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The museum was used in a number of scenes for 'Sisters in the Wilderness', a CBC production based on the Strickland sisters, Susanah Moodie and Catherine Parr Trail.

After settling in the Kawartha area, the sisters wrote extensively about their experiences and life.

The show airs Thursday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m.

Durham: Six motorists were charged with drinking and driving as a result of random RIDE spot checks across the region late last week.

Durham Regional Police stopped 1,792 vehicles Thursday and Friday at RIDE checkpoints located in Whitby, Oshawa, Pickering and Bowmanville.

The six were charged with driving over the legal limit of 80 mgs of alcohol per 100 mls of blood. Four other drivers who registered a "Warn" after providing roadside breath tests were slapped with 12-hour licence suspensions.

What's On...

Pickering: The Pickering Museum Village is challenging families to relive the life of the city's earliest settlers.

During the March break, see if you have what it takes to be a 'Settler Survivor.' The village has created a self-guided hike through the woods showing the difficulties facing early settlers as they endured their first winter in Canada. Activities include log sawing, beautiful vistas, nature activities, outdoor children's games and cooking over an open fire.

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'Settler Survivor' is Wednesday, March 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 and village is on the south side of Hwy. 7, three kilometres east of Brougham in the Village of Greenwood.

For more information, call the museum at 905-683-8401.

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Plan sees jobs, homes

Phase 2 of growth management study forecasts plenty of activity for north Pickering

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Central Pickering's open space and farmland could one day make way for 25,000 new residences and

33,000 jobs.

Those are 20-year estimates based on a structural plan recommended by the consulting firm conducting the City's growth management study. The plan is part of the final report for Phase 2 that was presented to executive committee Monday.

"The study has fulfilled the objectives that were established for it," Mayor Dave Ryan said after Monday's

meeting. "The study has provided for a plan option that provides for 33,000 jobs and 77,000 residents and at the same time has given full consideration to the natural environment."

In September, 'Option 3' was selected as the City's preferred choice from five presented by Dillon Consulting. The structural plan is a modified version of that option, which provides for a residen-

tial neighbourhood in the provincially-owned Seaton lands and another in the southern part of the Duffin-Rouge Agricultural Preserve called the Cherrywood neighbourhood.

Ann Joyner of Dillon said the option made the most sense because Cherrywood can connect easily to services in the existing urban area while the northern part of the preserve, which has been des-

ignated as countryside, is maintained for existing farm operations and future countryside uses such as agri-tourism.

The plan designates an employment area along the Hwy. 407 corridor, as well as providing for job opportunities within the community. There is also a major institutional node at the intersection of Whites

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Making his move

PICKERING — Under the guard of Gallantry's Howard Jones, Conrad Davis of Westhill Mens Slo Pitch charges hard to the basket for a scoring chance last week. West Hill won the Pickering Men's Basketball League playoff matchup 62-47.

Greenbelt grumblings from Durham

Chairman questions lack of regional input

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Roger Anderson isn't happy with the committee that's going to make recommendations on a perma-

nent greenbelt in the Golden Horseshoe.

The Durham Regional Chairman is upset the task force is being chaired by the mayor of a municipality that the Oak Ridges Moraine doesn't run through, Burlington's Mayor Rob MacIsaac. Also upsetting to Mr. Anderson, there are no other politicians on the task force and there is

only one representative from Durham.

"It's just a poor committee with no representation... and certainly not capable of making decisions that affect eight or 10 or 12 municipalities," Mr. Anderson said.

The McGuinty government announced the 13-member Greenbelt Task Force last week. The appointments to

the task force follow the introduction of the proposed Greenbelt Protection Act in December, which if passed, would create a greenbelt study area with the Golden Horseshoe; impose a one-year moratorium on new urban development on rural and agricultural lands within this area;

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School simply 'crumbling'

Community cries for help in addressing needs of Pickering High

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

AJAX — Pickering High School parents and students, hoping the 53-year-old school will receive renewal funding this year, may be in for a let-down.

Jack Massie, the Durham District School Board's facilities services superintendent, can't guarantee any of the needed school improvements will be taken care of.

"Truthfully it's not on the (maintenance project) list, but direction from the trustees could move it up," he says.

Parents and students have unsuccessfully campaigned for inclusion on the board's

accommodation plans the last few years. Initially they were seeking an addition due to overcrowding. The opening of J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate eased the congestion, but the list of repairs required at PHS is a long one, totalling millions of dollars.

"At this point our interest is the safety and security of the student body and staff as well," says Margaret Church-Hawkins, the school community council chairman. "It's not a safe building and parts of it aren't functioning properly so we want that infrastructure attended to."

Ms. Church-Hawkins most often hears concerns about the school's heating and water systems.

"The boiler itself has had multiple repairs; it appears to be functioning reasonably, and when it does break down

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Margaret Church-Hawkins, chairman of the Pickering High School community council, says the board needs to pay attention to the many repairs needed on the aging facility.

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and Taunton Roads that could be used as a future college or university site.

"(The consultants) have done a lot of work and looked at it from the perspective of the environment on the land," said Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles after the meeting.

Anderson says we should make decisions

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and clarify the transition provisions on development applications relating to the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act.

Mr. Anderson said the act takes power away from lower-tier municipalities.

"We should be able to decide where our greenbelts should be," he said. "You can't give the municipality the ability to plan and then take it away."

"It will certainly have an impact on the way municipalities plan their futures," he said of the Province's decision.

The one-year moratorium prevents further development across Ontario; this could stall growth in Durham, he said, where municipalities, such as Pickering, have essentially run out of urban land.

"Municipalities should be able to proceed with planning," Mr. Anderson said. "Municipalities do know how to plan their urban area."

