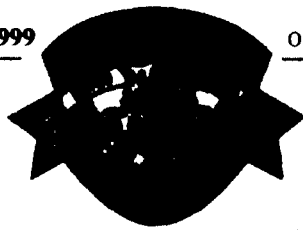




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Business, social groups want details in next budget

Throne Speech thrown darts, laurels

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

Local business leaders and child care advocates will be looking ahead to the Liberals' next budget to see whether the government follows the "road map" laid out in Tuesday's Speech from the Throne.

"There was a lot of feel-good information but not a lot of specifics," says Kate Zarins, first vice-president of the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade.

"What we're looking for as a board of trade is a direct positive impact on business," she notes, adding she was pleased to hear an emphasis on "e-commerce, EI system reform and personal and corporate tax reduction", noting those topics were the three top issues discussed at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's recent annual general meeting.

For the federal government's part, "It's something to work on," says Whithy-Ajax MP Judi Longfield. "I'm looking forward to seeing the details worked out in the budget."

In an interview from Ottawa Tuesday, the local MP reported she was pleased to see a "multi-year commitment for broad-based tax reduction" and a commitment to direct 50 per cent of surpluses to debt and tax reduction and 50 per cent to "strategic investment."

Bob Malcolmson, executive director of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce, was pleased the government made a commitment to further tax reductions in the speech, noting that "should be a number-one priority. It's good to hear the federal government is looking in that direction."

However, he notes the three biggest concerns of the local

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ANDREW IWANOWSKI/News Advertiser photo

He'll grow into it...

Three-year-old Drury Martin may be a little short on experience but he's long on ambition as he tries to connect with his dad's driver outside the West Shore Community Cen-

tre on the weekend. With a growth spurt over the winter months, Drury may well be ready to hit the links next season with his father, Paul.

Lice policy is just nit-picking: Reynolds

Durham school boards to abolish 'no nits' rule at behest of health department

Durham students will no longer have to stay home from class if they're being treated for head lice, both of the region's school boards have decided.

Durham District School Board communications manager Mary Brown says the public board is joining the Durham Catholic District School Board in amending policies that prevent students from returning to school if they have nits in their hair.

"The board will revise its current procedure on (head lice) to meet the revised guidelines of the Durham Region Health Department," Ms. Brown said following the board's administrative council meeting held Tuesday morning.

"The board's current procedure will remain in place until the revisions are complete and (are) released to the system," she added.

The Durham Region Health Department, which has adopted a new policy on head lice, has been working with the re-



DONNA REYNOLDS
'It's not a reason for excluding a child from school.'

gion's two school boards in an effort to abolish no-nit policies at schools across Durham, reports Region Associate Medical Officer of Health Dr. Donna Reynolds, who says new research is the reason behind the policy change.

"We're not saying don't re-



MARY BROWN
The public board 'will revise its current procedure to meet the revised guidelines.'

move (nits), but it's not a reason for excluding a child from school," Dr. Reynolds notes of the shift in policy.

Both the public and separate boards had policies in place that preclude children from being admitted back to school if they have nits in their

hair. But associate Dr. Reynolds maintains the new research indicates that's not a reason for exclusion.

Prohibiting children from returning to school until their head lice is cleared up is not necessary to control the spread among children.

Meanwhile, the Durham Catholic District School Board's superintendent of programs, Gerry Blake, reports officials are "in the process of meeting with the health department to get their latest information and research."

"We will revise our administrative procedure relative to what the health department is saying," he says.

According to the health department, the key to treating head lice is to wash a child's hair with a medicated shampoo available at drug stores, and then repeat that same treatment seven days later.

Once a child has been treated, the lice should have died and the child should be re-admitted to school.



RICK JOHNSON
'MTO staff have been very reluctant to come to the table.'

Rick Johnson maintained issues raised by the community need to be addressed even though, overall, the 407 extension will bring benefits to Pickering and Durham and has been supported by both municipalities. He noted everything has been complicated by the fact the Province sold the highway project to a private consortium and the agreement for its construction would have to be reopened in order to make changes.

"MTO staff have been very reluctant to come to the table," said Coun. Johnson. In the meantime, he explained, the consortium has agreed it could be feasible to change a planned 407 at-grade intersection with Brock Road into a bypass to avoid traffic and safety problems.

"We need the Minister of Transport to open those books again and work with them."

The resolution passed by council lists a number of concerns regarding the Hwy. 407 extension, including:

- traffic and safety problems related to the at-grade intersection with Brock Road.
- traffic and safety problems related to the planned realignment of Hwy. 7 to intersect with Regional Road 30 at the west entrance to Green River — a bypass of the hamlet has been suggested by the task force.
- the impact of traffic flow from the 407 extension onto Regional and Town roads too small to handle the additional volume of traffic.

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Pickering girls ready for Annie

BY AL RIVETT
Staff Editor

Three local actresses will face their biggest test in a North York theatre troupe's newest production later this month.

Shannon Standen, 10, of Ajax, Jessica Diamond, 10, and Rebecca Van Gijn, 10, both of Pickering, will play the role of orphans in Curtain Call Players' production of Annie, on stage at the Fairview Library Theatre Oct. 14 to 23.

Despite their young ages, all three actresses have been involved for several years with the amateur theatre troupe. Rebecca and Shannon performed in four plays over the past four years, acting in Oliver, The Music Man, the Sound

of Musicals and now Annie. Jessica is preparing once again with the Curtain Call Players since appearing in The Wizard of Oz five years ago.

Annie will be the most challenging role for the talented thespians. Not only will they be acting in the full-scale production of the Broadway classic, but they'll be called upon to sing and dance.

They're looking forward to it nonetheless.

"Annie is the most fun" of any play Shannon's appeared in, says the Grade 5 student at Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School in Ajax. "You have to be in time. It's pretty complicated."

"They've all been fun," chimes in Rebecca who, like Jessica, is a Grade 5 student in

Frenchman's Bay Public School's French immersion program.

After working with a choreographer and a musical director since June, the three actresses and more than 45 other singers and dancers are winding down rehearsals.

The cast of Annie gave a sneak preview of the play at North York's Fairview Mall last Saturday afternoon, performing 'You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile', 'Hard Knock Life' and 'Tomorrow' to appreciative shoppers.

"You could have heard a pin drop," says Doreen Van Gijn, Rebecca's mom. "Throughout the numbers,

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Jessica Diamond, 10, of Pickering (front), Rebecca Van Gijn, 10, of Pickering (back row, left) and Shannon Standen, of Ajax, are ready to hit the stage.

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Special education teachers cope with 'woefully inadequate' funding

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

When Durham's public school board announced plans to alter special-education programs for learning-disabled students this fall, parents and educators were reeling.

But, elementary teachers here are doing all they can to ensure they're still serving pupils' special needs.

"The reality is all educators are special-education teachers. Special education touches all of our lives," Lisa Millar, a member of the Durham District School Board's Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) training committee, told about 150 educators at a training session Thursday.

"The one thing that hasn't changed are the children in our classrooms," she added. "Today we face the challenge

of working together to meet those needs."

The vice-principal at Meadowcrest Public School in Brooklin told the crowd when the board announced learning strategies and academic resource teachers would be cut this fall, "The message wasn't what we wanted to hear."

But, she noted SERT's way of delivering special-education programs is "nothing new in the province."

