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Pickering: A Pickering woman was among two Durham residents to recently collect major lottery winnings.

The April 21 Lotto 6/49 draw was a lucky one for Pickering's Catherine Cook, who matched all six Encore numbers for the jackpot prize of \$250,000.

"I was at the lottery kiosk when the clerk checked my lottery tickets. The clerk ran this one through the machine, the bells went off and she told me I was a big winner. It's unbelievable," said Ms. Cook when she claimed her prize, purchased at the Info Kiosk in the Pickering Town Centre. Ms. Cook, 60, and her husband Patrick plan on buying a new car and new windows for their home, and investing the rest.

Whitby resident Stephanie Brown, 41, a police dispatcher in Toronto, thought she'd made a mistake after purchasing an Instant Crossword ticket worth \$50,000.

She plans to spend some for travelling and invest the rest.

Pickering: The Easter Seal Society of Durham Region is calling its Paper Egg Campaign for 2004 a success.

With a number of Ajax and Pickering businesses selling the paper eggs as part of the annual event, the campaign raised \$15,000.

The money goes towards helping children, youth and young adults with physical disabilities and their families.

For more information, call Janis Steele, Durham district manager, at 905-720-0352, toll free at 1-888-514-9138 or e-mail jsteele@easterseals.org.

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Many have heard the slogan before and the Canadian Blood Services is back in Ajax and Pickering for more donor clinics in May.

The first clinic is Saturday, May 1, at the McLean Community Centre at 95 Magill Dr. in Ajax. The clinic runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next is in Pickering Monday, May 3, at Dunbarton High School, 655 Sheppard Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Finally a clinic will be held at St. Isaac Jogues Church on May 11, from 3:30 to 8 p.m. The church is at 1148 Finch Ave., in Pickering.

To book an appointment or for more information, call 1-888-2-DO-NATE (1-888-236-6283) or visit www.bloodservices.ca.

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Premier tries on new cap

McGuinty moves forward with aggressive class size; critics say move costly

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The Ontario government will hike education funding in next month's and

future budgets and start delivering on its promise to reduce primary class sizes, Premier Dalton McGuinty announced Thursday.

Reaffirming that improving the education system is the Liberals' top priority, the premier said in September the Province will begin lowering class sizes from junior kindergarten to Grade 3. By the end of its mandate, Mr.

McGuinty says the government is committed to 20-student cap in those grades. Ontario school boards currently must maintain an average size of no more than 24 students in the primary grades and 24.5 overall in elementary classes.

"It sounds good, now if he'll only come through with the money, and they'll have to come through with the

money soon if it's going to be implemented in the fall," says Joe Corey, the longest-serving trustee in Durham Region.

The Oshawa Catholic trustee says more teachers would be required, both with smaller class sizes and to meet another program outlined by the premier. Mr. McGuinty says specially-trained lead teachers in nu-

meracy and literacy would be placed in every elementary school by the fall.

Trustee Corey said finding the physical space for extra classes shouldn't be a big problem with the trend towards declining enrolment in the province.

"It would require more money obviously," said Pick-

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Showing their pride in Pickering

PICKERING — Quinn, left, and dad Steven McNeil spend the day planting trees and shrubs on the weekend as part of 'Take Pride in Pickering Day' events. Dog Cessna lent a paw or two in Alex Robertson Park as well.

Recycle, you may not have a choice

More attention needed on issues, says Holland

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Businesses and certain residents could soon be forced to fill their blue boxes if a proposed bylaw goes through at regional council.

"A lot of businesses produce

a tremendous amount of waste," said Pickering Regional Councillor Mark Holland. "And there really hasn't been a spotlight shone on it."

The councillor has changed all that by bringing a notice of motion forward at a recent regional council meeting, asking that recycling be mandatory for businesses and those residents who have their waste collected by the Region.

Coun. Holland was at a coffee shop recently and was forced to carry an empty bottle of water with him because the store didn't have a recycling receptacle.

"I took (the bottle) with me, but there are a ton of people who wouldn't," he said. "It's hard to ask people to carry garbage with them...but a lot of time (businesses) don't have facilities."

The logistics of forcing anyone to recycle is a different story.

The Environmental Protection Act currently legislates large businesses, shopping centres, construction sites, restaurants, hospitals, hotels, office and apartment buildings to sort waste into sections like cans, cardboard,

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Family laughs away the pain

Ajax teen tells others they're not alone in dealing with arthritis

By Stephanie Mason

Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — Kevin Matthies is letting people know they aren't alone when it comes to arthritis.

For the last 10 years, Kevin's mother, Beth Jacobs, has had rheumatoid arthritis. RA is a crippling systemic form of arthritis (joint inflammation), which has already affected her fingers, arms, wrists, ankles and by extension, her family.

More than four million Canadians, 15 years and up, have arthritis, according to Deirdre Lall, marketing and communications for the Arthritis Society.

"There are over 100 different types of arthritis," she notes.

Kevin and his two siblings, Ryan and Samantha, all have to take on extra responsibilities, including emotional and physical support for their mom.

It's the everyday little things that limit his mom.

"It's hard for our mom to play Frisbee," said the 14-year-old. His mom has lost 70 per cent use of her right hand and can't close it to make a fist. In addition, she can't open up tins, has difficulty combing her hair, can't cut vegetables, and even has a hard time putting her daughter's hair in a ponytail.

She said when it comes to household chores her kids have more to do than normal, including laundry and

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Stephanie Mason/ News Advertiser photo
Beth Jacobs family and her kids are letting others know that there is support in dealing with arthritis. Kevin Matthies, right, spoke at a regional forum last night, while brothers Ryan and Samantha Matthies also help mom Beth deal with her rheumatoid arthritis.

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Planned outage puts nuclear reactor out of service

By Keith Gilligan
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Just six months after being turned back on following a lengthy and costly refurbishment, a reactor at the Pickering nuclear station is off-line for testing.

Unit 4, the first of the 'A'-side reactors to be returned to service, is "in a planned outage. It started last Friday and will last about a month. It had operated for about six months," Ontario Power Generation vice-president Pat McNeil said Tuesday during a meeting of the Community Advisory Committee.

Phil LeSauvage, manager of public affairs for the Pickering station, stated the shutdown was a requirement of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

Unit 4 came back online in the fall and had reached 100-per cent capacity prior to being shut down. It had been off-line since late 1997 and underwent a lengthy repair job that went millions of dollars over budget.

"It seems to me to be a rather short time" since the reactor came back online, said committee member Lloyd Murray in questioning the timing of the work on Unit 4.

Mr. Murray added, "You were under severe pressure to get it up and running."

"We weren't under any pressure to hustle to get the unit up and running. We consider safe and reliable operations of the plant to be paramount," Mr. McNeil said.

"It will come off-line at the end of next year for a planned outage. I'd like to see a year between planned outages."

Units 5 and 7 are operating at 100 per cent, while Unit 8 is in a planned outage, Mr. McNeil noted.

"Unit 6 was forced off-line with a generator issue," Mr. McNeil stated. "Repairs are continuing."

It's been off-line for 51 days, he said and "we expect it to return in the next week or two."

Having the unit off-line is costing the company about \$600,000 a day in lost revenue, he added.

"It's always a concern when you have a unit in a forced outage. Revenue you're planning for, you're not getting," he said.

He couldn't answer when asked if the outage was due to poor maintenance.

Phil LeSauvage said, "The investigation on what happened isn't finished."

Unit 8 will be off-line for "several months," Mr. McNeil said.

Now is a good time for the outage, he said, because demand for electricity is low.



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It's your move

AJAX — Abirame Shanthakumar ponders her strategy during the ninth annual Durham Region Chess Tournament, held last Friday. The student at Alexander Graham Bell Public School in Ajax was facing off against students from around the region.

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Trustee changes go back for review

Public board officials concerned too much power given to committee under proposed moves

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM - Two trustees shot down a proposed change to the public school board's committee structure last Monday, with one fearing a key duty was being taken away from him.