Russ Powell, CAO of the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA), is the only Durham representative on the task force, although he said he was not chosen to be a voice for the Region.

"We'll just have to see how that plays out," he said. "I'm not appointed as a representative of Durham Region or the Conservation Authority."

Mr. Powell, who is also on the board of directors of the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation, said he was selected as an individual interested in conservation and planning.

He said the task force is comprised of a good range of people who bring a range of expertise. Members represent a broad cross-section of municipalities, the development industry, and recreational, environmental and agricultural interests in the Golden Horseshoe.

The task force is to lead the consultation with the public and stakeholders; provide recommendations to the

"They've come up with some interesting proposals for people's consideration."

The study area is in Ward 3, encompassing the Seaton lands in the east, the C.P. Rail line in the south, the York-Durham boundary on the west and Hwy. 7 to the north.

The recommended structural plan lays out low- and medium-density res-

idential areas, parks and designates a large percentage of the study area as open space.

"There's been a lot of thought and a lot of work that previously hadn't been done on the area," Coun. Pickles said.

Executive committee (made up of members of council) endorsed the report for circulation in advance of

council's approval. That will allow stakeholders and the public as much time as possible to view the plan. The report is to be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Region of Durham and Toronto and Region Conservation.

The public can also view copies of the report at branches of the Pickering Public Library or request a copy

(on paper or CD-ROM) from the planning department.

The deadline for comments to be submitted to the City is April 2 and the report with comments is to be back at council May 3.

"I am very much looking forward to being a part of the process and leading it from the mayor's office," Mayor Ryan said.

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Parents want attention for aging facility

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Mr. Massie does send repair teams out,” she says.

However, there was a sequence of two or three days this winter when the school temperature was in the 50s, says Ms. Church-Hawkins, and students had to wear their coats in the building.

Piping to and from the boiler needs to be replaced, she says. There's no water pressure in the drinking fountains. The cafeteria is intended for 400 students, but roughly 1,800 students attend the school. The single-paned windows need replacing. The school, says Ms. Church-Hawkins, is crumbling.

“The brick is literally falling from the building,” she says, noting the school's aluminium siding is not esthetic, but intended to help keep the place intact.

Mr. Massie says Pickering High and several other Durham schools need a host of renewal work. The Ajax school over the next 20 years needs \$20 million worth, which he points out includes two or three roof replacements.

“It is a huge problem and I don't think we're any worse or better than anyone else,” he says. “Our dollars are allocated to the last penny.”

The board receives just \$3.9 million a year from the Province to keep its buildings in good repair. In the current board budget, approved last June, 61 projects totalling \$13.4 million could not be addressed, including lighting upgrades and parking lot paving at Pickering High. Mr. Massie says the school has three boilers, two of which are new.

The board has invested in Pickering High, including hundreds of thousands of dollars a few years back for lab upgrades, he says.

Just before the provincial Tory government was defeated, he says it completed a first-ever inventory of all the deferred maintenance needs at Ontario schools.

“There was I guess an assump-



Some of the decay at Pickering High School is visible on this pillar out front of the school.

tion... that the buildings weren't in bad shape provincially,” Mr. Massie says. “It took a long time to convince the Province that they didn't really know how bad the buildings were.”

It's not known if the data will prompt the government to increase school renewal funding in this spring's budget, says Mr. Massie.

Student Amanda Canavan recently told trustees that something more than patches here and there are required. Mr. Massie admits it could be cheaper to build a new school entirely rather than do all the work.

New school or not, Ms. Church Hawkins says the school needs to be brought up to snuff.

“This is not about a comparison to any other school,” she says. “This is about meeting the standards that have been established by the Durham District School Board, and we do not meet them.”

Council investigating ‘full spectrum’

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increasing financial pressures and all hospitals have been directed to move toward a balanced-budget position,” Ms. Hessey said. “We're... concerned what the impact might be on services in Durham Region.”

The council - which advises the Province on health planning - is looking at Durham's “full spectrum” of health services, Ms. Hessey said. Hospitals are a large part, but at-home care, long-term care facilities and other community groups are also important.

“It's not just acute (in-hospital) care,” Ms. Hessey said. “There's a strong interdependency within those and the community-based services.

“A common issue is that this becomes very disconnected,” she said. “Do we have everything in the array of services? You begin to think

about how we can better integrate that care...that's really important, particularly from a consumer perspective.”

The steering committee has initially chosen specific health categories to review: pediatrics, obstetrics, adult cancer, respiratory and heart disease. More may be added, Ms. Hessey said.

Looking at people who work outside Durham and get their health services elsewhere will also be examined, Ms. Hessey said.

The health council is currently gathering data from the various health sectors, and will follow up with stakeholder meetings in the near future.

The final report will be taken to an experts panel and submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

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Network honours regional reporter

Carly Foster earns employment group's award of excellence

By Shelley Jordan
Staff Writer

DURHAM – The Durham Region Employment Network is honouring one of Metroland's own with a media award of excellence.

The award, which will be presented tomorrow evening at the General Sikorski Polish Veterans Hall in Oshawa, recognizes the contribution made by a media representative in promoting the hiring of persons with barriers to employment. Julian Luke, DREN board chairman said reporter Carly Foster's articles stood out for judges because they explained how confusing the support network can be for agency members because of a lack of integrated public transit and stereotypes that create barriers for disabled workers.

"We don't have a glamorous population," said Mr. Luke. "When we are presented in a public forum (newspaper), it brings up conversations and employees are more likely to hire someone with a disability."

"Carly is an extremely personable person," said Mr. Luke. "She honest-to-goodness cares about what people are talking about. She doesn't rest until she gets her story and gets it right."

