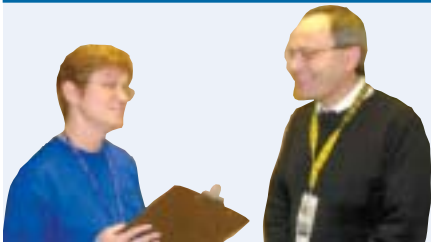


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Durham numbers drop

But college still pleased with performance indicators

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham College graduates and the employers who hired them are not as happy as they have been in the past, according to an annual provincial survey.

The Ontario government since 1998 has used 'key performance indicators,' surveys of college graduates and the employers who hired them, to allot a small portion of overall funding to the 24 colleges.

For several years, the release of the KPIs was cause for celebration at Durham College, but the results released this week show that in virtually every main category, the percentage of

pleased graduates and employers is down from last and recent years.

"I guess they're a little lower, but the percentage difference is miniscule," says Bev Balenko, the college's chief operating officer, noting Durham remains number one in the GTA in terms of student satisfaction and graduate employment. "We're really pleased with that."

The college expects roughly \$500,000 in funding as a result of the KPIs.

The graduate employment rate, based on a survey of former students six months after graduation, was 87.5 per cent, 13th best in the province. Last year's 90.2 per cent rate was good enough for eighth in Ontario, and in 2000, Durham College tied for first with a 94.1 per cent.

As for graduate satisfaction, 76.8 per cent reported being very

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The sky's the limit

PICKERING — Kristy Radonicich and Mike Cooper get in a game of hacky sack while enjoying some nice weather down by the lake. The two were spending time at the Millennium Square.

Register your thoughts on extra apartment units

Public consultation gathers information on basement apartments

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — The City wants to hear how residents feel about the possibility of basement

apartments being allowed in Pickering.

Pickering executive committee (made up of members of council) passed a recommendation Tuesday night directing staff to schedule a formal public meeting on proposed amendments to the City's zoning bylaw to permit accessory dwelling units (ADUs), which include basement and accesso-

ry apartments, and in-law suites.

Thursday, June 10 is the proposed date of the meeting.

Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles likes the idea of the meeting.

"It's a good move to go forward and seek public consultation to allow the community to

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Tickets for this event are \$10 and may be purchased in advance from the YWCA Durham at either 1 McGrigor St. or 33 McGrigor St. in Oshawa. All proceeds from this event will go to support the efforts of the World YWCA and YWCA Durham's Y's WISH Shelter for abused women.

In addition, the organization holds its annual meeting Thursday, April 29, at the YWCA Adelaide House, 33 McGrigor St., Oshawa. A light buffet lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at noon.

The meeting will include the election of board members, and presentation of the 8th annual Friends of the YWCA awards to

individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their commitment and support of YWCA through voluntary contri-

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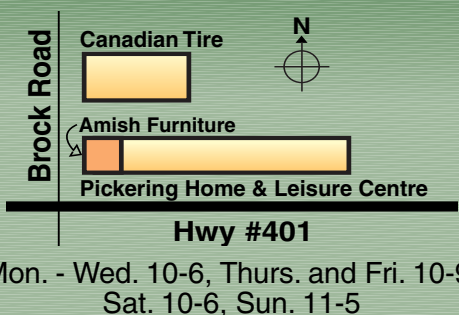
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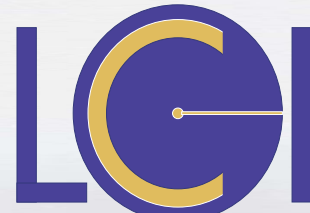
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Get ready to turn in another \$90 in taxes

Durham OKs 5.9-per cent jump for regional bill

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM – Increased amounts for police, roads, provincial downloading and salaries are some of the reasons your regional taxes are going up by 5.9 per cent.

The Region's \$300.8-million budget was approved at council Wednesday, meaning an extra \$88 on the regional portion of your property tax bill for a house assessed at \$250,000.

After hours of debate at finance committee budget meetings that continued onto the council floor, the Region's five conservation authorities had \$250,000 added back into their budgets.

The organizations - from Toronto, Ganaraska, Central Lake Ontario, Lake Simcoe and Kawartha Lakes - brought their budgets in at \$5.8 million, above the \$4.9 million guideline set by the Region.

They were asked to find \$250,000 in cuts

that could possibly be made, and came back at \$5.6 million. But supportive councillors from across the Region, including Scugog Mayor Marilyn Pearce, Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor and Pickering Councillor Mark Holland, fought to have the money added back in.

The funds will come from the general tax levy and the tax rate stabilization fund. Other highlights include:

- The cancellation of the \$20,000 "change management" budget line that would have helped regional employees cope with moving into the new regional headquarters;
- The largest-ever road expenditure of \$40.2 million;
- Rebuilding homes for the aged in Oshawa and Beaverton and a new ambulance station in Pickering
- Seven new police officers and 13 new civilian positions for the Durham Regional Police;
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Trustee expense totals down in 2003

Catholic board totals just more than \$18,000

DURHAM - Catholic trustees expenses fell by more than \$3,000 last year.

The Durham Catholic District School Board, in a report on Monday's board meeting agenda, listed the annual trustee expenses for the 2003 calendar year. The combined figure for the eight board members is \$18,360.31.

In 2002, the total expenses were \$21,671.49, including almost \$8,700 claimed by board chairman and Whitby Trustee Mary Ann Martin. Before that, the expense total had averaged about \$17,600.

Trustee Martin claimed \$7,530.58 in 2003, the highest amount of any trustee. Joe Corey, the board vice-chairman and an Oshawa trustee, spent \$2,844.72. In third place on the list is former Pickering Trustee



MARY ANN MARTIN
Chairman claimed \$8,700 in expenses.

Fran Pereira, who claimed \$2,725.64. She did not run in last fall's municipal election.

In descending order, the remaining trustees claimed the following amounts: Scott Mur-

dock, Whitby, \$1,431.73; Janice Oldman, Ajax, \$1,365.85; Jim McCafferty, Pickering, \$1,020; Fred Jones, (he represented Scugog, Uxbridge, Brock until the November election), \$880.46, and Kathy LeFort, (she represented Oshawa until the election), \$561.33. Trustee Jones now represents Oshawa and Trustee LeFort was elected in north Durham.

Trustees can claim expenses

on board and individual accounts and for mileage. As in previous years, Trustee McCafferty was the only board member to submit only mileage claims. Trustee Murdock again claimed no mileage expenses, the only board member not to do so.

Only trustees Martin, Corey and Pereira, claimed expenses on their individual account.

The board at the same time

released the 2003 trustee attendance record.

Trustee Martin was the sole board member to make it to every one of the 21 board and special board meetings last year. Trustee Corey and former trustee Pereira each missed one, trustees LeFort, Murdock and McCafferty were absent twice, Trustee Jones missed three, and Trustee Oldman missed four.

The Youth Centre offers special treatment for Ajax, Pickering teens

AJAX - The Youth Centre is offering a series of free workshops for Ajax and Pickering girls ages 13 to 19.

The mind and body workshops are Tuesday evenings, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the centre and other community locations in Ajax. The six-week program runs April 13 to May 18.

The purpose of the program is to have young women take time to care for themselves, while also making new friends, trying something new, and having fun.

Each week different health and wellness topics are addressed, including healthy eating, physical fitness, stress management, creative expression,

personal safety and skin care.

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Durham pleased with results

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satisfied with Durham College six months after leaving, second-last in the province. However 11.3 per cent say they are very dissatisfied, and only graduates from Seneca and Lambton colleges were unhappier. In 2002, 11.7 per cent of DC grads reported they were dissatisfied.

The employer satisfaction rate, based on a survey of employers who hired 2002/03 DC grads, was 91.5 per cent, 15th in Ontario. Last year's figure was 93.4 per cent, fourth best.

Ms. Balenko says that drop is disappointing, but adds the numbers can be misleading. The survey could be based on interviews with a small number of employers, she says. Ms. Balenko notes a graduate's permission must be obtained before surveyors can speak to their employers. A student might be concerned that that part of the survey amounts to a

performance review, she says, making them hesitant to give the go ahead.

The student satisfaction rate category represents the average results of a numbers of questions, asking students how satisfied they are that their college program will prepare them for their career, the overall quality of the learning experiences in this program, and the overall quality of the college's facilities, resources and services. This school year, 75.6 per cent of students said they were very satisfied, 11th best of the colleges and down from 79.4 per cent last year.

"Considering what we've had going on with construction and the parking (situation)...we're really pleased with the results," says Ms. Balenko.

She says she loves the KPIs because they're a good tool to use in continually improving the facility.

Public can have its say on basement apartments

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have more information," he said. Planning director Neil Carroll said once the City gets input from the public a report would come back to executive committee in September and then go on to council for final consideration.

A bylaw would require all ADUs to be registered with the City. ADUs already exist throughout Pickering but by requiring them to be registered, safety and building code regulations would have to be met, protecting tenants and homeowners.

"We've heard from the fire chief and the planning department on this issue. There certainly are a couple of good reasons to support the planning amendment but there are some downsides to permitting accessory dwelling units as well," Coun. Pickles said.

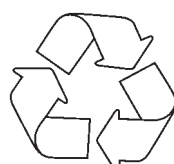
Among the issues addressed in a staff report presented at the meeting were that the existing servicing and infrastructure is adequate for ADUs; social benefits are provided such as offering homeowners additional revenue; and detached and semi-detached would be the unit types permitted to have ADUs.



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PICKERING — My School Preschool held a hop-a-thon for Muscular Dystrophy recently, with Ben Mitchell doing his part.

Fine felines focus of show

AJAX — This show will fit into your plans purr-fectly.

The Motor City Cat Club hosts its annual cat show at the Ajax Community Centre Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In an event sure to be the cat's meow, visitors can view a variety of felines — from long-haired to short-haired, representing many different breeds.

Cat lovers can meet new breeders or browse around the 12 booths, which include food companies, scratching posts, T-shirts and cat toys.

