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If they had a million dollars

United Way gets \$1.22 million in Ajax-Pickering

Though the Ajax-Pickering United Way fell short of its "aggressive goal" in last year's fund-raising campaign, it will have more money to spend than it did in 1999.

"We're very satisfied," United Way fund-raising director Edna Klazek says of the campaign, which brought in almost \$1.22 million.

The campaign goal was \$1.3 million, which Ms. Klazek concedes was "aggressive". And though "we would like to have seen more come in," the agency did collect 12.6 per cent — or \$137,000 — more than it netted in the previous campaign.

"People are starting to recognize the needs in the community," Ms. Klazek believes.

She also credits campaign chairman Denise Cramer with doing an "excellent job".

A client of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Ms. Cramer "brought a different face and a whole lot of heart" to the campaign, notes Ms. Klazek. "People were willing to listen to her."

The United Way celebrated its campaign achievement and launched its 30th anniversary in the Ajax and Pickering communities at Mardi Gras Magic last Friday.

Outstanding achievement awards for the highest level of growth in campaign contribu-

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Ajax Fire and Emergency Services personnel work to remove an injured victim from a car following a crash on Harwood Avenue near Kings Crescent in Ajax Monday. One woman was seriously injured and is listed in critical but stable condition at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

Ajax woman critical after crash

AJAX — An 18-year-old Ajax woman is in critical condition following a two-vehicle crash here Monday afternoon.

Keri Decoste was a passenger in a 1986 Pontiac Acadian which collided with a pickup truck and slammed broadside into a downtown Ajax traffic pole, knocking out signal lights.

The crash occurred around 3:15 p.m. at the intersection of Harwood Avenue and Kings Crescent.

The Acadian, driven by Richard Piskor, 19, of Oshawa, was travelling north on Harwood when it collided with a 1988 Mazda pickup driven by Rosa Landry, 41, of Ajax, and turning left from southbound Harwood to go east on Kings, Durham Regional Police report.

Ms. Landry was not injured. Mr. Piskor and April Decoste, 17, of Ajax, were taken to Ajax and Pickering Health Centre, treated for minor injuries and released. Keri Decoste was taken by ambulance to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in stable but critical condition.

The cause of the accident is under investigation. Police have ruled out alcohol as a factor.

The Durham police Traffic Management Unit was called to the scene and blocked off the road for several hours to investigate.

Anyone with information is asked to call Durham police at 683-9100 or 579-1520, ext. 5231.

Pickering vows to ensure enough parking for disabled

City presses landlords to meet bylaw

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

PICKERING — The City will continue to work with landlords here to ensure the required number of disabled parking spaces are in place throughout Pickering, councillors heard Monday.

The assurance comes following accusations the City has failed to properly enforce its disabled parking bylaw.

Pickering resident Linda Burton told council Monday only 10 per cent of commercial properties in Pickering meet the bylaw passed in 1996 dictating the required number of disabled parking spaces in lots here.

"How committed can councillors be when only 10 per cent...meet bylaw standards?" she asked City officials. "I do not know of one park, church or pharmacy...that meets the current bylaw standards."

Ms. Burton criticized the City for allowing property owners to break a bylaw on parking for the disabled that was passed in May of 1996. The bylaw increased the size and number of disabled spaces required on a parking lot and made it mandatory for spots to be marked with a sign and painted completely blue.



LINDA BURTON
How committed can councillors be when only 10 per cent... meet bylaw standards?

Property owners were given until July 1997 to comply with the bylaw, but many still haven't, she reported.

Ms. Burton maintained some lots don't have the required number of spaces. And, while some spots are painted blue, they're not marked with the appropriate signage. She also contended there's a lack of enforcement against people abusing handicapped parking.

However, Mayor Wayne Arthurs said most people here do respect disabled parking signs.

"Even without signs, the vast majority of residents and visitors respect the markings," he said. "I would suggest 98 per cent."

City clerk Bruce Taylor told councillors some properties don't have the proper number of disabled parking spaces, while others "may not be signed exactly right".

Mr. Taylor said, although businesses entered into an agreement on disabled parking with what was then the Town of Pickering in 1996, it's been a challenge ensuring firms keep their promise.

"It's not an easy process," he said. "It's got to be a co-operative process."

Mr. Taylor reported the City has sent some notices to small businesses. "The big challenge

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Pickering looks before it leaps into insurance pool

Durham chairman says City 'will save dollars' if it joins Region pool

BY SUSAN O'NEILL
Staff Writer

PICKERING — City councillors won't decide until next month whether Pickering will join a new municipal insurance pool being established by Durham Region.

Although council's executive committee voted Jan. 24 to continue with the City's current private insurer, Frank Cowan Company, councillors voted Monday to defer their decision for four weeks to allow other bidders to submit quotes.

"Pooling is the right option for the City at this time," said Ward 2 Regional Councillor Doug Dickerson, who called on

his colleagues to defer the motion to continue with Frank Cowan. "There are numerous benefits I can see to forming a pool."

He added, "Even if our losses doubled, we would still have substantial savings...There is certainly no gamble. Is it viable? I would suggest it is."

But, other councillors questioned the practicality of joining the Durham Municipal Insurance Pool, which was supported by six of Durham's eight municipalities at a Regional council retreat in January. Oshawa has also decided against participating in the pool for now, because the City already has a

three-year contract with an insurance company.

"With Frank Cowan we have a great deal of flexibility," said Ward 2 local Councillor Mark Holland. He added if the City joined the pool it would be "paying for the chance of savings. With the Frank Cowan Company we're guaranteed them. You enter insurance to reduce risks, not to take them."

However, Durham Region chairman Roger Anderson told councillors Pickering "will be saving dollars" if the City enters the pool. Pickering "will come out a winner."

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DOUG DICKERSON
'Pooling is the right option for the City at this time.'



ROGER ANDERSON
Pickering 'will be saving dollars.'

Big Brothers in Pickering hit the lanes

Bowl for Kids Sake 2000 campaign looms



Big Brother Scott Baptist and Little Brother Chad are ready to Bowl for Kids Sake 2000.

The Ajax-Pickering Big Brothers Association hopes to be bowled over by its annual fund-raiser.

Proceeds from the association's Boyer Pontiac Big Brothers Bowl for Kids Sake 2000 fund-raising campaign from Feb. 27 to March 5 will be used to help find matches for the 13 Little Brothers on the waiting list.

The event kicks off with the Restaurant Challenge Sunday, Feb. 27 from 9 to 11:30 p.m. when staff from area eateries will take part.

The Mayor, Service Clubs and Media Challenge is set for Friday, March 3 from 5 to 8 p.m., while the Business Chal-

lenge is Saturday, March 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. and the Bank Challenge Sunday, March 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

All the bowling takes place at Celebrity Lanes on Brock Road south of Bayly Street in Pickering. Everyone is invited to participate in the week-long event.

Association volunteer president Moe Pringle says the bowling fund-raiser not only generates money, but increases the Big Brothers' profile in the community.

"Typically, fund-raisers have a lifespan of five to seven years. This is the 23rd year

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Big and little, they want you to bowl them over

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and it's getting bigger," Mr. Pringle says.

He notes in Toronto. Big Brothers bowling raises nine cents per-capita compared to 10 cents for each Oshawa resident and a whopping 38 cents per-capita in Ajax and Pickering.

"We're very, very fortunate to be living in this community," Mr. Pringle adds.

Money raised during the event helps in the recruiting of Big Brothers to "get more Little Brothers off the waiting list," he says.

Chad, 11, knows the benefits of having a Big Brother, as he's been matched with Scott Baptist for two-and-a-half years. Last year, Mr. Baptist was named the Ajax-Pickering association's Big Brother of the Year.

"We play computer games, hockey, we go fishing, go to movies and have dinner," Chad says. "I can do things I couldn't do before, like fishing and riding four-wheelers."

Mr. Baptist got involved with Big Brothers because "One of my best friends was a Little Brother the entire time I was growing up and I saw the benefits he was able to derive from it."

And, he reports, "One of my best friends was a Big Brother before I got involved."

"I saw the things he was doing, what he got out of it. It was a way to get involved in the community."

This is the third year in a row Boyer Pontiac Buick has been the official sponsor of Bowl for Kids Sake. It's also the second year East Side Mario's Ajax has been the restaurant sponsor.

Car dealership owner Michael Boyer says he sponsors the event "because I love youth in the community."

"I'm very involved with the sponsorship of teams and this further extends my dedication to youth in the community," adds Mr. Boyer.

"People who can be Big Brothers get back (something). It's not only good for the kids, but for the Big Brother," he says.

Little Brother Ethan knows of what Mr. Boyer speaks, having been matched with his Big Brother Bruce McCarte for two years.

"We play video games and sports. A couple of times we went to movies," Ethan says.

"I like hanging out. It passes the time. Sometimes I get really bored at my

house. I have lots of fun with him."

The nine-year-old also taught his Big

Brother how to play chess.

Ethan's been playing chess for three years and is

proud to be "the youngest person in Durham Region to make it into the tourna-

ment. All the schools in Durham Region have chess clubs. In the middle of

the year, they have a tournament for it. In 1998, I was the youngest person

to play in the tournament. I came in fourth in Durham Region."

Ethan is in the Grade 4 French Immersion program at Southwood Park Pub-

lic School in Ajax. For more information on Bowl for Kids

Sake, and how to get sponsorship sheets, call the Big Brothers at 686-2871.

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Fleeing drivers face stiff penalties in MP's bill

McTeague says it's 'unfortunate' police chase law 'brought to light only by tragedies'

BY LINDA WHITE
Staff Writer

A private member's bill introduced by a local Liberal MP is the first ever to successfully amend the Criminal Code, and promises to crack down on people who spark police chases when it becomes law.

And though the bill marked numerous milestones when it won unanimous support at Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Monday, Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MP Dan McTeague says it's "unfortunate" the bill was "brought to light only by tragedies".

Police are applauding the

bill. "It is finally putting the emphasis on the right end of the chase," believes Durham Regional Police Association president Terry Ryan.

"I think it's going to make it safer for the citizens of Canada and its police officers," says Mr. Ryan, who also currently serves as a director with the Police Association of Ontario.

The new law has been dedicated to numerous victims of police chases, including Sudbury police Sergeant Rick McDonald.

He was killed last July when placing a spiked belt across a highway in an attempt

to stop a driver trying to elude police.

Ironically, Sgt. McDonald had visited Parliament just months before to lobby for the changes like those passed Monday.

Under the law, drivers who flee police could get up to five years in jail, while those who injure someone in a police chase could be imprisoned for 14 years.