The Durham District School Board, at its April 19 meeting, was to have approved a more active role for the property and planning committee and in particular its chairman. The committee of three trustees would elect a chairman, who would have added responsibilities, such as running meetings about new schools and closures in each community.

"As the elected trustee for Uxbridge-Brock... I feel it's my responsibility," said Uxbridge-Brock Trustee Gordon Baxter of holding these types of meetings in his communities.

He feared the change means input from the community could bypass the local trustee and go to the committee chairman, who would report to the entire board.

Trustee Baxter was also concerned with other language in the



GORDON BAXTER
Feel it's my responsibility.

committee's proposed new mandate. Property and planning committee members would "monitor property applications within the Durham Region" and "make recommendations to the Durham Region regarding future development of the Region."

"It's almost like the chairman is now running the board as far as going to the Region," said Trustee Baxter.

Whitby Trustee John Dolstra, one of four trustees on an ad hoc committee that recommended the

changes, said it wasn't intended to be a power grab.

"You'll find there's very little change in how things are done," he said. "Everything goes back to the board."

However, board chairman Elizabeth Roy said the committee's new mandate represents "a drastic change" in how the system works. The committee is currently made up of trustees who merely liaise with staff.

Oshawa Trustee Susan Shetler, another member of the ad hoc committee, said it was a welcome and needed change.

"We are living in a time of immense growth... and the entire region is suffering for this reason, a lack of planning," she said.

Trustee Shetler said the position needs some punch given that other committees do not offer trustees much opportunity to take an active role.

Oshawa Trustee Kathleen Hopper said the change amounts to adding an extra meeting for trustees. She does not believe only property committee members should elect the committee chairman.

"It would stand to reason (the chairman) would be elected by the entire board," she said.

Trustees approved Trustee Baxter's motion to send the report back to the committee for some wording changes.

Police investigating after girls approached

PICKERING - Two separate incidents in which females were followed has Durham Regional Police cautioning youths to be street smart and to report any suspicious activities.

Yesterday, April 27, around 8:30 a.m. an 11-year-old girl was walking on Liverpool Road, heading to Sir John A. Macdonald Public School when she noticed a man was behind her.

The girl started to run to school and reported the incident as soon as she arrived. She last saw the man in the area of Krosno Boulevard and Liverpool Road.

The man is described as white, about 40 years old, with a scruffy beard, wearing a dark green sweater, jeans and a ball cap.

On Monday around noon, a 14-year-old girl was walking on Sheppard Avenue in Pickering when she noticed an older emerald green, full-size van. The driver called her name and motioned for her to come to the van.

The driver turned the van around, again called her name and asked her to come towards the van. She ran to school and reported the incident.

Durham police are looking for a white male, 40 years old, with red bushy hair and no other distinguishable features.

Anyone with information on either incident is asked to call the Ajax Pickering Community Police Office at 905-683-9100 (toll free at 1-888-579-1520), ext. 2521, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Volunteers in the spotlight at Hospice Durham fund-raiser

DURHAM - Hospice Durham celebrates its volunteers with an annual fund-raiser, Saturday, May 1.

"Remember our Affair..." will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre, 45 Cassels Rd. E.

The event will feature over 11 local artisans and a traditional cream tea. The work of the artisans to this fund-raiser range from hand-made silk scarves to 3-dimensional landscapes created in felt to jewellery, ceramics and stained glass.

The event will also include a silent auction with donations from companies and the artists. Tickets for

this event are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Hospice Durham is raising funds to continue providing palliative care to individuals and families in the Durham Region.

Hospice Durham is a non-profit, community-based volunteer agency providing in-home support to individuals and families facing a life-threatening illness. It supports those living in south Durham Region from Pickering to Clarington.

Those interested in attending the event or for more information on Hospice Durham call 905-430-4522 or visit the Web site at www.hospice-durham.com.

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'Being a good neighbour'

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money so they decided to go to Canadian Tire. Mr. Lye figured someone had to be at the store even if it was closed and if that didn't work they would head to the police station for help.

Mr. Gray, the manager of the store, was in a van in the parking lot keeping a watch since he hadn't been able to set the alarm. Since his van was one of the few vehicles in the parking lot the two men approached him for help.

He knew it was a risk letting the two men in the store.

"They explained the situation and I thought 'what the hell,'" he said.

The store was dark, but they found the power amp, gave Mr. Gray all the money Mr. Lye had and were able to help Mr. Mullins keep breathing.

When asked if they thought their actions were heroic, the three were all humble. "It was more of a right time, right place and I'm just glad it worked out," Mr. Gray said.

Ms. Mullins sent all three men a thank you card, while Mr. Mullins told the City he believes the efforts of the men saved his life.

"You don't think of it as that, you just think of being a good neighbour," Mr. Mann said.

He said other people have done more heroic actions and it is they who should be recognized.

"I'm getting an award for shopping at Canadian Tire when it was



ALISIA YOUNG 'Cool' to be recognized.

closed," Mr. Lye joked.

The three were part of the two-dozen individuals and groups recognized by the City for their achievements and contributions to the community in the past year.

The Pickering Auxiliary Rescue Association also won a bravery/heroism award for its efforts on Sept. 26, when six members risked their own lives to save some fishermen whose boat had overturned in Lake Ontario.

Alisia Young, 14, won the youth volunteer award. Alisia is a member of the Pickering Youth Council exec-

utive and a member of Students Together Against Racism at Pine Ridge Secondary School.

"I was excited. Out of all the students in Pickering I got nominated for the volunteer award," she said. "To be recognized is cool because I just do it for the fun of it."

Adam Duncan won the youth leadership award. The 19-year-old has an extensive history of being involved in the community, including joining the local branch of Amnesty International in 1999 and becoming the youngest candidate in the last provincial election when he ran for the Green Party.

"This is a nice end to this chapter of my life since I'm moving to B.C. on Friday," he said.

Other winners included: Pickering Fire Services and Christopher Guerrieri (special citations); Jim Mason and John Allan Cameron (lifetime achievement awards); Kenn McTaggart, Terry James and Bill Hammond (individual volunteer awards); Pickering Optimist Club (service group); Durham West Special Sports (community group); Larry O'Leary (arts and culture); First Pro Shopping Centre (economic development); Papps Casual Dining (local business); Pickering Horticultural Society (environment); Laurie Lazure, Sabrina Hack, Deb Mason and Lisa Johnston (healthy community awards); and Pickering PSC Power, bantam Pickering Red Sox and Pickering Pirates minor bantam selects (amateur sports).

Enforcement issues arise

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wood and steel.

But there is nothing in the Act regulating small- to medium-sized businesses when it comes to recycling, and Ministry of the Environment spokesman John Steele said he could not comment on specific businesses.

The MOE enforces the Act on a complaint basis and with random inspections, but recognizes that it can't be everywhere.

"Are we at every Timothy's or Second Cup or mall in the province? The answer is no," said Mr. Steele.

That's where the Region could step in, said Andrew Allison, senior solicitor for the Region.

"How do you enforce a program like that? You go ripping through garbage bags," he said. "The Ministry doesn't seem to be enforcing it, but that doesn't mean we can't."

Durham has broad waste management powers under the Municipal

Act, but not when it comes to collection, Mr. Allison said.

Except for some downtowns and very small establishments, businesses have to pay a private company for both garbage and recycling pickup, and the Region has no responsibility for what does or doesn't go in a business' garbage or blue bin, said Peter Watson, manager of waste for the Region.

Coun. Holland says Durham's public health inspectors already do restaurant inspections for health and safety, and recycling could be added to their agenda. But the details still need to be ironed out, input is needed from all residents and co-operation is needed from the Province, he added.

Representatives from the business community agree.

"Who pays for it and who's going to police it?" said Bob Malcolmsen, general manager of the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce. "Are there going to be recycling police? That's

what we need to understand."

It doesn't make good business sense to throw out recyclables, said Justin Sherwood, vice-president of the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors, whose members account for 80 per cent of the groceries circulated in Canada.

