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Anger in the streets

Anti-abortion protest in Pickering

By Danielle Milley and David Stell
Staff Writers

PICKERING — Dozens of area residents were disturbed and upset by the tactics used by anti-abortion protestors in Pickering Tuesday.

About 20 people from Show the Truth Canada staged an orderly protest in Pickering at Liverpool and Kingston roads around lunchtime. Later in the afternoon a few of the protestors travelled to Ajax to continue the protest at Salem and Kingston roads.

They carried large posters that graphically depicted dead fetuses. The City of Pickering, Durham Regional Police and the News Advertiser received several calls from people disturbed by the signs.

"I was greatly disgusted by" ♦ See Complaints page 5

the pictures as was my son," said Vida Rivelrud, who drove by the intersection with her 14-year-old son. "It is very offensive to seniors and children - to everybody."

Durham Regional Police Sergeant Paul Malik said the protestors have the right to express their opinion.

"We've been following it up, but there's nothing criminal there," he said.

He added police investigated the protest after receiving several complaints.

Group spokeswoman Rosemary Connell said the protests were part of a blitz in the area. She said group members were staying at a Whitby school last night and planned two more stops in Pickering today.

When told of the complaints about the graphic nature of the images, Ms. Connell said, "We say we don't



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They're horsing around

PICKERING — Pickering resident Carly Corsina practises the cantor during summer horse riding school at the Audley Stables in Ajax.

Reserves prop up board budget

Catholic trustees give approval Monday, despite two objections

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The budget is in the books, but two Durham Catholic trustees voted against passing it Monday night.

The Durham Catholic District School Board approved its 2004/05 budget at a special board meeting, planning to spend just over \$200 million.

And while there's a new government at Queen's Park, the board still faces a funding shortfall, requiring the use of roughly \$9.9 million in reserve funds. Much of it will go towards paying off prior debt commitments for capital projects.

However, Oshawa Trustee Fred Jones says the board should be using more reserve money to meet system needs.

"There is, in my view, too much money in the reserves that ought to be spent, and ought to be spent on a whole

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North York woman dead, baby in serious condition

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

PICKERING — A North York woman is dead and her infant

child is in serious condition in hospital after a collision involving a suspected drunk driver Saturday evening.

A North Bay man, whose charges include impaired driving causing death, made a brief appearance by video in bail court Monday morning and was remanded in custody

at the Lindsay jail until Friday. The Crown has indicated it will contest the man's release on bail.

Durham Regional Police responded to a serious collision at the intersection of Twyn Rivers Drive and Woodview

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Man charged with impaired in fatal weekend crash

[Briefly]

Be transported to strange new worlds: A visit to the Pickering Public Library will help children create their own fantasy worlds.

The Petticoat Creek branch is offering a free program where children aged six to 11 can learn a few easy steps to drawing their own imaginative creatures.

The program is Tuesday, July 20 at 2 p.m. For more information, call 905-420-2254.

Test your skills and become a knight: The Pickering Public Library is holding a knight's quest next week.

The central branch invites all young squires to suit up and if they complete their quest, will become a knight. Children aged six to 11 years old are welcome to attend the free event on Wednesday, July 21 at 10 a.m. or Thursday, July 22 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 905-420-2254.

[What's On]

Life's a zoo at bible camp: Bayfair Baptist Church holds its summer day camp later this month.

It's for children six to 12 years old and the camp runs from July 26 to 30, with sessions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. One feature is a trip July 28 to the Bowmanville Zoo.

Lunch and a snack are provided each day, except July 28. The camp cost is \$60 and the church is on Kingston Road, east of Whites Road, in Pickering.

For more information, call 905-839-4621.

Get on the right career path: A free two-day workshop is being held to help those questioning what career path to follow.

Offered by the YMCA Durham Employment Services, the workshop's on Thursday, July 15 from 11 a.m. to noon and on Wednesday, July 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants will be assessed by doing a variety of tests on the first day, while the second day will be used to analyze the results and to look at various career options for each person, based on their assessment.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

The Y's Youth Foyer is at 1550 Kingston Rd., Suite 7 (at the corner of Valley Farm Road and Hwy. 2), Pickering.

For more information or to register, call the Y's Youth Foyer at 905-686-7060.