The goal behind the board's ongoing training sessions is "to bring the leadership from the schools together to dialogue and discuss some of the issues affecting students with special needs."

The board's programming changes have seen the number of teachers who work with learning-disabled students drop from 250 to 153 as the

board cut its academic resource and learning strategies instructors and replaced them with SERTs in an effort to bring its special-education programs in line with those across the province.

Board staff development co-ordinator Mark Joel reported approximately 400 teachers and administrators participated in the first phase of SERT training Wednesday and Thursday at the board headquarters. Teams of four teachers from each elementary school across Durham took part.

Marlene Pike, special education officer for Whitby and Brock, told teachers the "major changes" the board has implemented are similar to what's been done across the Greater Toronto Area. "If they can make it work, we can too."

While she said there may be

some "tinkering" with the Province's special-education funding formula, she noted it would take approximately \$300 million to implement the board's old delivery model across Ontario. "That's not going to happen."

"Now more than ever before, because we have a special-education funding formula

that is so woefully inadequate, we need to work together as a team," Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) member Jan Genge told teachers. "I see a roomful of hope for our students."

"We are working towards the same goal — helping all students overcome their personal challenges," she said.

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Guest speaker will be Ron Williams, who has undertaken archeological investigations in north Pickering, directed excavations of 800- and 600-year-old Iroquoian vil-

lages in the Oshawa-Port Hope area, and at the request of the Six Nations, has recently excavated an Iroquoian burial site in Toronto. Mr. Williamson has also directed dozens of surveys of lands throughout Durham Region.

The presentation is being sponsored by the Durham Region Heritage Festival Committee.

Everyone is welcome to attend.
For more information call 831-6265, ext. 232.

Annie 'orphans' ready to play in North York

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there was applause. They were really well-received."

All three girls will have significant roles in the play as orphans. Rebecca and Jessica will sing two duets in the play, while Shannon will appear in a fight scene.

The three were among 10 youngsters invited to perform in the production because of their previous work with the Curtain Call Players.

The remaining 10 children's roles in the production were heavily sought after as more than 70 auditioned for the parts.

The girls say the fun and camaraderie among cast members keeps them coming back.

They're also fans of long-time *Curtain Call Players'* director Keith

O'Connell, whose wealth of theatre knowledge and his penchant for challenging child actresses hasn't gone unnoticed by the local trio.

"We've been in it so long that they're kind of like your family," says Shannon.

"When you first come in you're a little scared, but after four years, you get to know everyone."

Tickets for Annie are \$18 and \$14, with all seating reserved. Thursday to Saturday performances start at 8 p.m. The curtain rises on the Sunday matinee show at 2 p.m.

The Fairview Library Theatre is at 35 Fairview Mall Dr., at the corner of Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue East.

For tickets or more information
call 416-703-6181.

Hwy. 407 changes sought by Pickering

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- possible effects of the project on water quality and quantity in local wells.

- lack of sidewalks and bicycle lanes on planned 407 overpasses.

The resolution states design changes and other measures prior to construction would avoid the cited problems and create "a better driver environment". It calls for MTO studies

attend the task force meetings to assist in resolving safety and design issues associated with the existing 407 plan, and for the ministry to review and respond to the identified concerns.

Council's resolution also calls on the ministry and 407 consortium to arrange for an independent well monitoring program in the area, including collection of current baseline data on water quality in advance of any construction work.



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Mixed reaction to Throne Speech

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business community —transportation, education and taxation — were only touched on briefly.

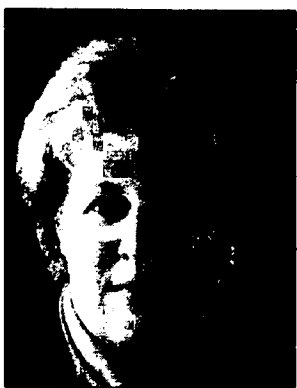
"We need a national transportation investment strategy," he says, noting the government is "going to have to set aside sufficient funding for the national highways."

And, as far as the government's investment in education is concerned, Mr. Malcolmson says the Liberals have to do more to ensure students aren't graduating from a post-secondary institution "loaded down with debt."

He describes the government's Millennium Scholarships as a "nice social policy that is a short-stop. They've got to dig into the problem."

The Speech from the Throne, delivered by Canada's newly installed Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson, also left a lot to be desired regarding services for children, notes Mervyn Russell, chairman of the Durham Child Poverty Task Force.

"There is some attention given



JUDI LONGFIELD
'It's something to work on.'

to the needs of children, but it didn't seem to be nearly as prominent as we had been led to believe," he says noting "there were some things we would have hoped to have seen."

"We want to see all children benefit from the economy," Mr. Russell said, adding "as far as I

could see the word child care was not mentioned once."

He added the fact that a national child care policy was omitted "is a great shame."

"There was a nod in the direction of the interests of children, but to call this in any way a children's agenda is far more than it deserves," he says.

Maureen Gmitrowicz, vice-chairman of the Durham Child Poverty Task Force, says "my major disappointment was that there was no mention of better or more child care, there was no indication of any changes regarding affordable housing and no policy on creating jobs for the average family."

However, she notes, "I am pleased with the concessions to tax relief for parents and the introduction of family-friendly employer policies particularly around parental leave."

"There did seem to be a commitment to strengthening the social safety network, but not the things families need," Ms. Gmitrowicz says.

Throne Speech takes Canada into new millennium Children and technology to get attention from feds

BY CHRISTY CHASE
Staff Writer

Children, knowledge and a leading role in making the world a safer place in the 21st century are the keystones of the federal government's platform as it leads Canada into the new millennium.

In Tuesday's Throne Speech given by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, emphasis was placed on investments in our young people, research and development, a national action plan on skills and learning, expansion of the country's knowledge, culture, information and physical infrastructure and working with other governments to build stronger, safer communities, a stronger country and safer world.

There was also the promise of tax cuts over a number of years, tougher pollution standards and a stronger RCMP to address public security threats.

"No commitment we make today will be more important for the long-term prosperity and well-being of our society than the commitment to invest our efforts in very young children," Ms. Clarkson read in the speech.

The government will expand and make more accessible employment insurance benefits for parental leave, make its workplace policies "more family friendly," provide more tax relief for families with children and provide young Canadians with more opportunities to develop

op their talents, expand skills and learn more about their country.

In the economy, the government promised to build on Canada's advantage by supporting innovation and development of new technologies. Investment Team Canada, a co-ordinated effort by all government and the private sector, will be launched to make the world aware of investment and growth opportunities in Canada.

A heavy emphasis on technology will see young people used to help bring the information highway into rural and isolated parts of Canada and will provide more access to high-speed Internet service for classrooms and libraries. The

government also promised to link 1,000 institutions across Canada to create a virtual museum, putting the collections from the National Archives, National Library and other key institutions on-line.

The federal government also promised to give increased prominence to global human security in its foreign policy and to work towards greater protection of children's rights. The Throne Speech also mentioned ensuring the Canadian Forces "have the capacity to support Canada's role in building a more secure world and will further develop the capacity of Canadians to help ensure peace and security in foreign lands."

Hospital delivers bouncing baby docs

Ajax and Pickering Health Centre welcomes new MDs

Several new physicians have been added to the medical staff at Ajax and Pickering Health Centre (APHC), including the hospital's first female obstetrician/gynecologist.