"It's most efficient for (recyclable) items to be sold...because they have value," he said.

"Businesses such as grocery stores have an extremely thin margin of business, so any way you can reduce your costs you look at it."

Coun. Holland will bring the mandatory recycling issue to the next regional council meeting May 5, seeking support from its members. If council endorses the idea, regional staff will be directed to look at all angles come up with a bylaw.

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Teamwork helps Ajax family deal with challenges

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vacuuming at a very young age. Still, Kevin takes a positive outlook throughout the difficult situation.

"I think I am self-sufficient," he said.

"I think I'll make a good husband."

One day, he and his brother, Ryan, want to be professional wrestlers, he says, but adds they wouldn't be able to wrestle if they had arthritis.

For the Ajax family, the toughest thing about arthritis is seeing their mom in pain.

"You must be respectful of people who have pain," said Samantha.

"We just have to deal with it," added Mrs. Jacobs. "We work as a team."

The family tries to keep things positive as much as possible.

"If you're laughing your endorphins are letting out pain," she explained.

So, to help bring out the positive side of life and acknowledge family members of people with arthritis, Kevin was a guest speaker at an Arthritis Public Forum yesterday. Held by the Arthritis Society Durham Chapter, the forum focused on the physical effects and the impact on family.

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Teen bears lasting scars, court hears

Sentencing hearing begins for Blackstock couple

Editor's note: A court order protects the identity of the victims in this case and their names and those of their family members have been changed for this story.

By Chris Hall
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Years of abuse at the hands of his adopted parents will most likely leave at least one of the two boys involved in the Blackstock child abuse case scarred for life, a clinical child psychotherapist told an Oshawa court Monday afternoon.

During the first day of a sentencing hearing for the couple, formerly of Blackstock, who were found guilty of abusing their two adopted sons for a period of more than 13 years, therapist Mary-Jo Land took the witness stand and told the court that one of the boys - Adam, 17, whom she meets with for sessions on a weekly basis - would most likely need help for the rest of his life to cope with the abuse he suffered at the hands of his adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

"I think (Adam) will need therapy for most of his life," Ms. Land answered in reply to a question from Soula Olver, an assistant Crown attorney working on the case. "He's going to have an awfully difficult time with friends, his independence and entering into relationships with females. He's going to have a hard time establishing solid, long-term rela-

tionships... we're talking a lot of years."

While reviewing a series of Ms. Lands' reports (which date back to Dec. 20, 2002, and stretch to just last week) before Judge Donald Halikowski, the clinical therapist noted Adam was "very fragile" from years of "historical extremes of abuse and neglect."

She explained that Adam does not know he has other siblings, his family history or of his biological mother's death, which resulted in him and his older brother, Dale, 18, moving in with Mrs. Smith (his biological mother's sister) and her husband in 1988.

Ms. Land also noted Adam feels horrible over his inability to help Dale during their years of abuse.

"He feels he could have done more to protect his brother and stop the abuse... he's in a state of shame sometimes, it's really too much for him," said Ms. Land. "The shame is the basis for his anger. The root of the shame is that he has come to feel that as he grew up he was not valued as a human being."

She also later added that Adam "experienced a real loss when he and Dale were separated... Dale had the worse lot. He experienced more abuse, and Adam wanted to look after his brother. It was very difficult for him not being in the role of protector and not being near his brother and not knowing if he was safe."

As well, during discussions surrounding Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Adam became angry, said Ms. Land.

"He would use very, very strong words... he would talk about how

much he hates his aunt and feelings of revenge and hatred. He's still scared of being hurt by his aunt to this day," said Ms. Land, adding he even expressed his anger in art. "He would create very, very angry pieces of art... he has intense anger and feelings of injustice."

Adam also expressed "a lot of grief about not knowing about his mother or the person he thought of as his mother... a lie he had been told throughout his childhood. This person who said she was his mom was doing all sorts of terrible things to him... (he believes) it wouldn't have been the same if she were his real mom."

The younger brother also experiences flashbacks of being tied up, caged or locked up from time to time, explained Ms. Land.

Ms. Land added that Adam feels for the loss of his family and wants to see other family members and "I think he wants to see (Mr. Smith)."

As the first day of the sentencing was wrapping up, after hearing of how Adam has been coping in a group home away from his brother and other family members, Judge Halikowski wondered aloud "whether the cure is worse than the disease?"

Mr. Smith, 52, and Mrs. Smith, 42, the boys' biological uncle and aunt,

each pleaded guilty in January to two counts each of forcible confinement, failing to provide the necessities of life and assault with a weapon on the boys, who were 14 and 15 when they were removed from their Blackstock area home on June 29, 2001.

According to police and court records, the couple kept the boys, who are both described as developmentally delayed, possibly due to fetal alcohol syndrome, chained, tied up, in dog cages and locked in cribs converted into holding cells.

The sentencing hearing will continue this morning and is expected to wrap up May 12.

Trustee wants to see funds

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ering Trustee Paul Crawford of smaller classes. "They would have to fund that."

He wonders if lowering class sizes would improve the quality of education delivered.

"Is there any actual proof that reducing the size produces better quality?" asked Trustee Crawford. "I'd like to see the figures and if that actually happens."

However, he has no problem with the government identifying a priority and coming up with the funds to deliver on it.

"And if it doesn't mean taxes are going up, so much the better," said Trustee Crawford.

Whitby-Ajax MPP Jim Flaherty, the Progressive Conservative education critic, says "we're all in favour of reducing class sizes."

However his government estimated the class-size cap would cost about \$1.63 billion, and implementing it means more money isn't coming for special education and teachers' salaries, among other needs in the system.

Mr. Flaherty says Ontario principals told him "they require discretion and flexibility" in their schools.

"They can't be tied up in knots by a hard... rule that says when a 21st student shows up in Grade 2, they have to have a new classroom," he says, describing it as "dumb public policy."

The Durham District School Board has 17,000-plus primary students with more than half of them in Oshawa and Whitby. Meeting a 20-student cap, if it applied to every class and was not an average, would mean about 140 more classrooms in four years.

The premier said his government's focus on education means other areas will have to make do with less.

"I'm staking my reputation on this. I'm going to put money into education at the expense of other programs," he said.

The premier also vowed to create an Ontario literacy and numeracy secretariat.

The Liberals' first budget is to be announced May 18.

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Editorial

Province must not raise taxes in budget

McGuinty must live up to platform he ran on in election

When it comes to keeping election promises, the Ontario Liberals better be true to their word in one significant respect when they release their 2004-05 budget on Tuesday, May 18.

Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty pledged time and again during last September's election campaign that, if elected, his government would not run a deficit, nor would it raise taxes. Now, it truly is time for Premier McGuinty to deliver on this important covenant he made with the voters who gave him a smashing majority government.

Finance Minister Greg Sorbara has been travelling across Ontario seeking public input for his first budget. Not surprisingly, business groups want to see tax cuts and debt reduction, while average citizens want better health care and improved education programs. While tax cuts are a non-starter with the Province staring at a reported \$5.6-billion deficit, the temptation to raise taxes must be strongly resisted.

There are ways to increase revenues to maintain the services citizens hold dear to their hearts. The Liberals should spend some money on better enforcement of tax collection.

That alone is anticipated to bring in a minimum \$400 million annually. While that's just a portion of the money needed to maintain services, it is a start. It would not be fair to adopt new taxes to be paid by law-abiding citizens to compensate for those who don't now pay their share.

The key question for Durham citizens is straightforward enough: How will our cash-strapped Province find the money to fund the projects we hold dear - Lakemere Health and Rouge Valley, the 407 extension, 401 exits in Whitby and Oshawa, the Durham courthouse, etc.?

Must all these items sit on the shelf for years to come until the Province finally gets its financial house in order? Certainly, the Liberals can be given a grace period this year. After all, they didn't create the financial mess, they inherited it. We'll find out May 18, how they plan to deal with it.