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Get in touch with nature



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From left, Pickering Naturalist member Karen Fawthrop, along with Larry Noonan and Doug Lockrey of the Altona Forest Stewardship Committee, were on hand for the recent opening of the new designated trail system through the Altona Forest.

Pickering's Altona Forest trail system is open for business

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — It's now easier for Pickering residents to discover a little slice of wildlife in their own backyard.

Altona Forest's designated trail system and 37 trail markers were officially unveiled July 7. The markers correspond with information available from the forest's Web site to guide hikers along the five-kilometre trail.

"You can walk the trail and at each marker get information about the ecological

heritage (of the forest)," said Mike Bender of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

"People are starting to get familiar with the forest and now they can go in on a designated path without getting lost and discover their own backyard."

The unique forest, which stretches from Stroud's Lane in the south to the hydro corridor in the north, is home to a variety of vegetation and wildlife.

"We have deer in the forest, coyotes, grey horned owls. We have a great stand of cedar trees and wetland with amphibians and water fowl," Mr. Bender said.

The trail was a long time coming.

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Trustees raise concerns over student needs

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series of things," he told his colleagues.

Trustee Jones cited special education, computer upgrades, textbooks, staff development and other areas that he says could use a boost.

"The question I would ask our parents... is, 'what doesn't your child have that he needs,'" he said.

By August 2005, staff estimates there will be just over \$5 million in the board's discretionary working funds reserve.

Trustee Jones noted the reserve currently contains about \$6.2 million, but only about \$3.5 million is necessary. Trustee Jones voted against the last three board budgets. In 2002, he claimed the board was using too much of its reserves, while last year he advocated spending more to help improve students' provincial test scores.

Pickering Trustee Jim McCafferty

ty had other reasons for voting against the budget.

He says the Province isn't giving the board enough money, as per Mordechai Rozanski's education funding report to the former Tory government. In essence, Mr. Rozanski found boards were short of money because the funding formula benchmarks had not been updated in years.

"We still don't have anything in writing to say they are going to update it, which is a major concern," said Trustee McCafferty.

He also rejected the idea of spending about \$26,500 to upgrade trustee laptop computers, acknowledging it's a small amount. Finally, Trustee McCafferty in an interview said the expected special-education funding from the Province, due any time now, has to be spent on special education.

While education director Patricia Manson confirmed the money, when received, would go into the

special-education reserve fund, Trustee McCafferty said there's nothing in the budget document setting that out.

Trustee Mary Ann Martin said they were her colleagues' "personal opinions."

"I think it's a good budget."

She said she has not heard from stakeholders that there are unmet needs in the system.

"Trustee Jones has a whole myriad of concerns and comments," said Trustee Martin. "I don't think we should be using more reserves; I think we should use them when needed."

David Visser, the board's business superintendent, in his budget report notes the board is short an estimated \$9 million in provincial funding for salaries, money "to be absorbed by other areas of the board's operations."

In an interview, Mr. Visser said the money is recovered from both

non-classroom and classroom funding, including the board administration and governance envelope.

The salary shortfall will get even worse, Mr. Visser states in his report, since the board has to fund previously-negotiated raises, to the tune of an extra \$2.2 million a year. Provincial funding accounted for a

two per cent increase in contracts to be negotiated this year, giving the board about \$2.8 million. But Mr. Visser states the lion's share must be used to pay for the annualized increases, and as a result "essentially, 0.39 per cent remains to support compensation increases in any collective agreements negotiated for 2004/05."

Catholic board budget highlights

DURHAM - The Durham Catholic District School Board's 2004/05 budget includes:

- \$455,000 to support the enhancing student success or at risk student portfolio.
- \$100,000 each for junior and primary math projects, including resources and professional development.
- \$400,000 for changes to the Archbishop Denis O'Connor

Catholic High School (Ajax) main office.

• \$90,000 to fix the drainage problem on the St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School (Whitby) playing field.

• \$70,000 to renovate the biology lab at Monsignor Paul Dwyer Catholic High School (Oshawa).

• 13 new elementary teachers, the first step in reducing primary class sizes in the system.

All signs point to nature

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Larry Noonan, chairman of the Altona Forest Stewardship committee, and committee member Doug Lockery spent a year surveying the existing paths and mapping out the new trail.