People who kill someone during a chase could face life imprisonment. And drivers who lead police in a chase that results in injury or death can face jail, increased fines and a licence suspension of 10 years

to life. "It had to be strong enough and harsh enough to offer deterrence" to those trying to get away from police, Mr. McTeague says of the bill, which is expected to clear Senate within the next few weeks and could become law as early as Easter.

"There has been inordinate risk to police officers and to public safety" as a result of police chases, notes Mr. McTeague.

Charges of careless driving simply haven't been strong enough deterrents, the MP argues. "Within an instant, someone trying to elude po-

lice can cause) tragic and bloody results that leave people injured and families in mourning."

The bill is particularly meaningful for Mr. Ryan, who describes Sgt. McDonald as a "close personal friend".

He believes the bill will allow the "penalty to fit the crime" and predicts "a lot of tragedies could have been avoided if this law had been in place a few years ago."

Mr. McTeague acknowledged Monday the input of Mr. Ryan and Pickering-based Durham police Sergeant Charlie Green, among others, in the creation of the bill.



DAN McTEAGUE
"There has been inordinate risk to police officers."

Bandit gets cash, cigarettes

AJAX — A lone bandit made off with cash and cigarettes Friday after pointing a handgun at a Mac's Milk clerk.

Durham Regional Police say the robbery happened at 3:45 a.m. when a man entered the store, at 475 Westney Rd., and confronted the 23-year-old male clerk.

The robber, whose face was covered by a scarf, de-

manded and received money and cigarettes, which he stuffed into a knapsack before taking off.

The holdup squad is investigating and detectives seized a surveillance videotape from the store.

The suspect was 5-foot-9 to 6-foot-tall and wearing a red scarf around his face, a long black coat and a toque.

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Pickering's 'millennium plane' soars to take marketing award

PICKERING — The City's Pickering 2000 AirExpress Plane soared above the competition last Wednesday to capture one of the top prizes at the Economic Developers Council of Ontario's marketing awards gala.

The eight-seater Piper Navajo Chieftan painted with the bright turquoise, red and white Pickering 2000 millennium logo, won the award of excellence for being an "Innovative Promotional Piece" at the 43rd annual Ontario Marketing Awards of Excellence ceremony held in Toronto.

"What really started off as being a lark turned out to be something really fantastic," says Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner, who initiated and co-ordinated the plane project on behalf of the City.

Owned by AirExpress, an Oshawa-based commercial charter service flying in Canada and the U.S., the Pickering 2000 plane has flown 700 hours since taking off in August 1999, landing in more than 97 differ-

ent airports across North America while promoting the City along the way.

Coun. Brenner reports the idea for the project took off when several councillors flew to Ottawa on an Air-Express plane last year for a meeting with the Atomic Energy Control Board.

"We were wearing our Pickering 2000 jackets," he recalls, adding "I got into a conversation with the owner, Brian Holden, and I don't know what possessed me to even ask if we could paint his plane with our colours."

However, after being painted with the City's logo and those of co-sponsors Deer Creek/Glen Cedars Golf Clubs, which paid for the plane's new look, the brightly-coloured aircraft took off.

Coun. Brenner notes the plane will remain painted with Pickering's colours for a minimum of five years.

"It doesn't end at the end of 2000," he says, noting the City receives "excellent feedback on a regular basis from individuals who have seen the plane and heard about it...it gets a lot of positive attention."

He adds, passengers who travel on

the plane, many of whom are often receive promotional information executives of major companies, also packages about Pickering.

Annual drive raises \$1.22 million for United Way agencies

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tions were presented to Siemens Canada Limited Production & Logistics Systems, Roger Cable Inc. and Rogers Television, Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd. (Bayly Street location) and Messier-Dowty.

Meanwhile, the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation won the 1999 Newcomers Award.

Spirit Awards acknowledging extraordinary team spirit were presented to Pitney Bowes of Canada Ltd. (Brock Road and Bayly Street locations), Purdue Frederick (recently renamed Purdue Pharma), Volkswagen Canada, Dupont Canada, Daimler-Chrysler Inc. and Ontario Power Generation.

Campaign Select Awards, given to those who have demonstrated extraordinary initiative during the campaign, were presented to the Students of Exeter High School, and campaign cabinet member Jeremy Ward.

The United Way has already begun an analysis of the campaign to determine which strategies worked well and will begin recruiting volunteers for the next drive within days.

It has already planned to kick off that campaign in September with a walk-a-thon along the Waterfront Trail. "That will tie Ajax and Pickering together," Ms. Klazek explains.

Meanwhile, allocations teams are meeting this week to look at financial requests from United Way agencies and decisions should be finalized next month.

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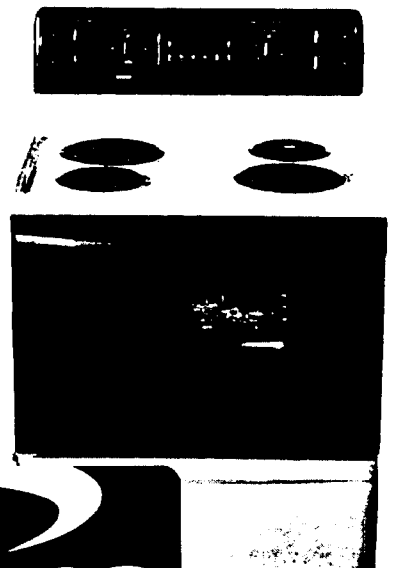


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Disabled spot or loading zone?

Pickering councillor rapped by advocate for disabled

PICKERING — A Pickering councillor who's drawn fire from a local disabled advocate after parking in a space designated for handicapped people says the situation highlighted the need to make changes in the lot at the new Claremont Community Centre.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson says he left his vehicle in one of the three parking spaces marked as disabled spots at the centre Jan. 29 to unload his band's musical instruments for his 25th wedding anniversary party being held there that night.

Coun. Johnson notes the handicapped parking sign in front of the space where he pulled up was actually in the wrong place and has since been moved.

He reports there was no way to unload his equipment "without parking in that space."

But, Pickering resident Linda Burton says, "If he was in fact loading band equipment that still doesn't give him permission to park in handicap parking...Wrong is wrong."



RICK JOHNSON
"They put one of them in the wrong place."

Ms. Burton, who walks with the use of a cane, lobbied municipal officials in 1996 to bring about changes to a bylaw legislating the required number of handicap spaces in parking lots here.

She reports when she arrived at the centre to play euchre the night of Coun. Johnson's party, she had to park "farther away" from the front doors because his vehicle was left in the space closest to the entrance.

Coun. Johnson says he "requested the handicap signs to go up (at the centre) in the summer. They went up this fall and they put one of them in the wrong place."

He notes the handicap spaces are being moved to an area closer to the main entrance and the spot where he had parked is being designated as a loading area.

Coun. Johnson describes the situation as a "growing pain" that highlighted a need to revise the parking at the new centre.

He also reports a cement pad will be put in place so the disabled parking spots are not on a gravel lot.

Pickering vows to push for 'maximum degree of compliance'

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is to get the site plans up to date."

Mayor Arthurs noted the City will keep pushing "to achieve the maximum degree of compliance" throughout Pickering.

Meanwhile, Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson said Monday he plans to introduce a notice of motion asking the City to appoint a disabled bylaw officer.

In an interview Tuesday, Coun. Johnson said that motion will be held over until council's upcoming retreat in March so politicians and staff will have an opportunity to discuss the legalities of the issue.

Coun. Johnson explained he'd like the new bylaw officer to be a disabled person because several handicapped residents have suggested it.

"They seem to be the most keen in apprehending people," he noted.

Pool decision on insurance costs put off a month

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"The fact is as a unit we are much more efficient and much more effective," Mr. Anderson said.

In a letter to Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, the Region chairman noted it's estimated Pickering would be "guaranteed minimum savings for its taxpayers of approximately \$33,500 per year over the 1999-2000 existing premium paid to the Frank Cowan Company given the worst-case scenario where the pool claims equal \$1 million."

Mr. Anderson added, "If the claims experience of the pool continues at historical levels, the taxpayers of the City of Pickering will be guaranteed additional savings of approximately \$80,000 per year for a total net annual benefit of approximately \$113,000 which includes Pickering's prorated share of the Region's savings."

But, City treasurer Gil Paterson told councillors last month, "Remaining with our present insurers is the best option. This way our costs are known, fixed with a ceiling for the next two years, and additional costs will be avoided."

According to a City report, switching to the pool would cost Pickering an additional \$58,000 for each of the next three years, though the \$174,000 total would likely be returned to the City at the end of that time if claims did not exceed expected amounts.

Cowan has offered to insure the City for 2000 and 2001 at a guaranteed maximum premium of \$245,000 annually, and there is a strong possibility the rate could be further reduced through negotiations, City treasurer Gil Paterson told councillors Jan. 24.

The Durham Insurance Pool would provide coverage to the City at a cost of \$303,000 annually, but that sum includes the financial "cushion" of \$174,000 over three years that would likely be returned. The motion to defer was supported by Coun. Dickerson, Coun. Johnson, Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner and Ward 3 local Councillor David Pickles.

Parent support group meets next week

Parents worried about their adolescent children have a local group to turn to for support.

The local chapter of the Association of Parent Support Groups meets Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7:15 p.m. It's for parents of kids involved in drugs, alcohol, running away, dropping out of school, crimes or parent abuse. Call 416-223-7444 or 1-800-488-5666 for location.

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EDITORIAL

McTeague fought the good fight Police-chase bill tribute to common sense

After six-and-a-half years in the House of Commons, Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MP Dan McTeague has earned a reputation as a backbencher who makes things happen.

Mr. McTeague has led the fight against high gas prices, with no results yet to show for it. But don't bet against him: after several years of work, he's just successfully had a private member's bill pass to crack-down on those who cause police chases.

Bill C-202, the first private member's bill ever to amend the Criminal Code, calls for sentences of up to five years for those who refuse to stop for police, 14 years for those who cause injury, and life in prison for those who lead police on a chase which results in death.

The bill comes on the heels of several tragic incidents over the past few years. Sergeant Rick McDonald of the Sudbury Regional Police was killed in 1998 while placing a spiked belt on a highway and being run down by a fleeing driver.

Police chases in Durham have resulted in three deaths over the past few years. Other high-profile chases have caused several deaths in Toronto and other locales across the country.

In all cases, police procedures have come under fire, but there has also been a call for laws to penalize those who perpetrate the chases. While it's vital to make certain a chase is required, it's also high time responsibility for the outcome of the chase rests with those who cause the pursuit in the first place. The suspect must be held accountable for his actions.

