and some other costs.

He suggests the communication and other council expenses paid for by the Town can be considered a bargain when compared to the expenses paid for an MPP or MP, who usually have their own offices and staff to deal with constituents' needs, which are often less immediate than those dealt with by municipal councillors.

"You need those tools to accommodate the amount of workload, to get it done effectively and inexpensively and to get it done properly," says Coun. Johnson.

Mayor Wayne Arthurs explains the system for reimbursing expenses has been "collectively determined" by councillors based on "a public service level that they want to provide to the community", which includes the ability to be in constant communication with residents if necessary, to provide a "high quality

newsletter" and to have administrative support available after Town office hours.

"For the most part (councillors) are putting in the equivalent of full-time hours, in addition to whatever else they're doing," notes the mayor.

Ward 1 local Councillor Dave Ryan, whose expense claims have been the lowest by far on council, says he doesn't claim some of the items for which he would be eligible.

He notes he keeps his cell phone expenses to a

minimum and uses Town staff extensively so he doesn't require the external services councillors are allowed to claim for.

Coun. Ryan suggests the reimbursement available for newsletters and mailing costs is "extravagant" and that "key issues" are reported to the public by local media anyway.

"I deal on a neighbourhood basis with neighbourhood issues," he says. "Therefore I don't require massive mailings of self-promotion."

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Editorial & OPINIONS

NEWS ADVERTISER JUNE 30, 1999



EDITORIAL

Politicians serve Pickering well

But, Town councillors' spending excessive by most standards

It's quite fitting, we think, that report cards issued for local politicians and school board trustees should come at the end of another school year.

So it is for Pickering residents as today's News Advertiser offers a status update — a report card — for the people who decide what direction our town and school boards are headed.

For the most part, Pickering residents are being well served by their elected officials. Collectively, the marks are reasonable and, we believe, fair and accurate. Though we recognize this effort is a subjective one, we also believe your community newspaper is best prepared and informed when it comes to grading the people you read about.

In Pickering, Mayor Wayne Arthurs has shown his quiet leadership style and belief in consensus building can get results. That's reflected in back-to-back 'B+' grades.

Town councillors have also illustrated their commitment to hard work, knowledge of important local needs, and involvement in their constituencies through such delicate political issues as airport lands designation, preservation of important agricultural lands, and improvements at the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.

Public and separate school board trustees in Pickering scored, on average, high marks as well, which show their influence and effect on a much larger governing body which represents all of Durham Region.

Indeed, the public servants representing Pickering have scored well and deserve recognition for their efforts. Most attend to their responsibilities dutifully. They regularly volunteer to participate in community efforts and initiatives. But that doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement, both individually and collectively.

What was most striking about Pickering councillors was their expense accounts which, by any comparison in communities across the region, seem particularly lavish. Using neighbouring Ajax as an example, it's incredible to note that Pickering councillors cost taxpayers here \$68,900 in expenses in the last year, compared with a \$5,133 in Ajax. Individual councillor expense claims — which in Pickering include costs for newsletter distribution and cell phones — are consistently higher for taxpayers here.

Surely most reasonable people would find that excessive. But, only the voting public can decide if the amount they're paying local elected officials adds up to good value.

That's where you come in. You are the enduring focus of the efforts of our elected officials. You are the people they are elected to serve.

But with that comes responsibility. Inform yourself about the issues in your neighbourhood and the community at large. Contact your local representative to let your views be known. Participate actively in the democratic process to see that your vision of tomorrow is recognized. Call your councillor or trustee and question them. Let them know when you disagree and offer to take part when you share common ground.

These report cards, ultimately, are a reflection on the rest of us as well. If it's true that we get the government we deserve, then we must become involved in the process.

It's our responsibility to see that our elected officials make the grade.

It's your health

Ajax and Pickering Health Centre has moved one step closer to becoming a full-service hospital. And, a big step it is. The hospital has just purchased a \$1-million CT scanner for testing head trauma victims and detecting other life-threatening problems.

Most importantly, the high-tech, state-of-the-art piece of equipment is more telling than a simple X-ray and can yield results quickly, some images in real time. The scanner allows for greater accuracy of diagnosis and earlier detection of abnormalities such as tumours. That's vital because, in a head trauma victim, for example, the scanner can be used to detect internal bleeding that a simple X-ray might not identify.

Just how important is the CT scanner? Once it's in operation by the end of July, it will be used 25 to 30 times a day, or on about 7,000 patients each year, according to Dr. Michael Mah, medical director of radiology for the Rouge Valley Health System, which includes the Centenary Health Centre. "This is a big, big part of making this hospital a full-service hospital," says Dr. Mah.

But a full-service hospital doesn't come without a price. The hospital auxiliary has committed to raising at least \$500,000 of the cost of the scanner while the hospital foundation will collect the rest. In both cases, that means the public will be solicited for contributions. Or, as auxiliary president Bev Carmichael puts it, "You are going to see the auxiliary in front of your face a lot."

To keep the auxiliary out of your face, call the hospital foundation at 683-2320 ext. 1227 to make a donation. Consider it money well spent. It's your hospital. It's your health.

E-mail comments on these editorials to nnews@durham.net. Submissions which include the writer's full name and town of residence will be considered for publication.

YOU SAID IT

The question was:

What's the best thing about living in Canada?



Christine Raininger says, "There's lots of nice people and great schools and good books to read."



Szabi Kiss says, "There's no fear of wars because Canada is a peaceful country. Also, you can be or do whatever you want in Canada."



Cherene Lewis says, "We have freedom of speech. There is plenty of opportunity. If you need help or shelter, there's lots available."

DOGHAN dolighant@aol.com



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Once abortion is condoned, who is next target?

To the editor:

I am perplexed but not surprised that you would print Dr. W. Gifford-Jones' macabre and bizarre comments on 'Weighing in on Dr. Kevorkian and his crime' in your Health and Fitness section.

I would inform him that Dr. Kevorkian's trailer is known as 'Hell-on-Wheels'!

I challenge the one argument he sets up amid the comments about the differences between Canadian and U.S. laws, the 'Dutch Experience' - which is totally inaccurate and culpably misleading - and the so-called legal differences in the treatment between "medical murder" which Dr. Kevorkian practised and hardened criminals. That argument, to quote him verbatim: "Opponents of euthanasia argue that condoning mercy killing (read medical murder - my words) results in the 'slippery slope' theory. That people who don't want euthanasia will get it. This is nonsense."

The pro-abortionists used exactly the same false premise in the late 1960s - and what have we seen? The number of abortions went from 11,000 in 1970 to 110,000 a year in Canada by 1996! What is being

portrayed here is that "man" is just a meaningless and accidental biological organism, a concept developed and promoted by the judicial-journalistic establishment and foisted upon a "softened-up" people as human compassion, one of the tenets of the secular humanists. The attributes and prerogatives of an all-loving God are now usurped by science, false god of our times!

One must be so blind, deaf, dumb and from another planet, not to recognize the dire mess in which we find ourselves today. Wake up! Recognize that once abortion is condoned and legally sanctioned for whatever "compassionate reason," there is no reason why we cannot get rid of the elderly, the useless and the infirm for similar reasons!

John E.G. Stone, F.C.A.M.,
Executive Director,
Society for Catholic Life
and Culture,
Pickering

A good life includes God

To the editor:

When I compare my life among God-loving people today to those who behaved in a Godless manner before I left them behind two years ago, I shudder to think what values we would be leaving our children if

we didn't give them time for prayer and meditation each day in school.

God tells us to not steal or lie, to be faithful to our husbands and wives, to love one another, to honour our parents, to never kill, and to behave in an honourable manner.

I suppose we could turn our backs on God, but then what? We would live in a society that has no control over violent crime, promiscuity, elder abuse, child abuse, lying, cheating, stealing, foul language, substance abuse, prostitution and other forms of disrespect. Spit on God and you spit on all that is decent in humanity. Unless we want our governments to take on the role and create a morality squad to police unacceptable behaviour.

I refuse to live like that. I want to live in a society that is safe, loving, and a good place for an economy, a society and individuals to grow. That starts inside each of us as adults and children and it starts and ends with God, wherever life's journey takes us, no matter what our religious beliefs are.

If that takes a few minutes each day of reflection about how we are living our lives and what role God has in our lives, then I hope the majority of God-loving citizens supports prayers in public schools.

Unless you like the idea of your children going to school with others who could shoot them at random, and who might introduce them to pornography on the Internet.

Nancy Hendriks

North no friend to Mike Harris

Home part of province opts for opposition members



Eric Dowd

At Queen's Park

Premier Mike Harris is by one important measurement the most popular Ontario politician in three decades, but he is still having trouble impressing the folks back home.

This was underlined when the Progressive Conservative premier from North Bay was forced to appoint an MPP from Niagara, almost at the province's southern tip, as his minister of northern development and mines.

Tim Hudak takes over from Chris Hodgson, who has his hands full as chair of management board and is from Haliburton, which also is not exactly a northern outpost, although forests and mines are not unknown there.

Mr. Harris would like to have an MPP from the north handling issues affecting its residents, but the premier was again the only Tory elected in the north, which also voted in five Liberals and four New Democrats.