"It's a long time to get to this point where the markers are in there and people can do it on their own," Mr. Noonan said.

He also spent a lot of time researching the different plants, trees, flowers and animals in order to create the interpretative guide (available at www.altonaforest.org).

"It's a great place to go to look at trees and wild flowers and if you're content to be quiet you might catch a glimpse of some wild animals," Mr. Noonan said.

The stewardship committee prepared a funding proposal in April 2003 to submit to TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation to pay for the markers and the kiosk at the Stroud's Lane entrance to the trail. They received \$6,695.

A partial trail had previously been marked with ribbons that kept falling off.

Mr. Noonan said it felt really good to see the sign and markers up so more people can now enjoy the forest.

He added he hopes the increase in users has another effect.

"Now with people walking it we're hoping that will discourage vandals from coming in," he said.

The Altona Forest was acquired by the TRCA from 1993 to 1997 with funding support from the provincial government, Region of Durham and City of Pickering. It is 53 hectares and includes the J. Murray Speirs Ecological Reserve, donated by Dr. Speirs in 1996. The public is not permitted in the reserve.



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Report shines spotlight on cancer care

Durham Region faces 62 per cent increase in cases by 2014

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM — A report that says cancer cases will rise by 62 per in the next decade has shone a spotlight on Durham's critical need for the R.S. McLaughlin Cancer Centre.

The report by Cancer Care Ontario says a growing and aging population will mean Durham Region will have 3,883 new cases of cancer a year by 2014, up from 2,402 this year.

Currently, there's a gaping hole in the eastern part of the Greater Toronto Area for cancer treatment. Although some chemotherapy is available locally, people have to travel to hospitals in downtown Toronto for radiation, said Dr. Peter Dickson, vice-president of the centre.

But Durham's cancer centre will be a big piece in a truly regional cancer system, he said.

"The (centre) is not just an Oshawa or Oshawa-Whitby resource, it's for everyone," he said, adding the catchment area includes Peterborough, Haliburton and Kawartha Pine-Ridge. "We're trying to make sure all cancer needs are met no

matter where you live in this region."

Called the most comprehensive look yet at the state of cancer care in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), The GTA 2014 Cancer Report says the cancer system is characterized by "wide variations in activity, duplications, perceived gaps, uncoordinated care and the lack of consistent quality and safety standards."

"These problems will become more severe in the face of continuing demands for cancer services."

Dr. Dickson agreed. "Critically, it's about coordinating care so everyone is clear on what happens next, without having to wait two or three weeks between every appointment," he said. "We want to try and provide a sense of continuity so you don't have to come back 17 times to get treatment."

The communication system of cancer is complicated enough, Dr. Dickson said.

There's the patients themselves, their family, their local doctor, diagnostics people, surgeons, pathologists and home care organizations.

"It's called patient-centred care, (and) it means trying very hard...so patients get the care when they need it," he said. "A key to that is communication...so that everyone

who needs to know, does know."

And with more communication, coordination and the centre itself will come reduced waiting times, Dr. Dickson said.

On top of chemotherapy and radiation will be more medical and oncology staff, nurses and surgeons.

Between 100 and 200 people will work in the centre when it opens,

and that will rise as the centre grows.

"There is a twin goal: one is just to make it easier, to take out the uncertainty so people know what is happening next," Dr. Dickson said. "(The other) is just getting it done quicker...and just get on to treatment faster."

And the timing of the report couldn't be better to help with

those goals, he added.

"(The report) is a very timely thing for the Durham Region cancer centre," Dr. Dickson said. "It gives support to everything we've always wanted to do."

— with files from
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Cancer cases headed for big increase

DURHAM — The number of cancer cases will almost double in some areas of the 905 and Toronto by 2014.

Region	2004 cases	2014 cases	Per cent increase
Peel	3,831	6,598	72
Durham	2,402	3,883	62
York	2,883	4,552	58
Halton	1,917	3,015	57
Toronto	11,990	15,496	29

• Source: Cancer Care Ontario

Durham boards lower development charges

Levy on new homes on the way down

DURHAM — Paying for new school sites won't be as expensive for Durham home builders and buyers over the next five years.

At a special joint meeting, the Durham and Durham Catholic district school boards passed a new education development charges (EDC) bylaw. The levy is applied to housing developers and used by school boards to pay for new school sites.