Mrs. Foster, 24, graduated from Ryerson University with a journalism degree specializing in print journalism in the spring of 2002. While at Ryerson, her talents were recognized by the Toronto Star when she won the award for most promising reporter while serving as editor for two campus newspapers.

Mrs. Foster became regional reporter for all seven Metroland newspapers in July following her start with the Durham division at the Uxbridge-Times Journal in September 2002.

Board wants McGuinty to see the costly light

DURHAM – Public school board trustees say they need more money from the Province to cover rising utility costs.

The Durham District School Board is sending a letter to Premier Dalton McGuinty — with copies to Education Minister Gerard Kennedy, Durham MPPs, local school community councils and Ontario school boards — requesting additional funding.

Business superintendent Ed Hodgins says actions beyond the board's control spell substantial increases for the board. He points to natural gas and electricity prices, as well as including the higher electricity cost cap that takes effect April 1.

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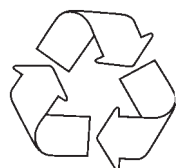
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Editorials & Opinions

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004 ♦ News Advertiser ♦ DAVID STELL, NEWS EDITOR, 905-683-5110 EXT. 249

Editorial

Tories time is right now

Liberal government's blunder has opened door for new party

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent inappropriately, more heads could roll alongside Alfonso Gagliano's and we haven't even started into the public inquiry called by the federal Liberals. This much we know.

What we don't know is where and when this ugly, costly mess will come to an end, how many more careers hang in the balance, and whether the Liberals can survive this beating they're taking in the polls. At the current rate, the majority mandate in the coming election that seemed so certain only weeks ago doesn't appear to be in the cards.

The problems couldn't come at a better time for the new Conservative Party of Canada. After years of failing to deliver a united right-wing alternative that would bring Alliance and Progressive Conservative party members under one roof, the recent merger has positioned the party well as it works toward selecting its first leader and prepares for an election call. That could come as soon as this spring, or, depending on how bad things go for the Liberals, much later.

There is plenty to celebrate for the new party. From the attention it is receiving through its leadership race, to the strong, recognizable candidates it is fielding (more than a handful of former Mike Harris caucus members are looking to make the jump federally), the fledgling party's early days have gone better than it could have scripted.

But, optimism aside, the honeymoon will last only so long. When you also consider the voting public's general amnesia when it comes to Liberal blunders of the past (human resources boondoggle, anyone?) there's plenty of work for the Conservatives to do.

They must quickly establish why they are a true alternative to the Liberals and why voters should offer them a mandate.

Thus far the party's been long on rhetoric, but short on specifics. The individual leadership hopefuls have made stands on various topics, but much is still a mystery concerning the party's general framework.

Now, more than ever, officials have to be aggressive in reaching the public to say where the Conservatives are positioned on key issues such as health care, the economy, job growth, our armed forces, environment and infrastructure programs, to name but a few.

The fine tuning from a new leader can come at a later date.

It's time for the Conservatives to lay their cards on the table and show why they deserve your vote. Only then will voters have a true alternative to continued Liberal rule when they next head to the polls.

Click and say

This week's question:

Do you think the inquiry into Liberal mismanagement of federal sponsorship funds will be effective?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Cast your vote online at
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Last week's question:

Taking into account their recent loss of tax exemptions, is the pay increase for regional councillors fair?

☐ Excessive 87.3 per cent
☐ Fair 8.8 per cent
☐ Not enough 3.9 per cent

Votes cast: 205

In our community



Old-time hockey

Frances Day of Brougham brought us this photo of a hockey team in Ajax from the 1940s. Mrs. Day reports some of the men here are wearing sweaters with the name Defence Industries Limited, of Ajax, and she believes one of the men still lives in Ajax. However, many of the men are unknown and she would like to hear from anyone who can help identify them. Of those she knows, either full names or just part, are back row from left, Frank Waterbury, Ab Heenan, Johnny Paudash, Bob Simpson, Benny LeHaye, Kenny, and finally, Tim Wiles, but the last four are unknown. Mrs. Day can be reached at 905-683-4646.

Do you have a photo to share with our readers?

If you have an amusing, interesting, historic or scenic photo to share from your community we'd like to see it. The Ajax Pickering News Advertiser invites submissions from readers with up to 80 words describing the circumstances under which the picture was taken. So dig through your old photos or go out and capture a new one. Mail your pictures: The News Advertiser, 130 Commercial Ave., Ajax, ON, L1S 2H5. or, e-mail photos in jpeg format to: dstell@durhamregion.com.



Letters to the Editor: Youth speak

Curriculum is way too hard

To the editor:

Re: 'Curriculum hits hard,' Jan. 30.

After reading this article, I couldn't help but agree.

As a high school student, I have just finished the first semester of the second year of my secondary education. I have found the subjects I once enjoyed - math and science - have become the subjects I have now come to greatly dislike.

Science in Grade 10 was so overwhelming, that I fear that I may have to retake the course. The time frame in which teachers are given to cover the needed material of the course curriculum is so short that students, including myself, find it hard to keep up with the rapid movement.

It is said in the article that one in every four high school students are unlikely to graduate. At my high school, with a student body of over 1,500, that would mean that nearly 375 would not receive diplomas at the end of their fourth year of high school. I can relate to this statement because many of my peers have had to retake certain courses. My main question is why remove the fifth year of high school? What's the hurry to push us into the 'real world'?

With high school condensed into four years, the selection of our courses now carries an even heavier weight. With a few wrong choices we may be faced with a delayed entrance into the real world. Overall, The pressures of

being in high school are very intense. As a student, the path I wish to follow is a difficult decision; a decision that now has to be made with less time.