The government also designates Finance Minister Ernie Eves's Parry Sound a northern riding for grants purposes, but few accept it as the true north.

Mr. Harris is being called the most popular premier in three decades because he is the first to win majorities in two successive elections since Tory John Robarts in the 1960s, although Mr. Harris still has not shown the longevity of Tory Bill Davis, who won four elections but only two with majorities.

The lack of enthusiasm for Mr. Harris in the north where he lives compared to the rest of the province is striking, but to be fair, the Tories were almost wiped out there long before he became leader.

There was a time they had their

share of MPPs in the north, particularly during their unbroken reign from 1943-85, and they included some notables.

There was Wilfrid Spooner in the cabinets of Leslie Frost and Mr. Robarts, a principled municipal affairs minister who stopped media and sports tycoon John Bassett from building an overhang on Maple Leaf Gardens, which would have blocked out the sky, and was subjected to such media harassment he lost his seat.

George Wardrope, a similar no-nonsense minister in charge of jails, showed guts running for leader against Mr. Robarts.

Arthur Wishart, unknown and an MPP only a few months, was a surprise recruit by Mr. Robarts for attorney-general when Fred Cass resigned over criticism of his unrealistically harsh 'police state' bill, and turned out so innovative and strong on human rights he became the attorney general others set the standard by.

Rene Brunelle (from Moonbeam, a name hard to leave out) was a likable lands and forests minister. Leo Bernier, the first minister of northern affairs, was called Emperor of the North because not much, including patronage, was delivered there without his say-so.

John Rhodes, a former police-

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* Pickering expenses, as provided by the Town, cover June 1, 1998 to May 31, 1999, and include items such as mileage, newsletters, postage, cell phones, pagers, meals, special events, office supplies, outside services and conferences; Durham Region, CLOCA and TRCA expenses are for 1998.

* Attendance is for June 1998 through May, 1999 at executive committee and council meetings. Summaries of the 'most important issues facing the Town' were based on submissions from the mayor and councillors.

* Grades may be interpreted as follows: A = excellent, best among peers; B = good solid performance, good attendance, moves fair share of motions; C = fair, only average in most categories, doesn't speak up much; D = weak, not up to the task, not involved at meetings, not accessible; F = awful, shouldn't be there.

Mayor Wayne Arthurs



Last year's grade: B+
This year's grade: B+
Now into fourth term as mayor after serving two terms as local councillor for Ward 3.

Attendance: Attended 16/17 executive committee, 23/23 local council, 22/23 regional council and 16/21 social services committee meetings.

Expenses: \$2,413.73 (Durham Region). For Pickering, the mayor's expenses are not calculated separately but are considered part of the Town's operating expenses. Estimated 1998 expenditures for the mayor's office, which include costs such as staff, equipment, seminars, a car for the mayor and public relations, were \$106,202.

Committees: Durham Region Health and Social Services Committee; Durham Region Governance Committee; Pickering Hydro Commission; Greater Toronto Services Board; Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance; ex-officio member of most Town committees.

Current Volunteer and Community Activities: Ajax-Pickering United Way (honorary chair); Ajax-Pickering hospital foundation.

Most important issues facing Town: Consolidation of municipal services and governance restructuring among Durham Region municipalities is the most important; others are new business development; implementation of a waterfront vision; the stakeholders' forum and process to address the federal (airport) land holdings; maintaining budgets without tax increases for locally-controlled services.

Comments: Mayor Arthurs continues with his moderate, low-key leadership style with which he seems able to achieve consensus on council most of the time. The mayor has played his strongest roles over the past year on the airport and agricultural lands issues in co-operation with citizens' groups, representing Pickering's case effectively in discussions with federal and provincial officials. His big tests this year are likely to be the airport negotiations and amalgamation with Ajax, which he continues to support openly but not too aggressively. Quiet, measured determination is good, but a little more forcefulness on occasion might be better. Speak more succinctly and without belabouring the point.

Ward 1 local Councillor Dave Ryan



Last year's grade: B
This year's grade: B
Serving second term.

Attendance: Attended 17/17 executive, 20/23 council meetings.

Expenses: \$601.92 (to end of Feb. '99).

Committees: Pickering Public Library Board, Pickering Site Plan Committee, Pickering Advisory Committee on Race Relations and Equity (chairman), Council liaison to Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together (PACT) for the Environment.

Current Volunteer and Community Activities: Fund-raising for the Heart and Stroke Foundation; Osteoporosis Walk; PineRidge Arts Council; Pickering Museum Village and Ajax-Pickering Health Centre.

Most important issues facing Town: Contending with the ongoing downloading of service responsibilities by the provincial government; effectively managing the tax structure; ongoing restructuring of services in co-operation with Ajax and the proposed amalgamation of municipal structures.

Comments: Coun. Ryan's efforts this past year have included a resolution requiring all initiatives coming before council to be thoroughly costed out, and a Town bylaw to govern the display of pornographic videos and other materials in local stores. Fought tooth and nail for a guarantee improvements planned for the waterfront trail in west Pickering would proceed after they were almost wiped out by new plans for the Town's Millennium Trail. Only councillor to vote against 29.2-per cent pay hike over 19 months for councillors; he said only the mayor's 22.7-per cent raise was appropriate. Coun. Ryan could get

making the grade

The News Advertiser puts Pickering politicians to the test

They've been in their current term of office for 18 months and local politicians are facing the issues head-on. Among our considerations when reaching a grade is the politician's ability to work effectively as part of the team, leadership and lobbying success. Politicians were asked to supply a list of the committees they sit on as part of their elected duties, volunteer work and an overview of the most important issues facing the town.

more involved in more issues. Seems like a bit of an underachiever with ability to do more.

Ward 2 local Councillor Mark Holland



Last year's grade: B+
This year's grade: B+
Serving first term.

Attendance: Attended 17/17 executive, 23/23 council meetings

Expenses: \$13,164.84

Committees: Millennium Trail Ad-Hoc Committee (chairman); Pickering Winterfest (chairman); Pickering Public Library board; Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering board; Pickering Committee of Adjustment; Pickering Personnel Committee; Pickering Audit Committee.

Current Volunteer and Community Activities: Pickering Block Parents (vice-chairman); Amnesty International; Take Pride in Pickering program (founder).

Most important issues facing Town: Governance; maintaining and fostering community; preservation of rural lands; implementing and expanding the stormwater management plan adopted by council; realizing the dream of our waterfront; creation of a downtown; continued leadership in library and information services; protection of the character and vibrancy of Pickering's rural communities; finding solutions to eliminate Town debt incurred as a result of provincial downloading.

Comments: Major effort this past year has been cobbling together a \$3.45-million plan for the Millennium Trail and Square on Pickering's waterfront, and navigating it through considerable controversy before it was finally agreed on by council and the community. Other initiatives included proposing and chairing Winterfest, and a resolution to make Pickering a city in 2000. Has also helped area residents get a hearing on Maple Ridge power lines issue. Looking at an A grade next year if he can actually get the \$1.4 million needed from non-Town sources for the Millennium Trail and Square. Shorter speeches.

Ward 3 local Councillor David Pickles



Last year's grade: B
This year's grade: B
Serving first term.

Attendance: Attended 17/17 executive and 23/23 council meetings.

Expenses: \$15,890.97

Committees: Pickering Public Library board; Pickering Community Centres board; Pickering Museum Management board; Pickering Museum Village Advisory Committee; Pickering Site Plan Committee; Pickering Personnel Committee; Pickering Cemetery board; Pickering Performance Appraisal Committee

Current Volunteer and Community Activities: Participating in and fund-raising for Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Race Relations Forum, Pickering Museum Village Foundation; Pickering Arts Council.

Most important issues facing Town: Decid-

ing whether amalgamation with Ajax is the most cost-effective way of providing the best services to residents; providing more employment, infrastructure, housing and recreational and cultural facilities while maintaining a livable and safe community; preserving the rural nature of north Pickering; continuing projects such as protecting Frenchman's Bay, opening up the waterfront with trails and providing more recreational opportunities.

Comments: A low-key but effective performer. Has stood by residents and worked hard and persistently on several issues such as the airport lands, the agricultural lands and the Mariana Gardens subdivision.

Never indulges in oratory and long-winded speeches like several of his council colleagues, yet expresses himself and states his position on issues clearly. He seems capable and could probably do better with just a little more aggressiveness on some issues.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner



Last year's grade: B
This year's grade: B

Now in third term as regional representative, after two terms as Ward 1 local councillor.

Attendance: Attended 17/17 executive, 22/23 council, 20/23 regional council and 19/21 health and social services meetings.

Expenses: \$13,412.85 (Pickering), \$1,365.96 (Durham Region).

Committees: Durham Region Health and Social Services Committee; Durham Region Municipal Non-Profit Housing Authority (vice-chairman); Durham Region Children's Advocate; Durham Region Transit Co-ordinating Committee; Pickering Audit Committee (chairman); Pickering Transit Committee (chairman); Pickering Site Plan Advisory Committee; Pickering 2000 Millennium Committee; Pickering/Ajax Consolidation Working Committee.