At the end of the show, prizes are awarded to the 'King' and 'Queen' of the household pets and rosettes awarded to the 'Best Kitten' and 'Best Cat'.

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Editorial

Starting over again is not the answer

Deal with animal services as it is, don't make it even more complicated

Must we really go down this road again?

After all, it was only about two years ago that Pickering and Ajax last looked into the possibility of going it alone when it comes to animal control services.

At the core of the issue then were some troubling concerns over the very high rate of euthanization that was being carried out by the current municipally funded provider, Pickering Ajax Whitby animal control services, when compared to other organizations around Durham. The initial concerns led to a review of the service, complete with recommendations for making the service better.

Fast forward to today, and yes, there are still issues, including the problems members of the public have had at times accessing services and getting help when dealing with strays or abandoned animals. But, there have been some steps forward too, including reports that in 2003 the service didn't put a single animal to sleep.

So, it's curious that Pickering Ward 2 City Councillor Bill McLean, who was most vocal years back on the need for Pickering to go it alone (or bring Ajax along), is again calling on more investigation of alternatives to the current setup. For its part, Ajax recently passed a motion to do the same.

Surely staff time at our municipalities would be better spent on working within the current framework, than duplicating its efforts.

The last time alternatives were investigated the end result was that it's not cost-efficient for Pickering, or Pickering and Ajax, to go it alone. The business case, a term councillors like to use so often these days, just wasn't there.

Residents have every right to demand an animal control service that is relevant, accessible and reactive. And PAW has failed on that front at times in the past.

But, surely if the biggest complaint with PAW at this point is poor customer service - and that's the message councillors keep delivering - it's a lot simpler to correct that problem than scrap the current system, not to mention finding a new home, hiring new staff, and doing all the other things necessary to getting a new operation up and running.

Let's get on with dealing with the real issue here.



Letters to the Editor

Door-to-door is no way to sell pet licenses

To the editor:

Once again I hear that the 'cat licensers' are on the prowl going door-to-door trying to collect \$15 for each cat. In this day and age of home invasions and break-ins, how safe is it to open your door to any stranger -- salesman, canvasser or licenser?

It is common knowledge the municipal building is the place to go for any licence. I have gone there for my dog's licence since 1970.

In the past I have taken in many homeless animals - had them neutered or spayed, paid their vet bills, found them a good home or adopted them myself. I feel that it is unacceptable to pay for a licence when your cat is kept indoors or on your property.

Perhaps council should consider using some of the taxpayers' money to offer an inexpensive neutering clinic for pets - thus reducing the number of strays on the streets and in animal shelters.

As a 33-year Pickering resident, I and many others to whom I have spoken with would like council to put an end to this door-to-door licensing.

Elizabeth Paton,
Pickering

Sometimes even seeing isn't believing

Nuclear site is hard to comprehend even after a first-hand tour



Danielle Milley

staff writer

the nuclear facility located in their backyard, but few really know what it looks like or what goes on beyond those barbed wire fences.

The first thing that struck me is the sheer size of the facility - the station is huge, about two-thirds-of-a-kilometre long, and our tour only included half of the station, the Pickering 'A' side.

It is a city within a city, com-

plete with its own fire department (comparable in size to the City of Pickering's) and a population of more than 5,000. Maybe it's more like a town within a city, albeit a highly guarded town.

Before entering, its citizens (and tourists) are monitored for explosives, weapons and radiation.

As engineers, chemists and other staff passed by us I couldn't help but wonder how long it took for the daily ritual of hand print scans and metal detector walk-throughs to become routine. It certainly seemed, as visitors milling about in awe of the security measures, technology and size of the station, we were getting in the way of its regular inhabitants.

The control room looked like a

scene out of a movie, with actual rocket scientists monitoring bundles of uranium (the facility's fuel) being loaded into the reactor via video monitors.

I never felt unsafe in the facility and it wasn't because of the hard hat, safety boots and safety glasses they loaned to me for the tour, but rather because it didn't seem real.

Because, despite above-average achievements in high school science class, I just couldn't quite wrap my head around the complexity of what goes on in the station 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Danielle Milley's column appears every third Friday. E-mail dmilley@durhamregion.com.

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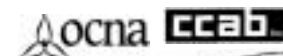
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Walking to put an end to it

Breast cancer fund-raiser has plenty of support in Ajax and Pickering

By Stephanie Mason
Special to the News Advertiser
DURHAM – Jennifer Burley is preparing for her 'marathon.' But there's more at stake than just testing herself physically.

For Elisabeth Hazelton, this September is a chance to support a cause near to her heart.

Residents from across Ajax and Pickering are encouraged to join the two later this year as they take part in the Weekend to End Breast Cancer in downtown Toronto.

"This is my marathon, I'm walking my marathon," said Mrs. Burley, a Pickering resident. "Walking 60 kilometres is almost beyond my reach, but I can do it. This is something for me and for all the women out there."

For Mrs. Hazelton, a scare when doctors thought she may have had breast cancer brought the issue into new focus.

"I had to re-evaluate the



A number of Ajax and Pickering residents, including Monica Kawall, left, and Sylvia Gonsalves, who were at Rotary Park in Ajax recently, are already working hard to prepare for this fall's Weekend to End Breast Cancer. Participants walk 60 kilometres after raising pledges. There is still time for others to get involved.

direction in my life and the focus in my life," she said. "I was so lucky, because mine were just cysts. There's a lot of people out there who didn't get the same good news as I did. That could have been me."

Every year, one-in-nine women develop breast cancer. Each week, more than 102 Canadian women die from breast cancer. The walk to remember is Sept.

10 to 12, to honour those who died, survived, and still need treatment. Anyone interested in joining the walk, must raise a minimum of \$2,000 to participate.

All proceeds go to the Princess Margaret Hospital for breast cancer research. Thousands of men and women, young and old, will participate in the adventure. Already, 15 residents

in Ajax and 26 people from Pickering have signed on for the walk.

"We are expecting more than 4,000 participants," said Christine Young a public relations officer for the walk. "Last year was our first year in Toronto and we are doing it a second time."

Participants raised more than \$12 million in 2003.

She suggests people not

be discouraged by the length of the walk.

"It's challenging, but achievable," she said, "We have training walks in the surrounding communities."

Each community has its own coach, who helps train and prepare the individuals for the long road ahead.

"I am a captain of a team," said Mrs. Burley, who's part of the Barnabus

Crew. "I'm the Pickering and Ajax walk leader."

Her team walks about two hours every Saturday at Rotary Park.

"I had 27 people show up (recently), four of them are breast cancer survivors," she said. "It's interesting that I had two men join the group as well."

This year's route has not yet been disclosed, however, halfway through the walk participants will be staying overnight at Downsview Park.

"It's not mandatory to stay overnight, but for me it's part of the experience," said Mrs. Burley.

"And the closing ceremony at the end to the walk will be very emotional," added Ms. Young.

Mrs. Hazelton, a Pickering resident, knows all about emotional struggles.

"There has been a number of people in my life that have been affected by breast cancer," she said. "It's a very moving and emotional thing to deal with."

For more information, call 416-815-WALK (9255) or go to the Weekend to End Cancer's Web site at www.endcancer.ca.

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Durham police try to reflect changing face of community

This is the fourth in a series of stories exploring the ever evolving and expanding multicultural makeup of Durham Region.

By David Stell
News Editor

DURHAM - Steve Rhoden's ethnicity doesn't define him as a police officer. But, when he sees a visible minority walk into 19 Division, and they look around and then focus on him, it's a reminder of the importance of a diverse police service.

"You'll see eyes go right to you," he said.

That recognition, the connection when someone seeks out another visible minority, is one he has come to understand in a simple, but powerful way.

Working in a culturally diverse community like the one 19 Division serves in Ajax and Pickering, Const. Rhoden, who is black, provides policing among many different ethnic backgrounds. He sees his own ethnicity as an aid.

"As far as comfort level goes, it can be a little higher," he said. "People feel comfortable with what they can relate to. (They sometimes) feel more like opening up."

For those people who do feel more comfortable with him, he said he doesn't feel a burden from any possible expectations they may have, but he does have to be aware of it.

As for the entire Durham Region Police Service (DRPS), Const. Rhoden and some of his fellow officers say it's changing with the times and with its citizens. In Ajax and Pickering, Const. Rhoden has discovered a much more diverse population than his last post in Bowmanville, where diversity is increasing, but currently, is "nothing like you'll see here."

A diverse service is more than just increasing the number of visible minorities though, he said. "It's all about inclusion," he explains. "(Minority groups) are a part of society on all levels."

He and Constable Robin Roychoudhury emphasize the need for the DRPS to promote minorities.

Having minorities as detectives and management inspires others to join the service and move up the ranks, Const. Rhoden said. And the same goes for women, to encourage young girls to consider police work as a career.

One obstacle to attracting a wider ethnic makeup in policing in general is the long-standing opinion different cultures have toward police, said Const. Roychoudhury, who's of East Indian heritage. Immigrants to Canada come with an attitude toward police fostered in another country. Some families, he said, don't see it as a first option for their children.

Const. Roychoudhury, who has two university degrees, said the force must continue to reach out to different communities within Durham and promote policing as a career. Reaching these children of immigrants can change the long-standing opinions of the older generation and create a mindset that policing "is a rewarding career," he said.

In his experience with a diverse popula-



Durham Regional Police constables, from left, Steve Rhoden, Robin Roychoudhury, and Bob Annan agree having a force that is reflective of our diverse population is more than just hiring visible minorities. It's about 'inclusion' at all levels. Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo

tion where people don't speak the language, or have trouble communicating in English, being a visible minority in uniform can give someone the sense the officer can identify with them. Regardless of ethnicity, Const. Roychoudhury said different officers have different skills they bring to the DRPS that make it better as a whole.

Being aware that some officers speak different languages is an advantage, and understanding different cultural beliefs and customs is important and, at times, necessary when conducting an investigation.