"We have attracted some outstanding people to our facility since we joined with the Centenary Health Centre to create the Rouge Valley Health System," said associate chief of staff Dr. Carmen Price in a media release announcing the brand new additions.

"These doctors are coming on

board because of the reputation established by our medical staff in the past and the potential created by the growth and expansion of the Ajax site in the future."

The new physicians at the Ajax and Pickering Health Centre include:

Dr. Peter Hayashida — plastic surgeon; Dr. Henry Huang — ear, nose and throat surgeon; Dr. Susan Campbell — pediatrics; Dr. Althea Correa — general practice; Dr. A. Gnanapavan — psychiatry; Dr. Prashant Chaudhary — general practice; Dr. Maria Shal

— general practice; Dr. Gerald White — anesthesia; Dr. Brian Freund — dentistry; and Dr. Suha Eltayeb — obstetrician and gynecologist.

Along with upgrades to the Ajax and Pickering Health Centre's diagnostic imaging equipment, expansion and renovation of the emergency department and the addition of a new rehabilitation unit, the additional doctors will help the hospital move forward towards becoming a full-service hospital, said chief operating officer Bruce Chitt.

Charged officers make court appearance

Three police officers charged in the December, 1998 fatal shooting of a Sunderland man and wounding of his teenage son appeared briefly in Oshawa court Friday.

The case of York Regional Police constables Randy Martin and Mike Hoskins and Durham Regional Police Constable Al Robins was adjourned to Nov. 3.

A pre-trial conference, normally held in a judge's chamber, is scheduled on that day and it is expected a date for a preliminary hearing will be selected.

Earlier this year, following a lengthy investigation, the province's Special Investigations Unit charged Const. Martin with second-degree murder in the shooting death of father of three Tony Romagnuolo, 44.

His partner, Const. Hoskins, is charged with assault with a weapon and careless use of a firearm as a result of an altercation with Mr. Romagnuolo's son, Enzo, 20.

Durham's Const. Robins is charged with aggravated assault in the connection with the wounding of another son, Rocco, 17, who was shot in the abdomen.

The bloody confrontation erupted after four officers went to the family's rural Sunderland home to question Enzo Romagnuolo about an alleged threatening incident.

Child care centre holds open house

PICKERING — Schoolhouse Playcare Centre at Pine Ridge Secondary School is holding an Open House Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Throne Speech helps needy Poor children need a hand up

Children must come first. It's something most of us take for granted, but statistics show children often come last in our society.

That's why Tuesday's Speech from the Throne with its promises to help children is absolutely critical. Many children in Durham have been suffering over the past decade. Since Parliament made a promise back in 1989 to abolish child poverty by 2000, the problem has actually doubled in severity. Certainly we've had a significant population increase over the past 10 years, but not enough to create twice as many children living in poverty today as did in 1989.

Perhaps the MPs who were sitting in opposition a decade ago and who now sit on the front benches of government - Paul Martin among them - have felt some guilt pangs. Perhaps they now realize child poverty must be attacked with full force. Perhaps only now they fully understand a country as wealthy as ours, judged No. 1 in the world in which to live for the past five years by the United Nations, should not put up with having one in five children going hungry, living in inadequate housing or even homeless and without proper clothes.

There needs to be real action taken by the federal government to lessen child poverty. A comprehensive day-care program, long a Liberal staple, has still not materialized. It's something that was promised way back in the 1993 Liberal election platform - the infamous 'Red Book.' Along with scrapping the GST, it's not been delivered. Day care funding would allow the poverty-stricken parents of poor kids the chance to find meaningful jobs without having to shoulder heavy child-care bills. The speech did include increased Child Tax credits for low-income parents and guarantees to improve nutrition and health care programs for children.

The promise in the Throne Speech to provide broad-based federal income tax cuts is long overdue. The feds have tinkered with some minor 'window dressing' cuts over the past few years, but to little effect and usually with increases to Employment Insurance and Canada Pension Plan premiums thrown in to balance any cuts. But tax relief has been earned by middle-class wage earners, those who have provided the brunt of the revenues to eliminate the federal budget deficit. More take-home pay will result in more spending and investment and a boost to the economy. This will in turn result in some tax revenue back to the federal government. It's a win-win situation for all.

The federal-provincial infrastructure program, so successful in the years following the 1993 federal election is back as well and not a minute too soon. It's hoped in Ontario much of the funding between all three levels of government will go to badly needed road repairs and new road construction.

Promised spending for research at our universities should help stem the 'brain drain' to the United States and keep some of our best and brightest right here in Canada.

All in all, the speech is a typical Liberal free-for-all with spending and tax cuts a part of the mix. What's key is that our MPs must remember to do it for the children. After all, today's youngsters will determine the Canada we have tomorrow.

Waste not wanted NIMBY-ism appropriate in policy on waste facilities

Pickering residents are tired of being dumped on. We've been home to more than our fair share of landfill sites and other people's garbage for far too long, thank you very much.

So, it comes as welcome news that Pickering council wants to re-examine Town policies on the location of waste management facilities here. Municipal staff are reviewing existing Official Plan and zoning regulations relating to waste management facilities, and to identify possible strategies to strengthen the Town's ability to deal with such facilities.

Changes are needed to avoid the types of battles we've seen in the past over the location of waste transfer and processing plants. Waste management facilities are currently permitted in 'M1' zones which could result in Pickering getting applications to build them near residential neighbourhoods or in places that would have an impact on nearby homeowners.

We don't have to think far back to remember the battle involving the Brock East Community Association, the Towns of Pickering and Ajax, and J & F Waste Systems Inc. over a proposal by the company to build a waste recycling/transfer station on Notion Road in Ajax near the Pickering border. Area residents opposed the facility on the grounds it would bring noise, odour, dirt and excessive truck traffic into their neighbourhood, and because it posed a threat to Duffins Creek. The fight over the recycling/transfer station went to the Ontario Municipal Board before the application for it was withdrawn.

Municipal staff must come back to council with a policy that will place tight restrictions on where waste management facilities can be located in Pickering. Such facilities must be banned anywhere near residential neighbourhoods.

Pickering residents could write the policy paper in five words: Not In My Back Yard.

E-mail comments on 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 do you think about Durham police stepping up their crackdown on aggressive drivers?



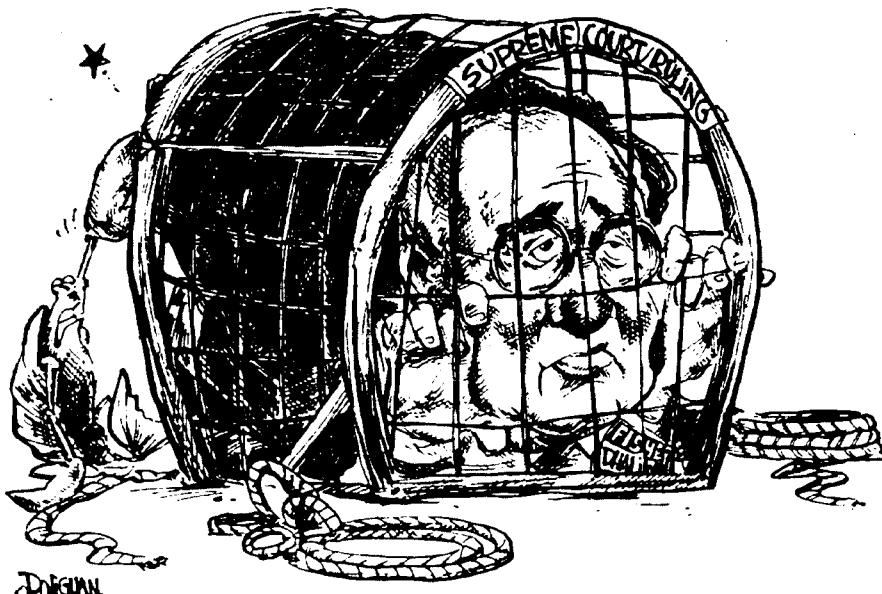
Alison Borgia says, "I think it's a great idea. It's about time."