It's somewhat perplexing however that it took a private member's bill to get this legislation, which is expected to easily pass in the Senate, in place. Why didn't the Minister of Justice, Anne McLellan take action to get legislation on this issue? Did she just decide to let Dan do it? We should expect more from our ministers. In any case, the bottom line is something has finally been done about this serious problem.

"There is a cost to putting the pedal to the metal," said Mr. McTeague as he discussed the bill on Monday in Ottawa. There always has been a cost to many police chases but in the past the criminal usually didn't pay it. His victim did. Now, finally, the proper penalty for running from the scene can be applied.

Hurray United Way Campaign missed goal, but it will still be a big help

Close but plenty of cigars. Organizers of the 1999 Ajax-Pickering United Way fund-raising campaign came close to their target but just failed to reach their goal. And rather than bemoan the fact last year's drive missed the mark by a little bit, they're celebrating the success of the blitz and what it will mean. They'd like to pass out cigars to everyone who helped the campaign — candy cigars, of course — but that would cut into their coffers.

United Way fund-raising director Edna Klazek says, "We're very satisfied" with the campaign, which brought in almost \$1.22 million.

Of course, Ms. Klazek and her United Way team "would like to have seen more come in" so the drive could have reached its \$1.3-million target. But, she admits that was an "aggressive goal". We'd remind Ms. Klazek and her United Way team that it's better to reach for the sky and come up a bit short than to set one's sights low to ensure against failure.

The 1999 campaign was anything but a failure. In fact, the agency collected 12.6 per cent — or \$137,000 — more than in the previous year's drive. That's a whopping increase — one that would be the envy of any non-profit organization.

The fact the United Way raised \$137,000 more last year than it collected in the previous campaign can be nothing but good news for the several agencies which rely on that funding. In fact, they should be getting the good news in a little while. The United Way's allocations teams are meeting this week to look at financial requests from member agencies and decisions should be finalized next month.

Waiting with bated breath to celebrate the good news are the agencies which serve one out of every three Ajax and Pickering residents. The increased funding the United Way received in 1999 might go a long way to better serve countless area citizens.

Extra money could sure come in handy to a shelter housing battered women trying to escape abusive husbands. The Victorian Order of Nurses might be able to help more ailing shut-ins who require home care. Maybe a few more seniors will get nourishment from Meals on Wheels.

No matter which agencies benefit most from the extra funds the United Way campaign raised in 1999, you can rest assured the money will go to a good cause.

Hats off to all the 1999 United Way campaign team members and to the Ajax and Pickering residents who made the drive such a success. Pass the cigars.

E-Mail comments on these opinions to news@durham.net. Include your full name and community of residence.

YOU SAID IT

The question was:

What do you think of Ontario Power Generation's refusal to release results of a poll of area residents' views on the nuclear plant?



Paul Fannin says, "I figure the results should be released. We have the right to know."



Rob MacArthur says, "We should be able to see the results."



Marcus Mougout says, "If they don't have anything to hide, they should release the results."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Twyn Rivers drivers speeding

To the editor:

This is to answer the News Advertiser article on Twyn Rivers Action Committee's (TRAC) concerns about the temporary closure of Twyn Rivers Drive.

TRAC is a misnomer. It should really be called PRAC for Pickering Residents Action Committee. There are no Twyn Rivers Drive residents I know of who belong to TRAC. Therefore, TRAC cannot represent Twyn Rivers Drive as an action committee. TRAC members have no sympathy for the preservation of Rouge Park in our community, and the safety of Twyn Rivers residents. We have a junior school on the street, as well as many families with young children. None of these dare use the street for play because of the traffic.

Twyn Rivers Drive is not a major artery connecting Pickering with Scarborough. It is a residential street and people who live on it are entitled to peace and quiet just like any other residential street in Pickering. Some residents think Twyn Rivers is the most convenient road to link to Scarborough. Scarborough residents don't really use Twyn Rivers to commute to Pickering. Twyn Rivers was renamed from Sheppard Avenue to symbolize access to the two Rouge rivers in the park.

Edward Palys,
Pickering

People who use Twyn Rivers for their convenience normally speed excessively, sometimes 80 to 100 kilometres per hour, to get to the other side. They show little respect for residents who settled on Twyn Rivers long before they moved to Pickering themselves. At one time, Twyn Rivers was under consideration for complete closure, with access to the park only. What a wonderful idea that was.

With the present closure in place, I have little inconvenience to use alternate routes to get to Toronto, and I live right next to the valley. I have seen numerous accidents on the hill caused by careless drivers using the road for convenience.

I am sure Scarborough residents do not share the same feelings about Twyn Rivers as does TRAC. Since most of the road is within Scarborough boundaries, its residents should have the majority voice on the future of Twyn Rivers Drive. From previous meetings which included both Pickering and Scarborough residents, it was quite clear that Scarborough people used our road to access Rouge Park.

One can see the number of people enjoying the wilderness of the park on weekends. We must strive to preserve it as one of the more beautiful parks in the Toronto area.

Let's hear more from residents in favour of closure of the road.

Larry Noonan,
Pickering

Streets safe from poor, but robbers and killers are still out there

To the editor:

Happy days are here for our friends in Toronto and for any Durham resident who works or visits that city.

As of Jan. 31, 2000, the Safe Streets Act is enforceable in Toronto. When we visit we will not be approached by hookers on any streets. We will have no fear of being robbed at gun- or knife-point. We will not be attacked if we take a walk in a park. We do not have to worry about being murdered in Toronto anymore.

Oh! But the Safe Streets Act doesn't legislate against soliciting, robbery, beatings and murder, you say.

Well what does the provincial government think safe streets are? It has told us in this law that safe streets result when we are protected from the poor and homeless asking us for a koozie or two.

And what about the gangs, hookers, robbers and murderers? Not a mention of them in the Safe Streets Act. Why not Mike Harris?

A fracture in the ranks?

Fight on right doesn't sit tight



Eric Dowd
At Queen's Park

Trying to unite the federal right has quickly brought disunity to Premier Mike Harris's Progressive Conservatives and it could get a lot worse.

Tom Long, Mr. Harris's election chairman in two winning campaigns, intemperately told the United Alternative convention seeking to join federal Tories and Reformers: Tory national leader Joe Clark (whom many associate with conservatism) is "not a conservative."

Mr. Long said he had to be direct and he was, like a knife to the ribs, declaring any who want real change federally should not support Mr. Clark.

Mr. Long, while a Conservative has always sounded more like a Reformer and he said the ex-prime minister has told real conservatives for years their beliefs are unfashionable, will not sell and never promoted issues they care about.

This tirade proved unbearable for others who have worked in key roles with Mr. Harris. Bill King, who as executive assistant to Mr. Harris in opposition and his early years as premier was closer to him than anyone, retorted Mr. Long's "personal attack on Joe Clark was an unwarranted cheap shot."

Mr. King said he had expected Mr. Long to offer substantive reasons to join the united movement, but heard only smears and suggestions there is no place for federal Tories in the new party.

Mr. Harris's astute communications adviser, Paul Rhodes, said he has no interest in joining any small-c conservative party that is Reform under another name. This is precisely the sort of squabbling between his own key sup-

porters the premier has tried to and successfully managed to avoid the past half-dozen years.

Mr. Harris was able to convince in two elections that he spoke for both traditional Conservatives and Reformers so the latter did not run against him.

He also had dissuaded his workers from getting involved in debates on the merits of the two federal parties and how to unite them, fearing it could set them arguing with each other and reduce their effectiveness in working together.

Mr. Harris has relaxed his rein a little recently and at the first test the issue brought divisions to the surface.

It also provides scope for more. Some of Mr. Harris's senior ministers including Deputy Premier Ernie Eves work religiously for the federal Tories in elections and, while they did not support Mr. Clark for his post, will resent public attacks on a Tory federal leader Liberals in Ottawa will be glad to use against him.

The new party formed to try to unite the right adopted the notion of a flat rather than graduated tax on incomes and Mr. Long spoke enthusiastically for it and Environment Minister Tony Clement and Consumer Minister Bob Runciman were strong supporters of the convention that endorsed it.

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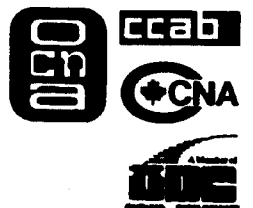
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Energy minister calls for freeze of electricity rates

Local utility president says interference from provincial minister not welcome



JOHN WIERSMA
'The energy board...should deal with rates on an individual basis.'

BY JACQUIE McINNES
Staff Writer

Ajax and Pickering's electricity supplier would not welcome a rate freeze from Ontario's energy minister, the utility's president says.

John Wiersma, president of Veridian, the incorporated electricity supplier formed by the municipalities of Clarington, Ajax and Pickering, says there are valid reasons costs may need to be increased.

"There are a number of areas we see increased costs and there has to be some means of recovering those costs," he says.

The Ontario Energy Control Board recently announced it would allow electricity suppliers to increase their rates by as much as 10 per cent when submissions from the providers are brought forward this spring.

Last week Energy, Science and Technology Minister Jim Wilson replied to the announcement by stating he may ask the board to reconsider its position or may even legislate a freeze.

Mr. Wiersma says the action could have a negative impact on the company which was formed in November, 1999 in response to deregulation of the electricity industry by the provincial government.

"If the minister says rates must be frozen we either have to go into debt or cut shareholders out of their piece," says Mr. Wiersma. Any dividends earned are divided among the three municipalities.

"The energy board was appointed to deal with rates. It should deal with the rates on an individual basis," Mr. Wiersma says, noting the minister should respect the recent decision of the board.

Brian LeGrow, communication manager for the ministry, says Ontario's electric utilities have assets to draw from and have the choice to operate on a not-for-profit basis which, he says, would keep rates down.

The minister has not made a final decision on whether to request a rate freeze but is consulting his cabinet col-

leagues, says Mr. LeGrow.

Mr. Wilson is stressing the maximum 10 per cent increase, if it is allowed to stand, would only affect the portion of the consumer's bill which is related to delivery of the electricity, approximately 15 per cent of the total cost, says Mr. LeGrow. He notes not every electricity supplier would receive approval for an increase that high.

Veridian, which supplies electricity to the majority of Ajax and Pickering

homes and businesses, has not made its application to the energy board as yet and will not reveal, at this time, what increase it will request. It is expected make a submission by May 1 with any approved rate increase coming into effect in November, 2000.

The company's budget has been set but has not been approved by the board of directors, says Mr. Wiersma. Once the board has finalized the budget, probably within the next month, it will be available to the public, he says.

Industry enjoys a hot year of filming and offers cold, hard cash

Pickering groups get donation from film corporation

PICKERING — The Ontario Film Development Corporation is thanking the City for the extensive filming that took place here last year by making a donation to two local organizations.