The boards approved the new bylaw last month, setting the EDC for each new residential unit built in Durham (excluding Clarington)

from now until Aug. 31, 2009.

The Durham District School Board is charging \$958 per dwelling unit, down from \$1,361 charged over the last five years. The Durham Catholic District School Board levy is now markedly lower, dropping almost by half from \$723 to \$337.

Ed Hodgins, the public board's business superintendent, explained that "a whole planning process" is undertaken to determine the amount, which involves looking at student yield from homes and land costs. The board also had some EDC funds from the previous bylaw held in trust, but Mr. Hodgins said no single factor but a combination of them accounted for the lower EDC.

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Smoking OK at senior homes

Region makes changes to new bylaw

By Carly Foster
Staff Writer

DURHAM – Seniors who smoke and live in long-term care facilities can continue to do so after five municipalities gave their consent to changing the Region's smoking bylaw.

Regional council officially amended bylaw 66-2002 at last Wednesday's council meeting. The bylaw did say smoking is banned in all public and workplaces, except racetracks, casinos and bingo halls, which can have a designated smoking room (DSR).

But several councillors felt that not allowing DSRs in two Region-run nursing homes was a violation of residents' rights. After passing at the June 16 regional council meeting, the amendment needed triple majority, or support from five of Durham's eight municipalities amounting to 51 per cent of the Region's population, plus a majority of regional councillors.

Clarington, Whitby, Brock, Scugog and Oshawa all consented to the

change, while Ajax, Pickering and Uxbridge had not yet responded to the Region by Wednesday's council meeting.

Council also made an "administrative change" at last month's meeting to allow DSRs in all privately-run facilities in Durham after receiving a legal challenge from a nursing home in Oshawa.

Representatives from the Service Employee's International Union Local 1, which represents employees at nine privately nursing homes in Durham, made a presentation to council Wednesday and stressed the importance of employees' rights.

"(The bylaw change) flies in the face of all the evidence you're aware of with second-hand smoke," said John VanBeek, media relations with the union. "Our workers lungs are not second rate."

Mr. VanBeek urged council to repeal the changes made to the bylaw, but no action was taken.

The same day, regional council exempted Great Blue Heron Charity Casino from the smoking bylaw after a debate with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations, who own the facility.

St. Paul's food bank puts out plea for help

PICKERING – An increase in clients has left the St. Paul's-on-the-Hill food bank low on several important items of food.

"We're in desperate need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, and canned tuna, salmon and meat," said Mae Herridge, a volunteer on the food bank committee.

She said the food bank is also low on canned beans, dried soup, and cake and muffin mixes.

Ms. Herridge said in addition to

the increase in clients, donations are also down because of the time of year.

"During the summer many people go away and kind of forget about us," she said.

They are hoping to get enough donations to see them through to the Thanksgiving food drive.

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Durham residents arrested in big sweep

Project Smoke Break targeted break and enter ring

By Jeff Mitchell
Staff Writer

DURHAM – A multi-jurisdictional police investigation into more than 140 break-ins and \$1 million worth of stolen cigarettes has resulted in the arrest of 10 Durham Region residents, who face 960 charges among them.

Project Smoke Break broke up a GTA-wide break and enter ring specializing in cigarette thefts, according to Durham Regional Po-

lice, who teamed with Toronto cops and the Ministry of Finance to investigate suspects. The 10 people rounded up in a sweep that began last Friday are believed to be responsible for 144 break-ins that netted thieves an estimated \$1 million worth of cigarettes, which were funnelled to the black market, police said.

"It was an organized criminal network of individuals involved in break-ins," said Detective Paul Edwards.

"It spanned the GTA." The thefts are believed to have occurred across a wide geographic area stretching from Halton Region to Cobourg and north to Pe-

terborough, he said.

The "highly-organized" network fanned out across the GTA, breaking into commercial premises and often making off with their haul of tobacco in stolen cars, police believe.

Officers executing search warrants have recovered \$26,000 in cash, as well as stolen cigarettes and two stolen vehicles, say police, who estimated the value of stolen property recovered at \$10,000.