Andre Bain says, "It's good that they're doing it but it's kind of a Band-aid solution. The root of the problem is the ongoing stress on people."



Susan Moss says, "I think it's wonderful. It will cut down on road rage. And too many people are in a hurry."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Teachers who run extra-curriculars boost spirit

To the editor:

Re the Sept. 22 News Advertiser story headlined 'Volunteers to run high school extra-curriculars'.

This year people are suggesting parents volunteer to bring back extra-curricular activities in high schools. This is a noble idea, but I have great reservations about it. I have questions about who these people are, where they are from and most importantly can they keep us in line. We are young adults aged 14 to 18 and not small children who are easily managed.

Extra-curriculars let us meet people we don't usually hang around with at school, and they allow teachers to become more like friends.

The funding for the teacher testing ideally should go to extra-curricular activities. Teachers have written tests to prove they are competent to be in schools, but it's being suggested that parents come into our school and be in charge of a group of students without any proof of being qualified or able to

handle us. Coaching students is not just teaching a skill; it is also developing our social deportment towards our friends and community.

Extra-curriculars are the life of schools. The teachers who run these activities are the forces who create school spirit. Will the parents who come to take the teachers' places have the skills required to feed this school spirit and pride?

Melinda Parker,
Grade 11,
Pickering

Soldiers not 'herd of cattle'

To the editor:

I have to remark on a statement I consider to be derogatory made by Orono farmer Harold Ransberry in the News Advertiser article 'Home on the Farm'.

What do his words that he made a "half-hearted attempt to join the army" signify? Either you enlist or you don't. Perhaps then or later he went to the family farm in which case he probably had a legitimate reason for not going into the army.

I voluntarily enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1942 at the age of 17. My two older brothers were

already in the army. I served in Canada, the U.K., North Africa, Italy and then in Holland. We did not feel that we were part of a "herd of cattle" when moving from one front to another. My older brother lost his life on Juno Beach on June 6, 1944. Was he part of a "herd of cattle"?

Enough said.

Robert G. Sawdon,
Pickering

Celebrate!

To the editor:

Letter writer Jan Baisas is wrong in arguing in the News Advertiser that the new millennium will not begin until Jan. 1, 2001.

If we overlook the gestation period, a newborn baby's age is 0 immediately at birth. A second later it is 0 plus one second. After 365 days that baby is one year old. When, if lucky, it eventually becomes 100 years old, he or she will have lived a full 100 years.

The same for the century. When we reach 2000, our present century will be exactly 100 years old. So, Jan. 1, 2000 will be the beginning, or first day, of a new century and a new millennium.

Celebrate!

George Heron

Liberals on spot to show their Grit

Focus is on Dalton McGuinty now



Eric Dowd

At Queen's Park

An opposition party that was defeated in the June election oddly will be almost as much a centre of attraction as the victorious Progressive Conservative government when the legislature resumes Oct. 20.

Premier Mike Harris has been preoccupied since the vote with a broken marriage, inflating the minor issue of squeegee kids to look like he is busy protecting the public and avoiding the legislature which he has had sit only seven days this year.

The issue of tax cuts on which Mr. Harris won two elections has lost some of its magic appeal according to recent elections elsewhere. If the premier has any other ideas about which he is enthusiastic he is not showing it.

The Liberals under Dalton McGuinty are the only party which showed any substantial upward momentum in the election. They won five more seats than in 1995 in a smaller legislature and 40 per cent of the vote, which would have been enough to have put them in government in some elections.

Although Mr. Harris won a second consecutive majority, no small feat in a year in which other governments found it difficult to be re-elected, his share of the vote rose only fractionally to 45 per cent and he lost seats. The New Democratic Party won only nine seats, its worst performance since the 1960s.

Only the Liberals could claim to be on a roll. Mr. McGuinty was seen by many as a fresh, new face, young, earnest and sincere-sounding. He finished strongly and was the only leader to stay around much after the vote, continuing to attack Mr. Harris aggressively while the premier hibernated and the NDP went into seclusion for months to lick its wounds (al-

though it also can be argued that not much the Liberal leader says now will be remembered in another election in four years.)

Because of the extent the NDP has to climb back, Mr. McGuinty is seen as the only politician who could defeat Mr. Harris in the next election.

But the Liberal leader also has problems. His comparative success so far has been achieved mainly by criticizing the premier and he has yet to come up with comprehensive policies.

To attract voters from Mr. Harris, he will be tempted to borrow from the right, but this could cost him support he attracted from the NDP.

Mr. McGuinty will now be the target of both the Tories and NDP. The Tories recognize he is probably the only threat to them next election and the NDP will be anxious for revenge because his call for New Democrats to join him as the only leader capable of defeating Mr. Harris proved effective and cost them many seats.

The Tories are already showing their determination to check Mr. McGuinty by putting out a series of news releases supposedly from backbenchers pointing to issues on which Mr. McGuinty has changed his mind.

An example is photo radar, which the Liberal leader said during the campaign he had no intention of bringing back, but which he

now supports after a series of highway deaths.

Mr. McGuinty is trying to get a former MPP with big business connections made party president hoping he will lure donations from big business, which overwhelmingly funds Mr. Harris. He will be hampered because the premier brought in anti-labour laws which Mr. McGuinty cannot support for fear of losing his new friends on the left.

Mr. McGuinty also may not be marshalling his resources to his best advantage. In what appears to be change for change's sake, he has dropped deputy leader Gerry Phillips, who has unsurpassed respect in the legislature for authority and accuracy. He's been replaced by the untied Sandra Pupatello, vivacious, outspoken and sometimes strident, although she will certainly bring him publicity.

Mr. McGuinty also has dumped Jim Bradley, the longtime house leader who knows issues and where political bodies are buried better than anyone and often has been a one-man band fighting Tories while other Liberals stayed home, and replaced him by Dwight Duncan, again untied.

On top of this Mr. McGuinty has inexplicably cut communications staff who served reasonably well and brought back those who handled Lyn McLeod's disastrous campaign in 1995, keeping her likable personality hidden from voters, which reminds that the Liberals also have long experience in blowing their chances.

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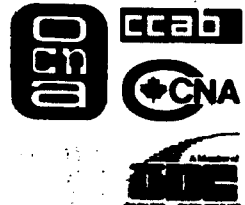
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Workshop for women explores self-esteem

Women's
centre hosts
Oct. 19 event

A free workshop on Exploring Self-Esteem is being held for women next week.

The Ajax-Pickering Women's Centre is hosting the event and it's open to women across Durham Region.