The Pickering Museum Village Foundation and the Edge Youth Centre have each received a donation of \$4,500 as part of the corporation's Thank You Ontario Campaign.

Designed to "give something back to those neighbourhoods where production is high," the campaign was created by the corporation in recognition of the "vital role that on-location filming plays," states a City of Pickering news release.

The purpose is to "thank members of the community for putting up with the aggravations (filming can cause)," says Lynn Winterstein, manager of corporate promotions and economic development for the City.

She notes the two organizations were selected because they are "grassroots projects that service the community."

The City reports, "the feature film, television and commercial production industry in Ontario have been experiencing exceptionally high levels of production."

And, Pickering was a popular site for on-location filming in 1999.

Ms. Winterstein reports some of the "working titles" for productions shot here last year, include 'PSI Factor', 'Winslow Homer', 'Little Men', 'Forget Me Never', 'A Travesty' and 'Lost and Found'.

"The Thank You Ontario Campaign acknowledged that the outstanding co-operation of Pickering communities contributed to the record level of

production activity in Ontario, infusing \$934 million into the provincial economy in 1999, a

25.7-per cent increase over 1998," the City reports.

Ms. Winterstein notes the

Pickering Village Museum Foundation will use the money to support its Schoolhouse

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An approved receptacle for garbage collection must either be a heavy-duty plastic bag or a reusable can that has two suitable handles and is not greater than eighty (80) centimetres in height by fifty (50) centimetres in width or diameter. In all cases, the weight of each receptacle shall not exceed twenty three (23) kilograms with contents. All loose collectible garbage must be contained within an approved receptacle.

It should also be noted that with the passing of the new by-law the source separation of recyclable items and yard waste materials is now compulsory. Any garbage found containing either of these solid waste materials will be tagged and left behind for compliance by the respective homeowner.

Please help the City of Pickering reduce the amount of waste it generates by supporting the implementation of this new by-law. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

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Fund-raising's a full-time job

Hospitals build firm foundations

BY CHRISTY CHASE
Staff Writer

More than a year after hospitals in Durham Region underwent mergers, it's business as usual with their foundations.

That business is one of raising money to help provide hospitals with much-needed equipment or, on special occasions, to help fund building expansions. Dedicated volunteers and a handful of staff work on campaigns that bring in those vital bucks every year.

The six foundations in the region continue to raise funds separately after the hospital restructuring of 1998. After all, the hospitals amalgamated, not the foundations.

On recommendations from the Health Services Restructuring Commission, hospitals in Oshawa, Whitby, Bowmanville, Port Perry and Uxbridge merged to become Lakeridge Health Corporation. The Ajax-Pickering hospital became part of the new Rouge Valley Health System along with Centenary Health Centre in Scarborough.

The foundations were under no obligation to merge and so remain separate. Each one raises money for the hospital site in its community although the idea of joint fund-raising campaigns for regional services is being seriously kicked around.

Only one foundation changed its name, while the others retain the former names of the hospitals.

Whitby's hospital foundation is now known as Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation.

"We did that to mirror the Lakeridge Health Corporation," explained executive director Bruce Smith. "It was done ... to hopefully end donor confusion."

There's no longer a Whitby General Hospital so foundation directors decided there would no longer be a WGH Foundation, he said.

That point struck the Oshawa General Hospital Foundation, also, said executive director Jim Szeman.

The foundation, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1999, kept its original name "for now but we are looking at changing the name," he said.

It's not known how, when or if the name might change, he said, adding the name "is important to the donors."

Name changes or not, foundations haven't found many problems when it comes to raising money for their hospi-

tal sites.

"Each foundation exists in terms of serving its hospital," said Mr. Szeman. "So far in terms of the community, I really haven't seen a lot of confusion."

Donors appear to understand the mergers, hospital name changes and the separate functions of the foundations, executive directors have found. The money continues to roll in.

"I'm certain there probably was some confusion but we haven't felt any impact from it," said Darlene Bastianelli, executive director of Memorial Hospital Bowmanville Foundation.

"The support here continues to be wonderful. I clearly state what we're supporting. That's part and parcel of why we have not considered a name change.

"We just felt it would clarify exactly what site we raise funds for."

At Ajax and Pickering Hospital Foundation, there was some consideration given to merging with Centenary's foundation but that was abandoned, said executive director Shirley Freek.

People usually want to give to their community's hospital and separate identities make that clearer, she said.

"We will work together,



CINDY LISTER
People 'can all benefit from the regional service.'



SHIRLEY FREEK
'We maintain our own identities.'

but we maintain our own identities," she said. Foundations in Uxbridge and Port Perry had already seen one hospital merger before the Lakeridge amalgamation. Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry became North Durham Health Services a year before Lakeridge was formed.

"My understanding is there was some confusion with the first merger but by the time the second merger rolled around, people had a good sense their donations were going to stay

here," said Cindy Lister, executive director of Community Memorial Hospital Foundation.

"I think going through the merger with Port Perry first, the community was used to all that," agreed Jo-Anne Gray, manager of the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Foundation. "It was an easier transition. It certainly doesn't seem to depress donations in any way."

There are indications foundations may consider co-operative projects, raising funds for major, one-time projects that benefit more than just one community.

Ms. Freek said the Ajax-Pickering and Scarborough foundations have set up a joint executive committee.

The members are working together to develop procedures for regional initiatives, she said.

A good example of a major

project with room for involvement from all Lakeridge foundations is the regional cancer centre, to be located in Oshawa. It will serve an area much bigger than Durham Region.

The campaign to raise the community portion of the cost, \$15 million, has just begun with the Cash for Cancer Lottery, kicked off Jan. 31 by OGHF.

"We basically wait for direction and guidance from the corporation, but this cancer centre could be a project that we would be pleased to work on," Mr. Szeman said. "Our foundation is more than willing to work together with other foundations. It makes perfect sense. It'd be a great team project."

Ms. Bastianelli said foundations associated with Lakeridge sites are in the "very preliminary stages" of looking at regional fund-raising projects.

In such projects, communication would be vital as residents of each community have to be aware money is being raised for a service that's located at one site but would benefit everyone in Durham, she said.

"People need to understand how they all can benefit from the regional service," she said.

Ms. Lister said that since the Lakeridge merger, the foundations "actually have had more of a working relationship, working together."

She said working together on one project "could be very interesting."

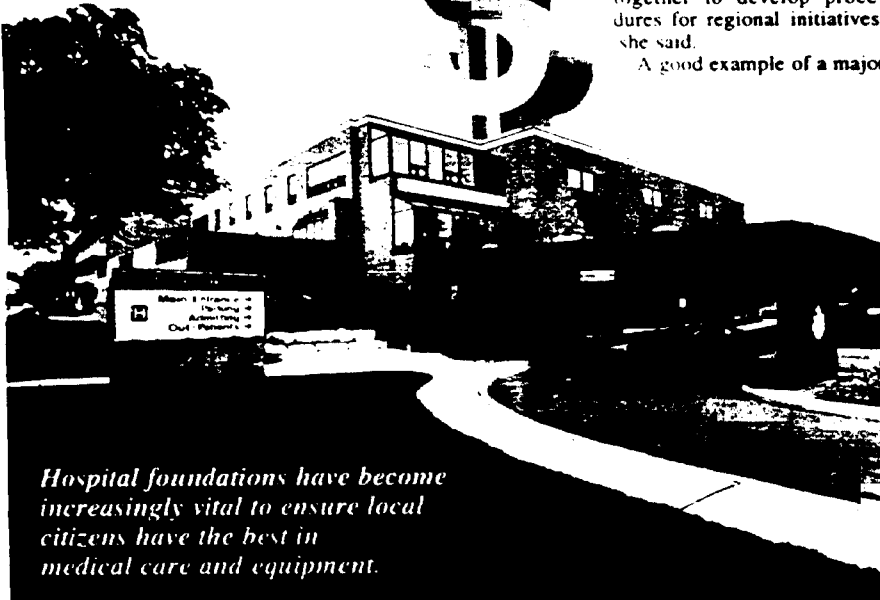
Geographically we're not very far apart, but in order to pull something together, we'd need to closely co-ordinate everything."

Ms. Gray said she can see foundations working together on major, one-time projects, such as the cancer centre "but it will be above and beyond our usual (separate) annual campaigns."

Some fund-raising being done by Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation is already going beyond the borders of Whitby, Mr. Smith said.

The foundation is raising money for new equipment for the relocation of the kidney dialysis unit, a regional service, from Oshawa to Whitby later this winter.

"We did a mailing recently and we had a great response," he said, adding letters went out to residents residing from Whitby to Courtice.



Hospital foundations have become increasingly vital to ensure local citizens have the best in medical care and equipment.



Mother Nature's friends up for awards

The Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO) is looking for nominees for its 1999 Ontario Waste Minimization Awards recognizing businesses, municipal governments, organizations and individuals. The 16th annual presentation of these awards will take place Monday, April 17 at the Markham Theatre.

Last year, Pickering won a bronze award for its efforts to divert waste from landfill. Both Pickering and Ajax won an award for best community participation during Waste Reduction Week and Rougemount Co-Op in Pickering was given a plaque for apartment recycling.

To promote environmental sustainability and stewardship beyond just reducing garbage, the RCO has created new award categories to recognize outstanding environmental management systems and individual efforts.

The categories for awards are: Youth, Adult, Sustainable Technology, Municipal, Environmentally Sustainable Business, Not-for Profit Organization, Institution, School, Waste Diversion Program Operator, Environmental News Story, and Promotion. The nominations and supporting data must be postmarked no later than Feb. 25. For details visit the RCO Web site at <http://www.rco.on.ca/awards.html> or call 416-960-1025.

Biocycle, a leading international magazine on composting and recycling, is hosting its 16th composting Biocycle West Coast Conference 2000 in San Diego, California March 6 to 8. This conference offers 50 technical sessions, field trips and exhibits. The plenary session topic, 'New Driving Forces for Organics Recycling', addresses the diversion of seven million tons of organics from California landfills. Speaker Dan Eaton will talk about greening team strategies, linking generators with end product users; overcoming obstacles; new partnerships with landscape industries; and reducing disposal costs at public facilities.

Although many topics will relate to California, turning organic material into compost is a worldwide issue. The area we live in is designated as Class A farmland. Durham's new compost program in Courtice, as reported in the Jan. 30 edition of the News Advertiser, will strive to protect our resources.

For information about Biocycle, a magazine that reports on the development of composting systems and recycling technologies, and its upcoming conference, visit the Web site at www.biocycle.net or call 610-967-4135.