Two men - Michael MacInnis, 38, of Fallingbrook Street in Whitby and 26-year-old Karl Thomas Knight of Taunton Road East in Bowmanville, each face hundreds of charges in connection with the

investigation, police said. They are charged with:

- 144 counts of break and enter;
- three counts of conspiracy to commit an indictable offence;
- 145 counts of possession of break and enter tools;
- 144 counts of wearing a disguise while committing an indictable offence;
- three counts of arson and three counts of endangering life;
- six counts of flight from police;
- 10 counts of dangerous driving, and
- numerous other theft-related charges.

Some of the charges relate to chases after thefts, while the arson charges were laid after stolen cars were abandoned and torched, Det. Edwards said.

"There were a number of incidents where individuals were involved in high-speed pursuits," he said.

Others charged in connection with Operation Smoke Break are:

- Jeremy Wayne Brown, 27, of Ortono Avenue in Oshawa, charged with three counts of conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and three counts of possession of property obtained by crime;
- Tony Qaqish, 37, of Grandview Drive, Oshawa, conspiracy to com-

mit an indictable offence and two counts of possession of property obtained by crime;

- Philip Richardson, 32, of Chesterton Avenue in Oshawa, two counts of possession property obtained by crime;
- Timothy Scott Dempsey, 36, of Bloor Street East in Courtice, possession of property obtained by crime;
- Shannon Clark, 29, of Fallingbrook Street in Whitby, possession of break and enter tools and conspiracy to commit an indictable offence;
- Michael Donald Brooks, 29, of Taunton Road in Bowmanville, two counts of possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a weapon while prohibited;
- Cheryl Anne Dempsey, 36, of Bloor Street East in Courtice, possession of property obtained by crime, and
- Jan Marie Godfrey, 26, of Oshawa, possession of a controlled substance.

All of those arrested remained in custody yesterday, with the exception of Jeremy Wayne Brown.

The charges may all be heard together in a special bail court session, sources said. A date for such a hearing has not yet been determined.

Complaints about abortion protest

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want to see them either. When the baby killing stops, so will we."

She added, "I don't apologize for the reaction, I'm thankful for it."

Lea-Alice Teschner, who lives near Liverpool and Kingston roads, was going to take her four-year-old son for a walk but a friend told her about the protestors and images. She decided to drive to the bank.

"I drove up the street and I was just dumbfounded," she said. "Protests are good if they're handled in the right way, but not if they're showing these images to children."

"It was hideous, just hideous. It wasn't as if it was a small sign, they were billboard size."

Ward 2 City Councillor Bill McLean said he received "at least a dozen" calls by 1:30 p.m.

"I've heard from a few people who went out to eat their lunch and they couldn't because of the pictures," he said. "None of them were pro- or anti-abortion, they were just disturbed by the photos."

His real estate office is around the corner from the protest. He described the protestors as orderly and solemn faced.

"It's not as if they're chanting or distracting people other than that the posters are quite large and graphic," he said, adding he was disturbed by the posters.



Members of Show the Truth Canada pack up after spending time at Liverpool Road and Hwy. 2 yesterday. The group's anti-abortion message and graphic images angered many motorists and pedestrians.

Jason Liebrechts/ News Advertiser photo

North Bay man charged in accident

◆ North Bay from page 1

Avenue just before 7 p.m. Saturday. Police said a grey Chrysler Intrepid was southbound on Woodview Avenue when it collided with a black Chrysler Intrepid being driven west on Twyn Rivers by a 39-year-old Alex Alexander of North York.

A 36-year-old woman and a six-week-old girl in the North York man's car sustained serious injuries, police said. Camille Catherine Alexander was taken to Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital, but died from her injuries. The baby, Alexia, was transferred to Sick Children's Hospital, where as of yesterday she was listed in serious but stable condition. The driver of the car was treated and released.

The driver of the grey Intrepid and his 44-year-old female passenger were taken to Centenary Hospital in Scarborough for treatment of minor injuries. Later in the evening, Durham cops arrested 37-year-old Michael Raymond Willie of Gertrude Street in North Bay.

He is charged with impaired driving causing death; dangerous driving causing death; three counts each of impaired driving causing bodily harm and dangerous driving causing bodily harm, and driving while exceeding the legal blood-alcohol limit.

During a brief video appearance held in Oshawa Monday morning, a subdued Mr. Willie spoke briefly with

duty counsel before requesting an adjournment to Friday. He is scheduled to appear in person then.