Emily Boodram
Pickering

Just build an airport now

To the editor:

Re: 'Airport departure now 2012 at earliest,' Feb. 11.

I can't take it any longer, just build another airport. Waiting until 2012 is way too far off for the people in the Greater Toronto Area, especially because of the dramatically increasing rate of population.

Having only one airport serving such a great number of people only causes problems for those who use it. Getting to the airport takes longer because of the insane traffic on the highway and great difference in distance for the people who live outside of Toronto.

From personal experience, I have noticed the airport becoming more and more crowded. The effects of having more people are less service, better chances to lose luggage and worse security.

Like the article said, having a second airport would take pressure away from the Pearson International Airport by having an airport for Toronto and an airport for the Greater Toronto Area. This would create more convenience and less chaos for people travelling.

I don't know why it's taking so long to build, but I'll be much

happier when all I have to do is drive a short while north to travel anywhere in the world.

Marc De Sousa
Pickering

Celebrate heroes all year long

To the editor:

Re: 'Celebrate Black History Month at the library,' Feb. 4.

I think it is a great idea to allow people to talk and learn more about such an amazing subject.

Although, I do feel black history isn't just something that we should talk about for one month a year. I think it is important for all to understand that there are many heroes in history, whether black or white, and we should use the whole year to commemorate all of them.

This program is a step in the right direction. It is important to thank and honour all those black people who have done so much for us all. People like Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Jackie Robinson, Richard Wright, Bessie Coleman and many more, have done so much for the world and should be recognized.

It is amazing to see that we are able to openly talk about the wonderful things that black people have done for the world, when only 50 years ago people were persecuting them. It is an incredible step to ensure that no one is ever in the dark about issues like this again.

Lindsay Luminoso
Pickering

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Neil Crone

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lidity in certain types of segregation? I certainly want my children to grow up playing with kids of other nationalities and cultures. I want them to understand and appreciate diversity, to realize they are only one colour in a very big rainbow. I just don't want them playing with jerks. Maybe that's where we should draw the line? Maybe segregation is okay when it's just jerks we're talking about? I mean, some idiots hate people who speak different languages and some jerks hate people with different skin colours, but doesn't everybody hate idiots and jerks?

And the great thing about separating the idiots and jerks from the rest of us is that they won't really know what's going on. They'll just keep on driving drunk and leaving loaded handguns on their kitchen tables and poking their pit bulls with plastic light-sabres like nothing has changed.

Give them a free satellite dish, a snowmobile and a pond to drive it into, and they won't even notice the wall around their community

or the gun towers.

And I'm sure there's money to be made by some bright entrepreneurial sort. Imagine going on a Jerk Safari:

"Keep the windows up folks" growls your craggy-faced guide as the armoured Humvee comes to a stop just inside the graffiti covered gates "We're in idiot territory."

The crowd inside the vehicle murmurs nervously as the guide points out a steaming pile of half-eaten French fries left by a big male. Flash bulbs pop and video cameras whir as we slowly round a corner and discover a pack of females viciously fighting over a carton of Craven A Mild. Suddenly, one in bright pink sweatpants charges the truck for a light. Your guide quickly hits the gas and there is a scream, as a fully loaded disposable diaper smashes into the rear window.

How exciting is that?

We'll never eradicate stupidity, but we can keep it at arms length. Ironically, we need idiots, jerks and tools around if for no other reason than to point to them and say to our children "That's why you need to eat fruit. That's why you stay in school. That's why you wash behind your ears."

Sunderland resident Neil Crone, actor-comic-writer, saves some of his best lines for his columns.

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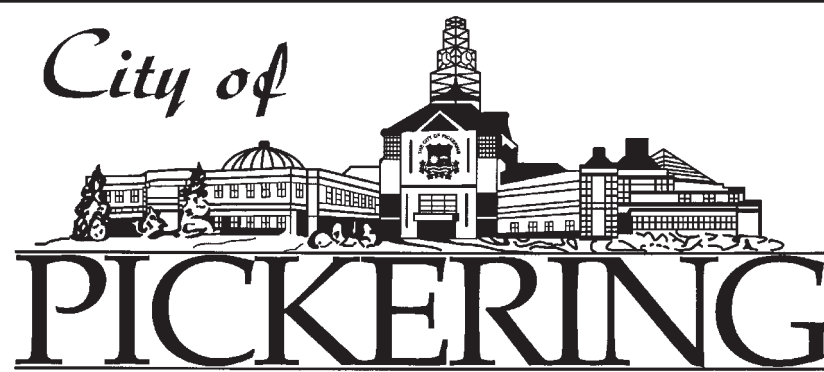
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March 3	Committee of Adjustment	7:00 pm
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March 8	Executive Committee/ Council Meeting	7:30 pm

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Teens encouraged to kick the habit

New regional program makes stops across Durham, including March 23 in Pickering

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“For years there have been a variety of programs to help adults quit smoking, but very few programs for teens,” says Brian Dallaway, a nurse with the health department. “We felt it was extremely important to offer a program suited for teens who want to quit smoking that’s geared specifically to meet their needs.”

Recently, studies have shown that youth programs have helped teens ac-

knowledge and track their tobacco use, while developing methods for coping with habits and pressures that cause the urge to smoke.

Sessions are Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

March 2 and April 6, sessions will be held at The Firehouse in Clarington, 132 Church St.

Lupus group welcomes consultant

Rae Ann Jammer is group’s guest March 16

DURHAM – The Durham District Lupus Support Group will be meeting Tuesday, March 16.

The guest speaker will be Rae Ann Jammer, a certified health and wellness con-

sultant with Pathways Health Promotions. Lupus, a potentially life-threatening condition, is a chronic inflammatory disease that can affect various parts of the body.