**'It's all about inclusion.
(Minority groups) are a
part of society on all levels.'**

CONSTABLE STEVE RHODEN

But, like Const. Rhoden, the colour of his skin doesn't define Const. Roychoudhury.

"In the end, we're all doing the same job," he said.

Both officers say the DRPS is inclusive. Const. Bob Annan, an officer who speaks from experience, supports that claim. Through 35 years of policing, 27 in Durham, Const. Annan said race isn't foremost when he looks at a colleague. What he does see is someone he knows he can trust.

"When the chips are down, and your partner needs you, there's no colour," he explains.

Only in the past two decades has Durham Region's population become so diverse and the changing face of the police service isn't just different or better, he said.

"I see it as evolving," Const. Annan said. "Some changes I don't like and there are

changes that are good. The population is changing and police are changing with it."

Today, he explains, police are expected to be negotiators: "We do a lot more talking," he said. Having a wider knowledge base and visible minorities on the service only makes that easier.

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Slowly, but surely, the Durham force is becoming reflective of the community it serves.

According to two of its highest-ranking officials, the force is still striving toward a greater ethnic mix, just as Durham's population continues to evolve.

Deputy chiefs Chuck Mercier and Rod Piukkala say hiring is a key component.

"It's probably not something that's going to change the face of Durham Regional Police in a week, but it will over time," Deputy-Chief Piukkala said. "That's our goal - to make lasting changes to ensure that we are reflective of the community we serve."

The Durham force still has a ways to go, however, to meet its diversity targets, although Durham does not record and track the background of its officers.

"It's probably less than reflective of the community at this particular stage," Deputy-Chief Piukkala said. "We're still not as reflective of the community as we'd like to be."

Reaching out to community organizations representing many different minority groups, the DRPS community relations committee has made a concerted effort to spark interest in policing as a career for young visible minorities and has helped remove barriers to applicants.

Taking students from many different ethnic backgrounds, through demonstra-

tions of police work and training, Deputy-Chief Piukkala said the force hopes to inspire them and get feedback from them on their opinions of police.

Within policing in Ontario, DRPS sends inspectors such as Sherry Whiteway to diversity workshops, including one held in Toronto recently. The 19 Division inspector said workshops like these help different police services share their challenges and successes. The goal is to promote mutual trust with the different ethnic communities in the area, and to listen and act on concerns.

In Ajax-Pickering, she has implemented a complete patrol plan, a template for how to complete the police function. It deals with response to traffic, gang enforcement and crime analysis.

The force's recruiting unit, which has changed to reflect goals of creating a diverse police service, goes to as many Durham events as possible.

"To showcase Durham Regional Police as a viable occupation for all young people," Deputy-Chief Piukkala said.

He and Deputy-Chief Mercier also point to the importance of the community relations committee in gaining feedback into the issues that affect different ethnic communities. That's made possible with enthusiastic and knowledgeable members.

In addition, training and education are not just happening in the classroom or in training, pointed out Deputy-Chief Mercier, but on the road every day.

"Officers run into people and that's where they learn the most, when they're actually in the trenches," he said. "You realize you can't do your job unless you have support from your community. You can't solve crimes if you can't communicate."

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
PICKERING NATURALISTS: Bob Hester, OPG's environmental committee leader, discusses the company's commitment to providing an environment for flora and fauna. Meet in the gravel parking lot on the west side of Sandy Beach Road, just north of the nuclear plant at 1:30 p.m. Bring binoculars and field guides. Call Al Johnston at 905-839-9509.

BOATER COURSE: Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons offers a Boat Pro course starting at 8:30 a.m. at 635 Breezy Ave. in Pickering (the Frenchman's Bay Yacht Club). The \$60 fee is to cover the cost of the room rental and course materials. The boat operator's licence test is offered at the end of the session. Call Alan at 416-287-2698.

BAZAAR: The Ajax Seniors' Friendship Club holds a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd., Ajax. Baking, crafts, raffles, white elephant, books, plants, tea room. All welcome. 905-686-1573.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: Southside Worship Centre, 55 Emperor St. Ajax, hosts the breakfast from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 905-428-1985.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT: Featuring a triumphant sound, a male trio sings Southern Gospel songs and hymns in smooth southern harmony. Kim Frere, combines classical training with contemporary influence to bless others with her music. The concert is at the Burns Church, 765 Myrtle Rd. West, Ashburn at 7 p.m. Freewill offering. No ticket sales. Call 905-655-4240 or 905-655-8509.

MONDAY, APRIL 19
BABY TALK: For children from birth to

18 months, join the Pickering Petticoat Creek library branch for songs, books, bounces and giggles. At 9:30 a.m. parents and caregivers are invited to bring their babies and share in this special time.

TODDLER TIME: toddlers ages 18 to 36 months are invited to the Pickering central library branch with a caregiver and enjoy stories, songs, wiggles and giggles. Session begins at 9:30 a.m.

GARDEN CLUB: The Ajax Garden Club holds a 'Getting Started the Organic Way' meeting at the Ajax Royal Canadian Legion, 111 Hunt St., upstairs, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the evening is Vincent Powers. Call Beverly at 905-686-2799. or visit the club's Website at www.ajaxgardenclub.bravepages.com.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: The Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering health system is holding a grief support group for those who have experienced a death more than two months ago. The meetings explore the grief and bereavement process and deal with the loss. The meetings run Tuesdays at two different times, 3 to 4 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Today's meetings have an extra half-hour added to the end. Call the outpatient mental health department at 905-683-2320 ext. 3263 or McEachnie Funeral Home at 905-428-8488.

DIABETES SUPPORT: A support group for Ajax and Pickering residents meets at 7 p.m. at the Petticoat Creek Library and Community Centre, 470 Kingston Rd. in Pickering. Guest speaker and certified nutritionist Kristina Sisu discusses Living with ease - nutrition and stress. All are welcome. Free admission, limited space. To reserve a place, call Barbara at 289-314-7843.

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MORNING DISCUSSION: The Ajax Senior Citizen's Friendship Club holds its weekly meeting at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd. in Ajax at 9:30 a.m. The discussion is led by Roger Chittenden, who speaks on weather and global warming. Call Louise Johnson at 905-683-7799.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP: The Ajax-Pickering Multiple Sclerosis Society is holding a support group meeting for those with Multiple Sclerosis as well as spouses, partners and significant others. The meeting is at the Kinsmen Heritage Centre in Ajax. It runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

WISE GUYS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Kids ages 8 to 11 can come to the Pickering central library branch from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for snacks, music, homework help and all kinds of fun games and activities. Learn to use the library and the Internet to find the information you need for school and to brush up on the tough stuff. Get-one-on-one help with your homework and, when it's done, join in the 'Wise Guys Challenge' to earn points for your team.

NETWORKING BREAKFAST: The Ajax and Pickering Board of Trade's 'You're The Speaker' networking breakfast offers an opportunity to improve networking skills and promote products and services. The breakfast is at the Golden Griddle, Corner of Liverpool and Highway 2. Registration and the hot breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

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WOMEN'S WELLNESS: The Chiropractic Centre of Optimum Health discusses natural and effective approaches to dealing with menopause, preventing bone mineral loss and the symptoms of PMS. Session starts at 6:30 p.m. The centre is at 1550 Kingston Rd., Unit 11, Pickering. Seating is limited, so book now at 905-420-7231.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

SINGLE-PARENT SUPPORT: The Ajax-Pickering Chapter of the One Parent Families Association meets at 8 p.m. (8:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month) at the Ajax Cricket club on the northeast corner of Monarch and Clements in Ajax. The meeting is for both custodial or non-custodial parents, whether your children are two or 42. Call 905-666-9262 or visit www.opfa.net.

HEAD INJURY SUPPORT GROUP: The Head Injury Association of Durham Region meets at 7:30 p.m. at 459 Bond St. E. in Oshawa. The Survivors Group is on the main floor and family and caregivers are upstairs. If you need assistance with transportation call 1-905-723-2732.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 22

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Group meets for a 12 - step program once a week at LaStorta, at the north end of Liverpool Road. The meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and in the basement or library. Call Lorraine during the day at 905-619-1419 or Mary in the evenings at 905-428-8660.

COMIC BOOK ARTIST: Toronto comic book artist, Chester Brown is at the Pickering central library branch to showcase his illustrations and talk about his life and work as a professional comic book/graphic novel artist. If you enjoy drawing, painting, sculpture, animation, comic illustration, spray paint art or if you are strictly an art appreciator, bring in your art to this program to be discussed and displayed.

LINE DANCING: The Ajax Seniors Friendship Club holds line dancing every Thursday at 1 p.m. at 46 Exeter Dr. in Ajax. Call Agnes at 905-686-1573 or Jack at 905-683-9696.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

PICKERING NATIONALISTS: An astronomy outing is planned for the ajax waterfront from 9 to 11 p.m. For clarification and location phone Frank Dempsey at 905-420-4236.

CRAFTS: The Ajax Senior Friendship Club meets to crochet, knit and do other crafts. The club supplies most materials and meets at St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Dr. in Ajax. The meeting begins at 9:45 a.m. Call Peggy at 905-686-1573.

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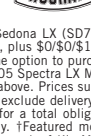
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Students pledge \$1 million to campus

By Jessica Verge
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM - Durham College and University of Ontario Institute of Technology students are donating \$1 million towards campus development.

At a ceremony held Tuesday at the Oshawa campus, the Student Association pledged the money, which will be raised through annual student ancillary fees over the next five years, toward the establishment of a new campus library.

"Recently, the Student Association, in conjunction with class presidents, decided to show a leadership role one last time before our term expires," said Ken Swan, Student Association president.

"We made one last decision that we felt would really show how committed we are to the continuing success of our school."

This is just the first step toward UOIT's goal of raising \$100 million through private donations and partnerships. It has designated this amount to support the creation of state-of-the-art facilities, promote research and fund student scholarships and bursaries.

The library building, which is aiming for a summer 2004 completion, comes as part of Durham College and UOIT's plan to spend \$700 million on campus development. The intended 55,000-sq.-foot

building will replace the school's current library, which is located in the Gordon Willey Building, and will feature a café, new books, digital resources, a fireside reading room, meeting rooms and a study hall.