Current Volunteer and Community Activities: Involved in various fund-raising initiatives, including for Ajax-Pickering Health Centre and PineRidge Arts Council; various race relations initiatives, including training and presentations; Durham Child Poverty Task Force.

Most important issues facing Town: Municipal government reform to provide enhanced services at less cost and develop and implement a new governance model to administer consolidation of services between Pickering/Ajax and Durham Region; ensuring broad public involvement in all discussions on the future of the Pickering 'A' nuclear station; community consultation to ensure a balanced approach to development pressures from completion of Hwy. 407; a stormwater management strategy to protect waterfront; a new waste reduction strategy.

Comments: Has taken the lead on fire safety issue at Pickering nuclear station and generally makes it his job to keep nuclear plant management on their toes.

Even though he does appear to get a little carried away at times on the nuclear issue, the matters he raises often prove pertinent. Very persistent.

Brings obvious and considerable enthusiasm

to his role as Durham Region Children's Advocate.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Doug Dickerson



Last year's grade: B
This year's grade: B

Serving fourth term (non-consecutive) as Regional councillor, including a term for which he was appointed.

Attendance: Attended 15/17 executive meetings, 21/23 council, 22/23 regional council and 22/23 planning meetings.

Expenses: \$9,152.65 (Pickering); \$2,424.43 (Durham Region); \$330 (TRCA).

Committees: Durham Region Planning Committee (vice-chairman); Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; Rouge Park Alliance; East Shore Community Centre Building Committee (chairman); Pickering 2000 Millennium Committee (chairman).

Current Volunteer and Community Activities: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606.

Most important issues facing Town: Preparing for inevitable amalgamation with Ajax; ensuring growth continues in Pickering and continuing to be sensitive to existing residents dealing with land-use issues; making waterfront accessible and exciting for all residents to visit and use.

Comments: Successfully championed the expansion of the South Pickering Seniors Centre.

Has taken an active role in helping residents deal with the problem of rowdy parties and disturbances in park ravines, and started up a snow-clearing brigade to help seniors and the disabled clear their driveways and walkways following heavy snowstorms early this year.

Has helped raise money and organized big bash for Pickering's millennium celebrations. Coun. Dickerson should tone down the occasional oratory and be less of a ham.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson



Last year's grade: B
This year's grade: B

Now in his third term as Regional councillor, after one term as local representative.

Attendance: Attended 12/17 executive, 16/23 council, 19/23 regional council and 25/28 works meetings.

Expenses: \$16,676.76 (Pickering); \$4,638.43 (Durham Region); \$342 (CLOCA).

Committees: Durham Region Public Works Committee (chairman); Durham Region Waste Management Steering Committee (chairman); Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (chairman); Pickering/Ajax/Whitby Animal Control (chairman); Ontario Traffic Conference Elected Officials (chairman); GTA Public Works Committee (chairman); Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Authority; Pickering Hydro Commission; Pickering Committee of Adjustment; GTSB alternate.

Current Volunteer and Community Activities: Volunteer auctioneer for Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade; Rouge Valley Health System; Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Hospital for Sick Children; United Church; Reena Foundation; Providence Centre; Durham Highland Games; Helping Hand Durham Region; Children's Wish Foundation; Durham College Starlight Foundation; Camp Kirk Lions Club; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 483, honorary chairman for Big Brothers; Association for Community Living; Bay Ridges Hockey Tournament; Ontario Athlete of the Year Sports Hall of Fame (chairman; and sponsor of local sports teams.

Most important issues facing Town: Clean and safe drinking water, with reliable service and distribution; collecting and processing our waste stream for the next 20 years; safe and reliable roads throughout Pickering; fire protection response time and adequate equipment for firefighters; maintaining a park system all residents can enjoy; more playing fields and parks; additional ice facilities; providing safe and efficient hydro at an affordable rate.

Comments: It's been a tough year for Coun. Johnson, who missed several meetings and had to largely bow out of the budget process and a lot of issues following a family tragedy.

Has continued to focus on specific issues such as roads and waste management, on which he works hard.

Also shows strong interest in rural matters and knows rural constituency extremely well. Argued forcefully to try to persuade council not to cut Pickering's ties with the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame originally planned for the town.

He should diversify issue interest a bit, calm that temper a little.

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Public meetings

Ajax Town Council
Monday, July 5, 7 p.m. — Ajax Council, council chamber, Ajax Town Hall, 65 Harwood Ave. S.

Pickering Town Council
No Pickering Council or Executive Committee meetings in July

Wednesday, July 7, 7 p.m. — Committee of Adjustment, main committee room, Pickering Civic Complex, One the Esplanade.

Durham Regional Council
Tuesday, July 20, 10 a.m. — Durham Region Council, Council Chambers, Durham Region Headquarters, 605 Rossland Rd. E., Whitby.

Durham District School Board
There are no Durham Catholic District School Board or Durham District School Board meetings scheduled for July.

WORDS FROM THE WISE

Politics, Points of View and Parodies

Canada Day names and places....

What's in a name? Plenty, when you consider some names' enduring place in Canadian history. As area residents get ready to celebrate the nation's birthday tomorrow, we offer a history lesson of sorts to mark Canada Day. Did you know that many of Canada's towns and cities have retained the names given to those areas by the original inhabitants of North America? The names help to define Canada as a land of diversity, beauty, abundance and cultural richness. Here are some traditional names still used today:

- Coquitlam (British Columbia) comes from the Salish tribal name Kawayquitlam, which

can be translated as 'small red salmon'. The name refers to sockeye salmon common to the area.

- Wetaskiwin (Alberta) is an adaptation of the Cree wi-ta-ski-oo cha-ka-tin-ow, which means 'place of peace' or 'hill of peace'.
- Saskatoon (Saskatchewan) comes from an edible red berry native to the area, which the Cree called mis-sask-guah-too-min.
- The Pas (Manitoba) originated with the Cree word opa meaning 'a narrow place' or opaskweow, 'narrow between high banks'.
- Oshawa (Ontario) is a Seneca word that means 'crossing of a stream' or 'carrying place' that describes an old portage in the area.
- Rimouski (Quebec) is a word of Mi'kmaq or Maliseet origin, which has been translated as 'land of moose' or 'retreat of dogs', referring to its fine hunting grounds.

—News Canada



Making the grade in local politics

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Durham District School Board - Pickering Trustees

* Attendance is from August 1998 through May 1999. There were a total of 10 standing committee and 13 board meetings during that time.
* Expenses are from September 1998 to May 1999 and include conference costs.

Paul Crawford



Last year's grade: B-
This year's grade: C-

Attendance: Attended 13/13 board and 18/20 committee meetings.

Expenses: \$522.48

Committees: First term on board, is currently sitting on the joint liaison committee and is co-chairman of the education finance committee

Volunteer and Community Activities: Executive member of the Pickering East Shore Community Association, member of Pickering's GTA committee and the Town's Safe Streets committee, umpire and referee in minor hockey and softball

Most important issues facing education: "Adapting to change. Learning to operate efficiently within a limited budget. Using the period of change to develop a better system for the main participants: students. Developing an effective team of managers from elected persons from various backgrounds and experiences. Finding ways of team building different than what has been used in the past."

Comments: Often appears unprepared for meetings, seems to disregard board procedures and his proposals are often misguided. He doesn't hesitate to speak his mind or to question staff, but many questions wouldn't be necessary if he paid closer attention. Could brush up on board procedures and put in more appearances at local school and board events.

Ruth Ann Schedlich



Last year's grade: A+
This year's grade: A

Attendance: Attended 13/13 council

and 10/10 committee meetings.

Expenses: \$1,337.77

Committees: A trustee for 10 years, is currently sitting on the Ontario Public School Boards Association and the Supervised Alternative Learning for Excused Pupils committee.

Volunteer and Community Activities: Sits on the board of directors for the Social Development Council of Ajax-Pickering.

Most important issues facing education: "Special education and the model of delivery is a challenging concern of numerous families in Pickering as well as region-wide. Parents are concerned how the board will meet the needs of at-risk students. Safety in the schools and student behaviour have been the focus of concern of parents, students, teachers and community leaders."

Comments: A dedicated trustee who tells it like it is. She stands firmly for what she believes in, she effectively represents constituents' concerns at the board table and often expresses concern about the impact of board decisions region-wide, such as the decision to keep Oshawa's Central Collegiate Institute open, which she does not support. A long-time trustee who knows her stuff, she's one of the best. Continue to look at the 'big picture' on decisions that affect students across the region.

Durham Catholic District School Board - Pickering Trustees

* Attendance is from June 1998 through May 1999; 27 meetings were held.

* Committee membership is from December 1998 to November 1999

* Expenses, which include mileage, conference and seminar costs, are from January 1998 through December 1998; this year's weren't available.

Jim McCafferty



Last year's grade: A
This year's grade: B+

Attendance: Attended 26/27 board meetings

Expenses: \$2,886.77

Committees: Is serving his third term on the board. Currently serving on the suspension appeal committee, the special education advisory committee and the board's principal/vice-principal employment committee.

Volunteer and Community Activities: Member of the Hospital for Sick Children's Family Advisory Committee, active member at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Pickering, a member of the Knights of Columbus and involved with Views for the Visually Impaired.