There are two Treasure Chest items from people anxious to give away or get items. **WANTED:** Old-style blood testing machine for a diabetic — 831-1468. **GIVEAWAY:** A pair of Radio Shack 150-watt cabin speakers, old but functional — 619-3645.

Hospital fund-raisers generate healthy returns

From golf tournaments to direct mail appeals to gala bashes, hospital foundations in Durham Region are busy raising money to buy everything from equipment for x-ray and operating rooms to CT scanners.

Foundations, which operate with separate boards of directors from hospitals, raise money each year for capital equipment needed in the hospitals, usually with plenty of help from the hospitals' auxiliaries. Foundations pick the projects they want to get involved with from a priority list prepared by hospital corporation boards. Sometimes, foundations also work on special building expansions, such as the massive redevelopment now under way at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

Oshawa General Hospital Foundation has just launched an exciting campaign to raise \$2 million for the regional cancer centre, which will be built at the Lakeridge Health Oshawa site.

It's a lottery called Cash for Cancer, said Jim Szeman, executive director of the foundation.

With a first prize of \$1 million and more than 11,000 other prizes, including GM vehicles and vacations, Cash for Cancer is the first venture in the lotteries, used by several Toronto hospitals, in Durham Region, he said. Tickets are \$100 with chances of winning at 1 in 7.

"I'm very excited about the project," he said. "It's going to be a great opportunity" to promote the cancer centre.

The foundation is also just wrapping up its annual Keeping the Pace campaign. The 1999 version was Caring For Kids, with a goal of \$1.1 million to help equip a new regional perinatal and pediatric centre at Lakeridge Health Oshawa.

"We've excelled our goal. We're very excited about that," Mr. Szeman said. "It's a banner year for the foundation."

The foundation also held a gala, formal fund-raiser to mark its 25th anniversary last fall. It was so popular, people are asking when this year's gala will be held, promptly the foundation to consider turning the one-time event into an annual fund-raiser, Mr. Szeman said.

"I've very impressed with the

community," he said. "They really do realize the difference between good health care and excellent health care is their donations."

"We all get dressed up and watch the Oscars" on the theatre's big movie screen, Ms. Gray said.

The Lakeridge Health Whitby Foundation is currently raising money for a regional kidney dialysis program, being relocated from Oshawa to Whitby later this winter, said Bruce Smith, foundation executive director.

"We're looking at holding a golf tournament," he said.

The foundation has already done one mailing to people from Whitby to Courtice and will send out a second one, he added.



JIM SZEMAN
'It's a banner year for the foundation.'

Public meetings

Pickering Town Council
Monday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. — Executive Committee, council chamber, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade.

Ajax Town Council
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. — Standing Committee of the Whole, council chamber, Ajax Town Hall, 65 Harwood Ave. S.

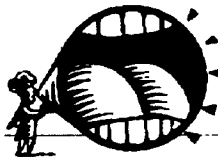
Durham Regional Council
Wednesday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m. — Finance Committee, Room B-15, Durham Region Headquarters, 605 Rossland Rd. E., Whitby.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 9:30 a.m. — Health and Social Services Committee, Planning Department Boardroom, 4th Floor, Lang Tower, Whitby Mall, 1615 Dundas St. E., Whitby.

Durham Catholic school board
Monday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. — Durham Catholic District School Board, Catholic Education Centre, 650 Rossland Rd. West, Oshawa.

WORDS FROM THE WISE

Politics, Points of View and Parodies



Breast cancer update...

According to Canada's National Population Health Survey, the use of mammography increased among Canadian women aged 50 to 69 between 1994 and 1997. Despite this news, however, only 56 per cent of Canadian women deemed most at risk for breast cancer reported having a mammogram in the last two years.

A decade ago, a national guideline was adopted recommending that all Canadian women between the ages of 50 to 69 have a mammogram every two years. At the time, it was thought that significant benefit to society could be achieved if 70 to 80 per cent of Canadian women in the target age group were screened regularly.

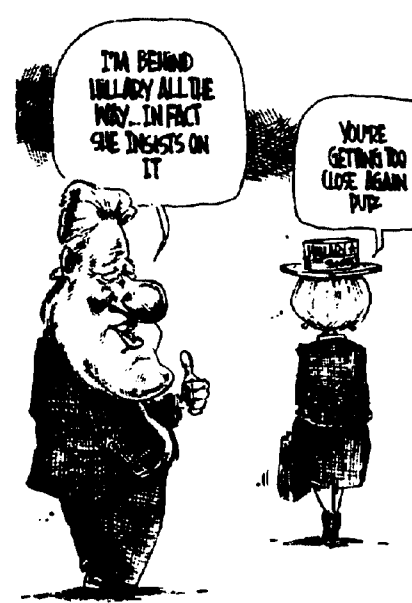
Alternatives to mammography — breast self-examination and clinical breast exams — have also

plummeted. The number of women who report having had clinical breast exams performed by physicians dropped to 49 per cent in 1998 from 62 per cent in 1992, according to the Berger Monitor. The percentage of women carrying out breast self-exams also dropped to 29 per cent in 1998 from a high of 45 per cent in 1992.

Combining regular clinical breast exams — the manual exam performed by physicians — with regular mammography offers the best protection for women. These tests are designed to catch lesions before they're big enough to be felt. Early detection is the key both to successful treatment and to reducing the death toll from breast cancer.

Most breast cancers occur in women with no risk factors other than being a woman. The good news is that early screening can significantly improve the chances of surviving breast cancer.

— News Canada



New high school curriculum in the books

Provincial funds texts to 'improve the quality of education': Ecker

An additional \$30 million in funding will enable Ontario's school boards to purchase new textbooks and learning materials for students starting Grade 10 in September, the Province reports.

Education Minister Janet Ecker announced Tuesday the extra money will support the new high school curriculum which was introduced last September and is being phased in over a four-year period.

"These textbooks will help students meet the demands of our more challenging curriculum," the Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP said.

"The new textbooks are an important element of our government's plan to improve the quality of education."

According to the Province, school boards will be able to order from a list of textbooks approved

by the Ontario Curriculum Clearinghouse beginning in May.

Bev Freedman, Durham District School Board superintendent of programs, believes that will be a "tight time line".

And although the Province reports the list of texts will include books for Grade 10 English, math, science, history, civics, career studies and Grade 9 and 10 core French, Ms. Freedman says there "may only be one (math) text up to date and ready to go".

However, she adds, "We are grateful for and happy to receive the funding and it certainly helps us with the implementation of the new curriculum."

According to the Province, the textbooks must be produced or manufactured in Canada.

Schools will also be able to order graphing calculators for use in Grade



JANET ECKER
'These textbooks will help students meet the demands of our more challenging curriculum.'

purchase Grade 9 texts.

Paul Pulla, superintendent of secondary schools for the Durham Catholic District School Board, reports that funding translated into approximately \$200 for every Grade 9 student.

That was "significant enough" to buy textbooks for core subjects such as English, math and science, says Mr. Pulla.

"I expect the amount will be similar this year."

The announcement brings the government's total investment in learning materials for elementary and secondary students since the 1998-99 school year to \$170 million, the provincial education ministry reports.

It notes the allocation is in addition to the regular annual funding school boards receive from the government for textbooks, learning materials, supplies and equipment.

10 math classes.

The \$30 million in funding announced Tuesday is a follow-up to the textbook allocation the Province provided last year when boards received money to

Firms urged to say 'YES' to hiring youth

'Our future depends heavily on providing good employment opportunities for Canada's young people': Feds

The federal government is encouraging businesses across the country to participate in the 2000 Student Summer Job Action program by hiring a pupil.

"Our future as a country depends heavily on providing good employment opportunities for Canada's young people," said Human Resources Development Canada Minister Jane Stewart in launching this year's campaign. "Investing in young people means turning towards the future and meeting with confidence and optimism the social, economic and technological challenges of the new millennium."

The program gives employers a wage subsidy to hire students, provides loans to young people to start summer businesses and creates summer employment offices, states a government news release. It notes the federal Liberals will invest \$120 million in summer job programs through the Youth Employ-

ment Strategy (YES) this year.

YES involves partnerships with businesses, non-governmental organizations, communities and other levels of government to help young people land their first job.

The strategy "provides work experience opportuni-

ties for unemployed or under-employed youth and students, provides access to relevant information on Canada's labour market and facilitates access to learning," the government says.

It is expected these programs will provide summer jobs to more than 60,000 students across Canada.

Employers wishing to apply for a wage subsidy to hire a student under the Summer Career Placements Program must submit an application by March 10.

For more information on Canada's Youth Employment Strategy call the Youth Info Line at 1-800-935-5555.

Durham Supervised Access Program needs volunteers

The Durham Supervised Access Program is looking for volunteers to supervise visits between children and non-custodial parents.

The program, one of 14 in Ontario, provides a safe and supervised setting for visits between children and divorced or separated parents. Centres in Pickering and Oshawa provide supervision based on court orders.

Volunteers are assigned

on a rotating basis and stay with the family during the visit (no longer than two hours.)

There is group supervision.

The volunteer's role is to ensure safety for the child and to write down observations during the visit.

The Pickering location operates Saturdays from 2:15 to 6:15 p.m. The Oshawa location is open Sundays from 12:30 to 4:30

p.m. and Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers should have some experience working with children.

They must provide three references and a criminal record check. Complete training is provided.

Volunteer meetings are held every other month. There are also workshops.

For information on volunteering, call 905-839-3845 ext. 305.



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Happy trails...

Kerry Baker and her loyal friend Haley lead the way during a recent winter outing at the Long Sault Conservation Area run by the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority. Milder temperatures are forecast in the next couple of days for those who enjoy outdoor winter activities.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

SKI DAY: The fifth annual Durham Ski for Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre is held at Craileith Ski Resort in Collingwood. Tickets are \$100 and include bus transportation — leaving from Oshawa Golf Club at 7 a.m. and returning at 9 p.m. — as well as breakfast, lift fees, beginner lessons, ski races, apres ski dinner, a raffle and door prizes. Register, 579-4833.

PARENT SUPPORT: The Ajax-Pickering chapter of the One Parent Families Association holds its weekly meeting for custodial and non-custodial parents at 8 p.m. at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club, at the corner of Church and Bayly Sts., Ajax. 831-1201.

TOASTMASTERS: The Ajax-Pickering Toastmasters Club holds its weekly meeting, beginning with a meet and greet at 7:15 p.m., and meeting from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Guests welcome. Call for new meeting location, 683-4439 (John), 619-9079 (Nancy).