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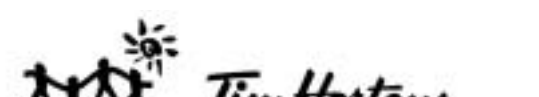


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Better safe than sorry

Hospital upgrades impede spread of infection

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

AJAX – The intensive care unit at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital is now a safer place for both patients and staff.

The ICU recently underwent renovations, which included adding more negative pressure rooms, anterooms and infection control barriers.

The air in the negative pressure rooms goes through a filter and is vented outside, which contains any virus a patient may have.

An anteroom is a small room nurses and doctors enter before entering the isolated room.

“The main thing (the changes) mean is that the ability for a patient - especially for a respiratory patient - to spread that infection to other staff and patients is greatly minimized,” explained Dr. Ian Kitai, the head of Rouge Valley’s infection control team.

The ICU used to have only

one negative pressure room compared to the six it now has; and the four rooms closed off with sliding glass doors used to be open and shared.

“It’s exactly that kind of layout that if you go back to the first outbreak of SARS, that allowed it to disseminate very quickly. So you’d have four patients and then you’d have six patients,” Dr. Kitai said.

Marg Zwicker, the head of ICU, said the changes would never have been made had the hospital not had to cope with severe acute respiratory syndrome.

“It was all inspired (by SARS),” she said.

She said the department had wanted negative transmission rooms before SARS, but after the outbreak the support from the hospital was there.

“It’s a huge difference,” Dr. Kitai said. “Two years ago I thought it was a wild dream to have an ICU like this and because of SARS it was realized.”

Theresa Gronross, the ICU resource nurse, said the nurses in the department were able to give a lot of



Marg Zwicker, left, manager of the intensive care unit at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital and Dr. Ian Kitai (head of infection control), get a close look at the changes to the ICU, unveiled last week.

input on the design of the rooms.

“They did a great job,” she said of the contractors. “It works.”

“It does close us in but functionally it is better... Patients are not as at risk as they were before the changes.”

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DURHAM – Due to the overwhelming success of the first smoke-free bylaw workshop, the Durham Region health department hosts a second workshop to help local businesses prepare for the upcoming smoke-free bylaw.

The workshop, called Preparing Your Workplace for Durham Region's Smoke-Free Bylaw was first offered in January. It will now be repeated April 28 at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club, 995 Myrtle Rd., from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is free of charge and geared towards managers, human resource and occupational health staff.

"We're very pleased to be offering an additional workshop to assist workplaces to understand and prepare for the smoke-free bylaw," said Joanne Bradley, manager of public health nursing and nutrition with the health department. "It's great to see the interest and commitment being undertaken by Durham Region workplaces as they gear up to implement the bylaw in their facilities."

The bylaw prohibits smoking in public places and workplaces. It comes into effect June 1. Only bingo halls, racetracks and casinos are permitted to have a designated smoking room under the by-law.

To register or for more information about the workshop, call Durham Region health department at 905-723-8521 ext. 2519 or e-mail healthatwork@region.durham.on.ca. The deadline to register is April 20.

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A total of \$200,000 will help fund the projects, with grants of up to \$5,000 for

projects with a local focus, and grants of up to \$10,000 for projects with a cross-regional or provincial impact.

Of the 42 programs, a \$3,225 grant has been approved for C.H.A.N.G.E.S (Children and Adults for Normalization, Growth, Equality and Socialization).

Northumberland, along with Peterborough, and the counties and City of Kawartha Lakes will be the recipients of the grant, which will fund the creation of five information pack-

ages for parents of children with Down's Syndrome.

A cross-regional/provincial grant will go to the Durham Deaf Services Inc.,

involving the communities of Durham, Peterborough, Ottawa and Toronto. The \$9,000 grant will facilitate e-training workshops for peo-

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Board of trade honours the best

Nominations now open for Ajax and Pickering Business Excellence Awards

DURHAM – Hard work is going to pay off for a number of Ajax and Pickering businesses.

Nominations are now open for the Ajax and Pickering Board of Trade's 2004 Business Person of the Year and Business Excellence Awards. Businesses in Ajax and Pickering are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals.

The Business Person of the Year Award goes to someone who meets the criteria in five areas: leadership and entrepreneurial skills, career and business achievements, employee and labour relations, contributing to community, and marketing and promotional achievements.

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The Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade's 'You're The Speaker' event brings together more than 50 people in a relaxed and informal setting.

The breakfast is Tuesday, April 20 at Golden Griddle, corner of Liverpool Road and Hwy. 2.

Registration and breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., with the 'You're The Speaker' presentations from 8:15 to 9 a.m.

There will be a shared complimentary display table for promotional materials, a contact listing of all attendees, and a business card draw.

Tickets are \$16.05 for members or \$26.75 for non-members.

For more information, call the board office at 905-686-0883. Registrations can be faxed to 905-686-1057 or e-mailed to info@aboardoftrade.com.

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Both the nominator and nominee must fill out nomination forms and deliver it to the Board of Trade office, 700 Fine-ly Ave., before noon on Friday,

May 7.

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The ad for Bessada Kia, that appeared on page 14 of the Wed., April 14/04 Durham Wheels edition, contains incorrect information.

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Peter Charbonneau has a persuasive way about him. The 12-year-old air cadet recently won an effective speaking York/Durham zone competition.

Talking a good game

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING – Peter Charbonneau is one effective speaker.

The 12-year-old Air Cadet recently won the 2004 York/Durham effective speaking zone finals in Richmond Hill.

Peter was a little surprised at his win - it was his first year competing and he was up against participants a few years older than he is.

"My dad was telling me 'don't be surprised if you don't win because they all have more experience than you,'" said the Whiteby resident. "I was very surprised - I was smiling and happy."

Major Colette Blight, Peter's commanding officer with the 856 Pickering Squadron, said she and the squad were proud of Peter's achievement.

"He beat out considerably older people and higher ranking people, which is a significant achievement for him and the squadron," she said. "It's unusual a cadet so young would present so well."

Peter competed against 14 other cadets. Matthew Passmore from the Pickering squadron also competed at the competition in Richmond Hill.

The competition is open to cadets 12 to 18 years old who deliver one prepared

speech and are then given a topic to speak on, with only a few minutes to prepare.

Participants are judged on posture, voice, overall presentation, eye contact, confidence and flow of speech.

Major Blight said it teaches the cadets even more than simple communication skills.

"To be a good leader you should be able to communicate effectively to get your point across, it builds self-confidence and it also builds self-esteem," she said.

Peter practised his speech about the liberation of Holland over and over again to prepare for the competition.

"You get nervous but once you get up there the nerves help, because after the first paragraph it just flows," he explained.

He practised giving spontaneous speeches as well, his mother would give him likely topics and she would judge him on his performance.

The day of the competition the topic was dress and deportment.

"I didn't even know what deportment was so I talked about dress and obviously it worked," he said.

Peter is sticking with his prepared speech for the provincial finals April 24 in Mount Hope.



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Support for families of suicide, homicide

New centre opens next month

By Lesley Bovie
Staff Writer

DURHAM – A new resource centre aimed at giving support to those who lose a loved one through suicide or homicide is opening next month.

Distress Centre Durham opens the new centre May 4 in Oshawa and offers information and support groups for survivors of suicide and homicide – a first for Durham Region.

Barb Hiff, a crisis worker, says there hasn't been support for survivors of suicide and homicide in a group setting up until now.

"People can get grief counselling but this is very different than a loss to illness," she explains. "There are different complexities to it."

The most recent coroner statistics show there were 31 suicides in Durham Region last year, but Ms. Hiff says those numbers don't always reflect the reality.

"Not all suicides are reported as suicides," she says.

For the loved ones left behind, suicide and homicide is a sudden death that usually accompanies a traumatic experience.

"After a suicide, there are things like guilt because you couldn't stop it," says Ms. Hiff. "It's the big why, as in why didn't I see the signs."

People also tend to back off from the mourner, not wanting to broach the difficult subject. The support system is limited for those loved ones, says Ms. Hiff.

Families might have to deal with the lasting image of finding the body. In the case of a homicide, loved ones are given little details until the matter hits the courts, sometimes years later.

Then they have to endure the added pain of seeing the accused and listening to the court's account of the murder,

says Ms. Hiff.

"They're very much out there on their own. Plus, there's also the natural grief journey everyone must take," she adds.

Distress Centre Durham will present two sessions of support

groups, with a session for suicide survivors beginning next month and a homicide survivor group in the fall.

The suicide support group runs every Monday for eight weeks, from May 3 to June 28.

Co-facilitated by Ms. Hiff and a suicide survivor, sessions take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the centre and are available for men and women over the age of 18.

The centre is located at 58 Rossland Rd. W., on the second

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For more information about the groups or to register, contact Ms. Hiff at 905-723-4461.



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Trump in and raise money at Legion euchre sessions

AJAX – The Ajax and Pickering Royal Canadian Legion ladies auxiliary units are raising funds in a fun way with euchre sessions in the coming week.

The Ajax fund-raiser is Sunday, April 25, at the legion, 111 Hunt St., beginning at 1 p.m.

It's a chance to win cash prizes from a 50/50 draw, and the ultimate prize, the Bill Warner Memorial Trophy.

The cost is \$20 and lunch is provided. Registration ends at noon the day of the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Pickering Legion branch invites you to play the hand you're dealt and put your cards on the table this week.

Branch 606 ladies' auxiliary invites everyone to take part in its open euchre night Wednesday, April 21, starting at 8 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded and refreshments are available.

Cost is \$4 per player or \$2 for seniors.

The legion's at 1555 Bayly St. For more information, call Marie Jones at 905-839-3186.

Life's a Beach

AJAX — Lorne Beach likes the result of this hand of euchre as he takes the trick during a friendly game with the Ajax Seniors Friendship Club. The club plays euchre, bridge, bingo, and many other games as part of its daily activities at the St. Andrew's Community Centre, 46 Exeter Rd.