Most important issues facing education: "Overcrowding in our schools and increased reliance on portables as a permanent solution. Establishing a new school to alleviate the severe overcrowding at St. Mary (Catholic Secondary School). Inadequacies in special education...and in curriculum changes in elementary and secondary panels."

Comments: Committed to ensuring students' needs are met, he responds to constituents' concerns and is a strong voice for pupils. Persistent, although unsuccessful, in his attempts to get a new high school approved or an addition added to St. Mary to relieve overcrowding. Appears to have his own agenda at times, could be more upfront about his intentions.

Fran Pereira



Last year's grade: A
This year's grade: A

Attendance: Attended 25/27 board meetings

Expenses: \$3,745.38

Committees: Serving in her second term, is currently vice-chairman of the board. Currently serving on the teacher/trustee liaison committee, the policy committee, the joint services committee, the principal/vice-principal liaison committee, the upper management and supervisory officer employment committees and the ad hoc committee to study shared student transportation.

Volunteer and Community Activities: Volunteer member of children's liturgy program at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, minister of the Eucharist, member of the Catholic Women's League, rosary cenacle volunteer in parish schools. Parent volunteer at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School and chairman of the school's liturgy committee. Recently elected to the Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association.

Most important issues facing education: "The greatest concern at the present time is the number of portables and overcrowding at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School. Although there has been steady growth in Pickering, additional portables were needed to comply with Ministry of Education class-size regulations."

I am continuing to work with board administration to find an acceptable solution."

Comments: A committed trustee who's involved in schools across the region. An effective voice for constituents on issues affecting her community such as the current overcrowding at St. Mary school.

Tends to be very serious and could be a bit more light-hearted.

Durham Region Chairman Roger Anderson



Last year: No grade
This year: B

Serving first term as Regional Chairman. Was a local and Regional Councillor in Ajax between 1985 and 1997.

Attendance: Has attended all 23 council meetings between June 1/98 and June 2/99, 20 of 30 finance committee meetings, five of 21 health and social services committee meetings, 13 of 23 planning committee meetings, and 14 of 28 works committee meetings.

Expenses: \$4,561.56 (auto), \$24,346.50 (conferences, conventions, meetings), \$20.40 (CLOCA).

Committees: All regional committees - finance, works, health and social services, and planning; the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation, and the GT Transit (formerly GO Transit) board.

Volunteer and community activities: Member of the Ajax Kinsmen Club, has helped the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Big Brothers Bowl for Millions and the organization's annual golf tournament; his real estate company sponsors several sports teams.

Most important issues facing the Region: Securing a solid source of funding for infrastructure work and transportation, including GT Transit, from the Province; the provincial sales tax and the gas tax; finding efficiencies in service between the Region and municipalities; funding of social services programs, making sure Durham Region gets its fair share.

Comments: Has a way of rubbing some people the wrong way.

He's made the transition well to heading the Region, leaving behind the parochialism that can affect municipal politicians.

On stream for a new waste strategy

Long-term planning under way in Durham

Last summer, Durham Region established a process to develop a Long Term Waste Management Strategy Plan to help determine the best combination of various trash diversion and disposal practices for the management of waste generated here over the next 20 years.

As community participation was central to the development of the plan, 25 volunteers from across Durham were recruited for their input. This Public Advisory Committee (PLC) met monthly to review the data provided by consultants Proctor & Redfern.

As well, field trips were taken to visit composting operations, incineration (Energy From Waste - EFW) plants, and material recovery facilities.

Consultants also included displays for the general public's input.

After 10 months of deliberation, the committee agreed that a three-stream waste system was the best. Its final draft was given to Durham's Waste Management Steering Committee for review and approval.

The favoured three-stream system recommended by the PLC would see residents optimize the existing Blue Box to capture as many recyclables as possible; citizens place all kitchen organics and yard waste in a container to be sent to a large composting facility; and garbage bags containing bathroom waste, bacon fat, etc. would be land-filled, sent to an EFW, or considered for any new technology. It was felt that the three-stream system, rather than a two stream of wet/dry bags as used in the Guelph and Northumberland areas would capture cleaner recyclables for marketing and produce a higher quality compost for golf courses and nurseries, etc. This system also would not undermine the other two Rs - Reduce and Reuse. This system has an 80-per cent waste diversion from landfill at a cost of \$130 to \$170 a tonne. Of course the planning and building of the system that Durham council finally chooses will take a few years to implement.



Lorraine Roulston
Recycler's Corner

So what do we do in the meantime?
• Practice the first 2 Rs - Reduce and Reuse.
• Recycle all food/beverage cans, glass and #1 plastic as well as cardboard, boxboard, all paper, and aluminum pie

plates. In the year 2002 the recycling collection contract expires and the Region plans to include more plastics and other items, depending on the markets.

- Take #2 plastics to friends in other communities that recycle them, or to a recycling depot.
- Be sure to have a second Blue Box (any sturdy container will do) to collect all your paper.
- Strengthen markets by buying items made with recycled content.
- Call your local councillor

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What's open, what's closed on Canada Day

Stock up today in Ajax

and Pickering, before the holiday

Following is a list of what's open and closed on Canada Day Thursday, July 1.

SUPERMARKETS: Most major grocery stores will be shut.

RETAIL: Most retail businesses will be closed. Drug stores may be open.

VARIETY STORES: Most are open Thursday, many around the clock.

BANKS/ TRUST COMPANIES: Closed. (Check with your financial institution for hours of operation before and after Canada Day.)

BEER/ LIQUOR: Closed.

RECREATION: In Ajax, the Ajax and McLean Community Centres, and the Pickering Village Arena will all be closed. Canada Day celebrations are being held at Rotary Park from noon to 4 p.m. In Pickering, festivities take place at Kinsmen Park and at the south end of Sandy Beach Road, just west

of Brock Road. The outdoor pool next to the Town hall will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The Pickering Recreation Complex is closed. The pool at Dunbarton High School and Pickering Museum Village will be shut.

LIBRARIES: All public library branches in Ajax and Pickering will be closed.

TRANSIT: Ajax and Pickering Transit systems will not operate. GO Transit will operate on a reduced schedule. Call GO for scheduling information at 416-869-3200.

GARBAGE PICK-UP: There's no garbage or Blue Box collection in Ajax or Pickering. Trash normally collected on Thursday will be picked up on Saturday, July 3.

POSTAL: No mail delivery.

GOVERNMENT: Ajax and Pickering Town halls closed as well as Durham Region offices.

to show your support for recycling and to request more Reuse facilities, depots for Household Hazardous Waste, composter sales, and public 'Environment Day' events to gather other recyclables.

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Packers double Bills in youth football

The Packers remain undefeated in Durham Youth Flag Football League play after downing the Bills 26-13 in junior division action June 17.

Ryan Zak was the Pack's leading point-getter with two touchdowns, one on a 100-yard interception run. Scott McCusker and Chris Taylor also had majors. Darren McCloy and Brett Vernoy each had a single point. Al Valulis and Teddy Anthony scored touchdowns for the Bills. Jason Babcock added a single.

In other junior action, the Dolphins and Falcons played to a 12-12 tie on June 16. Jason Jurmae scored both touchdowns for the Falcons. Kevin Head, David Kennedy and Darnel Lessey-Searles each had an interception. Justin Henri tied the game for the Dolphins with two plays left in the game. Thomas Roach had the other touchdown.

In another recent game, the Cowboys rode past the Falcons 43-22. Keith Hunter scored two touchdowns for the winners, on 60-yard and 45-yard pass-and-run plays. Adam Campbell also had two majors and a two-point convert. David McIntyre scored a touchdown off an interception and added a two-point convert, and Adam Dempsey had a major and a single. Nate Lacasse added a single point. Kevin Head scored two touchdowns and a two-point convert for the Falcons. Jason Jurmae had the other major score on a 75-yard kickoff return. Carl Holland added a two-point convert.

In senior division action June 17, the Ti-Cats nipped the Argos 21-20. Adam Rosborough, Jordan Carr and Joe Vanderlaan scored touchdowns for the Cats. Brendan Cosgrove added a two-point convert and Scott Fryer had a single. Raymond Levesque scored all three Argos' touchdowns, one on a 55-yard interception runback and the others on 70-yard and 25-yard pass-and-run plays. Chris Clark had a two-point convert and Adam Knight an interception.

In action June 16, the Bombers blitzed the Stamps 47-14. Sean Hunter had four touchdowns. Matt Reidel scored two touchdowns and Mike Orfus had one. Dustin Chandra had two single points. Kyle Herriott, Shawn Walker and Tim Pentz had one apiece. Kyle Gibson and Sean Mensour scored majors for the Stamps. Jason McMaster added a two-point convert.

The Eskimos tamed the Lions 20-6 June 16. Matt Woosencroft, Sean Morrison and Adam Crooks scored touchdowns for the winners. Charlie Smith added a two-point convert. Andrew Miller had the lone Lions' major.

The Argos got past the Eskimos 28-20 June 15. Ray Levesque scored two touchdowns for the victors. Chris Clark had one major and a two-point convert and Jared Neville one touchdown. Micah Callanan added a two-point convert. Alex Tomaszewski, Sean Morrison and Alex Schroeder scored touchdowns for the Eskimos. Charles Smith added two singles.