With so much riding on promises to improve health care and education, that will leave precious few options for service cuts. Do the Liberals dare spend less on the environment, on law enforcement, on transit and roads? As opposed to new or additional taxes, will they have to institute more user fees? Tough choices must be made.

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Last week's question:

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- No 63.9 per cent
 Yes 36.1 per cent

Votes cast: 72



Proud of his contest win and his prize

Proud dad Gerry DeGirolamo snapped this shot of his happy son, Anthony, after receiving his prize in an egg colouring contest for three- to five year olds. He said it was the first contest the four-year-old had ever won. The contest was held by the News Advertiser.

Do you have a photo to share with our readers?

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



Letters to the Editor

Give hospital your opinion

To the editor:

Where art thou, oh hospital consultations?

Since the last hospital consultation of March 23, we the community of Ajax, Pickering and Whitby have not heard, as promised, any results.

Many people in our surrounding communities remain concerned about some of the services that were mentioned as possibilities to be relocated. We cannot afford to lose our excellent in-patient rehabilitation unit, our thoracic and vascular surgery which has saved so many lives, and our orthopedic surgery department which does knee, hip and bone surgery, just to name three.

Take a positive step to save the service in our hospital, it is not too late: sign a petition, write a letter to the hospital board to make your wishes known, and be informed of what is happening.

Betty Ann Campbell
Ajax

Recreational sport can't be so costly

To the editor:

Re: 'Slo-pitch league hangs up its spikes,' April 14.

I believe it's not right that a group of men who just love play-

ing ball have to stop because of money issues.

People are always being encouraged to be active and to start playing sports, yet it has to be understood that playing sports costs money and not everyone has the extra money to spend.

It is becoming increasingly more and more expensive to participate in organized sports. In fact, in some cases the cost is reaching into the thousands just to play on a competitive team for one year.

I think it is wonderful that a group of men can get together and amuse themselves just by playing ball, but I also know that this cannot be done without a small expense. Small is the key word here though.

Those who are merely playing recreationally should not be over-charged. Being outside and enjoying the warm summer breeze is what summer is all about. It is a sad thought that a major part of summer for these men has to be completely eliminated because prices had to be raised. I guess money does make the world go round after all.

Savannah Heathcote
Pickering

Councillors show poor stewardship

To the editor:

Re: 'Region works tax increase down,' April 11.

Peter Berlenbach
Bowmanville

A new perspective on life

Don't let the 'Big C' get you down

It's odd being on this side of cancer. I'm still getting my head around it. Like that episode of 'Happy Days,' where Fonzie struggles unsuccessfully to admit he was wrong, I, too, am having a hard time saying "I have C-c-c-c - you know, that word."

I feel a little like a character from the world of Harry Potter, afraid to say Lord Voldemort's name out loud for fear of giving him power. If I never say it, maybe it won't ever be real.

But it is real. I have only to look at the train tracks on my belly to know that. Doesn't mean it has to be heavy though. No one likes a downer. In fact, I'm just beginning to realize there may be a huge world of perks out there that only we on the inside of the C word are privy to. Can you think of a more powerful trump card to play in this society? I can't.

Imagine standing in a long check-out line at the grocery store. I'm tired and I don't feel like waiting.

"Excuse me, Miss, I catch the cashier's eye and whisper confidentially, "I have cancer."

Whammo! I'm at the front of that line, folks. And who's going to say anything? Even that poor cat in the wheelchair won't complain as I butt in front of



Neil Crone

enter laughing

him. Nothing beats the big C.

Or maybe I'm travelling a tad too fast for the radar gun one day.

"Mr. Crone, can I have your licence and insurance please?"

"Certainly, officer, here you go. Oops! My pesky cancer card fell out. Say, would you mind awfully picking that up for me, officer? I'm just on my way back from chemo and I'm feeling a little punk."

Think that ticket's going to be written? Not a chance.

The trick of course, is to use my new powers for good and not evil. I'm only human after all. It's all too easy to picture myself seated at a bar alongside some beautiful woman.

"Yeah, that's my story, Crystal. And you wanna know what's really sad? I'm a virgin. But listen to me telling you all this, like you can help in anyway."

That's just wrong on so many levels.

Forgive me if all of this sounds a little too dark. In fact, you know what? Don't forgive me. Laugh with me. Laugh with me until we laugh this murder-

ous intruder out of my body. That's my plan and I think it's a good one.

I have had so many people call and e-mail and visit me and I can hear the sorrow or the pain or the fear in their voices, see it in their eyes. I understand where that comes from. I've been on the outside before, too.

But what I'm learning now, on the inside, is that one of the greatest gifts you can give anyone who is living with this thing, is to remember that that person is still in there. That same person you knew and loved and laughed with is still in there. The cancer is only an unwanted visitor who will be packing his freaking bags very soon.

And what that person needs to know is that he or she is still very much a person first and a person with cancer, second. Don't walk around us on eggshells. Don't speak to us in anything other than your own loudly cheerful voice. To do otherwise is to give too much power, too much respect to the unwanted visitor.

Disrespect cancer. Pull its pants down in front of everybody. Maybe then it will get lost.

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

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT STUDY PHASE 2

Comments are under Review

The Planning & Development Department is reviewing the Phase 2 Growth Management Study Reports. The City's consultants, a multidisciplinary consulting team headed by Dillon Consulting Limited, prepared the Reports and submitted them at the end of February. City staff delivered a consultation program during March and early April to publicize and release the documents, and enable meetings and discussion on the Reports.

The Department's professional and technical examination of the Phase 2 Reports will consider comments received from other City staff, technical review agencies, the public, community associations, interest groups, and others.

The Department will report its findings and recommendations to Council. An Executive Committee of Council is expected to consider a staff report this spring. The meeting date will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

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Report to Council

Thank you to those who took the time to review the Phase 2 Reports and provide comments. The staff report to Council will include copies of all written comments received on the Phase 2 Reports. For further information, contact Catherine Rose, Manager, Policy, Pickering Planning & Development Department, extension 2038.

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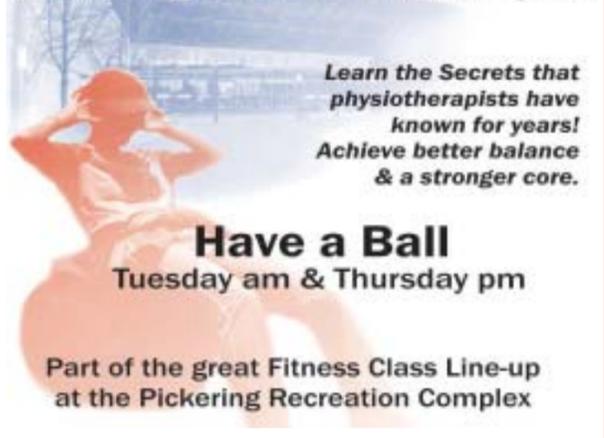
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Painting the town

PICKERING — Dan Lang put the finishing touches on this fire hydrant along Whites Road recently. It was one of 50 he was hired to repaint for the City.



Walter Passarella/ News Advertiser photo

Dr. Kamiel Gabriel is settling into his new position at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. He is the new associate provost of research and graduate programs.

New UOIT hire out of this world

DURHAM — The University of Ontario Institute of Technology has taken one giant leap into the space age with the addition of Kamiel Gabriel to its faculty.

The former associate dean of engineering at the University of Saskatchewan will act as associate provost of research and graduate programs at UOIT, helping faculty to secure research grants and contracts from government agencies, granting councils and industrial partners.

Mr. Gabriel has a long résumé, holding a bachelor of science and master of science in mechanical engineering from Egypt's University of Alexandria, and a PhD in mechanical and industrial engineering from the University of Manitoba.

In 1989, Mr. Gabriel took part in a collaborative project to develop an energy conservation system for commercial buildings.

The system, which received a U.S. patent, helps recover 67 per cent of wasted heat that goes into the air.