The March 30 session is at the Whitby Mall, 1615 Dundas St. E.

For more information, or to register for a session, contact the Durham Region health department at 905-723-8521 or 1-800-841-2729.

sultant with Pathways Health Promotions.

The meeting will be held at Faith Place/Cana Hall at 44 William St. W. in Oshawa. For more information, contact Jody Breen at 905-571-4771.

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Among Sobey's vast selection of fresh food is its on site bakery, which bakes 32 varieties of breads on location everyday.

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Because Sobey's would like to extend a welcome to its customers, it's offering a special grand opening sale, running until Friday, Feb. 27. Promotional sale items include rolls of Bounty and Charmin for \$3.99, and Sunlight Laundry Detergent \$3.99 each.

To check out Sobey's great deals you can visit them at 1899 Brock Rd. at Brock and Hwy. 2, or call them at (905) 619-9130.

It was a "Grand" Opening for the new Sobey's last Wednesday in Pickering. Shown at the ribbon cutting are: Members of Sobey's staff, 2004 President of the Board of Trade Linda Wideman, Executive V.P. of Operation for Sobey's Ontario Rob James, Regional Councillor Rick Johnson, Franchisee Philip Chamberlain, Mayor Dave Ryan, City Councillor Bill McLean and Franchisee Paula Chamberlain.

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Sports in brief

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Durham West girls earn tourney title over familiar foe

DURHAM — The Durham West Phoenix Enterprises bantam girls' house league team returned with the title after defeating another Durham West squad at the recent Clarington Girls' House League Tournament.

In the 'A' final, Phoenix Enterprises matched up against the Lion's Club squad, with Phoenix Enterprises winning a hard-fought 2-0 victory. Scoreless until well into the second period, Phoenix's Shannon Stoute finally broke the deadlock, with assists to Leslie Wozney and Ashley Martin. Late in the third period, Phoenix's Martin scored an insurance marker, converting on an end-to-end rush.

Phoenix Enterprises began the tournament with a decisive 5-1 win over CBHA - Home Renovation. Melissa Nakasuji led the way with a two-goal effort; Kelly Vickers, Martin and Jessica Millson added single markers. Marlee Foster recorded two assists, Paula Mason, Shelby Crumme, Vickers, Stoute and Jenna Grant chipped in with one apiece.

In Game 2, Phoenix Enterprises won 4-2 over Hobb-Bakker. Stoute scored twice, with Martin and Nakasuji adding one apiece. Delta Grandy, Stoute and Martin drew assists.

Phoenix won its way into the 'A' finals with a 2-1 win over Don Cherry's. Caitlin Kernaghan provided outstanding goaltending in preserving the victory. Vickers and Martin scored, with an assist to Stoute.

Other Phoenix players are Samantha Gordon, Jane Bevington, Tara Pagniello, and Jessie Macarthur.

One other Durham West squad — Boyer Pontiac — competed at the Clarington tournament.

Mike Thompson, Bruce Grant and Mary Lou Vickers coach the Phoenix team. The trainer is Lisa Grant.

It figures, Pickering players make coach pay for bold prediction

PICKERING — The Pickering Panthers Coffeetime-Moncada Windows and Doors atom select hockey team is looking forward to pirouettes and Salchows from its coach after capturing the championship at the recent Richmond Hill Tournament.

Prior to the final against Bolton, Pickering's head coach Gary Arnold promised to wear white figure skates to the next practice if the team won the title.

In the championship game, the atoms blanked the Blackhawks 3-0 to capture the tournament banner. Matthew Ross led the way with two goals; Stephen Arnold notched the other.

Alex Salzmann recorded his second shutout of the tournament. Nathan Grant played a strong two-way game.

After dropping the tourney opener to Bolton 2-0, Pickering got back on track with a 4-1 victory over Cobourg. Arnold netted a pair, with singles to Darryl Jennings and Watson.

Jordan Mill and Kevin Mill added assists.

In Game 3, the Panthers advanced to the final following a 5-0 shutout victory over London Oakridge. Arnold notched a pair of goals; Carmen Avarino, Jennings, and Ross were the other marksmen. Nathaniel Hargraves chipped in with two assists, and Blake Burns and Chris Kiatipis recorded one apiece.

Corrado Cammisuli, Matthew Farrell, Matthew Preston and Stewart Singleton played solidly on defence, severely limiting the opposition shots.

The team's overall record stands at 35-3-1.

Peter Farrell, Rob Burns and Les Hargraves are the assistant coaches, the trainer is John Jennings and the manager is John Singleton.

Durham Lords playoff hopes dealt blow in college hoops action

DURHAM — The Durham College women's basketball team suffered a serious blow to its playoff hopes Tuesday, thanks to a 51-45 loss to the Seneca Sting.

By falling to Seneca, the Lords (4-6) remain four points out of the final playoff spot in the OCAA's east division, currently occupied by Algonquin (6-5). With just two games remaining, the Lords need to win both to even have a hope of making the postseason dance.

Against the Sting, Durham was unable to hold on to a four-point halftime lead, scoring just 15 points in the second half.

Bonnie Slaughter was the Lords' top point-getter with 22 points. Jackie Birtwhistle and Pam Wilkinson each chipped in with six.

Soccer future in good hands with Ajax resident

By Paul Futhey
Staff Writer

AJAX — Considering what Patrick Tobo has done as a soccer player, it can hardly rate as a surprise to see the respect he's accorded today.

Tobo was nearly six when he started playing in his native Cameroon. Hailing from Yaoundé, the country's capital, he now lives in Ajax with his wife and is a key part of the sport's player development in Durham Region.