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

STAMPS: The Ajax Philatelic Society meets from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the program room of the Ajax Public Library, corner of Harwood Ave. and Kings Cres., next to the Town hall. Tiit Telmet of Telmet Design Associations will discuss artwork and Canada

Post involvement in producing the 75th RCAF anniversary issue stamp, 683-6219 (Stephen Clark).

COMMUNITY GARDEN: The West Pickering Community Garden Planning Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Members Room of Rougemount Co-op, 400 Kingston Rd., just east of Rougemount Dr. It's for those interested in establishing community gardens in Pickering to allow those with no land to grow food of their own. 509-5418 (John Doleweerd).

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

DANCE: Second Chance Wildlife Sanctuary holds its 3rd Annual Valentine's Dance at Papps Restaurant in the Pickering Home & Leisure Centre, Brock Rd. and Hwy. 401. Cocktails at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m., dancing to follow. \$20 per person, includes hot/cold buffet, DJ, door prizes, spot dances, silent auction. For tickets, call 837-1265 (Debbie) or 649-8282 (Joyce).

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 information.

PUBLIC MEETING ON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT THAT IMPACTS PICKERING

The Region of York is currently undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) to develop a new Water Supply to support future growth as approved in its Official Plan. As part of this study, alternative locations for a raw water intake, raw water pumping station, water treatment plant, and transmission water mains are being investigated in Pickering (see map for alternatives under consideration).

This study is being conducted by York Region in accordance with the approval requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. At the completion of the study, York Region will formally submit an Environmental Assessment Report to the Minister of the Environment for review and approval under the Environmental Assessment Act. The City of Pickering does not support this project but it is tracking progress through an EA Working Group and would seek to negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement addressing benefits and impacts of the project to the City in the event that the project proceeds.

Public Information Centres were held in Pickering by York Region in September/October 1999 followed by Workshops in November 1999. The purpose of these consultation activities was to obtain input on the alternatives under consideration, local environmental conditions, and evaluation criteria.

As a result of concerns raised by members of the public at the November 1999 Workshop, an additional Public Meeting has been arranged. The purpose of this meeting is to: present additional details on the rationale for the study area boundaries; compare the Whites/Rosebank Road Corridor to corridors in the Brock Road and Lakeridge Road areas; and provide more details regarding the potential construction and operational impacts of the alternatives.

This meeting will be structured as a presentation followed by a question and answer period. The meeting will be held at:

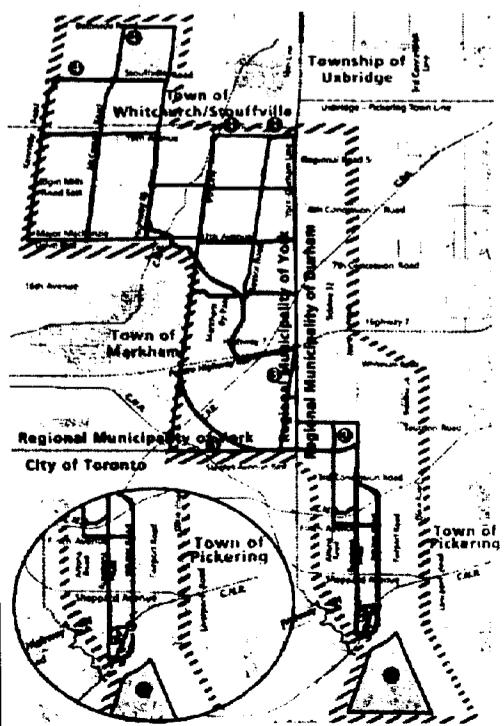
Dunbarton High School - Cafeteria
655 Sheppard Avenue, Pickering
Wednesday, February 16, 2000
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

During the week following this Public Meeting, a workshop will be held. The purpose of the Workshop is to discuss the Whites/Rosebank Road Corridor siting and routing alternatives considered in the EA and possible refinements to them, obtain additional information from local residents based on community environmental knowledge, and discuss evaluation process and criteria. You will be able to sign-up for this workshop at the Public Meeting. If you are unable to attend the Public Meeting but are interested in attending the workshop, please contact one of the Project Team representatives noted below.

For further information about the project, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact the following:

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Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1
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Fax: (905) 895-6353

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Christopher Feher follows instructions by blowing on his hands to make money appear during a magic show last week at the Ajax Community Centre. Christopher and other youngsters were at a Learn the Secrets of Magic performance by magician Gina the Genie.

Movie makes money for new Ajax library

AJAX — The second film in a fund-raising series to build a new central Ajax library is being screened next week.

Proceeds from the Ajax Film Circuit will go to the main central library building fund.

The Limey is being shown Wednesday, Feb. 16 starting at 7 p.m. at the Cineplex Odeon Ajax location, at Hwy. 2 and Pickering Beach Road.

Tickets are \$6 and seating is limited to 225.

Upcoming films to be shown include Cider House Rules on March 22, Felicia's Journey in April and Topsy Turvy in May.

Mansfield Park, shown Jan. 20, attracted about 100 people.

The circuit is being held in co-operation with the Toronto International Film Festival, Friends of the Ajax Public Library and Cineplex Odeon Ajax.

For more information call Val Marshall at 428-1328.

Reform Party debates reform of party

Reforming the Reform Party will be on the agenda next week when two of the party's MPs come to Ajax.

The visit comes as Reformers prepare to hold a referendum on forming a new federal political party, to be called the Canadian Reform

Conservative Alliance or Canadian Alliance.

John Reynolds and Lee Morrison will be at the Anandale Golf and Curling Club Thursday, Feb. 17 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for a Referendum 2000 Information Session. Both sides of the issue

will be debated during the session, with a question-and-answer period to follow.

Mr. Reynolds is in his second term as the Reform MP for West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast and is the party's Justice Critic. Mr. Morrison is also in his second term,

serving as MP for the Saskatchewan riding of Cypress Hills - Grasslands and as Natural Resources Critic.

Admission to the referendum session is \$10. Everyone is welcome. For more information or to buy tickets call 831-8409.

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Sports & LEISURE

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Underdog Panthers open playoffs against powerhouse

Pickering juniors play David against Goliath Vaughan Vipers

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — It's a classic David-and-Goliath battle in the first round of the OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League playoffs.

In the David role are the Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers, who finished last in the South Conference standings with a record of 10-32-4 for 26 points with two points for two overtime losses. The Goliath they'll face is the first-place Vaughan Vipers (36-6-3 for 78 points with three points for three overtime losses), 52 points better than the Panthers.

The first-round best-of-seven series gets under way in Vaughan Friday, Feb. 11 at 8:15 p.m. The series returns to the Pickering Recreation Complex for game two Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8:30 p.m.

The huge disparity between the Panthers and the Vipers would indicate a quick and painless four-game sweep for the powerhouse Vaughan squad is imminent.

Not so fast, cautions Pickering head coach Brian Blad. In the last two regular-season meetings between the Panthers and the Vipers, Vaughan won both by one-goal margins.

Blad feels the two squads are evenly matched.

"Of all the teams, we match up well against them. They're very good, there's no doubt about that. But, if we can play solid defence", there's a chance the Panthers can hang around longer than

Panthers playoff schedule

The Pickering Boyer Pontiac Panthers have drawn the Vaughan Vipers, the top team in the OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League's South Conference, for the opening round of the playoffs.

The schedule for the best-of-seven series is as follows:

Game one: At Vaughan, Friday, Feb. 11, 8:15 p.m.
Game two: At Pickering, Saturday, Feb. 12, 8:30 p.m.

Game three: At Vaughan, Monday, Feb. 14, 7:15 p.m.

Game four: At Pickering, Friday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Game five (if necessary): At Vaughan, Saturday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

Game six (if necessary): At Pickering, Sunday, Feb. 20, 8:30 p.m.

Game seven (if necessary): At Vaughan, Monday, Feb. 21, 7:15 p.m.

four games, Blad thinks.

But, his charges must be very good in their own end if they're to post a major upset in the series.

"If we don't play solid defence, we're finished," says Blad. "We can't play run-and-gun against them. We don't have the gunslingers they do. We can't get into any high-scoring games and expect to win."

Although the Vipers are overwhelming favourites in the series, Blad expects

Vaughan won't be taking the Panthers lightly.

"They're a well-coached team and they'll have them prepared to play us. Since Christmas, teams know that it's not a cakewalk to play us."

But, as the opening-round playoff series approaches, the Panthers haven't turned in the kind of performances that inspire confidence they can pull off an upset against Vaughan. The Pickering juniors played their next-to-last regular-season contest against the North York Rangers Sunday, losing 4-3 at the Pickering Recreation Complex.

It was the Panthers' second defeat in a row after losing to Wexford 5-2 Feb. 1.

And, it was another uneven effort by the Panthers, who played well in spurts against the Rangers but, for the most part, failed to put in

the work necessary to win.

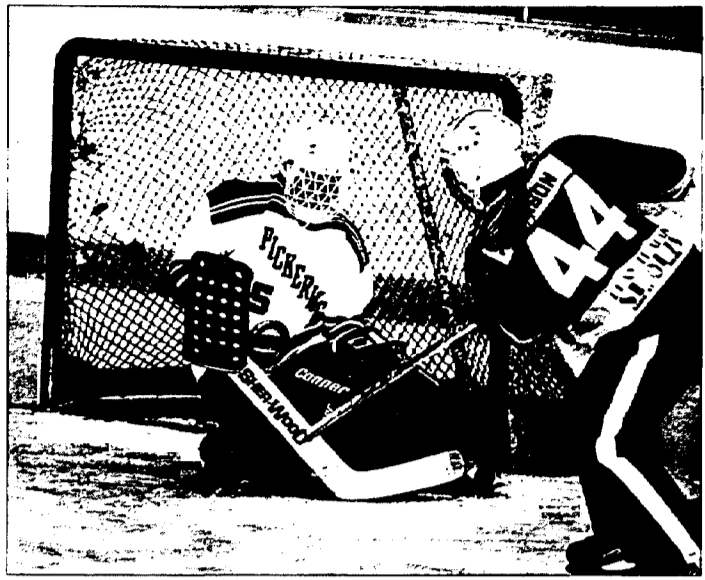
"We didn't have everybody on board," laments Blad. "We had five guys come to play and 10 or 11 passengers. It's not fair to those guys who come to play."

The contest was tied 1-1 after the first period and 2-2 at the second intermission. Pickering let the game slip away in the final stanza.

John Buscema, Doug Carr and Sean Uniacke scored for the Panthers. Garrett Winder added two assists. Kyle Aitken, Pat O'Halloran, Mike Hanna and T.J. Kemp chipped in with one apiece.

The Panthers' outshot North York 28-21.

The Pickering juniors closed out the regular season against the Oshawa Legionaires at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium Tuesday night after the News Advertiser's press deadline.