Mr. Gabriel has extensive involvement with space sciences and has been an key player in Canada's space program. In the early 1990s, the Canadian Space Agency tested his thermal management system as applied to orbital satellites.

"It's my dream to see Canada become a more active participant in space science programs," said Mr. Gabriel. "As it stands now, however, we lack a space simulation laboratory of our own. Instead, we have to wait our turn to use NASA's facilities."

In 1997, Mr. Gabriel received a grant from the newly-established Canadian Foundation for Innovation to Sankatchewan into a drop-shaft facility that would simulate near-zero gravity conditions.

The one-kilometre-long shaft would have been the longest facility of its kind in the world and a first for Canada, but because the government of Saskatchewan was unable to meet its funding goals, Mr. Gabriel is scouting for appropriate sites in Ontario to house a drop-shaft facility.

The project carries a price tag of \$21.4 million and much of the funding has been secured, though Mr. Gabriel hopes to find partners in Ontario and elsewhere who will make up the shortfall.

Mr. Gabriel said he welcomes the opportunity to be part of the UOIT experience because of the institution's commitment to enriching the community through research.

"I'm a strong believer in applied research," said Mr. Gabriel. "I've always had the philosophy that research should benefit society and the community as a whole."

He also praised the university's non-traditional practice of combining high-end research with applied learning.

"UOIT is in a unique position," said Mr. Gabriel. "It has the opportunity to become a model of how to marry the attributes of a university with the attributes of a college."

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Durham optometrists want to see improvements

By Jane McDonald
Staff Writer
DURHAM — Patricia Campbell has worked for 15 years. But during her entire career, she has yet to receive a pay raise.
Dr. Campbell is an optometrist. "We are the family doctors of eye-balls," she explains. "If you have a problem with your eyes, you go to me and I direct you and provide treatment."

Optometrists are not a happy group of late, because the front-line vision-care professionals have not had a fee increase in 15 years. Recently, more than 500 of them gathered at Queen's Park to ask the provincial government to consider raising the amount of money they receive through Ontario Health Insurance Plan billings.

Dr. Campbell was there. "There was a lot of enthusiasm," says the Oshawa optometrist of the March 31 Toronto rally. "There must have been 600 to 700 and there's just over 1,000 (optometrists) in the province, so it was a great turn out, over half." Optometrists bill the Ontario Health Insurance Plan for performing eye examinations. The local optometrist explains there are two codes when it comes to billing OHIP: one for full eye examinations and one for partial exams.

"What the public may not know is that the fee for a full examination is \$39.45," she says. "A partial exam is \$19.25."

When she did a cost analysis last year on what it costs to maintain her practice, the fiscal reality wasn't good. "What it costs for someone to

sit in my chair is \$36.14," she says. "So we're getting \$3.31 per full eye exam. I went through six years of university, then there were start-up costs, rent, staff, heat, lights and malpractice insurance, plus the responsibility ... I can't buy new equipment and attend conferences."

Others concerned with eye care are also fearful that the availability of optometrists will decline should the profession become financially unattractive to practice. They also feel more frequent eye examinations should be covered by the plan.

Bianca Giacalone is a vision rehabilitation worker with the CNIB Oshawa office. She is also a certified optometric assistant.

"Unfortunately, the way it's set up by OHIP, only a certain number of assessments are covered for our clients," says Ms. Giacalone.

For most adults, eye exams are funded by OHIP once every two years. Children can be tested on an annual basis without their parents having to pay out of pocket.

"Some kids need to be tested and retested on a monthly basis," says Ms. Giacalone, adding that it is important to have optometrists as well as ophthalmologists.

"We have an aging population and are seeing more people coming

through the door with macular degeneration," she adds. "But it can take six to seven months for an ophthalmologist to see them, so we are depending on optometrists."

Although she says it doesn't happen often, one example of the responsibility Dr. Campbell and others in her field can be called upon to deal with took place in her own office just a few weeks ago.

"A man came in with blurred vision," she recalls.

"And if he didn't get to the emergency immediately ... his blood pressure was 270 over 170. It was a stroke waiting to happen, but the only symptom of the stroke was blurred vision."
Rushed to hospital from her office and admitted to the intensive care unit, the man's life was saved.

While this scenario was exceptional, Dr. Campbell and optometrists like her, perform an important service.

According to the Ontario Association of Optometrists, optometrists have been working without an agreement for four years.



Officers' assistant

AJAX — The Durham Regional Police Service delivered justice last week — it honoured volunteers for their efforts in community initiatives such as Road Watch, Neighbourhood Watch and the Kids Safety Village. Police services board vice-chairman Gale Mossman, left, and Police Chief Kevin McAlpine, centre, thanked 20-year volunteer Gabe Manda and many others.

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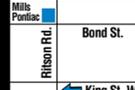
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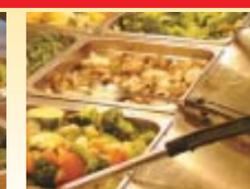
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Sports Briefs

APRIL 28, 2004

Best in high school hoops slam down in Pickering tonight

DURHAM — A showcase featuring the best senior boys' basketball players in Durham Region is on court tonight (Wednesday).

The Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) boys' all-star games are at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School, starting with the 'AA'/'AAA' all-star contest at 5:15 p.m. The three-point shootout is at 7 p.m., followed by the 'AAAA' contest at 8:15 p.m. At half-time of the 'AAAA' game, the annual slam dunk contest is held.

The rosters for the 'AA'/'AAA' contest are:

Team White: Brian Clarke (Holy Trinity), Rolando Francis (All Saints), Wes King (All Saints), Paul Golebiowski (Notre Dame), Mike Allicock (Henry Street), Chris Dunsford (Donevan), Neil O'Sullivan (Austin), Matt Fracalanza (Austin), John Silva (Pereyma), Lee Wessilus (St. Stephen's) and Matt Dewson (G.L. Roberts) coach Paul Creedon (Austin).
Team Red: Theo McGhan (G.L. Roberts), Jesse Dueck (G.L. Roberts), Kimon George (Austin), Terry Hawryluk (Austin), Akeem Foster (Notre Dame), Jermaine Blackstock (Henry Street), Matt Fumerton (Uxbridge), Jessy Halls (Central), O'Neill Davis (Central), Courtney Garnett (DO'C), Rob Elliot (O'Neill), coach John Pfeifer (G.L. Roberts).

The rosters for the 'AAAA' contest are:

Team White: Erik Glavic (St. Mary), John Matthews (Courtice), Stephen Lopez (Pickering), Michael St. Rose (Ajax), Louis Savoury (Pine Ridge), Shelton MacKenzie (Richardson), Shane Tingling (Dunbarton), Sean Maingot (St. Mary), Marcus Wong (Pickering), Tom Budai (Eastdale), Ryan Blades (Sinclair), Aaron Johnson (Dwyer), coaches Cam Nekkers (Pine Ridge), Jason McKenzie (Pine Ridge).
Team Blue: Andre Parris (Pine Ridge), Jodi Thomas (Bowmanville), Rohan Burrell (Pine Ridge), David Morris (Richardson), Tim Cruickshank (Port Perry), Taurean Harrison (Pine Ridge), Nathan Thomas (St. Mary), Duane Howard (St. Mary), Eric Roberts (Pickering), Kyle Harding (Eastdale), Frank Jonke (St. Mary), Devon Smith (Ajax), coaches Ron Parfitt (Pickering), Dave Jackson (Pickering).

A total of 22 players will compete for the three-point shooting crown, while 10 contestants will go in the slam dunk contest.

St. Mary is at 1918 Whites Rd., just north of Hwy. 2, in Pickering.

Sign up for 3-on-3 basketball

DURHAM — Let's stick with basketball as a theme in what is about to be an unsuccessful audition for Yuk Yuks.

Want to know what to expect from the This Week 3 on 3 Basketball Classic on Saturday, May 15?

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OK enough. You get the idea. The tournament is starting to take shape, as entries from across Durham Region continue to filter in.