In the other senior game June 15, the Stamps defeated the Lions 30-24. Kyle Bison led the Stamps' attack with two touchdowns and a single. Jesse Gerkes scored a major, a two-point convert and a single. Sean Mensour had a touchdown and Jason McMaster added a two-point convert. Stacey Yew, Adrian Goffe, David Middleton and Chris Park scored touchdowns for the Lions.

In a senior contest June 14, the Bombers beat the Ti-Cats 18-13. Sean Hunter, Kyle Herriott and Josh Neville scored touchdowns for the Bombers. Adam Rosborough and Scott Fryer had majors for the Ti-Cats. Fryer also added a single point.

Wanderers best exhibition rugby action

The Ajax Wanderers Rugby Club will host two high-level exhibition matches on Saturday.

At 1 p.m., the Ontario Development Rugby Team will play the Quebec Provincial under-23 team. Three Wanderers players are expected to suit up.

At 3 p.m., the Toronto Renegades will play the Montreal Menace in Eastern Division Super League play. Several Wanderers are also expected to play for the Renegades who are currently tied for the division lead with Halifax with two wins and a tie.

On Wednesday, the Wanderers junior under-18 boys' team will play an exhibition game against the Oshawa Viking at the Ajax club at 5:30 p.m.

Wanderers players live in Ajax and Pickering.

Hockey draftee headed to the land of the Braves

Pickering's Luke Sellars chosen by Ted Turner's expansion Atlanta Thrashers

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — A Pickering hockey star has joined the domain of the man who owns CNN, TNT and the Atlanta Braves and has a majority share in Jane Fonda.

Luke Sellars, 18, was selected by the National Hockey League's newest franchise, the Atlanta Thrashers, at the annual entry draft at Boston's FleetCentre Saturday.

A rookie defenceman with the Memorial Cup-winning Ottawa 67s last season, Sellars was chosen in the second round, 30th overall, by the expansion team owned by Ted Turner.

"I'm happy with it," says the 6'1", 200-pound rearguard who was in Boston for the draft. "They're an expansion team and they're financially set, so I think it should work out well. I will get the opportunity to play with them sooner than I would have with the Dallas Stars or any other team in the league."

Although Sellars had talked to Thrashers' officials early in his Ontario Hockey League season with the 67s, he had no contact with the team since. So, it came as quite a shock when he heard his name announced by officials of the Atlanta team that will play in the brand-new Phillips Centre in its inaugural year in the NHL in the 1999-2000 season.

"I was told that I would be chosen late in the first round or early in the second round. There was a lot of teams I was possibly expecting to go to, but I wasn't expecting to go there, so I was surprised."

Sellars will fly to At-

lanta as a guest of the team in early July to see the sights in the city. But, whether he'll stay there to play for the Thrashers after training camp in early September is another matter. Sellars expects to be returned to the 67s for the next two years for more seasoning.

"I expect to play for Ottawa next year, maybe for two more years of junior. If I don't step into the line-up at that point, I'll probably go to the minors for a year. I want to go to camp with the goal of cracking the line-up. If I go there thinking that I've got no chance, then I'm not going to play my best."

Sellars says most of the

young hockey players were on pins and needles waiting to be called to the podium on draft day.

"There was a lot of excitement. It was pretty intense. There were a lot of people sitting in the stands watching. It was kind of nerve-wracking. I didn't find it that way, but it was for some of the players."

In preparation for training camp, Sellars is working out daily at York University and will soon begin skating two days a week with a group of other Ontario Hockey League players in the Toronto area.

"I have to work on my overall game and get a lot stronger in the off-season," he says.

The skinny on shinny star: Cool, handy Luke

PICKERING — A good competitor.

That's how Pickering's Luke Sellars was described by the National Hockey League's Central Scouting Bureau which provided reports of all draft-eligible players to NHL teams before the priority draft held Saturday in Boston.

The book on Sellars was obtained from the National Hockey League's Web site, NHL.com.

Here's what the scouting bureau said about the 18-year-old defenceman drafted by the Atlanta Thrashers in the second round, 30th overall:

- has a good stride and can attain top speed quickly;
- has good balance;
- has the ability to carry the puck but needs to continue to work on his confidence;
- handles one-on-one situations with poise and minimal effort;
- has a good shot and usually creates a scoring opportunity from the point;
- has good overall vision of the developing play and has strong hockey sense;
- likes to take his check out with force;
- is always there to defend his teammates;
- is a good competitor and a quick learner;
- is used in all game situations.

Pine Ridge paddlers leave foes draggin' behind

Pickering high school dragonboat team in three-peat at Toronto festival

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — Pine Ridge Secondary School's dragonboat team completed a three-peat at the annual Toronto Dragonboat Festival on Lake Ontario last weekend.

The Pine Ridge squad finished a boat-length ahead of arch-rival Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute of Scarborough in the high school finals. The 20 paddlers in the Pine Ridge dragonboat finished the 640-metre race in a time of two minutes and 55 seconds, five seconds better than Mowat.

"We were really pumped in the final," says Pine Ridge spokesman Andrew Nicol, who's been a member of

all three winning teams at the school. "We just picked up the pace and won."

The victory at the Toronto Dragonboat Festival over 16 other high school crews from Toronto and area was the culmination of three months of hard work by the students. Since whittling the team down to 25 from a list of around 50 hopefuls in late April, the Pine Ridge team worked out twice a week on Frenchman's Bay in training sessions that started at 6 a.m.

"It was a difficult experience," says Nicol. "It was a great reward to go out and win it. The practice really paid off. We felt we were more conditioned than the other teams and it worked to our advantage."

Despite the Durham teachers' boy-

cott against participating in high school sports this year, the Pine Ridge students decided to go ahead with a dragonboat team in an effort for a three-peat.

"Pine Ridge has a history of winning at the Toronto festival, so there was sort of a legacy to uphold," says Nicol.

As a warm-up for the Toronto festival, the Pine Ridge crew won the high school division at the annual Frenchman's Bay Dragonboat Festival earlier this month.

At the Toronto event, the Pine Ridge team won a preliminary heat and the semi-final to advance to the championship race. In the heat, Pine Ridge was first in a time of 3:07, the

second-best time in the heats, behind only Mowat in 3:02. In the semi-final, Pine Ridge won over Mowat in three minutes, 3 of a second better than Mowat.

Team members are Amanda Bickerton, Wendy Hird, Sarah Dragon, Erika Franz, Jenny Schofield, Erica Purdy, Terry Rocks, Andrew Finson, Andrew Nicol, Patrick Finson, Andrew McEwain, Jamie Trewartha, Jeff White, Brian Natola, Greg Rusciolli, Robert Shelton, Ian Hales, Sarah Rodgers, Jessica Lundgren, Shannon McLean, Kathy Dunbar, Kristen Dragon, Rob Lang, Jen Sears and Jyll Malbeuf. The coach is Dan Evelyen and the coxswain is Jeremy Tatania. Brett Gorelle is the drummer for the Pine Ridge crew.

Pickering boys show Power as Stars of tourney

PICKERING — The Pickering PowerStars premier soccer team reigned supreme in the under-10 age group at the Little World Cup played recently in Etobicoke by edging Dixie 1-0 in the final.

The biggest tournament of the season drew 28 teams from the entire Greater Toronto Area, as far west as Guelph and north to Barrie.

The unique format of the tournament saw each team represent a country that participated in the last World

Cup with Pickering drawing England.

In the final between Pickering and Dixie, the two talented teams battled through regulation to a scoreless tie. Pickering came out for the first overtime with more energy and enthusiasm than Dixie and scored the winner seven minutes into extra time.

The weekend was a real endurance test as the boys survived the heat through three division games and the round-robin on Saturday and a quarter-final, semi-final and overtime final

to clinch the championship on Sunday. Pickering defeated Barrie, Burlington, Aurora, Rexdale, North Toronto and Woodbridge on the way to the final.

The entire team displayed tremendous effort and determination throughout the grueling seven-game weekend, scoring 26 goals while allowing only five.

Team members are Chris Gour, Adam Pham-Hung, Michael Giamou, Stuart Ayres, Calan Eldridge, Ian Gib-

son, Greg Badalian, Mark Jovanov, Steven Koufis, Tom Koukidis, Aaron Karamath, Chris Mitchell, Drew Stark and Kevin Pistchik.

Pickering is coached by Lennox Mitchell with help from John Gibson and Jon Ayres. The manager is Shannon Eldridge.

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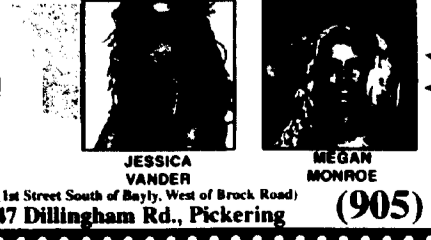
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Pickering Powers way to tourney final

PICKERING — The Pickering Power Port Royal Mills under-15 boys' soccer team finished as runner-up at the recent Ajax Invitational Soccer Tournament.