The workshop is being facilitated by Simcoe Settlement House, with funding donated by Choices Childbirth Education and Doula Services.

It's being held Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the community room of the Durham Regional Police station at the northeast corner of Brock Road and Kingston Road in Pickering.

While free, space is limited and those interested are asked to register in advance by calling Sally at 426-1064.

Pickering Civitan Club wants you

PICKERING — The Pickering Civitan Club is welcoming new members who want to 'Build a better world and make dreams a reality'. Civitan's purpose is to provide members personal and professional development opportunities while improving the community through community service.

Projects the Pickering club has supported include the Terry Fox Run; Windreach Farm (a facility for the physically challenged); Best Diabetes Clinic Summer Picnic; Rosebank Villa; Sick Kids Telethon; Special Olympics; Whitby Sledge Hockey; Pickering Arts Festival; Pickering Canada Day Festival; and Junior Civitans.

The club's recently-elected new officers will be installed at a dinner Thursday, Oct. 21 at Papp's Restaurant at the Pickering Home and Design Centre on Brock Road just north of Hwy. 401. Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m., followed by dinner and ceremonies at 7:30 p.m.

New Pickering Civitan officers include Fran Sorensen, president; Connie Sellen, secretary; Lorna Rowley, treasurer; and directors Terry James, Brian Power, Mark Fleming, Grant Worgan and Rob Greig.

For more information call Fran Sorensen at 420-5951.

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November 3	Site Plan Advisory Committee
November 8	Executive Committee Meeting
November 10	Committee of Adjustment

NOTICE

It is against Town of Pickering bylaws to dump grass, clippings, leaves or garbage of any kind on Town of Pickering property. We ask all residents to put all compost type materials in clear bags for pick up on your recycling dates. **GRASS CLIPPINGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

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PUBLIC MEETING
Rouge Park Neighbourhood

The Town of Pickering has initiated the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Study. You are invited to attend a public meeting (as detailed below) to discuss Phase I of the Study, which involves such matters as community design, servicing, public facilities, and protection of natural resources. Copies of the Rouge Park Neighbourhood Study - Phase I Report can be picked up from the Planning Department on and after October 7, 1999.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Geoff McKnight of the Planning Department at (905) 420-4660 extension 2112, or (905) 683-2760.

What: Public Meeting - Rouge Park Neighbourhood
When: October 14, 1999
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Where: Council Chambers
Pickering Civic Complex
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****HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH****

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Please note that a total of only 200 composters will be available.

For further information regarding the sale of the Norseman Earth Machine, please contact the Town of Pickering Public Works Department at 420-4630 or 683-2760.

Official Opening of the Newly Expanded & Renovated EAST SHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE

October 1, 1999

Enthusiastic Citizens and Local Dignitaries Celebrate the reopening of the newly expanded and renovated East Shore Community Centre. Jessie Docherty was awarded Senior of the Year by the Town of Pickering, International Year of the Older Person Committee and the Provincial Government for her volunteer work and contributions to the South Pickering Seniors Group and the Community. The new space created will provide room for expanded seniors programs as well as community group use.

Pickering Seniors' Club

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

AUTISM: The Autism Society, Durham Chapter, meets at 8 p.m. at 19 Bird Circle, Ajax. Support for families of individuals with PDD or autism. 427-9572 (Judy Crosbie).

TOASTMASTERS: The Ajax-Pickering Toastmasters Club meets at the Fortune Financial building, 335 Bayly St. W. (corner of Finley Ave.), Ajax. Meet and greet 7:15 p.m., meeting from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The topic is Area #16, Humorous and Impromptu Speech Contests (Area Level). Learn public speaking, leadership and communications skills. 683-4439 (John), 619-9079 (Nancy).

THURSDAY, OCT. 14

NEWCOMERS: The Pickering Ajax Newcomers Club holds its monthly meeting for women who are new to the area at 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Pickering Village United Church, 300 Church St. N., in Ajax. 837-2897 (Tanya) or 686-1291 (Brenda).

UNEMPLOYED: C.A.R.E., part of the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre, offers a workshop on Developing Job Leads at 1 p.m. at 1400 Bayly St., Unit 12, Pickering. Reservations a must. 420-4010.

GRIEF SUPPORT: Christian Life Centre, 1030 Ravenscroft Rd., Ajax, hosts a video/discussion support group from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 203. Topics include When Someone you Care About Dies, Understanding Grief, The Many Emotions of Grief, Grief Attacks, Season of Adjustment, Moving On. The facilitator is an ordained minister and

professional Christian counsellor. Sessions are free. Drop in. (416) 878-6571.

OVEREATERS: Overeaters Anonymous meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. No dues or fees required. Call 428-8660 (Mary) for location.

CANCER: A session on the psychosocial aspects of cancer is offered as part of the Wellness In Caring information series, for people working or volunteering in helping professions, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Health Place Cancer Support Centre, 86 Colborne St. W., Oshawa. Debbie Devitt, a specialist in supportive care at Lakeridge Health Oshawa, will be guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served. To register, phone 579-4833.

FRIDAY, OCT. 15

ALLERGIES: The Durham Region Anaphylaxis Support Group meets the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Support for those dealing with life-threatening allergies. 420-8404, 686-3018 for location.

ADDICTION: The Serenity Group holds its weekly 12-Step Recovery Meeting at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. The group deals with addictions of all types, including co-dependency. All welcome. Child care program available as required. Phone 428-9431 (Jim, evenings) for more information.

FRENCH WOMEN: French-speaking women are invited to Le Cercle Francophone d'AjAx, which meets at 8 p.m. Call 839-0343 for location.

Support for grieving offered

Ajax and Pickering Health Centre is hosting a Grief Support Group, which started Tuesday, Oct. 12 for six weeks.

It's being offered in partnership with McEachnie Funeral Home at the hospital, 580 Harwood Ave. S., Ajax. Meetings will be held each Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., with the Oct. 12 session running from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Led by Father Richard Newland, the group will help people explore the grief and bereavement process.

It will focus on accepting a death has occurred, coming to emotional terms with a

death, creating a new identity for self and incorporating the loss, dealing with anniversaries, and any other issue

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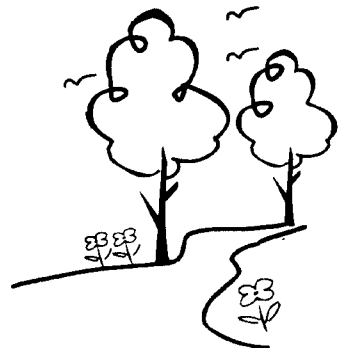
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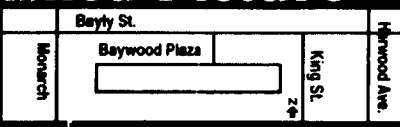
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General Motors, union get down to bargaining business

Negotiations begin for new contract following deals with Ford, Daimler-Chrysler

If this week's labour discussions are not successful, General Motors Canada workers will be in a legal position to go on strike the Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 11:59 p.m.

The pattern established during CAW's agreement with Ford Motor Canada and its tentative understanding with DaimlerChrysler Canada will

be brought to the bargaining table Tuesday, according to Jane Armstrong, director of communications for the autoworkers union.

In the deals hammered out with Ford and DaimlerChrysler, employees will receive a \$1,000 signing bonus, a 4.5 per cent raise for the duration of the three-year con-

tract, and a \$1,200 Christmas bonus. (CAW Local 222 members are expected to vote to ratify the DaimlerChrysler deal today, Sunday, Oct. 10).