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Clutch save

Pickering goalie Cassy Clayton makes a big stop off of a shot from a Gloucester player during belle division action at the Pickering Ringette Tournament Saturday. Seventy squads from across Ontario and as far away as Quebec competed in the 22nd annual event which ended last Sunday.

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Cameron Sahadath, a Grade 9 student at Pickering High School, captured multiple medals at the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Indoor Championships at the Metro Track and Field Centre at York University this past weekend.

Sahadath struck gold in the 50-metre hurdles and in the long jump in the 15-year-old division. His other medal-winning effort, a silver, came in the 50-metre dash.

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Anglers Fish On...and on...and on

Pickering pair using TV as latest bait to lure others into sport

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

PICKERING — Two fun-loving, fishing-crazy friends having a ball doing what they do best.

That's the simplistic but successful formula for the half-hour angling show 'Fish On' seen on two Canadian TV networks. In the past year, the show has catapulted long-time pals and diehard fishermen Leo Stakos and Steve Jojos, both of Pickering, into the angling spotlight.



'Fish On' has been broadcast "almost daily" on the Outdoor Life Network or CTV Sportsnet since its debut last year on the cable networks, says Stakos, 32.

It's enjoyed strong viewership on both channels where the program has ratings "in the top five per cent of fishing and non-related fishing shows", he says. So, it's understandable 'Fish On' will be renewed for another season.

Jojos recalls there were many doubters and detractors before the show went on the air.

"A lot of people were saying that we weren't in the industry long enough or that we were too new. That made us strive for it all the more," notes Jojos, 36.

"There were a lot more people out there who (thought others) were better to do this show than we were, but we proved them wrong," adds Stakos.

The two have been fishing the waters around Pickering "since we were kids", reports Jojos.

Now, their genuine love of fishing and their ability to relay their wealth of knowledge of the sport has hooked an appreciative audience.

"What makes us different from the other fishing programs is we're just two guys, two friends who love to fish," says Stakos. "People say to us 'You're a lot like me and my buddies going out fishing.' We love it when people come up to us and tell us they like the show. It makes us feel proud."

"Fish On" is really accessible, says Stakos, adds Jojos. "We don't have any fancy equipment

aren't accessible to the average fisherman."

They see themselves as average anglers, even if a little more avid than most. At the height of the fishing season, it's not unusual for Jojos and Stakos to be on the water four times a week. The pair competed in fishing derbies in the area and went on angling expeditions together for years. They eventually joined forces at pro fishing tournaments and later branched out into giving seminars together at fishing and sportsmen's shows.

Stakos and Jojos were approached to offer daily fishing tips on a Toronto FM radio station and parlayed that into their own half-hour talk show on fishing on AM-640 in Toronto before moving to the small screen with 'Fish On'.

Neither will admit to having a favourite fishing hole or a favourite type of fish they like to catch. They will say, however, they "eat, sleep and live fishing", in the words of Stakos.

"Because of the love I have for fishing, I don't have a favourite destination," says Stakos. "As long as I'm fishing, I'm happy."

'What makes us different from the other fishing programs is we're just two guys, two friends who love to fish'

-- LEO STAKOS

"I would have the same feeling whether I was flown to Great Bear Lake to fish for salmon or whether I went to Frenchman's Bay fishing for sunfish," adds Jojos. "It's fishing with your buddies that's the best part of all."

They agree Durham Region is flush with fine fishing holes.

"Durham is definitely one of the better fishing areas," says Jojos. "Lake Scugog is one of the best for bass and muskies. The lake's full of them."

Because many of their treasured childhood memories are of fishing, the pair want to hook as many youngsters as possible on the pleasures of the sport. They encourage parents to take their



A.J. GROEN/ News Advertiser photo

Avid fishermen and friends Steve Jojos, left, and Leo Stakos have their own fishing show 'Fish On' which appears on both CTV Sportsnet and Outdoor Life Network. The Pickering residents enjoy hooking more people on the sport of angling through the popular half-hour program, currently entering its second season on those networks.

year and pass on their knowledge to as many students as possible.

"We want to talk to the kids about fishing and the outdoors, how to respect nature," says Stakos. "We want to give them an alternative to shopping or gathering at the mall. We

want them to get out there and have fun."

Stakos adds the two are interested in spearheading a fishing derby in Pickering for kids.

"We have big plans for years to come," says Stakos. "We hope people are enjoying the show because we plan to bring them more to enjoy."

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Sounds from a celebration

The Monday Night Crew provided a portion of the entertainment during a levee in the new City of Pickering last week at an event celebrating the community's new municipal status. Playing at the party are (from left) Daryl Knox, Rory Slater and Mitch Wallace.

Entertainment briefs

The write stuff for kids...

Kidwriters, for Durham kids who love to write, is now accepting registrations for its February program for children aged nine to 12.

Kidwriters provides an opportunity for children to meet with other young writers and share their own writing while learning from adult writers in a fun environment.

The program is facilitated by Marjorie Green, the current Writer in Residence for the Canadian Authors Association, Toronto and Central Ontario Region.

The Writer's Circle of Durham sponsors the skill-enhancing program which runs four Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, Feb. 19 to March 11 at Simcoe Hall Settlement House, the program's co-sponsor, located at 387 Simcoe St. S., Oshawa.

The cost for the four sessions is \$40.

To register, call 905-579-3229.

Get your Yuk Yuk's out on TV

AJAX — You're invited to join the audience for a taping for the Comedy Network at a local club this month.

Yuk Yuk's East in Ajax will be used for the debut taping of the show Yuk Yuk's All Over

for the Comedy Network Wednesday, Feb. 16.

On the list of comedians scheduled to appear are Tony Venditti, Kerry Unger, Winston Spear and Derek Edwards — the latter the headline performer at the club from Feb. 17 to 20.

Show times are Monday to Thursday and Sunday at 8:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 to \$15 each. Yuk Yuk's East is at 235 Bayly St.

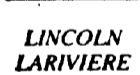
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Ajax country star opens nightclub

AJAX — Ajax country and western musician Lincoln Lariviere will perform at the opening of a nightclub here next month.

Lariviere and his Straight Arrow Band will entertain at the opening of The Wren at 520 Westney Rd. on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4.

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LINCOLN LARIVIERE

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won him a nomination for Album of the Year by the North American Country Music Awards, based in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Lariviere has released two independent CDs — I've Never Been to Newfoundland and From Newfoundland to Texas.

There's a \$5 cover charge, which includes dinner.

Farce star is Playing Doctor

PICKERING — The latest zany farce to grace the Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre stage debuts this Friday, Feb. 11.

Playing Doctor follows hilarious the story of Rob Brewster whose parents are proud of their son, the doctor.

What they don't know is that Rob has used all of his medical school money to support his fledgling writing career.

Inevitably, Rob's parents drop in for a visit and he must begin the cover-up with the help of his secretary and his roommate.

The play continues until Saturday, April 1.

Ticket prices start at \$38.95 per person.

Herongate's at 2885 Altona Rd.

For reservations or for more information on the show, call 472-3085 or visit Herongate's Web site at www.herongate.com.

In the mood for romance?

The Writers' Circle of Durham Region is hosting a publishing workshop for aspiring authors this month.

The group hosts guest speaker Victoria Ridout, executive director of the Periodical Writers' Association of Canada, Saturday, Feb. 12. Ms. Ridout will discuss

copyright and publishing contract issues from 9 to 11 a.m. at Grisanti's Casual Italian Restaurant, 1615 Dundas St. E., Whitby.

Cost for the breakfast meeting is \$8 for members and \$12 for guests.

Call Carol Clarke at 668-3457 to reserve your spot.

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Outdoor rink a real ice-breaker for Ajax neighbours

Rink rats' labour of love heats up community spirit on chilly nights

BY AL RIVETT
Sports Editor

AJAX — An outdoor ice rink in north Ajax has been a labour of love for Kent Shadwick the past seven years.

Mr. Shadwick, 39, and Parkins Drive neighbour Steve Sheppard can be seen behind Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School on Sullivan Drive most winter nights, either flooding the outdoor rink or scraping off the excess snow so hockey players and pleasure skaters can enjoy their sport in the open air.

Weekday afternoons at the end of the school day are the busiest time at the rink, one of only two outdoor ice pads at which the Town of Ajax erects boards each winter. After class is out, the rink typically has about 50 to 75 skaters on the ice, reports Mr. Shadwick, a 10-year resident of Ajax.

"It's suppose to be a pleasure skating rink, but we work out a deal with the hockey players so they can take half the rink," he says.

Mr. Shadwick believes the rink is a great "community builder" for the north Ajax neighbourhood as it draws youngsters and adults to enjoy outdoor skating, part of the fabric of Canadian winters for generations.

"It's a real community thing," says Mr. Shadwick. "If we didn't have it, we wouldn't have the community building that the outdoor rink brings. You wouldn't have neighbours talking together at the rink or kids in the area getting to know one another."



CARL FERENCZI News Advertiser photo

Kent Shadwick hoses down the outdoor rink which has become a winter labour of love. Mr. Shadwick and neighbour Steve Sheppard have been out most winter nights this year flooding the outdoor rink, or scraping off excess snow to prepare it for kids for the next day.

He reports he's seen families on the rink as late as 10 p.m. some nights, skating with the help of the school's outdoor lights, drinking hot chocolate and coffee to take the chill off an evening on ice.

Mr. Shadwick says he typically spends approximately 10 hours per week maintaining the rink, but adds he and Mr. Sheppard rely on the help of skaters to clear snow from the ice. The

school's water and hoses are usually employed to flood the ice, but sometimes Mr. Sheppard will run his backyard hoses to the rink.

At the start of each skating season, usually just prior to Christmas, the Town's works department erects the two-by-six-inch boards which surround the ice surface.

Then, it's up to Mr. Shadwick to make the ice and maintain it

throughout the skating season. All the shovelling of snow from the rink is done by hand.

Mr. Shadwick maintains the rink on a volunteer basis. But, he's rewarded by seeing the kids having fun and by the gratitude expressed by residents who use the rink.

"My payback is when people thank me for it. That's what makes it all worthwhile," he says.

Durham farmland 'under threat'

Region asked to protect strong agricultural community

Durham Region has the most active agricultural communities in the Greater Toronto Area, but that's under threat from development.

That's one of the findings of the GTA Agricultural Economic Impact Study conducted by the Federations of Agriculture in Durham and the three other 905 regions.

In a recent presentation to Regional Council, Margaret Walton of the Federation of Agriculture had some good news and some bad.

"Durham has a very strong agricultural component and a very healthy one. Durham, of the four regions, still has the most active farm community."