For those who missed it the first time around, the tournament is for kids in Grades 5-8, with divisions available for boys Grade 5, 6, 7 and 8, and the same for the girls.

Teams are comprised of four players - three on the court and one sub - and a captain is responsible for assembling the team.

Games are to 35 points, or a 25-minute time limit, with teams guaranteed three games and the opportunity to take home a medal or trophy at the end of the day. The gymnasium at Durham College is serving as the host site.

The cost is \$50 per team. To register or get more information simply call Brad Kelly at the This Week office 905-579-4400 (ext. 2254).

Most important, the deadline to register is Thursday, May 6, which leaves just under two weeks to get involved.

Don't leave it until the last day, because it's sure to sneak up on you.

OK, that's it. We promise.

Women can make a pitch for ball league spot

AJAX — The Ajax Women's Slo-Pitch League still needs players for the start of the 2004 season.

The league has a limited number of spots available for players ages 19 and over.

All games are played at the Ajax Sportsplex on Wednesday nights. The league operates two divisions -- competitive and recreational.

For more information, call Kathleen at 905-426-9763 or e-mail ajaxwomensslopitch@yahoo.ca.



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Pickering resident and Dunbarton High School student Nikki De Groot signed on for a soccer scholarship to Grambling State University in Louisiana. The Lady Tigers' training camp starts in early August. She'll join several other Canadians on the women's soccer team that will enter its second year in existence.

Nikki kicks her way to Grambling

Pickering soccer player earns American collegiate scholarship

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

PICKERING — A Pickering soccer player expects to be fully healed and in full flight by the time the season starts south of the border.

Nikki De Groot admits a broken ankle, suffered during the winter indoor season while playing for Dunbarton High School, will keep her out of game action this summer, but she should be ready for the fall when taking the field for the Grambling State University Lady Tigers.

"I'm walking on it now and it should be healed by the time I go,

but I won't be playing any games before I go down (to Louisiana)," says De Groot, who recently had the cast taken off.

"I'm going to be doing a lot of training and physiotherapy, so I'll be all right."

The 18-year-old goalkeeper signed her letter of intent for a scholarship to the NCAA Division 1 university program two weeks ago. She received several letters from interested schools and paid an official visit to Indiana State University before settling on Grambling State.

The Grambling, Louisiana campus was a perfect fit, not only athletically, but academically too.

"It's a Division 1 school, it's basically a full scholarship and the people there are awesome. It has the program that I want and when I visited I had an amazing time," says

the Grade 12 student, who'll study elementary education.

It didn't hurt that De Groot has been pencilled in as the Lady Tigers starting goalkeeper for the 2004-05 season.

Known primarily for its marching band, Grambling State started its women's soccer program a year ago in the NCAA Division 1 Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) under coach Matthew Okoh.

In its inaugural year, the school won the SWAC West Division title, playing against such schools as Alabama A&M, Alabama State, Alcorn State, Jackson State and Mississippi Valley State.

She won't be the only Canadian suiting up for the Lady Tigers. Lindsay Murphy, of Ajax, was a freshman on the Grambling State team this season.

Other Canadians from Toronto and British Columbia are on the team's roster.

Although she won't be playing club soccer this summer, De Groot had previously played for the Oakville Cobras under-17 provincial team last year. In previous years, she has trained with the Ontario under-16 team and with the national program at its training centre in Vaughan.

De Groot won't have to wait long to get acquainted with her new teammates at Grambling State, as the team's training camp begins Aug. 4 and continues until the season starts Aug. 28 with a President Cup game against University of Arkansas Pine Bluff at Grambling State University.

The Lady Tigers begin SWAC conference play in early October.

Felicien loves the Drake



PERDITA FELICEN
Wins another hurdles title at Drake.

Pickering hurdler wins 100m title again

PICKERING — Pickering's Perdita Felicien has established a winning tradition at the venerable Drake Relays.

And, this past weekend's 94th edition of the event at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa was no different. In her first race after winning the 60-metre hurdles crown at the World Indoor Track and Field Championship in Budapest, Hungary in March, Felicien won yet another Drake crown.

The 23-year-old captured the 100m hurdles title in 13 seconds, winning convincingly over another

Durham Region hurdler, Priscilla Lopes, of Whitby. The weather played a role in the relatively slow time, with cool, rainy conditions greeting the athletes.

Felicien has established herself as a star at the Drake Relays over the years, owning several pieces of meet history. In 2003, she became the first athlete to sweep the university and special invitational titles in the same event (100m hurdles), accomplishing the feat in the same afternoon. That year, she was named the outstanding performer of the meet.

She was also named the outstanding performer at the 2002 edition while running with the University of Illinois. She won the 100m hurdles crown and ran the anchor leg of the university's 4-x-100m

shuttle hurdle relay, helping the team to a gold medal.

In 2001, Felicien was a joint winner of the women's outstanding performer of the meet award with her teammates after anchoring Illinois' shuttle hurdle team to a world record.

She's tentatively slated to run in the Modesto Relays and the Home Depot Invitational, both in California in May. Following that, she may run in several pro meets in Rome, Paris and the Czech Republic in June.

She'll return to Canada for the Canadian Track and Field Championships and Olympic Trials in Victoria, B.C. July 9 to 11.

There, she'll attempt to win her fourth Canadian 100m hurdles crown.

Whitby and Ajax swing away for mayoral bragging rights

DURHAM — Ajax and Whitby minor baseball associations are again kicking off the baseball season with their annual rite of spring.

The 24th annual Mayors' Cup Challenge is on the diamonds in the two towns Saturday, May 1, with the Ajax Spartans rep ball teams squaring off against their Whitby counterparts.

The day starts with Ajax playing the Whitby minor bantam team at 10 a.m. at Iroquois Park in Whitby. The first game in Ajax gets underway at 11 a.m. with the minor rookie teams on diamond 1 at the Ajax Sportsplex.

The annual tournament consists of 16 games between the two towns, ranging in age from the rookie ranks right up to the midget divisions. The town whose teams win the most number of games receive the Mayors' Cup.

The final game is the Ajax Spartans midget 'A' squad against the Whitby midget 'AAA' team at the Portage diamond in Whitby. The cup is presented after the game.



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Panthers' rookies on the prowl

PICKERING — A goaltender covers up after a goal-mouth scramble during the Pickering Panthers OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' rookie camp at the Pickering Recreation Complex last week. The evaluation camp, under the guidance of Panthers' head coach John Winder, will determine which first-year players get invited back to the club's main camp in late August.

Magical run for under-11 girls' soccer squad

AJAX — The Ajax United Magic under-11 girls' soccer team cast a spell over the opposition April 17 to capture the Downsview Hangar Indoor League Cup championship.

The Magic won all four games to clinch the round-robin playoff, defeating Brams Blast 2-0 and 2-1 and the Wexford Pythons 5-0 and 2-0.

The Magic ended the regular indoor season playing in an older age group, under-12, with a 10-game unbeaten streak. The final game was a 1-1 tie with division winner East York Flames.

The Magic will play in the Central East Soccer League this summer with hopes of advancing to the Premier Division next summer.

Mark Lee, Alain Santos and Martin Greenop coach the team. The managers are Diane Wiltshire and Joyce Fergusson. The team trainer is Gaye O'Neill.

Get set up for volleyball

DURHAM — The YMCA Family Programs Centre offers an evening of recreational volleyball for women ages 18 and up.

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Notre Dame rings up track titles in Kingston

AJAX — Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School athletes posted solid results at the Queen's University meet in Kingston last weekend.

Notre Dame competed in 40 events, posting a team score of 180 points, good enough for seventh place.

Leading the way was Michael Anderson in the junior boys' division, winning two gold medals. He won the 1,500 metres in four minutes 20 seconds and the 3,000m in 9.27.

In the same division, Brayan Patten won gold in the long jump with a leap of 5.44 metres. He was also fourth in the 100m in 11.98 seconds. Jason Denbok won bronze in the high jump with a mark of 1.75 metres. Chris Horbay finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 5.19 metres. Robert Bentley placed fifth in the 800 metres with a time of 2.15.