"Other issues specific to GM concerns the new product going into St. Catharines, the transmission plant in Windsor and the future of St. Therese where they're only making the

(Chevrolet) Camaro and are down to only one shift," added Ms. Armstrong.

Local 222 President Mike Shields was tied up with national CAW president Buzz Hargrove in meetings in Bramalea on Friday, but although there are no outstanding problems currently affecting the workers in Oshawa, Ms. Arm-

strong says there are always local issues. One of them is an aging workforce and workload.

The union is also against the company selling components of its manufacturing operation — like the battery plant.

Oshawa workers won their first contract with General

Motors in 1937, following a strike.

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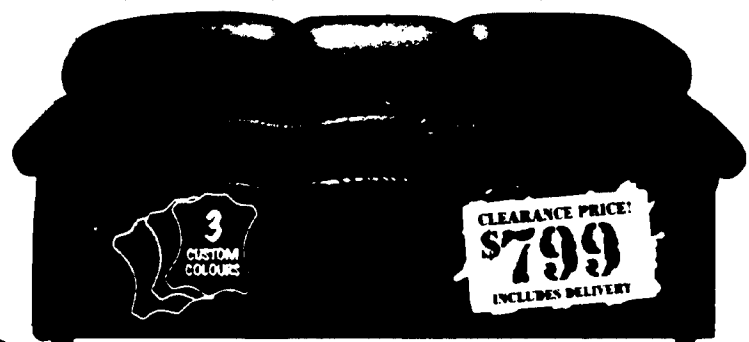
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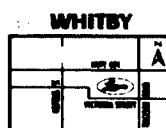
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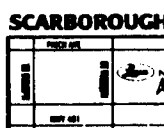
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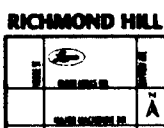
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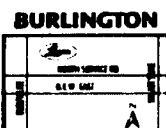
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Arts & Entertainment

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Theatre Review

Fun fuels Boeing Boeing comedy at Herongate

BY BILL SIMPSON

Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING — Long, long ago in a country far, far away, many people believed one of the primary roles of stewardesses was to attract customers to airlines by being beautiful.

Back in those dear distant days, playwright Marc Camoletti wrote a comedy about a Parisian bachelor with three girlfriends — stewardesses for competing airlines. All three are beautiful and, luckily for the bachelor, they are on different, non-overlapping schedules.

The play was Boeing Boeing, and it became famous when it was made into a movie with Tony Curtis and Jerry Lewis.

Herongate Barn Theatre's revival of Boeing Boeing has just opened the

dinner theatre's new season.

Now more than a third of a century old, the play is not modern in dialogue or attitudes. This aspect will appeal to some people and not to others. Aside from differences in language, however, the subject is not very different from the recent season openers of some television series.

In the lead role of the bachelor Bernard, Paul Francies is oh so suave,

with a nice edge of desperation when his plans start unraveling.

Craig Hamilton gives a wide-eyed and energetic portrayal of Bernard's acquaintance Robert, who arrives for a visit at the worst possible time, or the best, depending on one's point of view.

I wish there was a word meaning both animated and unflappable. That would describe Malorie Mandolidis in the role of Bernard's long-suffering

housekeeper.

What really brings this production to life are the delightful performances of Frances Stecyk, Sylvia Jager and Margaret St. John as the stewardesses for American Airlines, Air France and Lufthansa.

A lot of the entertainment is in the international array of accents — French, German, American and British — and in the great parade of colourful costumes.

Without going overboard about it, this is a fun play. The characters are varied and entertaining, and the outcome is not predictable.

Boeing Boeing runs until the end of October.

Herongate Barn Theatre is on Altona Road in Pickering, seven-and-a-half kilometres north of Hwy. 2.

Call 472-3085 for tickets and information.

Will the judge jump up at Carib dance?

PICKERING — A provincial court judge will be the guest speaker at the Pickering Carib Canadian Cultural Association's 19th Anniversary Dinner and Dance.

The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd.

Cocktails will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30.

There will be a cash bar, music provided by Fletcher's Love and door prizes.

Dress is formal.

Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for others.

To purchase tickets, call 420-5196, 427-7344, 428-6746 or 428-8244.

Ghoulish fun for little ones

PICKERING — Halloween fun for kids is being offered at the Greenwood and Claremont branches of the Pickering Public Library.

Children aged three to six are invited to hear Halloween stories and make a pumpkin mask Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. at the Greenwood branch (683-8844), and Thursday, Oct. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the Claremont branch (649-3341).

There is no need to register for these free programs.

Children are welcome to wear costumes.



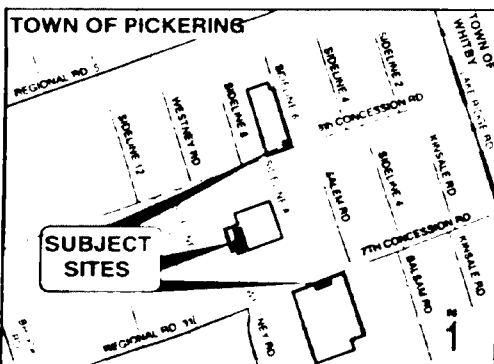
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

APPLICATION TO AMEND THE DURHAM REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN

PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
REGIONAL FILE NO.: OPA 1999-008

The Region is considering an application to permit the severance of four surplus farm dwellings and a lot line adjustment to convey lands supporting existing farm structures to a rural residential lot.



PUBLIC MEETING

The Durham Region Planning Committee will hold a public meeting to provide interested parties the opportunity to make comments, identify issues and provide additional information relative to the proposed Amendment. The public meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.
Durham Region Planning Department, Main Boardroom
Whitby Mall, Fourth Floor, Lang Tower

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

An information report outlining the details of the proposed Amendment may be obtained from the Durham Region Planning Department. If you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed Amendment, please contact:

Anna DeFina, Planner

Tel: (905) 728-7731 (Whitby)
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If you wish to make a written submission or if you wish to be notified of subsequent meetings or the adoption of the proposed Amendment, please write to the Commissioner of Planning, Box 623, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 6A3. Please include your address, telephone number and the Regional file number in your submission.

APPEAL

If a person or public body that files an appeal of the decision for the proposed official plan amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make an oral submission at a public meeting or written submission before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

Steve Parrish
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Durham College pitches bid for university status

BY CINDY UPSHALL
Staff Writer

Durham College will make a pitch to the provincial government this week to become a university.

The plan will see Durham become an "an applied and integrated university-college" offering students education in the hands-on college curriculum currently available, while also allowing students the chance to upgrade to applied degrees and bachelor of arts and sciences, says Durham College president Gary Polonsky.

"We will continue to keep

our roots in the workplace and in addition to offering the credentials we offer now, we would also like to offer applied and professional degrees," he says.

Under the unique approach students would be able to complete a diploma, choosing to upgrade it further to an applied degree or obtaining a university degree, or students can take a diploma and a degree in tandem.

In addition to giving students more options in their post secondary education, the college-university model will be more efficient, since it will have one president and one board of gov-

ernors, Mr. Polonsky says.

Initially the arts and sciences program would be provided by an outside university, presumably Trent University which currently offers courses in these areas through Durham.