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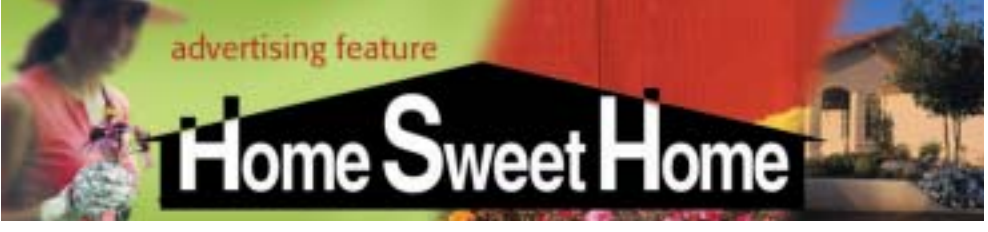
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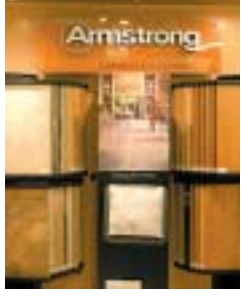
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PICKERING — Caleb Godfrey may only be six, but he's already a bit of a phenom. He was out with his dad John Downey last weekend, hitting balls in a Pickering park. However, despite hitting it long and straight with just about every swing, Caleb doesn't have any golfing aspirations. Rather, he's hoping to be a monster truck driver.

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Mobile breath test units at spotcheck locations in Whitby, Oshawa, Port Perry, Ajax and Clarington allowed officers to test a total of 58 drivers.

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made some of the equipment used for the RIDE program possible through a donation. The RIDE program operates at various times throughout the year and police advise motorists that drinking and driving will not be tolerated on the streets and roadways of Durham Region.



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Provincial legislation requires that a public alerting system be installed within 3 kilometres of a nuclear station to warn residents in the event of an accident. Durham Region, in conjunction with municipal partners, Ontario Power Generation and the Province is installing a new public alerting system in areas of Pickering, Ajax and Clarington.

Open house sessions for the purpose of public information and consultation regarding the recommended public alerting system for the 3 kilometre zones around the Pickering and Darlington nuclear stations will be held as follows:

Municipality of Clarington:

Clarington Beech Centre
26 Beech Ave., Bowmanville, ON
April 27, 2004 7 – 9 p.m.

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One the Esplanade, Pickering, ON
April 28, 2004 7 - 9 p.m.

City of Pickering:

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April 29, 2004 7 – 9 p.m.

Following a short presentation at 7:30 pm., representatives from the Region, municipality, Ontario Power Generation, the Province, Durham Regional Police and the Design Consultant will be available to speak with you.

For further information on the public alerting project:

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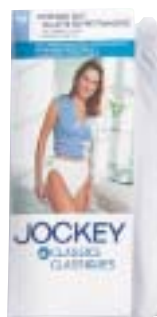
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Elections costly for some politicians, not so for others

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING – Running for the top political job in Pickering was an expensive venture in 2003.

Mayor Dave Ryan won the coveted spot, but was left with a \$17,200 campaign deficit.

The election financial statements were released last week, detailing campaign contributions, expenses and surpluses or deficits.

Mayor Ryan said he was working to erase the deficit.

"We will continue our

fund-raising efforts and hopefully it will be done," he said.

Mayor Ryan's election expenses were highest, including \$15,607 spent on brochures, \$16,191 on office expenses and \$12,662 on signs. In total he spent \$56,340.

He raised \$33,800 through contributions, \$859 through donations in kind and had \$4,481 left from his 2000 campaign for Ward 1 City Councillor.

Mayor Ryan's shorter campaign period meant less time to raise contributions.

"I entered the race late and did not have the same time to raise the money," he said.

Doug Dickerson, who ran against Mayor Ryan, also finished the campaign



MAURICE BRENNER
A surplus situation.

with a deficit.

Mr. Dickerson came into the campaign with a \$5,900

surplus from the previous election and he raised \$27,990 through contributions. He spent \$36,602.74 on the campaign, which left him a \$2,711.82 deficit.

Ward 3 Regional Councillor Rick Johnson in retaining his seat, finished the campaign with a deficit as well.

The longtime councillor raised \$37,890 through contributions and spent \$42,747. The bulk of the money went to brochures (\$6,403), signs (\$7,130), and a voting day party and appreciation notices (\$16,244).

Ward 2 City Councillor Bill McLean also finished the campaign with a deficit of \$269.85; he raised \$12,080.

On the other end of the spectrum, Ward 1 Region-

al Councillor Maurice Brenner finished another election with a large surplus. He had \$8,925 left over, which had to be handed over to the City clerk as per election by-laws. It can be used towards future campaigns.

Coun. Brenner had a surplus of \$15,072.72 from the 2000 election and raised another \$8,925 through contributions.

He spent more than \$17,856.79 on items such as advertising (\$4,190.98), brochures (\$5,909.48), and signs (\$4,370).

"I didn't end up doing the things I had planned to so I had a surplus again," Coun. Brenner said.

One of the things he didn't end up doing was having a victory party, which

ate up, on average, close to \$5,000 of his colleagues' spending.

Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland spent more than \$5,000 despite being acclaimed.

"You don't know you're going to be acclaimed so you have to be prepared with your signs and campaign literature," he explained.

Coun. Holland raised \$5,600 through contributions and finished with a \$475 surplus.

Ward 1 City Councillor Kevin Ashe, the only new councillor this term, finished with a small surplus of \$194.16, after raising \$9,800.

Ward 3 City Councillor David Pickles finished \$82 in the black, after raising \$23,450.

Residents can alert Region to nuclear system thoughts

PICKERING – Residents will soon have the opportunity to find out more about the alerting sirens to be installed around the Pickering nuclear station.

Durham Region officials are hosting an open house for public information and consultation regarding the installation in Pickering and Ajax. Provincial legislation requires that a public alerting system be in place within three kilometres of a nuclear station to warn residents in the event of an accident.

Durham, in conjunction with Ontario Power Generation and the Province, is installing a new system in areas of Pickering, Ajax and Clarington. It consists of 46 sirens for outdoor alerting (27 in Pickering,

two in Ajax and 17 in Clarington) and approximately 6,000 indoor alerting units.

The open houses for Ajax and Pickering residents are April 28 and 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Pickering council chambers, 1 The Esplanade. For Clarington it's Tuesday, April 27 at the Clarington Beech Centre, 26 Beech Ave.

Ivan Ciuciura, director of the Durham emergency management office, is to make a presentation, followed by a public question period. There is also an opportunity for the public to view displays and talk to representatives from OPG, the Province, Durham Regional Police, the City of Pickering and Durham Region. For information, visit www.region.durham.on.ca.

Get East Shore update

PICKERING – Concerned Bay Ridges residents can get an update next week on the Hydro One fall oil spill.

As part of the Pickering East Shore Community Association's annual general meeting, a representative from Hydro One has been invited to give an update on the cleanup and monitoring done since the spill Oct. 1.

The spill occurred after one of the transformers at the Cherrywood Transformer Station ruptured, spewing 153,000 litres of mineral oil, some of which made its way into a nearby storm sewer as well as

Pine Creek.

An update on the Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Program, an update from Ward 2 Regional Councillor Mark Holland and Ward 2 City Councillor Bill McLean on issues facing the community, and the election of the PESCA executive for 2004-05 are also planned.

The meeting is Wednesday, April 21 at the East Shore Community Centre, 910 Liverpool Rd., at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

For more information about PESCA, visit www.pesca.ca.



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A spring cleaning

PICKERING — Action has resumed at the Pickering Skateboard Park, with enthusiasts flocking back to work off the winter's rust. Matt Laughlin, from left, Tyler Ashbee, and Darren Adams work on their moves last week.



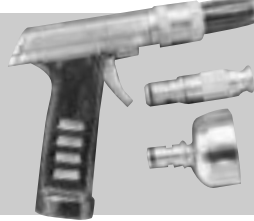
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Rising costs fuel transit hike

Increases affect individual, monthly and other fares



TED GALINIS
Costs continuing to increase.

DURHAM - Higher fuel costs mean transit riders will have to dig deeper.

Starting Saturday, May 1, the cost for adults to ride Ajax-Pickering Transit Authority buses is rising 10 cents to \$1.95 from \$1.85.

The student and seniors' cash fare are also increasing 10 cents, to \$1.60 and 90 cents, respectively.

"Operating and fuel costs are continuing to increase. APTA needs to increase fares to maintain current levels of service and meet some new public transit needs," says Ted Galinis, general manager of transit authority.

Other fare increases include a rise of five cents for children, to \$1.15, while the specialized services fare also goes up a nickel to \$1.95 and the cross-

boundary rate rises to \$3.90 from \$3.80.

Riders travelling to and from the GO station using co-fare tickets will continue to pay 50 cents and the co-fare pass remains at \$20.

The increase in the single-ride cash fare also means a jump in the cost of a monthly pass.

For adults, the pass in-

creases \$7.50 to \$65, while the seniors' monthly pass goes up \$2 to \$20. The authority is also introducing a new seniors' multi-ride pass, in which 10 pre-paid rides can be bought for 90 cents each.

The student monthly unrestricted pass rises \$7.50 to \$55, while the restricted monthly pass goes up \$5 to \$45. Student single-ride tickets are also sold in strips of 10 for \$16.

The child multi-ride

pass, covering 12 trips, jumps \$1.80 to \$13.20.

"Without sustained funding from the provincial and federal governments, our passengers will need to pay a portion of the increased costs of service in order to keep transit affordable for the municipalities," Mr. Galinis says.

"Even with these fare increases, APTA continues to provide the lowest transit fares in Durham Region."

A grace period will be provided to give passengers the chance to use up old tickets and monthly-ride passes, Mr. Galinis adds.

Old tickets and cash will be accepted on all buses until May 28. After that, only the new tickets and passes will be accepted.

The authority is introducing another new service this year.