Playing in the sweltering heat, the Pickering under-15 squad powered past Etobicoke 3-1, Belleville 2-0 and Ajax Warriors II 2-0 in opening-round action. In the final, Pickering Power was defeated 4-0 by the Ajax Warriors I team.

Pickering goal scorers throughout the tourney were Keith Cutten, Adam MacIntosh, Cory Scopel, Chris MacDonald and Matt Sinclair. The most valuable player for the final game was Ben Voss.

A valiant effort by Mike Amato to prevent an opposition goal in the last seconds of the Belleville game sent him to Ajax-Pickering hospital with a sprained leg. He'll be on crutches for a few days.

Other team members include Adam Cawley, Timmone Dongen, David Lotito, Skylor Petrovich, Sheridan Sampayo, Jose Silva and Daryl Jones.

Adam Pett, Ashley Mulvey, George Tourlosis and Jason Deebank were absent due to injuries or other reasons.



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Rounding the base

Nine-year-old Carl Simon rounds the bases Ridge Park Sunday morning. Hosted by the Pickering Baseball Association, the competition featured children aged six to 13 years.

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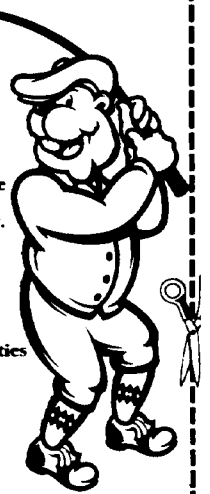
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Art of the Masters also has numbered prints by such contemporary artists as Carl Brenders, Robert Bateman, and Trisha Romance on its walls.

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site. "We can frame almost anything," says Michael.

Michael teaches drawing, animation and airbrush techniques at Art of the Masters and is currently offering youth summer courses in



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The Word is Out: Authors entertain

Annual Writers' Circle celebration brings top talent to Pickering Museum Village

PICKERING — Celebrate the art of writing at the annual The Word is Out '99 in Pickering next month.

Hosted by the Writers' Circle of Durham Region, The Word is Out '99 is slated for Pickering Museum Village Sunday, July 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Many of southern Ontario's finest authors, poets, songwriters and other passionate writers will be on hand during the day. High-profile authors of various genres will give readings and area musicians will perform.

The stage area will be graced by numerous Canadian authors who will be available for book signings. Many of them are new to the writers' festival this year.

Among the authors who will be in attendance:

- Edo van Belkom, winner of the 1997 Bram Stoker Award, will give a spine-chilling reading from his novel *Death Drives a Semi*;
- Kayla Perrin will read one of her many romance short stories or novels;
- D'Arcy Jenish, a senior writer at *Maclean's Magazine* and author of his soon-to-be-published book, *Indian Fall: The Last Great Days of the Plains Cree and Blackfoot Confederacy*;
- 30-year writer Ted Barris, whose recent bestseller is *Deadlock in Korea*, Canadians at War 1950-1953;
- Toronto Star columnist Linwood Barclay, whose recent book is the outrageous *Mike Harris Made Me Eat My Dog*;
- Novelist Susanna Kearsley will transport you to another time and place with a reading from her latest book set in Wales, *Named of the Dragon*;
- Ajax writer Rabindranath Maharaj will read from his first novel *Homer In Flight* which was short-listed for the 1998 *Chapters' Books in Canada First Novel Awards*;
- Toronto author and editor of *Word: Toronto's Literary Calendar*, Shelagh M. Rowen-Legg, who has been published in several literary journals, will share some poetry;
- Poet Lucy Brennan will read from *The Tellings & Mad Sweeney and Migrants All*;
- Poet Gary McCarty will read from *The Edges of Time*.

The Writers' Circle will also

have children's authors as part of The Word is Out '99.

- Local performer and storyteller Heather Whaley will entertain the youngsters;
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Many turned out to appreciate the vintage automobiles, including this 1930 Pontiac Business Coupe owned by Hugh Prizeman. Only 592 of the Business Coupes were built.

Prose pros offer tips to budding Durham Region authors

Writers' Circle host breakfast meeting

Polished authors will share their work at the upcoming Writers' Circle of Durham Region's writers and editors breakfast dialogue next month.

Members of the various working writers' circles in Pickering, Uxbridge, Whitby, Oshawa and Port Perry will give readings at the meeting in Whitby Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Budding writers across Durham Region are invited to find out what the individual groups strive for, how they operate and how to go about joining or starting one.

The meeting's at Jackson's Touch of Class, 104 Consumers Dr.

Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for guests.

Seating is limited and catering arrangements need to be confirmed by the Thursday prior, so reservations are re-

quired. For more information or to reserve call Gwynn Scheltema at 720-2172.

'Museum junkies' get their fix

PICKERING — The Pickering Museum Village hopes to "increase the appetite of museum junkies" this summer by offering brochures from more than 40 sites in southern Ontario.

By doing so, museum foundation members in the community hope it will be easier to plan "pioneer tours" on single day trips or combined over a week.

Just as people "seldom follow just one sport or one team or one player, the same holds true with cultural sites," found-

ation secretary Mary Cook explains in a news release.

"Providing easy reference access to more museums will only increase their appetite and all of us will be winners. Hopefully we can turn that interest into a passion."

The Pickering Museum Village is on Hwy. 7 between Brock and Westney roads in Greenwood. It will be open Wednesdays to Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through July and August.

For more information call 683-8401.

Yuk Yuk's hosts a merry, merry month of...July

AJAX — An Ajax comedy club will welcome several firsts on its stage next month.

Yuk Yuk's Ajax will host its first ever Nasty Show featuring off-the-wall comedian Jason Rouse, best described as a cross between Jim Carrey and a squeeze kid. He'll appear at the club July 1 to 4 along with Gavin Stephens and MC Mike Cliff. The show may contain nudity and parental discretion is strongly recommended.

Kelly Dixon, a Yuk Yuk's favourite, will make his first appearance at the Ajax venue from July 8 to 11.

Lawrence Morgenstern, head writer for the Mike Bullard Show, will appear at the club July 15 to 18. Politics, sports and relationships are the meat and potatoes of Morgenstern's act. Revered by his peers and audiences alike, the thinking man's Homer Simpson promises to entertain guests. Wade McElwain, a rising star in Canadian comedy, will also appear.

Yuk Yuk's Ajax will also host its first Comedic Tribute to Caribana. It will feature Russell Peters, Jean Paul and Ron Josol, some of the most requested comedians at the club.

The club will also host its first Women in Comedy show July 29 to Aug. 1. It's the first time Yuk Yuk's Ajax has offered an all-women show. It will feature Tracey Smith, Heidi Foss and Mini Holmes, who's appeared on Women's Television Network's She's So Funny show.

Yuk Yuk's Ajax is at 235 Bayly St. West. Call 434-4985 or 416-967-6425.

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690 Deaths
NICHOLAS WAYNE OWEN 1981-1999
People disappear, but they never really go away. The Spirits up there put the sun to bed, wake up the grass, and spin the earth in dizzy circles. Sometimes you can see them dancing in a cloud during the daytime when they're supposed to be sleeping. They paint the rainbows and also the sunsets and make waves splash and tug at the tide. They toss shooting stars and listen to wishes and when they sing wind-songs, they whisper to us "Don't miss me too much. The view is nice, and I'm doing just fine."
Nicholas passed away suddenly on June 27/99. A student of Henry Street High School, participating in many sports and representing the Town of Whitby in Minor Hockey for many years.
Nicholas will be greatly missed by his mother and father Jody and Wayne and his brothers Julian and Christian.
Fondly remembered by his grandparents Larry and Jean Batherson, Marie and Frank Owen and their immediate families and many friends.
Resting at the W.C. TOWN FUNERAL CHAPEL, 110 Dundas Street East, Whitby (905-668-3410) From 2-4 and 7-9 pm Wednesday and 2-4 and 7-9 pm Thursday. Prayers in the Chapel on Thursday evening at 7:30pm. Mass of Christian Burial to be held at St. John The Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 903 Giffard Street, Whitby on Friday July 2, 1999, at 10:30 am. Interment Uxbridge Cemetery, Uxbridge. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

690 Deaths
BATESON, Joseph Ronald - Passed away in the presence of comforting family and close friends on June 26, 1999. Joseph, loving husband of 50 years to Barbara, beloved father of Gary, David and his wife Patricia. Dearly loved by his grand daughters Kristy and her husband Marlon, Erin and Lindsey. Friends will be received at the ACCETONE FUNERAL HOME 364 Finley Avenue, Ajax (905-428-9090) on Tuesday June 29 from 2-4 and 6-9 pm. Funeral mass will be held at St. Bernadette's Church (21 Bayly Street East) on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. A man of great inner strength and kindness, he will be remembered lovingly by all. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated.

Public Notice

Lane Restrictions on Regional Road Highway 2

East and West of Pickering Beach Road, in the Town of Ajax

Please be advised that due to construction on Highway 2, multiple lane closures will be taking place from June 30, to July 2, 1999.

During Construction, turning movements to and from Pickering Beach Road will be restricted.

Impact to traffic will be serious. Please use alternatives.

The Region of Durham regrets any inconvenience caused by this construction.