"At the outset, what would change is local people could get a new degree offered by us," Mr. Polonsky says. However in the long-term Durham would become its own full-fledged university without coming under the umbrella of another university.

This mentor-type situation is the way Canadian universities have been formed for years, he

says, adding the process "helps us learn the ropes - there's a lot to learn."

Mr. Polonsky says although Durham's new, unique niche will be presented to the provincial government this week it could some time before an answer is heard.

"Even if the government does say yes... it will take another four to six months for the legislation to be drafted," he says.

That said, he's still hopeful a positive decision will be made in time for next year.

"My personal goal is for this to be enacted late in 2000 be-

cause of the magic of the millennium," Mr. Polonsky says. "This would be the most magnificent millennium gift the government could give Durham Region."

If the go-ahead is given by the end of 2000, the school could be ready for students under its new system by "the fall of 2002 and perhaps earlier."

Mr. Polonsky says he's spo-

ken with Durham Region MPPs, who have reacted positively to the college's proposal.

"The government has been very supportive of Durham College," he says. "We're a little optimistic but everything will be clarified in the fullness of time."

"We're going to give it our best shot and we'll see what we get," he says.

Join the green wave in Pickering this autumn

Join the 'Green Wave of Recycling' Saturday, Oct. 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pickering Civic Complex parking lot at One The Esplanade.

Pickering residents will have the opportunity to purchase the 'Earth Machine' at the subsidized rate of \$20 each. There will be composting information to get you started as well as composting accessories for sale. Be prepared to take home some of the Region's free compost by taking a box or pail and a shovel. People who purchase a composter can enter a free draw for a Blue Box filled with environmental gifts. Durham Environmental Network will have copies of its booklet 'A Household Guide to Waste Reduction in Durham Region' on hand. And, you can buy a Blue Box for \$4.

Autumn is an excellent time to begin to compost. This is the season when there are lots of leaves to add to the pile. The 'brown' leaves provide the carbon you need to make great compost. Also, by starting in the fall, you have an empty composter to fill up during the winter months. The cycle is slower in the winter and your compost will reach the top by spring. Come the warm weather, the cycle heats up and your pile will shrink to half its size to accommodate summer yard waste.



Everyone knows that gardening and compost go together. With that thought in mind, Susan Antler, execu-



Lorraine Roulston

Recycler's Corner

tive director of the Composting Council of Canada (CCC), asked if the council could be of any assistance to the Garden Writers Association of America (GWAA) during its 51st annual conference. The GWAA was grateful to have the extra volunteers on its bus tours that went to such places as Cullen Gardens in Whitby and Hamilton's Royal Botanical Gardens.

"Putting on a large conference takes an enormous amount of work and co-operation," said Ms. Antler. "It seemed like a wonderful idea for the CCC to partner with the GWAA to help make their Toronto visit run as smoothly as possible."

The CCC's 9th annual conference entitled 'It's Your Turn. Compost' will be held this year in Toronto Nov. 3 to 5. The conference offers municipal leaders in waste management the opportunity to benefit from both research results and practical hands-on experience. There will be more than 40 technical presentations as well as exhibits and field trips. For registration details, call 416-535-0240 and visit the CCC Web site at www.compost.org.

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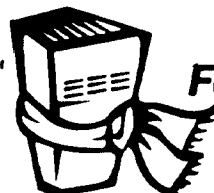
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Finishing kick

Luke Morrison of St. Bernadette Catholic School in Ajax runs for the finish line while competing in the eight-year-old boys' cross-country event for Durham separate schools at Trillium Valley, near Oshawa, recently. Morrison finished first in his event. Schools from Whitby, Ajax and Pickering took part.

Panthers bantams edge Vaughan in league debut

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers Bay Cycle/Tace Construction minor bantam select hockey team started its league season by posting a close 3-2 victory over Vaughan at the Don Beer Arena recently.

Brendan Bowes scored the winning goal for the Panthers midway through the third period, racing past the Vaughan defenders and rifling a shot into the top corner of the net. Drawing assists on the game-winning marker were Andrew Hackett and Ian Chassels.

Pickering opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Chris Macilwain, assisted by John Kenthol and Troy Carpenter. Defenceman Colin Campbell scored the Panthers' second goal on a low slapshot which beat the Vaughan goalie to the stick side. Jesse Seward and Paul Denis drew assists.

Pickering goalie Jason Costa was outstanding in his debut in net.

Other Panthers' players are Craig Burrell, Shawn Dubeau, Brian Walters, Colin Frizzell, Chris Walsh and Andrew Wilcox.

Panthers buzzed by St. Michael's Buzzers in battle of winless squads

But, Pickering juniors manage tie on the road in Parry Sound Friday

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — The Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers hosted the St. Michael's Buzzers in the battle of two winless clubs Sunday at the Pickering Recreation Complex, with the visitors leaving with their first win and the Panthers still searching for a victory in regular season action.

In a lacklustre effort, the Pickering juniors fell behind 5-1 to the Buzzers in the third period before launching a comeback attempt which fell into the too-little, too-late category. The Panthers scored two late goals only to fall short by a 5-3 score in OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League action.

The Panthers did, however, manage a single point in two weekend games, returning from Parry Sound with a 3-3 tie against the Shamrocks Friday night. The Panthers held a slim 3-2 lead late in the second period, before the hosts scored to tie the contest. Neither team could break the deadlock in the third period or in the five-minute overtime frame.

The Panthers played in Oshawa against the Legionaires Tuesday night. The result wasn't available at the News Advertiser's press deadline.

For Panthers' head coach Eric Ross, it was another up-and-down weekend of play, with more of the same inconsistency which has plagued the 0-8-2 Panthers so far early in the season. After posting what Ross describes as the team's "best collective effort of the season" in Parry Sound, the Panthers followed up with a less-than-stellar performance against a weak St. Mike's squad.

"I thought we would come out with a sense of desperation given that it was a game between two winless teams, but we didn't. We didn't get desperate until we were down 5-1 in the third

period. We dominated from that point on, but it was too little too late," notes Ross.

Ten games into the regular season with only a pair of ties to show for their efforts, the Panthers' frustration level is rising with each loss, explains Ross. The net result has seen the players' confidence levels waning and the players trying to do too much in the course of a game.

"When you try to do too much you start to make mistakes," says Ross.

Ross admits there's no magic potion for what ails the Panthers. The club believes the current state of affairs is only a temporary setback, and the ship will eventually be righted by the team's strong work ethic.

"We've been in every game, unfortunately we don't have the offensive punch to win. The work ethic is very good on this



MIKE ANDREOFF
Goalie handled 31 shots in tie with Parry Sound.

team and good things happen to those who are dedicated. These kids are dedicated and they do work hard, so it's just a matter of time before things will start to switch around for us."

Scoring for the Panthers against St. Mike's were Garret Winder with a short-handed marker, Sean Macrury with a powerplay goal and Dan Schofield.

The Panthers got goals from Patrick O'Halloran, John Buscema and Doug Carr in their tie with Parry Sound. Mike Hanna added two assists.

Panthers' goaltender Mike Andreoff played well in net in the Parry Sound contest, facing 31 shots.

The Panthers return to action Friday when the Thornhill Rattlers visit the Pickering Recreation Complex. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The Panthers travel to Scarborough for a contest against the Wexford Raiders on Sunday night at 7 p.m. On Monday, the Panthers are at home to face the Ajax Axemen at 9:30 p.m.