"In 2004, APTA is introducing a third 'Flag Bus'

in the Pickering area to compliment existing routes in Ajax," he says.

The new route is designed around the needs of seniors and youth, providing additional options for local mid-day service in the downtown area," he adds.

To comment on transit services, including the fare increases, call 905-683-4111.

For more information on the increases, call the above number.

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Christine Dobbin demonstrates the form that has earned her the title of Cecchetti Junior Champion of Ontario.

Young ballerina dances to Winnipeg

Christine Dobbin is turning heads

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

PICKERING – Christine Dobbin's big break came two years ago at a friend's birthday party.

Robert Desrosier, a National Ballet of Canada School (NBC) graduate who choreographed Neve Campbell in Robert Altman's film 'The Company', saw something in the 11-year-old, who along with other dancers at the party, demonstrated her skills. He saw she had potential to make it to the National, and passed on the news.

Two years later, the St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School student has a year at the school under her belt and recently became the Cecchetti Junior Champion of Ontario. The Cecchetti dance syllabus is a style of

classical, theatrical dance based on the Italian ballet master's teachings.

"My sister started to dance first and I guess just going to the recitals I thought it was cool," Christine says. "I thought it looked really fun."

She took tap and jazz at the Denise Lester Dance Academy, and now dances at the Pickering School of Ballet, practicing about 13 hours a week. But Christine won't be there this summer: she has been accepted for the summer term at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet School. It means being away from home for the first time in her young life.

"My mom's going to go out with me on the plane," Christine says. "I'll be nervous at first, but I think I'll be OK."

Mom Loredana might not fare as well.

"I'll be crying everyday; I'll probably drown Pickering," she

says.

The cost of having a dancing daughter hurts - Ms. Dobbin estimates it at \$20,000 a year if Christine stays in Winnipeg for her high school years. Every year she will be evaluated to determine if she can stay at the Royal. Ms. Dobbin, who took a job to help pay for it all, figures it's worth it to give Christine the chance to fulfil her dream of becoming a professional ballet dancer.

"It's something she really wants to do, at least right now," says Ms. Dobbin. "People have regrets in life and I don't want her to say, 'Mom, you didn't give me a chance!'"

Christine enjoys practicing, working on her turnout on the left leg that she says could be improved. Her arch and standing on point are strengths. She admits to some nerves when she first takes the stage, "but when I start dancing it's just so fun you forget

about everything else." She kept her cool when, for the Cecchetti contest, Christine had to perform a new dance on the spot.

It was disappointing not to be accepted again at the NBC, but Christine says it encouraged her to try harder. She can handle a little ribbing from the guys at school (ballet's a prime target for boys), but her more educated peers "think it's really great".

Parents aren't allowed in dance classes, so Ms. Dobbin didn't realize just how good her graceful daughter had become until she watched an NBC workshop earlier this year. The instructor demonstrated moves with Christine as his partner, and it was an eye-opener.

"I was just standing there crying," recalls the proud mom. "They were so beautiful together. I really saw the future. I didn't realize how talented she was until I saw her dance."

Film circuit to screen 'Seducing Dr. Lewis' next

AJAX – Winner of 11 Genie Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director, the film 'Seducing Dr. Lewis,' is screening at Ajax's Cineplex Odeon next week.

Put on by the Ajax Film Circuit, the movie takes place in a rural

countryside, where a Montreal man, Dr. Lewis, played by actor David Boutin, isn't comfortable with change. His fishing village community isn't doing quite so well, but optimistic residents are considering welcoming a plastics

factory. Dr. Lewis isn't thrilled with the change, especially about a new factory in his town.

The movie plays April 21, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the theatre box office or in advance at the Ajax Public Library, 55 Har-

wood Ave. S., for \$6.50.

The Ajax Film Circuit is a collaboration of the Friends of the Ajax Library and the Toronto International Film Festival.

For more information, call Ian Leckie at 905-427-1522.

Durham schools to shine in drama festival

St. Mary to take the stage at J. Clarke Richardson, Monday

DURHAM – Three Durham high schools will be competing in the Sears Eastern Regional Drama Festival, one of the largest student drama festivals in the world.

This year, the regionals will be hosted at J. Clarke Richardson in Ajax.

On Monday, April 19, St. Mary Catholic Secondary School in Pickering will kick off the night with its production of 'By The Waters Of Babylon', a dramatic production to music, directed by Allyson Polidano, at 7 p.m.

Anderson Collegiate will hit the stage Tuesday, April 20 with 'Monkey Do', a comedy written and directed by Doug Craven.

The festival will close Saturday, April 24 with a production by Sinclair Secondary School, Whitby. 'This Is For You, Anna', directed by Grade 12 student Nikki Shaf-feeullah, is an abstract drama based on a true story about the abuse of women.

The Sears Drama Festival involves more than 10,000 students from 300 secondary schools participating this year in the province-wide event.

The festival will run April 19 to April 24. All are invited to support Durham schools and to experience the best in high school theatre. Tickets are \$5 a night for students, or \$15 for a festival pass, and \$10 a night for adults, \$25 for a festival pass.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact 905-619-9571, voicemail 438.

Dustin Diamond Yuks it up in Ajax

DURHAM – Travelling across Canada on a tour of Yuk Yuk's clubs, comedian Dustin Diamond is making a stop in Ajax tomorrow (Saturday).

Diamond starred in 'Saved by the Bell,' as Screech, the nerdy pal of the cool kids. Now he's moved on to make a name for himself in stand-up comedy.

The comedy show starts at 8 p.m. at Yuk Yuk's in Ajax, 235 Bayly St. W. Tickets are \$20. For reservations call 905-434-4985 or 416-967-6425.

Girls will be boys being girls, sort of



Toni Collette, left, and Nia Vardalos star in 'Connie and Carla.'

The following movies open in local theatres this weekend.

Connie and Carla

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Also opening this weekend are 'The Punisher' and 'Kill Bill: Volume 2.'

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Arts group on display

Annual show offers the best of local artists

AJAX - Take a deep breath of fresh air, spring is here, and so once again is a familiar art show and sale.

The Ajax Creative Arts' annual spring show and sale runs April 23 to 25 at the Village Community Centre, 22 Sherwood Rd. W.

Each participating artist has

their own space to display their work, either on the wall or on panels. There will be a variety of paintings and styles, ranging from oils to pastel paintings, according to Pam Auguste, president of the group. The show is put on by members.

"It's not one artwork, just all sorts of things," said Ms. Auguste. "Some people put people in their picture, or put animals, everything that you can imagine, including abstracts."

Ms. Auguste has been a

member of Ajax Creative Arts for about eight years and has been an artist for almost 50.

The group has approximately 130 members, with about 63 artists displaying and selling their work at the show.

The show runs Friday from noon to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The opening reception is April 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Ms. Auguste at 905-427-8532.

Bands get ready for final warz

DURHAM - The stage is set for the 2004 Bandwarz finals.

Nine bands, eight chosen by judges and one by fans, will play for the title of Bandwarz champion on April 17 at Le Skratz Billiard Bar and Grill in the Midtown Mall in Oshawa.

Nine bands are competing in the showcase for \$1,000 in cash, recording time and other prizes. Among them are Green Division from Pickering, Recall, a Whitby/Ajax band, R.P.O. with Oshawa

and Ajax members and Tenn Fold, an Ajax and Pickering band.

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Pickering athlete sprinting to Athens

James in training for chance to qualify for Olympic Games

By Paul Futhey
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Asha James candidly admits she did not see the future track and field held for her when she started high school.

In fact, even when the sprinter was putting the finishing touches on an outstanding collegiate career, her immediate plans included taking a year off to work - followed by law school.

James did, though, often dream of competing against the best. Now 24, the Pickering native could very well be in the starting blocks for Canada in the women's 100 and 200 metre events in Athens at the 2004 Summer Olympics.

"I've always wanted to go to the Olympics - ever since I started running," she says.

When she started competing at Trafalgar Castle School, James, a former member of the Durham XLs, would make podium appearances a habit in provincial competition. Six times - three gold, three silver - she was an OFSAA medallist.

James was back at the all-girls' school to address the students recently. According to Trafalgar principal George Biggs, the questions the students asked after the young graduate's presentation proved her story made an impact.

"They can see that hard work, perseverance, diligence, goal-setting — all of the kinds of things that we try and inculcate in the kids — will lead to success," Biggs says.

For her part, James was happy to be back. She laughs when she hears the term 'role model', though. She just sees herself as



Pickering's Asha James hopes to represent Canada in the 100 metres and 200 metres at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens. She's a former student at Trafalgar Castle School in Whitby and a star collegiate track and field athlete at Tulane University in New Orleans.

someone chasing a dream.

"If I can inspire people to find something they're passionate about and do that they then walk out on a limb, and take a chance sometimes... then I'm happy to do that," she says.

Trafalgar's Athletic Association presented James a cheque for \$1,000, an amount matched by the Parents' Guild.

"It makes a big difference," James says. "Every little bit helps."

Indeed, stiff competition and arduous training regimen aside, James knows one of her biggest battles is the one being waged for critically needed sponsorship dollars. Right now, there are months where her coach isn't getting paid.

"There are so many track athletes and only so much money to go around," she says.

While the financial outlook for the Canadian amateur athlete is

often bleak, James has found solace in her sport. This was something she realized as a senior at Tulane University in New Orleans. Sidelined with a hamstring injury, she showed up to practice only to find out, to her chagrin, she wasn't even permitted to jog.

"You really realize how much you need that part of your day," she says. "It just clears your head, gives you a little sanity and time to think about nothing else but what you're doing at that moment."

At Tulane, the two-time NCAA all-American set several school records. Her international resume includes stints with Canada's junior national team and the 2002 Commonwealth Games squad that went to Manchester, England. Should she meet the Olympic standards for either or both of the 100- and 200-metre events later this year, she'll be on the Canadian Olympic team in

Athens this August.

To get there, she'll need to improve her personal best times. She came third in both events at the 2003 Canadian Championships and is confident she can peak and surpass the required standards in future competition.