For further information please call:

Bill Ford, Construction Supervisor (905) 668-7721 or 1-800-372-1103
Tony Schuliga, Engineering Technician (905) 668-7721 or 1-800-372-1103

Lend a hand to needy people in your community

Volunteer agencies in Ajax and Pickering could use help right here at home

Summer is here, but that doesn't mean your volunteer services aren't required here at home. Several local agencies could use your skills to make life a little more pleasant for people in your community.

You can volunteer with:

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada: The Oshawa chapter is looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming special event, the Heel 'n' Wheel-a-Thon. Different volunteer opportunities are available. Call Sylvia at 416-920-5035 or 1-800-387-1479 ext. 18.

Distress Centre Durham: Will train volunteers in communication and active listening, crisis intervention and suicide prevention theories and techniques for its telephone helpline.

In addition, volunteers are needed for the board of directors and committees (fund-raising, human resources, nominations/recruitment and accreditation). Call 723-4461.

Durham Association for Family Respite Services: Is seeking individuals and families interested in providing respite care to a child or adult with special needs.

Host families are matched with an adult or child who are welcomed into their home approximately one weekend a month.

This allows parents/caregivers a chance to re-energize, and also provides families an opportunity to develop new friendships. Training, ongoing support and an honorarium are available. Call 427-3541.

Durham Family Court Clinic (DFCC): The DFCC is dedicated to fostering a healthy and safe community by enhancing and supporting the well-being of children, youth and families who have, or may have, involvement in the legal system by providing clinical services. Volunteers are sought for administrative and clerical support; ad hoc fund-raising and special events; communication/publicity support; and possible nomination to the DFCC board of directors.

The DFCC adheres to a set of volunteer guidelines and seeks to provide rewarding opportunities for its volunteers. All volunteers must submit a criminal reference check. Call Yvonne Davies at 436-6754.

Durham Supervised Access Program: A YMCA program where children of divorced or separated parents visit with their non-custodial parent in a safe and supervised setting. Referrals are from the court or other professionals assisting the family. Volunteers age 18 or over are needed to supervise the visits.

This is group supervision, therefore volunteers

are with other volunteers and other visiting families. The volunteer takes observational notes while the visit is in progress. The notes may be ordered for court purposes. Volunteers should have some experience working with children.

Training is provided. The Pickering location operates every Saturday and the Oshawa location every Sunday (both during daytime). Oshawa also has visits Tuesday evenings. Call 839-3845 ext. 305.

Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project: Is looking for groups, businesses and individuals to participate in a variety of environmental hands-on projects over the next two years.

Projects include natural area clean-ups, construction of bird houses, removal of purple loosestrife, frog monitoring, growing aquatic plants, planting trees and shrubs and the yellow fish road storm drain marking program. Call 420-4660 ext. 2115 for more information.

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario: Local chapter requires volunteers to help raise funds for heart disease and stroke research and health promotion activities. Volunteer opportunities are arranged to fit your lifestyle and availability. Call 686-1521.

Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre: Is looking for reception volunteers, group facilitators, caregiver group facilitators, committee members and peer support volunteers who have been in remission from their cancer for at least one year.

If you would like to join a dedicated team of volunteers whose mission is to care for each other as we live with cancer, call 579-4833.

Host Program: Volunteers are sought for Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Host Program to help new immigrants settle and integrate into the community quickly. Call Mahmood at 686-2661.

Information Ajax-Pickering: Requires volunteers to answer telephones and perform general reception duties. Call Noreen at 686-2661.

John Howard Society of Durham Region: Needs volunteers on Tuesdays between 3 and 6 p.m. one or two times a month. Training available. Call Jan Langlois or Sylvia Robillard at 579-8482.

Junior Achievement of Durham Region: Volunteers help the youth of the community develop an awareness of how a business operates from the ground up.

Training and support is provided. Call Donna at 644-7058.

Kids on the Block: Volunteers learn to operate

life-sized puppets and perform small skits in elementary schools and community groups in Durham to provide support and encouragement to students. Call Suzanne at 436-0925 or Katherine at 655-5680 for more information.

Kinark Child and Family Services: Share your parenting skills and experiences with other parents needing support. Training and supervision will be provided to assist you in making the difference for a family.

Or spend some leisure time with a special-needs child, develop hobbies and interests the two of you can share. Call Wendy Swinden at 433-0386 ext. 308 for more information on the group.

Literacy Outreach Centre: Dedicated to increasing literacy skills for all people with a strong support base for people who have a developmental disability, the centre need volunteers who have four hours a week to spare to tutor.

Tutors assist students who wish to develop reading, writing, math and living skills. Training provid-

ed. Call 426-2100 for information.

Meals-On-Wheels: Community Care of Ajax-Pickering needs volunteers who can deliver Meals on Wheels over the lunch hour to seniors and disabled adults. Call Traci at 686-3331.

Ontario March of Dimes: Volunteers are needed to assist with special events and bingo. Volunteers enjoy excellent training, flexible hours and a great opportunity to help adults who are physically disabled. Call Denise Harding at 434-5280.

Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association: A volunteer marine unit dedicated to search and rescue on Lake Ontario is looking for people with boating or related skills. Call Tony at 839-6337 for more information.



Volunteer Corner is produced by Information Ajax-Pickering in co-operation with the Ajax-Pickering News Advertiser. If you want your organization listed in Volunteer Corner call Noreen at 686-2661.



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Root around for your family history

AJAX— You could get to the top of your family tree a little more easily following an upcoming presentation at the Ajax Chapters Book Store.

Professional genealogist Louise St. Denis of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies will give a free presentation on tracing your roots through documents at home, family stories and research tools on the Internet. She'll also give tips on orga-

nizing your findings.

Ms. St. Denis publishes the Heritage Book Series of about 30 titles covering a variety of topics, including basic and Internet research and specific topics, such as finding ancestors in Ireland, England or Newfoundland.

She appears at the Chapters Book Store in the Durham Centre, at the corner of Harwood Avenue and Hwy. 2 in Ajax Thursday, July 8 at 8 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

JUNE 30, 1999

MAJOR JUNIOR 'A' ROLLER HOCKEY LEAGUE EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

TEAM	G	W	L	T	PTS
Mississauga Rattlers	13	12	1	0	132
Durham Devils	16	10	6	0	136
Brampton Warriors	14	9	5	0	132
Toronto Tigers	13	7	5	0	99
Pickering Phantoms	14	7	7	0	109
Vaughan Rockets	14	2	12	0	79
York Thoroughblades	13	0	13	0	68

WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

TEAM	G	W	L	T	PTS
Hamilton Firehoppers	17	12	5	0	152
Niagara Panthers	13	10	3	0	117
Georgetown Wolfpack	14	8	6	0	99
Oakville Coyotes	15	8	7	0	123
Brantford Thunderhawks	15	6	9	0	118
Buffalo Jr. Wings	13	5	8	0	105
Kitchener Roller Rats	14	3	11	0	112

RECENT RESULTS

June 25: Oakville 11, Buffalo 9, Durham 11, Toronto 4, Georgetown 11, Brantford 10, Pickering 12, York 3, Mississauga 14, Vaughan 7
 June 24: Pickering 11, York 6
 June 23: Brampton 9, Durham 6, Toronto 17, Vaughan 7
 June 22: Mississauga 12, Brantford 10, Oakville 8, Brantford 7 OT
 June 21: Niagara 8, Buffalo 6, Durham 12, Toronto 4

PICKERING SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION MITE BOYS' DIVISION

STANDINGS As of June 21, 1999

TEAM	G	W	L	T	PTS	%	GBL
Canadian Progress	6	6	0	0	12	1.000	0
HFM Construction	5	4	1	0	8	0.800	1.5
All Pro Landscaping	7	4	3	0	8	0.571	2.5
Pickering Heat Fastball	3	2	1	0	4	0.667	2.5
Knights of Columbus	6	2	3	1	5	0.417	3.5
D&D Home Improve	9	2	3	0	4	0.400	3.5
T Hamilton & Son	7	2	5	0	4	0.286	4.5
M & M Meat Shops	7	2	5	0	4	0.286	4.5
Cleansale	5	1	4	0	2	0.200	4.5