In the junior girls' category, Alicia Brown won silver in the shot put with a mark of 8.33 metres. Natalie Jaciw-Zurkowski won bronze in the 400m in a time of 1.07. She also placed fifth in the 800m in 2.43.

Jerrel Mandawe ran to two medals in midget boys. Mandawe won the 100m in 12.05 seconds and was second in the 200m in a time of 25.30.

Robert Marks finished second in the midget boys' long jump in a personal best of 5.46 metres. Marks also finished fourth in the triple jump, leaping to another personal best of 10.94 metres.

In the senior boys' division, Andrew Ng finished sixth in the 200m in a time of 24.26 seconds.

Other team members are Clyde D'Souza, Richard Morgan, Kyle Kellie, Steve Tzotzos, Chris Pederson, Kevin Persaud, Jonard Vasquez, Danielle Bentley and Wendy Sergeant all contributed to Notre Dame's point total.

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Falling down?

AJAX — A Central Collegiate player is off balance and appears headed to the turf after being hit by Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School Cougars' Tyler Ritchie late in double overtime during Lake Ontario Secondary School Athletics (LOSSA) boys' field lacrosse action. The game was played in Oshawa last Friday. The teams played to a 2-2 draw..

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Eric Nagler is 'still loving' performing

Retirement no option for musician

By Jessica Verge
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM – With a career spanning 30 years and several continents, Eric Nagler is still making music and this time he wants Durham to join in.

While the performer, best known for his television roles on 'Eric's World' and the 'Elephant Show,' once toyed with the idea of retirement, it's apparent Mr. Nagler isn't stopping any time soon. "I'm still loving it," he says.

That's why the Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise will present 'Eric Nagler and Friends' in concert at the Carruthers Creek Community Church, 599 Bayly St. E. in Ajax on Saturday, May 15.

And attendees are encouraged to participate.

"Before radio, TV and records, we always used to make music together. We miss that," says Mr. Nagler.

He recalls the early days of his career when he played to the audience instead of with them. He brought his music to school and libraries, and with him came a variety of instruments for the children to play. Now Mr. Nagler has become famous for inviting his audience to bring anything from car keys to spoons and take part in his show.

But there's more to Mr. Nagler than fiddles, banjos and nose flutes. With three children's books and six recordings, plus a handful of Parent's Choice awards and Juno nominations, his resume includes credits as a speaker and counsellor as well.

Mr. Nagler has also remained dedicated to promoting peaceful conflict resolution that has evolved from encouraging voter registration alongside Martin Luther King to performing for war affected Bosnian families to helping people increase intimacy in their lives through a series of workshops.

The Rotary Club of Whitby Sunrise is hoping to raise funds through Mr. Nagler's concert for their local and international projects, such as the 'Economics of Staying in School' initiative and economic development and training in the Dominican Republic.

They have appealed to all separate and public elementary schools throughout Durham Region to aid in the show's promotion and success. Participating schools will receive 50

cents from each ticket they sell. Wee Watch Private Home Daycare and Debbie Morgan, Financial Advisor, Dundee Private Investors are sponsoring the event, which takes place in an 800-seat venue. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased through participating schools or at the Royal LePage Frank Real Estate office, 200 Dundas St. E. in Whitby.



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Youth art show has first honours at new arts centre

DURHAM – Talented young artists are taking over the walls of the Durham West Arts Centre in its first-ever show starting next week.

Secondary schools in Durham Region are holding an Art Show at the Durham West Arts Centre this month, from April 26 to May 26. The show demonstrates some tremendous talent from eight different secondary schools. More than 30 works of art are on display, featuring pencil drawings, acrylics, sculpture, watercolours, multi-media and much more.

"Special guest artists from Rosemary Parrish's class at Glengrove Public School indicate that creative talents are nurtured very early on in our schools," says Angie Littlefield, DWAC's executive director.

This show is a chance for students to get involved and express their feelings through art.

"We're sending a loud message with our very first exhibition: We want to work with youth," continues Ms. Littlefield.

For more information on the youth art show contact Angie Littlefield at 905-686-7697 or at durhamwestartscentre@bellnet.ca.

Listen to the youth at a spring concert

DURHAM – The Durham Youth Orchestra and Friends, under music director John Beaton, present 'A Celebration of the Concerto.'

This spring concert is on Saturday, May 1 at the Salvation Army Temple, 570 Thornton Rd. N., Oshawa at 7:30 p.m.

Featured works of the youth orchestra include Bach's 'Brandenburg Concerto No. 4,' Mozart's 'Clarinet Concerto,' and Saint Saens's 'Cello Concerto No. 1' with soloist Lief Moxon-Emer.

Moxon-Emer began cello studies at the age of 7 and is currently the principal cellist of the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra. He hopes to someday perform the Shostakovich 'Cello Concerto No. 1' with the Russian State Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students and children. Tickets are available at the door or from Walter's Music Centre, 349 King St. W., Oshawa, Wilson and Lee Ltd. Music, 87 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa, United Way Information Services in the Oshawa Shopping Centre, the Thomas House of Music, 1001 Burns St. E., Whitby, and Lafontaine Trading Post, 106 Dundas St. W., Whitby.

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Potters show their wares May 2

AJAX – The Durham Potters Guild hosts its 16th annual Spring Pottery Show and Sale this weekend.

The show is on Sunday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kinsmen Heritage Centre, 120 Robertson Dr., Pickering Village. It features functional and decorative hand-made pottery and clay items.

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Herongate pulls out its 'Pantyhose'

PICKERING – Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre is celebrating 30 years of performing with its next show.

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Earnest for retirement life

But Marilyn Meitz tackles one last role in an old favourite

By Stephanie Mason
Special to the News Advertiser

PICKERING – Marilyn Meitz's role in Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest' brings her career full circle as she draws the curtain on her longtime act.

The Pickering actress is leaving the stage and the area after more than 34 years of acting. In 'Earnest' she plays the mother in the story she once appeared in as the daughter.

The play is filled with laughs and twists around every corner, Meitz says. As Lady Bracknell, the mother of Gwendolen Fairfax, she relishes the chance to be in charge.

"Playing the role of Lady Bracknell in 'The Importance of Being Earnest' is

a great honour," she said. "I played the daughter Gwendolen 20 years ago. The role is extremely challenging. She is a strong, no-nonsense woman, who knows exactly where she is going and doing."

So does Meitz.

She performs with a group of actors from Stage Centre Productions, featuring more than 80 people who act, build sets, make costumes, and help promote plays. This is the company's 27th season of performances.

"We are a repertoire group," she said. "We do five shows (a season), the (actors and actresses) audition for the company." The director, Garth Allen, decides who gets what roles.

Meitz is happy with any role.

"You know, I love them all," she said. "Sometimes it's fun to play bad (characters) instead of good. I certainly find each part that I do a challenge."

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Marilyn Meitz, is Lady Bracknell, in 'The Importance of Being Earnest.'

tre, she's played assumed more than 60 roles over the years.

"It is with great pride that I look back 27 years," she said. "Sitting with friends, trying to decide how we were going to develop a theatre company. We have through much hard work and long hours, through discipline

and determination, built a repertory company that exceeds the dimensions of the non-professional scope."

She adds she will sure miss it. "We are like a family," she said. "But I'll keep in touch. I am only an hour away."

Her husband recently retired, and so, she is retiring with him. They've been Pickering residents for almost 17 years, but now have plans to move north of Belleville. She's already heard Belleville is very theatrical.

'The Importance of Being Earnest' runs May 6 to 22 at the Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. in Toronto. The show runs Thursdays to Saturdays, beginning at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 seniors and \$15 for students. For more information, call the box office at 416-299-5557 or visit the group's Web site at www.stagecentre-productions.com.