"There was no organized soccer like this," he says, recalling his introduction to the game in Africa.

In fact, Tobo didn't get his first pair of soccer shoes until he was 15.

As he makes the comment, he gestures to the playing surface of the Durham Indoor Soccer Centre in Oshawa. Students in his under-10 advanced skills clinic are doing what most kids do before a practice officially starts: taking turns zipping shots at a designated goalkeeper.

The clinic is just a small part of his soccer involvement. In addition to his myriad of coaching and training duties, Tobo scouts all over the GTA and is one of six regional coaches with the Ontario Soccer Association.

Over a series of Thursday afternoons last month at the DISC, he has led this group of 26 youngsters through a program designed to develop their skills, technique and stamina.

"It's rare for them to get on the field like this in the winter and get this opportunity," says John Lay, the president of the facility.

The opportunity is rare for a number of reasons, not the least of which is Tobo's rich playing experience, which includes stints on Cameroon's Under-19 World Cup team in 1981 and the country's historic 1990 FIFA World Cup entry.

His experience certainly carries currency with his students.

"First of all, he's got tremendous respect," says Lay. "Anybody with his background... the kids look up to it."

Select mines women's hoops win over jewellers

AJAX — Just when Donlands Jewellers negated several scoring options for Select Food Products, another one went off for a strong offensive outing in Ajax Ladies' Basketball League action last Wednesday.

With Donlands effectively shutting down two of three high-scoring Select players, Kerri Jolicoeur stepped up to the basket to knock down 10 points and lead Select to a 36-30 win.

A hard-working Sonia Thomas (11 points) was able to work through coverage to net eight points from the field and three more from the line.

Lana Edmonstone and Sue Nowry replied with 11 and eight points, respectively, for the jewellers.

Scotiabank maintained its hold on first place with a 35-17 win over East Side Mario's in Game 2. Kim Bourque, who has crept into second place in league scoring, led the bankers with 12 points. Scotiabank's Sharon Williamson proved she can play offence by netting eight.

Lori Lomberg and Marjorie Bates replied for East Side with six and four points, respectively.

League players live in Ajax and Pickering.

What Cameroon did at the 1990 World Cup in Italy was unprecedented for an African nation. Cameroon went on a magical run to the quarter-finals, beating Argentina in the round robin and Colombia in the round of 16. Only one other team on the continent, Senegal, has advanced to World Cup quarter-finals since.

"It's the dream for all soccer players," Tobo says of the World Cup experience. "You've reached the point where you want to go. That was my dream."

His playing career comprised 11 years at the first division level in Cameroon. In Canada, he was an all-star sweeper with the Toronto Italia and Toronto Astros of the Canadian National Soccer League before retiring in 1995.

Now, his focus is on the sport's development here, in a country which, historically, has had limited international success. As a coach, he's currently working with a pair of under-13 teams, a boys' squad and a girls' squad - where the development of the individual is paramount.

"Right now, I'm going first with individual skill," he says.

"After that, I'm going to go to the team concepts. It's hard if some player is not able to receive his first ball, have his first touch... he cannot go far."

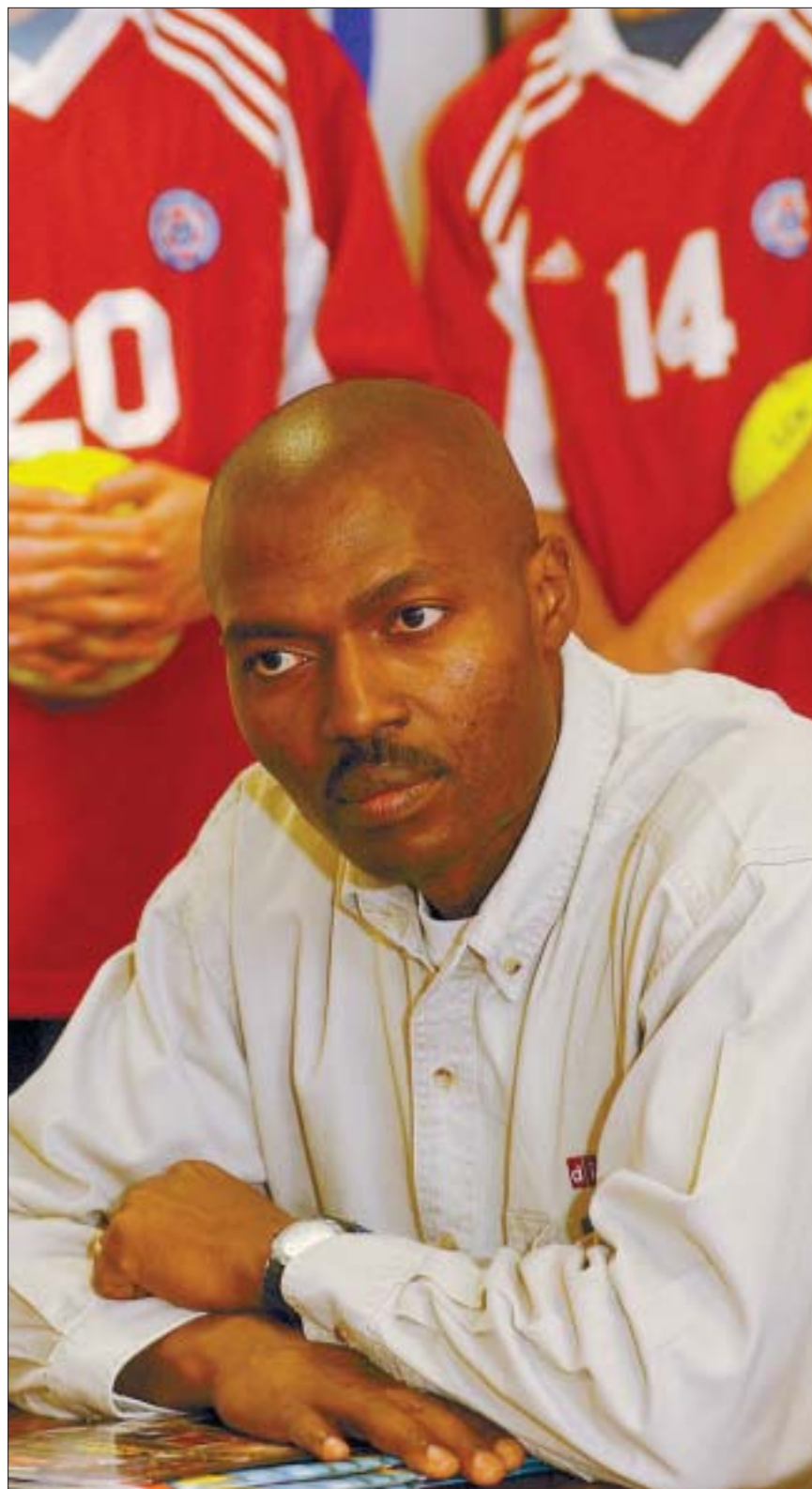
Player development is something that hasn't escaped the attention of John O'Neill, who owns the local Canadian Professional Soccer League franchise.