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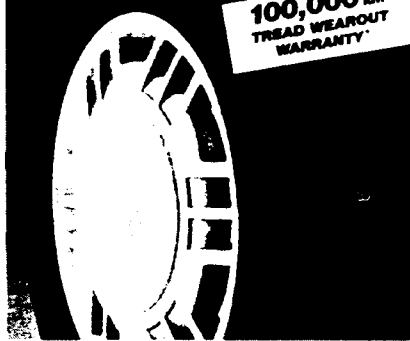
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The Raiders doubled the score on the Lightning 8-4 on Saturday in National Women's Hockey League play. The Lightning were blanked by the Raiders 4-0 in Sunday's contest.

Although beaten soundly by the Raiders, Lightning head coach Don Henwood was anything but discouraged by the losses as the fledgling Durham women's team showed improvement, especially on offence.

"We came out with some positives, although we had two losses and they were penalty-filled games. I thought the girls continue to show improvement from the beginning of the season. On Saturday, we were very competitive. If we had stayed out of the penalty box we would have had a great opportunity to come out with a win."

Henwood gave kudos to his forward lines for their fierce forechecking which kept Ottawa in its own zone numerous times in the two contests. Team defence, however, continues to be a work in progress for the Lightning.

"Offensively, we kept them in their own end a lot of the time. We've shown our biggest improvement on offence. But, we have a lot of work to do on our defensive game."

Scoring for the Lightning in Saturday's game were Elizabeth Chiasson, Jessica Allen, Kathy Ryckman and Jacqueline Coens. Drawing assists were Katie Quinn with two, Chiasson, Jenn Goulet and Shanley White.

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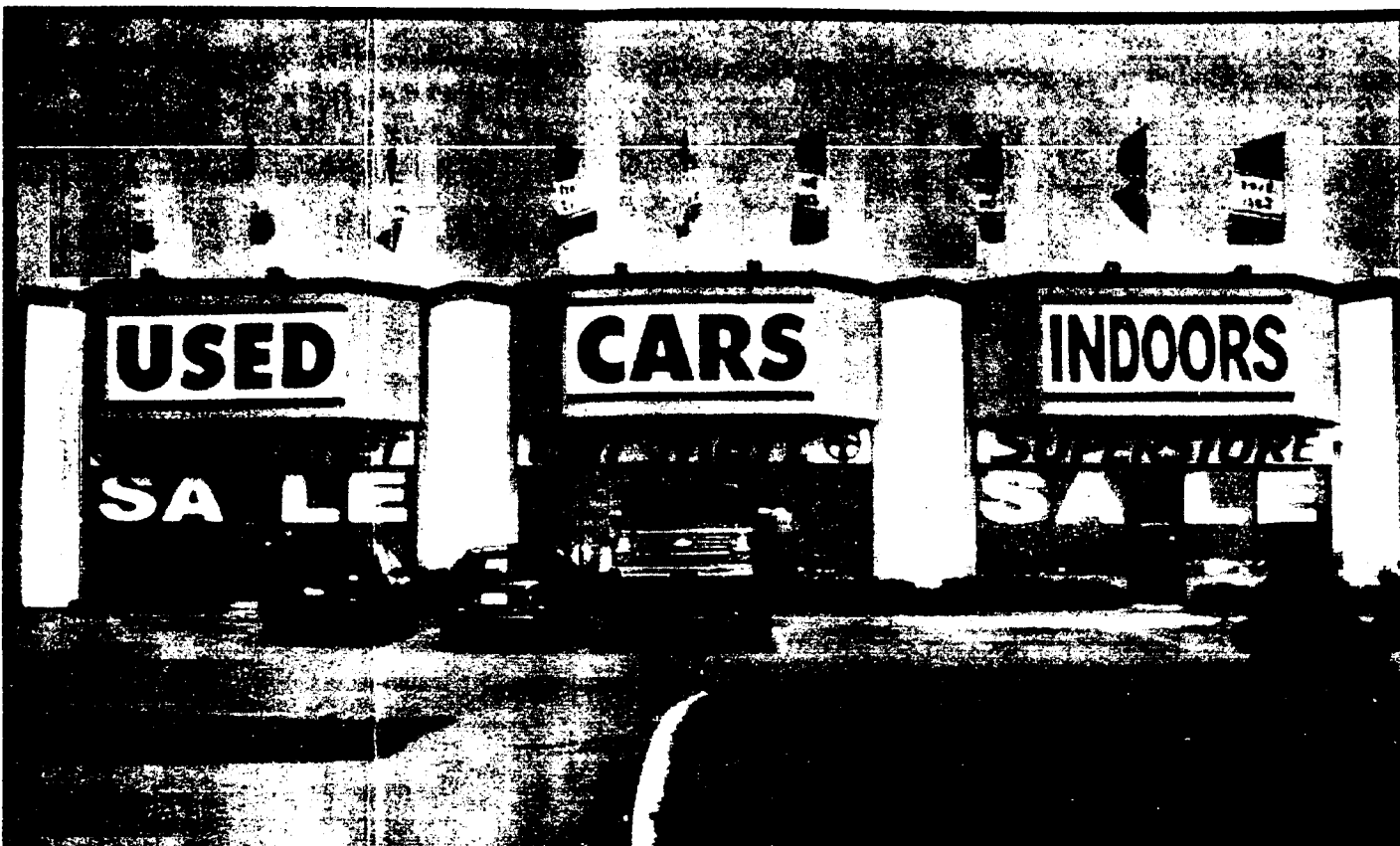
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Port Hope	9	0	8	0	1	21	54	1	6.00		

NORTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS											
TEAM	G	W	L	T	OTL	F	A	PTS	GAA		
Couchiching	11	9	2	0	0	73	44	18	4.00		
Collingwood	10	6	2	0	0	39	30	14	3.00		
Newmarket	9	7	2	0	0	58	29	14	3.22		
Aurora	10	6	3	1	0	40	35	13	2.50		
Stouffville	10	5	5	0	0	35	39	10	3.90		
Huntsville	8	3	4	0	1	30	29	7	3.63		
Perry Sound	9	2	6	1	0	29	48	5	5.33		
Durham	10	0	10	0	0	26	91	0	9.10		

WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS											
TEAM	G	W	L	T	OTL	F	A	PTS	GAA		
Millon	11	9	0	0	2	78	32	20	2.91		
Georgetown	10	8	2	0	0	46	30	18	3.00		
Hamilton	9	7	2	0	0	51	32	14	3.56		
Burlington	10	6	4	0	0	34	32	14	3.20		
Stratford	11	5	5	1	0	38	45	11	4.09		
Orillia	10	4	4	2	0	46	56	10	5.50		
Brampton	9	4	4	0	1	24	30	9	3.33		
Brampton	9	2	4	1	2	33	42	7	4.67		
Buffalo	9	2	7	0	0	30	46	4	5.00		
Mississauga	10	1	8	0	1	34	63	3	6.30		



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 \$13,788	 \$20,819	 \$8,956	 \$15,316	 \$15,917
 \$15,851	 \$10,712	 \$14,777	 \$5,981	 \$9,814
 \$13,781	 \$13,352	 \$15,784	 \$11,665	 \$15,802

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