But, she reported "farmland is under threat" by development pressures.

So she pleaded with Region politicians to place development controls on agricultural land.

"Farmland is extremely important and needs to be protected. A country that can't feed itself becomes a Third World country. We need to protect our agricultural land," Ms. Walton added.

Since 1976, about 150,000 acres of farmland in the GTA, or 17 per cent of the total, has been taken out of production. In Durham, farmland decreased 13 per cent, from 385,000 acres

in '76 to 336,000 acres in 1996.

So, governments must move to protect more agricultural land from being swallowed up by development, Ms. Walton said. "We not only need the land and the farmers; we need the second level of support. Durham still has a strong (agricultural) component. Planning controls help protect land."

Whitby Mayor Marcel Brunelle agreed. "The preservation of agricultural land is one of the things we need to take a serious look at. Durham is the eastern breadbasket of the GTA."

The provincial government has to have a hand in helping save farmland, Mayor Brunelle said. "Once they designate land agricultural, (developers) pretty much leave it alone."

Ms. Walton reported that, in the GTA, agriculture produces \$1.3 billion of gross annual sales.

She further noted a study in the United States found the cost to service an acre of farmland is 21 cents while the price tag for urban land is \$1.14. "Farmland isn't a burden. It doesn't carry the same level of costs."

Ms. Walton pointed out five per cent of the prime agricultural land in Canada is in the GTA. "It's a valuable resource and we can't make any more of it."

Congress of Black Women celebrate history

Ajax-Pickering chapter hosts weekend event

PICKERING — The Ajax-Pickering Chapter of the Congress of Black Women is hosting a celebration of Black History Saturday, Feb. 12.

The free event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Metro East Trade Centre at Brock Road and Hwy. 401 in Pickering, features guest speakers

and video presentations. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 686-1455.

School councils discuss picking own principals

And, parents told students' code of conduct in place next fall

Many parents are interested in playing a role in the selection of their child's principal through their school community council, but are calling for guidelines on that and several other issues.

However, some parents expressed concern at a school community council meeting hosted Monday by the Durham District School Board that small schools could be at a disadvantage in the selection of principals.

Others were worried some parents of students would blame the council if they were unhappy with its selection, while others suggested an appeal process must be put in place.

They were responding to a proposal by the Ministry of Education that would require school boards to consult with school councils about the characteristics parents want in their child's principal.

Dozens of parents attended the meeting and were split into small groups to discuss and comment on a variety of topics, including next year's school calendar and when several school holidays should be scheduled.

On the issue of improving communications, many parents saw benefits in communicating with councils across the province via a Web site linked through the ministry. Others would also like to see a Web site chat room and want access to Web sites through school computers.

Groups also suggested an annual conference of council representatives from across the province, the sharing of 'best practices', as well as meetings of councils in the same geographic area to discuss similar interests and ideas.

Meanwhile, parents learned from board director Grant Yeo that details on the Province's 'code of conduct' for students will be released this spring and is to be implemented next fall.

The Province will begin its testing of teachers in June, Mr. Yeo reported. Instructors are to be tested on their knowledge, skills and abilities.

Serenity group meets

PICKERING — The Serenity Group holds its weekly 12-Step Recovery Meeting Friday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at Bayfair Baptist Church, 817 Kingston Rd., Pickering. The group deals with addictions of all types, including co-dependency. All are welcome. A child care program is available as required. Phone 428-9431 in the evenings for more information.

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Durham Region councillors ponder trade mission to Ukraine

Business, cultural opportunities sought

A trade mission from Durham Region may be headed to Ukraine later this year to seek out business and cultural opportunities.

And, with more than one million people of Ukraine descent living in North America, trip organizers could also reunite Ukrainians residing in Durham with families left behind in the former Communist country.

Des Newman, president of Whitby-based Cametoid Limited and a former mayor of that town, told Regional council recently three meetings of the Durham-Ukraine Committee have been held so far, with 40 people from various area communities at the latest

one. Mr. Newman told politicians the fall of the Communist Bloc and the break-up of the Soviet Union opens up business opportunities in Ukraine, which has a large scientific and technology base.

Terry Sellen of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) reported the thaw in the Cold War has had a substantial impact on Ukraine's military.

So "We want to help scientists convert from military uses to other uses. A heavy preponderance of scientists flowed out of their military complex." Mr. Newman visited the Ukraine

city of Dnipropetrovsk last year at the invitation of CIDA.

In September, he approached Durham Region about twinning with the city and a committee was formed to investigate an economic partnership with Dnipropetrovsk.

If the logistics of a trip can be worked out, "we'll go there later in the year," Mr. Newman said.

And, "we'll help Ukrainian families here reunite with families there."

For more information on the Durham-Ukraine Committee call Mr. Newman at 666-3400 or Durham Chairman Roger Anderson at 668-7711.

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Volunteers are sought to help callers from across Durham find their own solutions to their problems, stress factors and personal conflicts.

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Volunteers must commit to working 16 to 20 hours per month, including one overnight shift, for one year from the centre's Oshawa location.

To be eligible for training, you must be at least 18 years old and undergo a screening interview.

If you're interested, call the centre at 723-4461 for an application. Since training spaces are limited, you must submit a completed application as soon as possible.

Head to Expo for career info

PICKERING — Looking for a job or a new career? Do your shopping at Employment Expo on Feb. 16 at the Metro East Trade Centre.

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., more than 50 recruiters will be meeting with prospective employees at the third annual career exposition. Exhibitors will include Durham and Toronto police services, TD Bank, Lakeridge Health Corporation, London Life, CDA Industries and Cineplex Odeon. Admission is free and job seekers are encouraged to bring their resumes. There will also be a career workshop for those interested in improving their job search skills.

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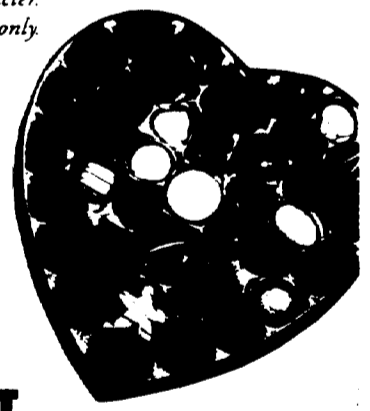
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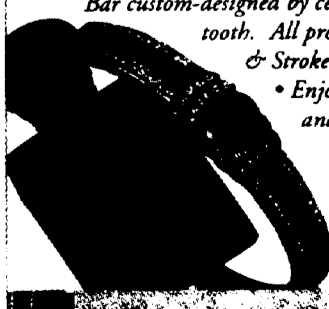
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Sport SHORTS

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Mighty mites turn on the power for four wins

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers Goldenbooks/Ontario Power Generation six-year-old mite select hockey team won four road games in a row in recent action.

The four victories improve the team's season record to 16-5-2.

The Panthers grounded the Unionville Jets 15-0. Michael Wilkins and Jordan Kotsopoulos scored hat tricks. Ryan Bailey, Joe Doherty and Brennan Serville netted two goals apiece. Connecting for singles were Drake Caggiula, Dylan Morgan and Michael Walker. Assisting were Serville, Wilkins, Jamie Baker, Tyler Lyver, Taki Pantziris, C.J. Millier, Doherty, Caggiula, Kotsopoulos and Morgan. Goalie Grant Tamane registered the shutout.



The Pickering mites edged the Richmond Hill Stars 3-2. Kotsopoulos potted two goals and Doherty netted the winner with five minutes to go. Assists went to Serville, Wilkins, Caggiula, Patrick Simmonds, Pantziris and Kotsopoulos. Tamane was once again outstanding in net to preserve the victory.

The Panthers downed the Uxbridge Bruins 6-1.

Serville held the hot stick, netting a hat trick. Kotsopoulos netted two and Walker added a single marker. Wilkins earned three assists, Bailey, Morgan, Lyver, Simmonds, Pantziris, Doherty and Quinn Etherington had one apiece. Tamane registered the win in net.

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Dunbarton Spartans whoop it up as hoops runners-up

The Dunbarton High School Spartans senior boys' basketball team finished as runner-up at the annual Harvey's Classic 2000 Senior Boys' High School Basketball Tournament at Durham College last weekend.

The Spartans, one of two local basketball teams in the tourney, advanced all the way to the 'A' championship game before losing to Wilfrid Laurier from Scarborough 61-53. Dwayne Seaton was the top scorer for Dunbarton with 18 points.

Dunbarton players Ajv Iroaga and Richard Welcome were named to the tournament all-star team.

In the semi-final contest, Dunbarton downed Scarborough's Francis Libermann 71-51. Iroaga poured in 21 points for the Spartans.

In pool play, Dunbarton ripped George Henry school 87-52 in the first game. Welcome had 24 points for the Spartans.

The Spartans then edged M.M. Robinson 69-63. Seaton scored 13 points to lead Dunbarton.

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Football Dolphins look to tackle new players

Although there's still snow on the fields, the Ajax-Pickering Dolphins Football Club is gearing up for the 2000 gridiron season.

The Dolphins will hold player registrations at the Pickering Recreation Complex Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Another sign-up session is set for the Ajax Community Centre Sunday, March 5 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be no increases in registration fees this year.

Players must take two photos, OHIP number and a copy of their birth certificate to the sign-up sessions.

The club will field a bantam team in the Central Ontario Minor Football League this season. Players must be between 15 and 17 years of age for the bantam division, which has no weight limit.

All equipment is supplied by the Dolphins.

The Dolphins teams enjoyed successful seasons during the 1999 campaign. The Dolphins tykes and atoms ended the season in third place and made it to the semi-finals. Meanwhile, the peewee squad finished the season as Ontario finalist, losing to the undefeated Burlington Stampers in the championship game.

The Pickering Recreation Complex is at 1867 Valley Farm Rd.; the Ajax Community Centre is at 75 Centennial Rd.

For more information call the Dolphins' hotline at 619-9180.

Golfers can hit the links, help charity

Duffers and those who love them can give a Valentine's Day treat that will help their lungs and perhaps even their golf game.

The Lung Association of Durham Region is offering its 2000 Golf Privilege Book. The book, at \$25, contains two-for-one offers at 41 courses, including driving ranges, across central Ontario.

Local courses participating in the book include Annandale Golf and Curling Club, Bowmanville Golf and Country Club, Durham Driving Range, Foxbridge Golf Course, Newcastle Golf Course, Oshawa Creek Family Golf Centre, Seaton Golf and Country Club, Summerlea Golf Course and Sunnybrae Golf Course.

Proceeds are used to support the lung association's respiratory efforts and community health programs.

To order a Golf Privilege Book for Valentine's Day or for more information, call the lung association at 436-1046.

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