DIVISION RESULTS

May 31: M&M Meat Shops 7 vs. All Pro Landscaping 12 (MVP Mark Heyd), Canadian Progress 19 (MVP Benjamin Witten) vs. T. Hamilton and Son Roofing Inc. 7 (MVP Michael Stoddart), HFM Construction 13 (Cotter Allen) vs. Knights of Columbus 3 (MVP Brendan Armstrong).
 June 7: Cleansale 7 vs. Pickering Heat Fastball 15 (MVP Adam Campbell), T. Hamilton and Son Roofing Inc. 8 (MVP Patrick Ferguson) vs. D & D Home Improvements 12 (MVP Josh Kuranec), Canadian Progress 12 (MVP Nicholas Fethon) vs. All Pro Landscaping 11 (MVP Andrew Smith), HFM Construction 8 (MVP Adam Carson) vs. M&M Meat Shops 11 (MVP Mark Michael).
 June 8: T. Hamilton and Son Roofing Inc. 10 (MVP Corey Waters) vs. Canadian Progress 11 (MVP Matthew Locke), M&M Meat Shops 8 (MVP Adnan McArthur) vs. Knights of Columbus 11 (MVP Joshua Gantrod), Pickering Heat Fastball 20 (MVP Chad Andrew Thomas) vs. D & D Home Improvements 3 (MVP Eric Fasco), All Pro Landscaping 10 (MVP Adam Ray) vs. Cleansale 8.
 June 11: All Pro Landscaping 18 (MVP Sammy Mieser) vs. T. Hamilton and Son Roofing Inc. 7 (MVP Callan Giblin), Canadian Progress 18 (MVP Adam Mansour) vs. Pickering Heat Fastball 12 (MVP Robert Metcal).
 June 14: Pickering Heat Fastball 10 (MVP Michael Kelly) vs. M&M Meat Shops 11 (MVP Ryan Graham), D & D Home Improvements 8 (MVP Justin Arminen) vs. HFM Construction 11 (MVP Tyler Heyd), Cleansale 6 (MVP Jason Whall) vs. T. Hamilton and Son Roofing Inc. 13 (MVP Jamie Northern), All Pro Landscaping 6 (MVP Ryan Parker) vs. Knights of Columbus 12 (MVP Christopher Antony).
 June 15: T. Hamilton and Son Roofing Inc. 13 (MVP Brent Watt) vs. All Pro Landscaping 12 (MVP Mark Antonada), HFM Construction 14 (MVP Cooper Science) vs. Cleansale 7 (MVP Mohan Naem), M&M Meat Shops 14 (MVP Jordan Cahill) vs. Canadian Progress 15 (MVP David Warden), Knights of Columbus 11 (MVP Byron Batscock) vs. Pickering Heat Fastball 11 (MVP Michael Gilbert).
 June 18: Knights of Columbus 11 (MVP Christen Patterson) vs. D & D Home Improvements 12 (MVP Zachary Snowden), Cleansale 14 (MVP Mark Manning) vs. M&M Meat Shops 10 (MVP Mark Michael).
 June 21: Canadian Progress 18 (MVP Christopher Kelly) vs. Knights of Columbus 10 (MVP Derek Boucher), HFM Construction 14 (MVP Steven Frost) vs. D & D Home Improvements 7 (MVP Patrick Scuro), T. Hamilton and Son Roofing Inc. 7 (MVP Jason Degraze) vs. Pickering Heat Fastball 9 (MVP Matthew King), All Pro Landscaping 14 (MVP Steven Patterson) vs. M&M Meat Shops 10 (MVP Ian Wright).

MITE GIRLS' DIVISION

STANDINGS As of June 17, 1999

TEAM	G	W	L	T	PTS	%	GBL
Pickering Heat Fastball	5	1	0	0	10	0.833	0
Victory Fire Equipment	5	1	0	0	10	0.833	0
Cruise Holidays	6	2	3	1	5	0.417	2.5
Knights of Columbus	6	2	3	1	5	0.417	2.5
CJ Muller Landscaping	6	0	2	4	0	0.333	3
Spencer's Garage	6	0	4	2	2	0.167	4

DIVISION RESULTS

June 1: Spencer's Garage 11 vs. OJ Muller Landscaping 11 (MVP Laura Mercat), Knights of Columbus 12 (MVP Nicole Neill) vs. Victory Fire Equipment 11 (MVP Michelle Ramcharan), Cruise Holidays 11 (MVP Nicole Lowe) vs. Pickering Heat Fastball 10.
 June 3: Pickering Heat Fastball 14 (MVP Jennifer Valentini) vs. Victory Fire Equipment 12 (MVP Lee-Ann Murphy), OJ Muller Landscaping 10 (MVP Julie Noble) vs. Knights of Columbus 10 (MVP Andrea McGibbon), Spencer's Garage 11 (MVP Deanna Visconti) vs. Cruise Holidays 13 (MVP Kaitlyn Boyle).
 June 8: Victory Fire Equipment 15 (MVP Jessica Simpson) vs. OJ Muller Landscaping 11 (MVP Casey McCollum), Spencer's Garage 3 (MVP Andrea Daniels) vs. Pickering Heat Fastball 18 (MVP Stephanie Miller), Cruise Holidays 16 (MVP Jane King) vs. Knights of Columbus 20 (MVP Laura Fujita).
 June 10: Victory Fire Equipment 11 (MVP Polly Lowe) vs. Cruise Holidays 7 (MVP Chloe Masse), Knights of Columbus 10 (MVP Casey Campbell) vs. Spencer's Garage 6, Pickering Heat Fastball 14 (MVP Erica Mazzetti) vs. OJ Muller Landscaping 11.
 June 15: Spencer's Garage 7 vs. Victory Fire Equipment 8 (MVP Renee Bonneau), Cruise Holidays 15 (MVP Kate Cagna) vs. OJ Muller Landscaping 15, Knights of Columbus 9 (MVP Lauren Spangrath) vs. Pickering Heat Fastball 11 (MVP Cristin Neville).
 June 17: Victory Fire Equipment 17 (MVP Brittany James) vs. Knights of Columbus 12 (MVP Kate Hodge), Pickering Heat Fastball 17 (MVP Jennifer Wallace) vs. Cruise Holidays 13 (MVP Brittany Robson), OJ Muller Landscaping 0 vs. Spencer's Garage 0.

SQUIRT GIRLS' DIVISION

STANDINGS As of June 18, 1999

TEAM	G	W	L	T	PTS	%	GBL
C-21-Percy Fulton	4	4	0	0	8	1.000	0
W Pick Ladies Sic-P	3	2	1	0	4	0.667	1.5
Marshall Homes	3	2	1	0	4	0.667	1.5
Pick Vill. S. for Sports	3	2	0	0	4	0.333	2.5
Serpa Conveyancing	3	1	2	0	2	0.333	2.5
Cherrywood Roofing	4	1	3	0	2	0.250	3
Ont. Power Generation	4	1	3	0	2	0.250	3

DIVISION RESULTS

June 7: West Pickering Ladies Sic Pitch 12 vs. Pickering Village Source for Sports 7, Marshall Homes 11 (MVP Lindsay Elliott) vs. Cherrywood Roofing 10 (MVP Shanley Weston), Ontario Power Generation 8 vs. Century 21, Percy Fulton Ltd. 15.
 June 8: Serpa Conveyancing 13 vs. Pickering Village Source for Sports 15, Century 21, Percy Fulton Ltd. 8 vs. Marshall Homes 7 (MVP Sandra Jadunadan), Cherrywood Roofing 2 (MVP Laura Miller) vs. Ontario Power Generation 15.
 June 14: Serpa Conveyancing 14 vs. Marshall Homes 15 (MVP Shana-Lee Donaghy), West Pickering Ladies Sic Pitch 8 vs. Cherrywood Roofing 13 (MVP Alicia Brown), Century 21, Percy Fulton Ltd. 18 vs. Ontario Power Generation 5.
 June 16: West Pickering Ladies Sic Pitch 13 vs. Ontario Power Generation 11, Serpa Conveyancing 20 vs. Cherrywood Roofing 9, Pickering Village Source for Sports 3 vs. Century 21, Percy Fulton Ltd. 7.

NOVICE GIRLS' DIVISION

STANDINGS As of June 11, 1999

TEAM	G	W	L	T	PTS	%	GBL
Halcyon Watersprings	3	0	1	2	0	0.875	0
Business Depot	4	2	1	1	5	0.625	1
Re/Max-Joan Visaretis	3	2	1	0	5	0.625	1
S&P's No Frills	4	2	2	0	4	0.500	1.5
Serpa Conveyancing	4	1	3	0	2	0.250	2.5
Class 'A' Electronics	4	0	3	1	1	0.125	3

DIVISION RESULTS

June 8: Business Depot 13 (MVP Kelly Temple) vs. Re/Max Joan Visaretis 8, Class 'A' Electronics 15 (MVP Kaitlyn Pritchard) vs. Serpa Conveyancing 13 (MVP Andrea Smeelen), Steve & Peggy's No Frills 9 vs. Halcyon Watersprings Inc. 12.
 June 10: Re/Max Joan Visaretis 22 (MVP Danielle Demerino) vs. Steve & Peggy's No Frills 8 (MVP Sabrina Thompson), Serpa Conveyancing 7 (MVP Mallory Hendry) vs. Business Depot 17 (MVP Jennifer Cranston), Halcyon Watersprings Inc. 14 (MVP Casey Lagault) vs. Class 'A' Electronics 8 (MVP Kaitlyn Pritchard).
 June 15: Steve & Peggy's No Frills 20 vs. Serpa Conveyancing 11, Business Depot 13 vs. Class 'A' Electronics 13 (MVP Odette Ansell), Re/Max Joan Visaretis 11 vs. Halcyon Watersprings Inc. 11 (MVP Alana Hubley).
 June 17: Halcyon Watersprings Inc. 17 vs. Business Depot 16, Re/Max Joan Visaretis 15 (MVP Crista Godin) vs. Class 'A' Electronics 11 (MVP Laura Conlin), Serpa Conveyancing 7 vs. Steve & Peggy's No Frills 15.

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