O'Neill made a point of introducing Tobo at last week's press conference announcing the team's purchase. The owner stressed the importance of local player development as part of an overall plan to ensure the ultimate success of the franchise.

"Patrick is a tremendous asset," says O'Neill. "His role is very crucial. He's played the game against the best in the world."

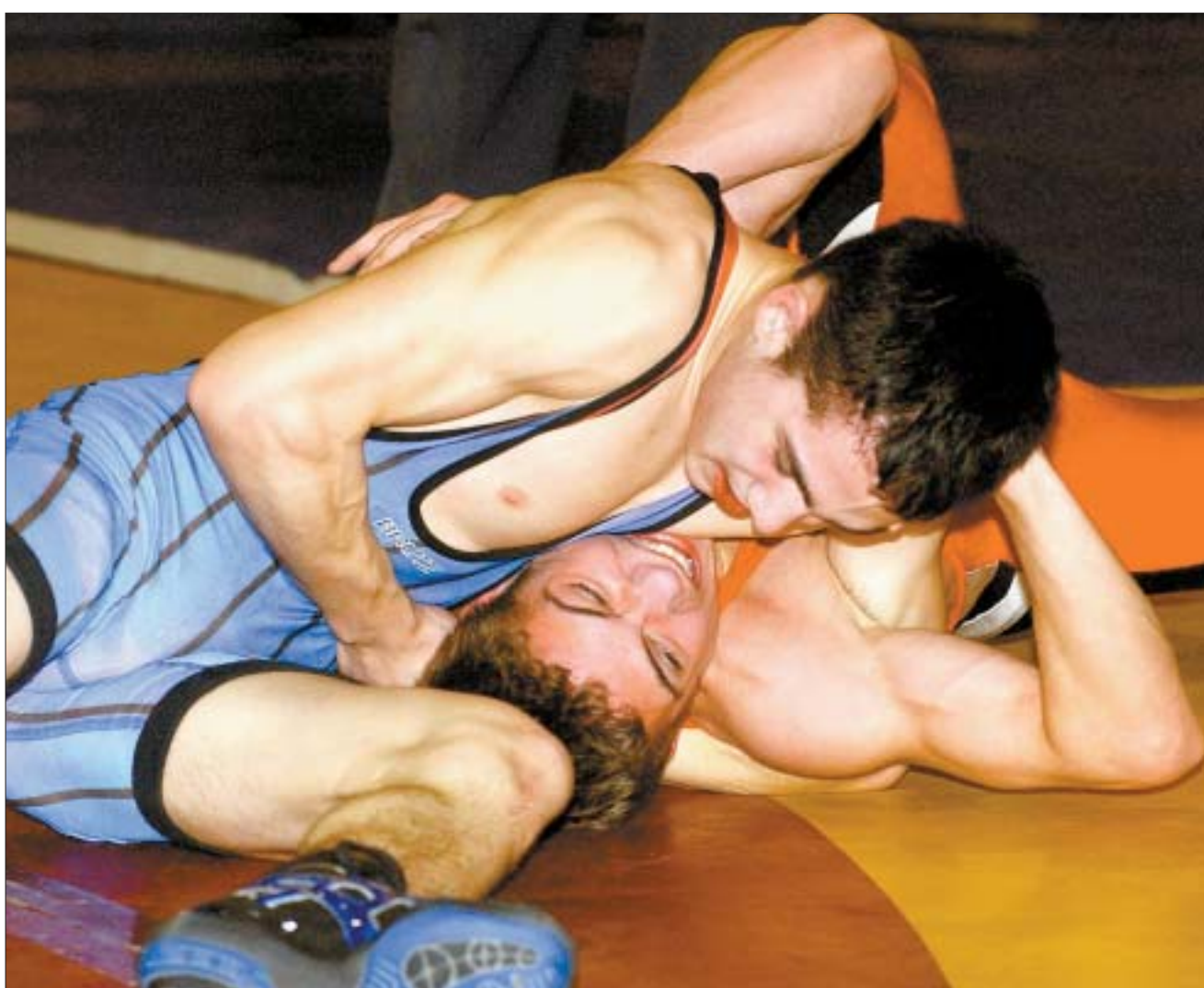
Tobo is up for the important challenge, that of laying the foundation for potential future success.