Crown attorney Greg O'Driscoll said the Crown will be opposing Mr. Willie's release on bail.

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Editorial

Need for local cancer centre never more clear

Report predicts disease will strike 62 per cent more in years ahead

It's exactly the kind of news that saps energy. A report by Cancer Care Ontario finds the number of cases will grow by 62 per cent over the next decade, meaning 3,883 new cases of cancer a year here in Durham in 10 years, up from the current 2,402.

But, if anything, this report underscores just how important the R.S. McLaughlin Cancer Centre will be to Durham Region.

When construction on the centre, located next to Lak-eridge Health Oshawa, is complete in 2006, it will open the doors to arguably the single most important project to ever come Durham's way.

It will mean thousands and thousands of people in the decades to come can get the important care they need close to home. It will mean they can wage these life and death battles with friends, family and other supporters nearby. That support is too often denied them by the distance they must now travel for care. Simply, the McLaughlin centre will add some humanity and even hope to some of the darkest days anyone could experience.

It's been said cancer has touched everyone in one way or another. And should the report's projections bear out, that impact is only going to intensify.

So, the shovels may be in the ground for the new centre and the community fund-raising goal of \$39 million exceeded (we're on the way to \$42 million now), but there is still much work to do.

The challenge now for the foundation and cancer centre is to continue impressing upon residents the important role the centre plays and the need for ongoing donations.

"We have to keep increasing and improving the quality of the equipment so we're always at a state-of-the-art position," said Chuck Powers, president of the Oshawa General Hospital Foundation, adding, funds are also needed for research. The foundation will strengthen its focus further by establishing a division dedicated to the cancer side of raising funds.

Consider the ongoing need for funds and support from this perspective: The centre is being built to serve a population of about one million, while the area the centre serves likely won't reach that level until 2020 or 2025 estimates Mr. Powers. But an investment in technology and continued research could push that date of maximum capacity back even farther.

This Cancer Care report offers challenging numbers for sure. That's why this ongoing battle is one that must have Durham residents' continued support.

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- No

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Last week's question:

The Province's newly implemented health premium tax goes into effect this week. Will it have a big impact on your finances and monthly budgeting?

- Yes 82.7 per cent
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In the community