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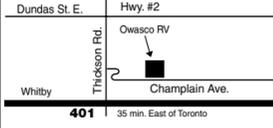
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Guessing game now over for Ajax model

Not a victory, but Jones pleased with experience

Jeff Hayward
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX – Winning isn't everything to this local model. Some time ago, Leslie Jones of Ajax began an unexpected journey

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In the recent final selection, at the 2004 Basel World Watch and Jewelry Show in Switzerland, Jones's name

did not top the list. Amber Chia of Malaysia, and Marvy Rieder of Holland tied for top honours.

Despite not winning the competition, Jones is not letting it slow her down. In fact, she regarded the experience as a great one and is looking forward to more opportunities.

"I learned how to prepare for big shows," Jones said. "Everyone (at the

competition) was really nice... they treated us like royalty."

Jones said she will be continuing with her modelling path, and has been told to keep in touch with Guess for future considerations.

A photo of Jones, along with the other finalists, can be seen in this month's Elle magazine. Jones also said there are plans in the near future

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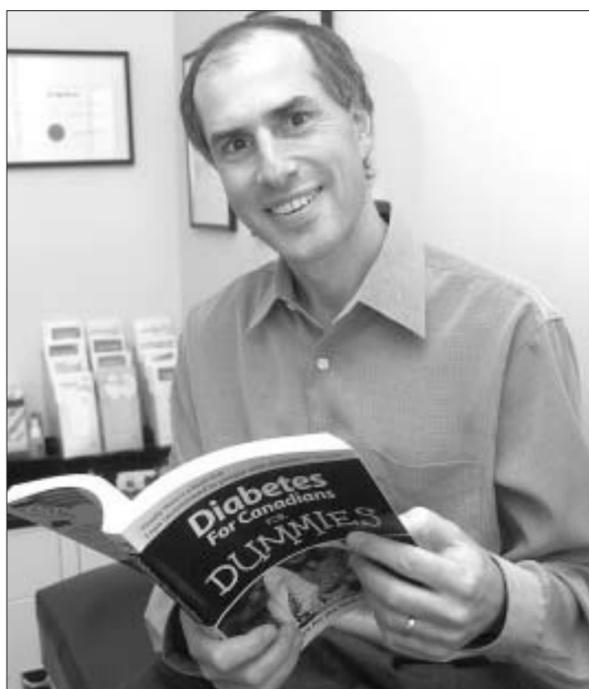
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Dr. Ian Blumer tells diabetics, "Rule your diabetes; don't let it rule you."

Writing the book on diabetes

Ajax doctor author of new 'Dummies' guide

By Stephanie Mason
Special to the News Advertiser

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"It's a whole body issue," said Dr. Blumer, who adds diabetes can affect a person from the eyes to the kidneys.

His latest book, 'Diabetes for Canadians for Dummies,' gives Canadians tips on how to take control of their diabetes.

Last month, the book was

released and now is in bookstores across Canada. Published by John Wiley and Sons Canada, the book covers a variety of topics, such as advice, answers to FAQ's, tips on getting the best health care, and the future of diabetes.

Dr. Blumer's practice is at Baywood Centre in Ajax. He says about 90 per cent of the patients he sees are diabetic.

"I'd like to get the message

out," he said. "There's a huge need and a huge gap in the health care delivery for diabetics. Diabetes is more of a subtle problem and they (patients) can get neglected."

However, his mission is to ensure diabetes doesn't get neglected, by getting involved in diabetes organizations such as the Clinical and Scientific Section of the Canadian Diabetes Association, the American Di-

abetes Association, and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes. Mr. Blumer is also teaching part time at Mount Sinai Hospital.

"The most important point about the book is to let people (with diabetes) know how they can take charge," he said.

For more information on Dr. Blumer and his book, visit his Web site at www.ianblumer.com.

Chamber orchestra welcomes talented pianist

DURHAM - Spring is here and there's no better way to celebrate it than with a Spring Promenade. The Durham Chamber Orchestra is holding the event with guest appearances and a guest orchestra at Dunbarton-Fairport United Church at 1066 Dunbarton Rd., in Pickering, on May 8.

The guest appearance will be made by award winning London, Ontario pianist Mr. Luke E. Welch. Mr. Welch will perform Mozart's Klavier Konzert No. 2. He has performed at many venues in Ontario and Quebec, and is the recipient of numerous scholarships and bursaries.

The Lakeridge Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, which is also under the direction of John Kraus as is the Durham Chamber Orchestra, will sit in for a few numbers to gain the experience of playing in an adult orchestra as well.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets can be purchased from an orchestra member, or at the door.

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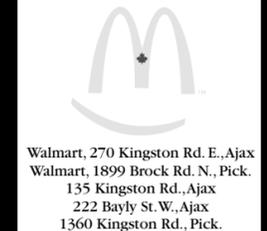
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SCOTT, Finlay K. At the Rouge Valley Health Centre - Ajax, Pickering Site on Saturday April 24, 2004. Finlay was the loving husband for 64 years to Gladys. Loving father to Lorry (Alan Webster), Peter (Rose Marie) & Rob (Linda). Finlay will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Timothy, Loral, Anthony, Scott, Lily, Christine, Robyn, Ken, Nik and Penny, great-grandchildren Tegan, Taryn, Alexandra, Andrew and his nephew Bruce Scott. Friends and family may visit at the **SIMPLE ALTERNATIVE FUNERAL CENTRE**, 1057 Brock Road, Pickering (south of 401) 905-686-5589 from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. A Funeral Service to celebrate Finlay's life will be held in the chapel on Wednesday at 11 a.m. A private interment will take place at a later time. As expressions of sympathy donations may be made to The Salvation Army.

WRIGHT, Shelley (nee Shannon) - At Princess Margaret Hospital on Monday, April 26th, 2004. In her 51st year. After a brief illness with family by her side, Shelley passed into rest. Beloved wife of Lawrence Wright. Dearly beloved daughter of Ariene and the late Bertrand Shannon. Dearly beloved sister of Patti (Tim Clarke) of Brighton and late brother Edward. Sister-in-law of Donna Shannon. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Friends and relatives may pay their respects at **OSHAWA FUNERAL SERVICE** "Thornthorpe Chapel" 847 King St. West (905-721-1234) for visitation on Thursday, April 29th from 2 - 4 and 7 - 9 P.M. Complete Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Friday, April 30th at 11:00 A.M. Memorial Donations to Shelley's memory may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Research Foundation or Lakeridge Health-Oshawa Dialysis would be appreciated.

MERCER, Ann-Marie (nee Henderson) - Passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday April 27, 2004 in her 57th year, after a courageous battle with cancer. Will be sadly missed by her children Stephen and his wife Jelena, David and his wife Sarah, and Angela and her fiancé Brad. Proud grandmother of Cadance. Pre-deceased by her husband Derek Mercer. Dear sister of Lilly and Russell Brander of Florida, Sean and Anita Henderson, Martin and Breda Henderson, Patrick and Patsy Henderson and Liam Henderson, all of Northern Ireland. Dear sister-in-law to Rosemary and Billy Monroe and Margaret and Ken McCreight of Northern Ireland. Visitation will be held at **LOW & LOW FUNERAL HOME** 1763 Reach Road, Port Perry (905) 985-7331 on Thursday April 29 from 11 am - 4pm and 6-9pm. Funeral service will be held Friday April 30th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Port Perry at 11:00am. Burial and reception to follow. If desired, flowers may be sent to Low & Low Funeral Home.

MATHER-FORTIN, Anne Peacefully entered into rest at the Rouge Valley Ajax Pickering Hospital, on April 24, 2004 at the age of 85. Loving wife of the late John Charles Mather. Dear mother of Mary Anne, Vicki, Jim and his wife Marie, and Cindy and her husband Todd. Proud grandmother of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by brother Bill Styke. Friends may visit at the **W.C. TOWN FUNERAL CHAPEL**, 110 Dundas Street East, Whitby (905)668-3410, on Tuesday from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm in our chapel. Interment at Union Cemetery. In memoriam, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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