Should that trip to Athens happen, James would like nothing more than to make a statement for female Canadian sprinters. Only once since 1948 has a Canadian woman made the Olympic final of the 100-metre event. None has ever made the final eight in the 200 metres.

Undaunted, James points to Perdita Felicien, the Pickering hurdler who won gold at last year's world championships and at the recent world indoor championships, as an example of what can be achieved.

"Once you make that final, anybody's fair game; anything can happen," James says.

Curling club rocks one last time

Season-ending event goes this weekend

By Jim Easson

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AJAX — This weekend represents the 'Last Chance' for local curlers to rock the house.

The Annandale Curling Club hosts its annual Last Chance Bonspiel April 17 and 18. The event, with more than \$2,000 in prize money up for grabs, has a full draw of 32 teams and five more on a waiting list.

Each team curls three eight-end games Saturday and points are awarded for wins, ends, and rocks scored. Sunday sees the top 16 teams move into event curling and all will be awarded prizes. The top four teams play in the 'A' event, then the rest go into 'B', 'C', and 'D', respectively.

Some time after 3 p.m. at the conclusion of the Sunday finals, the curling ice is given over to the ice skaters, and the compressor is turned off for the summer.

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The Skins playdowns for this season are complete. Barry Moylan, Paul Boyland, Steve Middleton, Barry Gillespie, Steve Pritchard, and Jamie Pilgrim skipped the teams winning divisions 'A' to 'F', respectively.

For next season, the plan is to return to the previous prize money distribution system where the later games get the lion's share of the pot. The parallel draws with leagues 'A' to 'C' and 'D' to 'F' in separate playdowns is expected to remain.

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The Ford World Curling Championships get under way in Gavle, Sweden on Saturday and finish April 25. TSN carries the men's and women's semifinals April 23 and 24, then CBC covers the finals on April 24 and 25.

This is the last season that the men's and women's world championships will be held as one event. In future years, Canada will get one of the events alternating each year, while the other will be elsewhere in the world. The 2005 men's final is in Victoria, B.C. from April 2 to 10, 2005 at the new 7,000-seat Victoria Arena, currently under construction.

A record-breaking day for Pickering swimmers

Club members race to new marks

PICKERING — Pickering Swim Club athletes smashed several club records at the recent Ajax Sprint Meet at the University of Toronto.

The long-course event attracted many of the top clubs from across Ontario.

Jessica Ward, 15, was one of

two Pickering swimmers with two record-breaking performances. Ward eclipsed the eight-year-old 100-metre breaststroke mark in the girls' 15-16 age group. She swam the event in 1:17.25, breaking the previous time of 1:22.30 set by Karen Gerroir in 1996.

Ward also broke her own mark in the 50m breast set earlier this season. She posted a time of 36.19, beating her previous mark

of 36.65.

The other two-time record-breaker was Alex Griffith in the boys' 15-16 age group. In the 50m freestyle, he broke a club standard that had stood for eight years with a swim of 26.80 seconds. Nathan Kaye was the previous record-holder with a time of 27.44, set in 1996.

Griffith also set a club record in the 200m individual medley of 2:30.31, breaking the mark of

2:31.29 set in 1999 by David Grose.

Kaleigh Heard set a new mark in the girls' 11-12 100m free with a time of 1:06.62. She broke the record of 1:07.16 set by Brenna Wilson in 1998.

Michael Storto broke his own club standard in the boys' 13-14 50m backstroke. He swam the event in 33.69, breaking his old mark, set earlier this season, of 34.24.



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SPARKS, Christopher It is with sadness that Mavis Thomas-Neill announces the passing of her beloved son Christopher who was called home to be with the Heavenly Father on Monday April 12, 2004. Loving father of Morgan and Kaia, he will be remembered fondly by his mother Heather. Dear brother of Joan, Angela and Hedley, and uncle to 4 nieces and 1 nephew. The family will receive friends at the **MCEACHNIE FUNERAL HOME**, 28 Old Kingston Road, Ajax (Pickering Village) 905-428-8488 from 6-9pm on Friday. The funeral service will be held in the chapel on Saturday April 17, 2004 at 11:00 am. Interment in Duffin Meadows Cemetery.

THOMAS, Barrie (Long time employee of Canadian Tire) peacefully on Thursday April 8th, 2004 at the Ajax/Pickering Hospital. Beloved husband of Marion. Devoted father of Owen. Lovingly remembered by his brother Roger and his family. A celebration of Barrie's life will be held on Monday, April 19th at 1p.m. at the **ACCETONE FUNERAL HOME**, 384 Finley Ave., Ajax ((905-428-9090). Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Animal Defense League of Canada, P.O. Box 3880, Station C, Ottawa K1Y 4M5 or the charity of your choice in Barrie's memory will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Looking to catch on

Ball player hopes big numbers earn big scholarship

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

AJAX — Playing against top American universities in Florida was a real eye-opener for an Ajax baseball player.

While the recent competition may have opened his eyes, Daniel Gennuso also opened a few eyes with his strong play for the Ontario Bulldogs at the annual Papa John's Homestead Challenge hosted in Homestead and West Palm Beach, Florida.

The 17-year-old catcher and utility player played in most of the under-17 squad's games at the prestigious teen baseball showcase, playing such opponents as Evansville University, the University of Pittsburgh, Boston College, Manhattan College, Florida International and Temple University to name a few.

Although the Canadian squad ended up with a losing 3-8 record, Gennuso showed well on the diamond with an impressive array of stats. He finished with a .471 batting average, and a slugging percentage of .375, in 26 at bats. His catching skills were also impressive, with his throws to second base clocking in at the major league range of 1.95 seconds.

He's hoping his solid play opens the eyes of U.S. college scouts, as well as some possibilities in terms of a U.S. university scholarship.

"I got scouted by a lot of colleges," says Gennuso, who played minor ball in the Ajax Spartans' association since age 10. "When I turn 18, I suspect I'll have some offers."

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AJAX — Young golfers could win their way onto a provincial stage, beginning with a tournament here Sunday, May 16.

The Optimist Club of Ajax sponsors its 23rd annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championship Qualification Tournament at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club.

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Daniel Gennuso hopes to parlay a solid effort with the Ontario Bulldogs at a prestigious baseball tournament in Florida into an athletic scholarship to a U.S. university.

Gennuso admitted he's already had some interest from scouts at such programs as the College of Saint Rose from Albany, New York, Ohio State University from Columbus, Ohio, the University of Evansville from Indiana and Upper Iowa University from Fayette, Iowa. Gennuso goes on an official visit to the OSU campus this month and is expected to visit the other campuses in July.

Trying out for the Bulldogs on the advice of friends, Gennuso worked out along with 60 other hopefuls for coach Myke Curphey last October. In the lead-up to the Florida trip, he practised twice a week with the

squad.

This summer, Gennuso plans to play with Team Toronto, which has an exhibition schedule that includes dates in Tennessee, Florida and Alabama in July. The Grade 12 student will also play with the Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School Chargers boys' baseball squad. He's been a member of the Chargers for the past three seasons.

Gennuso wasn't the only local ball player from the area to make the trek to Florida. Outfielders Romeo Persaud and Louis Beare and pitcher Jordan Hagen, all of Pickering, also suited up for the 21-member Bulldogs.