"If we have a good development with a young team that means Durham in the future will have good players," he says.



Patrick Tobo's involvement in soccer runs deep. The Ajax resident coaches, trains and scouts the Greater Toronto Area extensively among his many duties. He notes a good development program is the key to a future success on the pitch in Durham.

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You could almost see a pin drop

DURHAM — Ben Harley, left, of Pickering High School has the upper hand here, but in the end, Trent Boughner got the best of him during their Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics wrestling matchup last week. Boughner went on to win the 54-kilogram title, with Harley finishing third.

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Maryjane hungry for success

Local band's music won't be typecast

By Jeff Hayward
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING – It compares itself to the popular British band Radiohead. And it has the hunger for success to match.

Maryjayne, a Pickering-based musical quartet, is looking for its chance to break into the international music scene. In the meantime, the band members are enjoying local popularity, and have expanded their horizons well outside the region.

Band member Furhan Velji says one of the keys to their success over the last few years is from being on the same level with each other.

"We have this chemistry that gives each of us room to create and be free," said Velji, 26, an original member who's the lead vocalist and plays guitar.

"I bring ideas to the band and we work out the arrangement together," he said.

Drummer Trevor Easton agrees the band has grown musically since the beginning, experimenting with its sound just as Radiohead has.

"I think I've become a much more confident player," said Easton, 27. "We are always trying as a band to come up with completely original compositions. This keeps me on my toes."

He added there is a danger of being typecast as a particular type of band, if the sound doesn't evolve.

"The next thing you know, all your songs sound the same. We've been able to avoid all that which allows me to come up with interesting arrangements."

Maryjayne has had recent success playing in Toronto, landing gigs at the Hard Rock Café at Club 279. Easton lists this particular venue as one of his favourites.

"It has a great sound, onstage and off. Everything is so alive there. The lighting show they put on for live (shows) is second to none in the city... we always have a great time when we play there."

Although they are playing regularly, they have had limited shows in Durham. The reason for this, says Easton, is the lack of solid venues in Pickering.

Kevin Aspinall, 25, the band's keyboardist, echoed Easton's frustration about the lack of a local music scene.

"People need to know that there are great live shows they can go and watch all the time right in their own backyard," Aspinall said. He has been with the band since its beginning four years ago.

Craig Murphy is a recent addition on bass guitar, a position the band has switched up more than once. The 25-year-old brings his own musical influences to the band, such as Rage Against The Machine, The Tea Party, and Dave Matthews.

"I believe that the local music scene is getting tougher and tougher to break through in... You have to have a unique and

Caribbean celebration Saturday

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Maryjane's members, from left, are Craig Murphy, Trevor Easton, Kevin Aspinall and Furhan Velji.

catchy sound to make it these days. On that note, I believe we stand alone," Murphy said.

"They all see the band moving on to bigger things in the future."

"I see the band touring across the globe and making lots of music," said Velji. "As long as our

music is making us happy, we will be playing. If we get the chance, I would like to play on the moon, too."

Those in Durham who want to come and check out the band need not fret, however. It has been invited back to the Atria

Bar & Grill, 59 King St. E. in Oshawa, for a Feb. 27 show. This will be their second show at this venue.

To check out more on the band, including a biography, show listings, and photos, go to www.maryjaynemusic.com.

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256 deaths

WOODS, Harold Passed away peacefully, at Fairview Lodge, on February 20, 2004, at the age of 81. Harold, beloved husband of the late Ada; loving father of David and Barbara; dear father-in-law of Stephen. Cherished grandfather of Stuart, Samantha and her husband Jay, and Leonard and his fiancée Amy. Devoted great grandfather to Emma. Visitors were received at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Rd., Ajax, 905-428-8488 on Monday, February 23, 2004. Service was held in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 24, 2004. Cremation.

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Harold will be remembered
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A letter to my Dad,

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We all miss you and love you,

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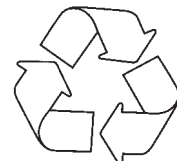
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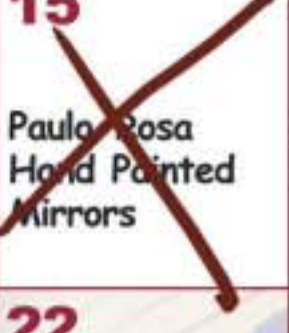
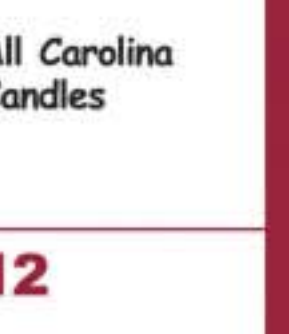
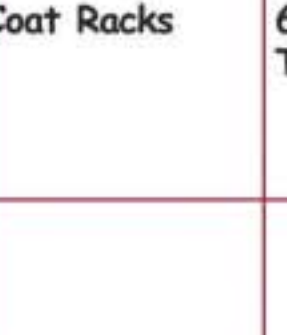
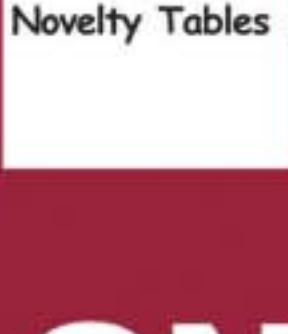
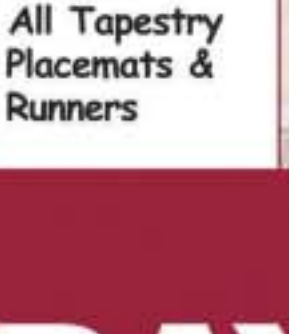
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