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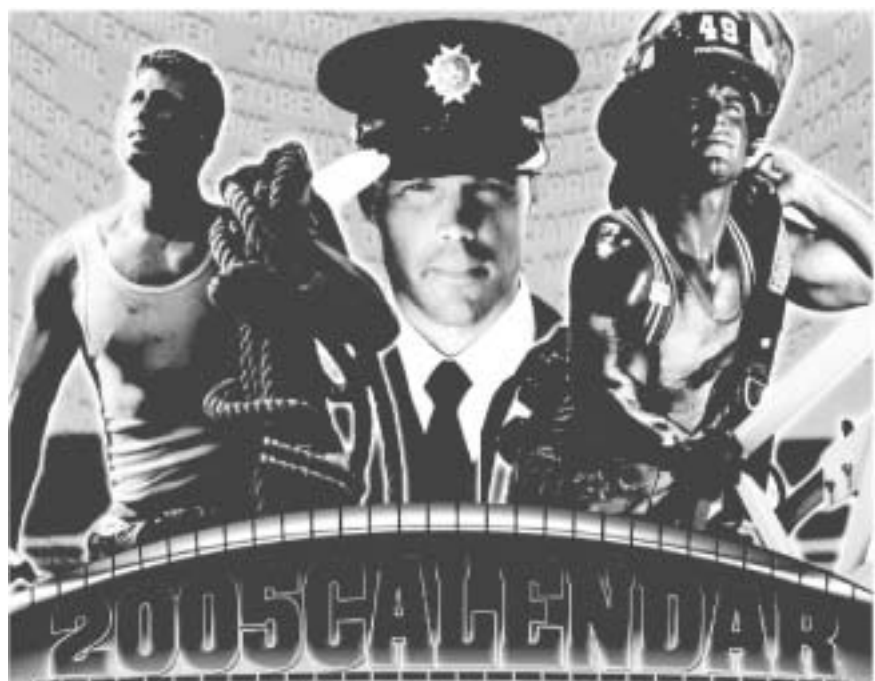
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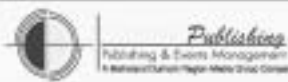
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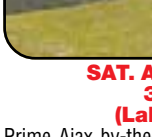
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8 ETHLYN CRT., PICKERING VILLAGE
Private 3/4 acre property. Prof. renovated 6 bedroom home! Immaculate & spacious with basement apartment, and main floor nanny/granny suite! Perfect for large families or inlaws! Call Sonia Sinclair for a list of upgrades/directions at 905-427-1400!
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SUN. MAR. 18th, 1-3 P.M.
1966 GUILD RD., PICKERING
APPROX. 1/4 ACRE \$219,900
Spacious bungalow, 3 bedrooms, separate family room and dining room, walkout to large deck in back, oversized detached garage, rare find!!! Brock Rd. just west on Kingston Rd. in Pickering.
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OPEN HOUSE
SUN. APRIL 18, 2-4 P.M.
19 DORIC STREET, AJAX
Beautiful 2200 sq. ft. all brick detached home with main floor sunroom addition! Spacious design with huge bedrooms. Features family room, fireplace, ensuite bath and more! \$274,900. If this time is unsuitable, call Marty for a private viewing, (905) 427-3948.
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INGROUND POOL
OPEN HOUSE
SUN. APRIL 18, 2-4 P.M.
605 BRADLEY DR., WHITBY
This outstanding upgraded home features inground pool with newer liner, heater, pump, and pipes. Main floor features gleaming strip hardwood floors in living, dining and family rooms. Walkout from kitchen and family rooms to patio with outdoor lighting and landscaped lot. Call for more details Rick Chomcy 416-494-7653 or 1-877-709-9849.
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OPEN HOUSE
SAT. & SUN.
APRIL 17 & 18, 2-4 P.M.
2150 ERIN GATE
BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW
W/BASEMENT APARTMENT
Outstanding home, 1820 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, master bedroom with walk-in shower, separate tub. Top of the line hardwood, ceramics, walkout from kitchen to finished deck with hot tub, backing onto the ravine. Gorgeous open concept family room with gas fireplace, upgraded to the "nines"! 55 oz. carpet, porcelain lights. Totally landscaped and fenced lot. A real beauty!!
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SUN. APRIL 18, 2-4 P.M.
905 BAYLY ST. UNIT 33
Don't miss this 3 bdrm. end unit townhome overlooking ravine, extra large master bdrm. w/semi ensuite, new laminate flooring, finished bsmt. rec rm. w/gas fireplace and walkout to private patio, 5 appls., close to GO and shopping, asking \$209,900.
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SAT. APRIL 17, 2-4 P.M.
1603 LYNNMAR COURT, PICKERING
BROCK RD./DELLBROOK
HEATED INGROUND POOL
\$379,900 "JUST LISTED"
"Absolutely gorgeous all brick home on quiet court" Large pie shaped lot with extensive landscaping and large interlock patio. Parking for 4-6 cars. This 4 bedroom home has finished basement (10' ceilings) workshop, 3 Piece bath & pot lights. Very large principal rms. Living room has 10' ceilings. Crown mouldings. Wainscoting, 60 oz carpet. Hardwood floors throughout home. Large kitchen with island pantry & French doors to dining room. All appliances, window coverings, 5 ceiling fans, central air, cvac, garage opener. All pool equipment. This home shows like a model! For more details & features of this home please call Steve Kostka or see this home on virtual tour. Look for Open House this weekend. This home won't last! Call Steve now.
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**SAT. & SUN.
APR. 17 & 18, 1-3 PM.
1730 BRONTE SQUARE**

Why drive to the GO Train or Town Centre when you can walk? This fabulous home sits on a nearly 1/4 acre lot and is finished top to bottom. Many upgrades & updates, Dutch clean and in move-in condition. See you at the Open House!

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**OPEN HOUSE
SAT. APRIL 17, 2-5 P.M.
118 TREMONT ST., BROOKLIN**

Why wait? This home is perfect for you. Three bedrooms, 3 baths, family room. Bright kitchen, garage and large fenced yard. Just move in. Tastefully decorated. Nice family area. \$249,900. Call Bonnie or Paul today. 905-619-9500.

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**OPEN HOUSE
SUN. APRIL 18, 1-3 P.M.
17 WILLOWS LANE, AJAX**

\$149,900 Wow - end unit townhome in Pickering Village, walking distance to schools, parks, shops and all amenities!! Three bedrooms. Eat-in updated kitchen w/walkout to deck. Finished recreation room in basement, walkout to yard. Extras include five appliances. Why pay rent when you can own this home!! for less.

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\$438,800**



**OPEN HOUSE
SAT. APRIL 17, 1-4 P.M.
132 KEARNEY DR.
JOHN BODDY/REGENCY MODEL**

A bright sparkling clean 5 level detached backsplit. Ab. 3,325 sq. ft. home! Upgraded hardwood in living/dining room, ceramics in hall, kitchen & bath, upgraded carpet throughout main floor family room, front porch, central air conditioning, central vac., garage opener & more!! Price to go right away!

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**SAT., APRIL 17, 1-3 P.M.
902 DUNCANNON, PICKERING**

RAVINE! RAVINE!

- Pickering's most prestigious location near Finch & Fairport
- Incredible ravine lot, approximately 152 feet deep
- Many upgrades including hardwood floors, ceramics, etc.
- Gorgeous family size greenhouse kitchen with walkout to 12X14 foot cedar deck
- Central Air Conditioned
- Main floor office
- Custom shutters
- Upgraded insulation
- Sprinkler system
- Asking price \$469,900



**SAT., APRIL 17, 3:15-5:15 P.M.
1027 RATHMORE CRES., PICKERING**

- Fabulous semi on quiet crescent near Dixie and Glenanna
- Premium pie-shaped lot
- Second floor family room
- Large master bedroom with 3-pc. ensuite bathroom
- Modern family-size kitchen with laminate flooring
- Central air conditioned
- Large professionally finished basement
- Asking price \$229,900

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**OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY APRIL 18 1 - 3 PM
43 BROCKMAN CRESCENT, AJAX**

Near Westney & Delaney. Great Family Home In Ideal Location! Open Concept Kitchen To Family Room, Gas Fireplace, Ceramics Foyer To Kitchen. Main Floor Laundry, Large Master Ensuite with Separate Shower.

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**OPEN HOUSE
SUN. APRIL 18, 1-4 P.M.
954 DUCANNON**

Executive quality 4,000 sq. ft. John Boddy home backing onto a ravine. This is a stunning 4 bdrm. home w/ 9' and 10' ceilings. Large principal rooms, huge eat in country kitchen, loads of cupboards, w/o to spacious living. Formal sunken dining room. Circular Oak stairs w/skylight. 5 washrooms. Double w/o from basement to private yard. Potential for nanny suite or in-law suite. Come out have a look we are motivated.

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**OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2 to 4 p.m.
580 Eyer Drive, Unit 9**

Charming four bedroom condominium townhome end unit, located in the Petticoat Creek area of south-west Pickering. New flooring throughout main and 2nd storey and finished rec room in basement. Lots of features include: New (2003) CAC, B/I dishwasher, W/O to fenced patio, and 2 underground parking spaces.

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**OPEN HOUSE
SAT. APRIL 17, 1 to 4 p.m.
4947 Old Brock Rd., Claremont**

This home has Charm and Character of Yesteryear. Gorgeous Century Home in the Hamlet of Claremont, Fabulous Kitchen W/O to Deck Prem. and Private Lot, 3 Bdrms., Bathroom has whirlpool tub, Hardwood Floors thru-out some are planked, Separate Dining Room and Living has lovely Woodstove. A Must See you will not be disappointed. MLS# E431100

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3) 3 baths	8) New laminate main floor
4) Gas heat/cent. air	9) Freshly painted
5) Finished basement	10) Newer roof

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**OPEN HOUSE
SAT. & SUN. APR. 17 & 18, 2-4 P.M.
121 LING RD.**

Desired WestHill location. Spotless open concept condo with walkout to private walled southwest garden. Friendly, verry well run, adult lifestyle building with excellent security and lots of social activities, pool, exercise room, tennis, sauna, party room. 5 appliances, oversized parking space, wheelchair access. Close to transit and shops. For additional photos - www.royallepage.ca

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**OPEN HOUSE
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4 HARTY CRES., AJAX
SAT. & SUN. 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

Better than new 2 + 2 bedroom bungalow, less than 3 yrs. old W/O from kitchen to huge deck & back yard. Entrance from house to garage, 2 baths, Finished basement with rec room & beautiful fireplace. Make sure this is on your list to see, it is gorgeous \$319,900. Call Dianne Woodcock-Elliott.

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**SAT. APRIL 24, 1-3 P.M.
44 HANDLEY CRES.,
SOUTH AJAX BY THE LAKE**

1 1/2 year old all brick home in popular Lakeside community. Located on quiet crescent close to lake, nature trails, parks and conservation areas. Approx. 1852 sq. ft., 4 spacious bdrms., fam. rm. with gas fp., upgraded kit., 4-pc. master bedroom suite, front sitting porch and sunny south facing 2nd floor balcony. A beautiful home in a great neighbourhood.

**SUN. APRIL 25, 1-3 P.M.
872 AUDLEY RD. S.
SHOWS TO PERFECTION**

Immaculate 4 bdrm., 3 bathroom "Stone Harbour" model in Lakeside community of South Ajax. Nine foot ceilings, upgraded kitchen with "Ultra 3" cabinets, neutral decor, second floor balcony, luxury ensuite with whirlpool tub, spacious family room with gas fp. and bay window, fenced yard with large deck and 18 foot above ground swimming pool, direct access to garage, central air conditioning, 200 amp service and more. Short walk to lake and woodlands.

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**SUN., APRIL 18 2-4 P.M.
31 FRAZER ST., AJAX**

Shows to perfection. Upgraded oak kitchen/ceramic floors. Open concept living/dining, fenced yard & deck, garage and 4th bedroom down. \$224,900

**SAT., APRIL 17 2-4 P.M.
520 THORNTON N., OSHAWA**

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**OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY APRIL 18 2 - 4 PM
1330 ALTONA RD. #36, PICKERING (ALTONA/HWY #2)
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL**

Absolutely gorgeous townhome with most of the upgrades available from the builder. Must see dream condo with 3 bedrooms, 3 washrooms, full finished basement, garage, upgraded kitchen with upgraded appliances and a walkout to a rear deck. Hardwood floors in the living and dining rooms. Master bedroom is more than just a room, its an entire floor. Master has 4 piece en suite with separate shower. \$122/month will cover insurance, water, snow removal and other common elements. Great for you to move into or to rent out as an investment property. Call Ben now 905-391-2840.

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