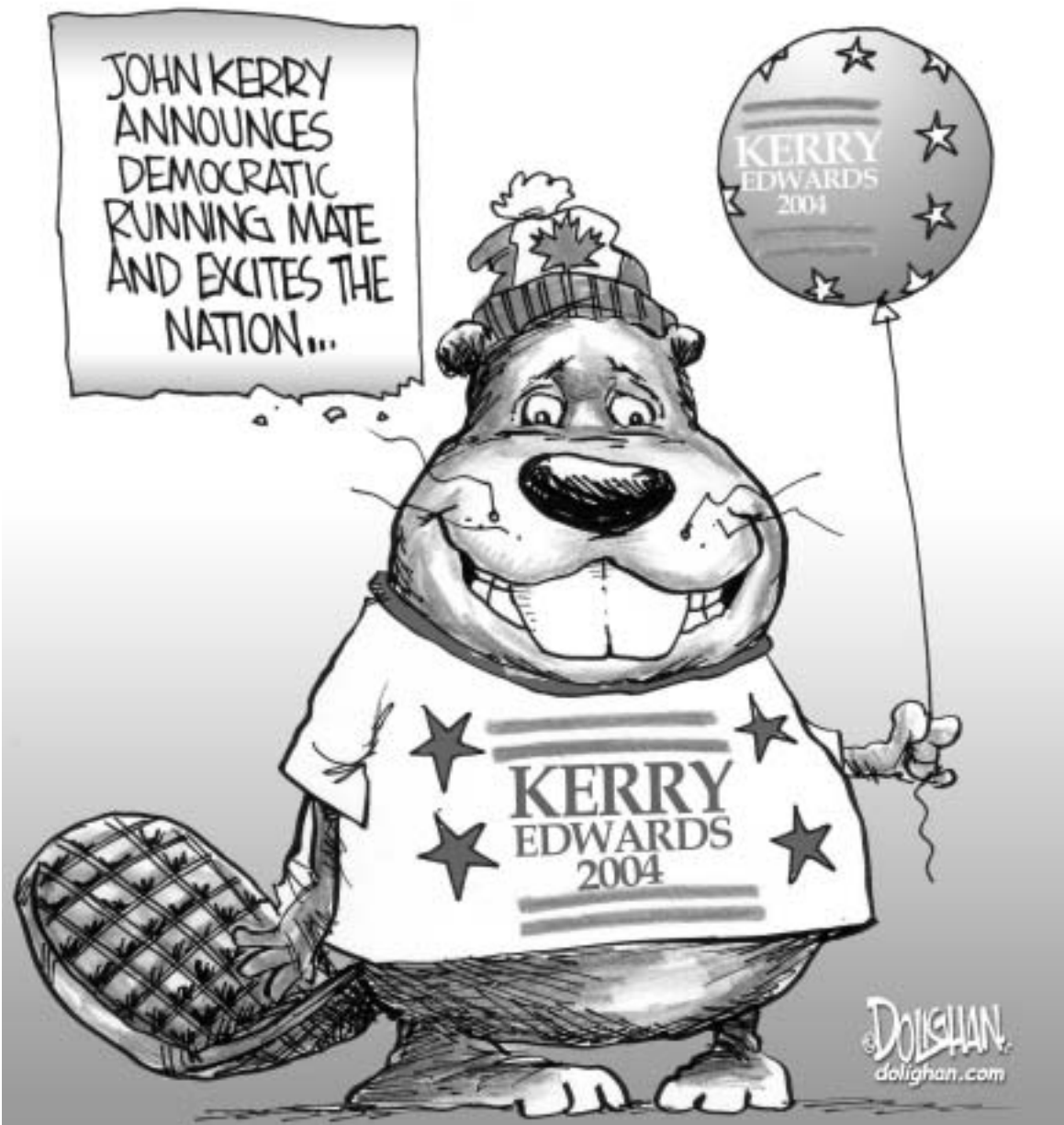


Funny family collage

This photo collage was sent to the News Advertiser by Judith Jewer, who explains it captures her mom Ruby Jewer, niece Danyelle Sora, nephew Erich Sora and her cousin's son, Ryan Furze. Ms. Jewer says they were all goofing around making funny faces after her dad's birthday party last summer. She sent it in because, "I thought that this photo collage might make your readers laugh."

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

Development charges prove growth study wrong

To the editor:

Re: 'Development charges jumping in Pickering,' July 9.

Finally, through the News Advertiser, we have the real numbers that can be applied to the Pickering growth management study.

The suggested \$8,838 development charges for new homes are not enough money to cover existing development costs. One of my arguments against this plan is that the infrastructure needs to be fixed first.

Developers will be running all the way to the bank while council justifies the next tax increase. It's time developers paid a development fee that cannot be passed on or written off.

It was also revealing that a conflict issue involving the Growth Management Study exists. I brought up the issue of conflict of interest three times at public meetings. I ask, who does this council represent, the developers funding the study or all taxpayers?

We have a right to know who benefits from this deal and why. I can just hear council at the

next municipal election "vote for us, we work for you". But, on June 29, this same council rammed growth management further down our throats to silence us. This deal carries a stench that would make a skunk jealous.

Harvey Kirsch
Pickering

Province fails Pickering, again

To the editor:

Re: 'Province reveals it's plans', June 25.

I think the News Advertiser missed the boat on this story. The big news is the fact that the second provincial government in a row, first the Tories and now the Liberals, have taken the City of Pickering's planning rights away.

Pickering council continues to recommend and endorse the development of the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve with its Growth Management Study.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Web site states "The provincial government is beginning the public process of planning for a new community for the provincially owned Seaton lands and the protection of that portion of the Duffins Rouge

Agricultural Preserve that falls within the City of Pickering."

The provincial government has assembled a team of consultants to do the planning for Pickering. On the Internet, see www.mah.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_1_17727_1.html for details.

Will it be a matchup of who has the bigger stick? And at what cost to Pickering taxpayers?

Bonnie Littley
Rouge Duffins
Greenspace Coalition

Support our health-care system

To the editor:

In our journey through time, the threads of many others are interwoven throughout our life's fabric.

During my recent stay at the Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital - I had the divine good fortune of interacting with many delightful health-care providers.

Everyone with whom I came in contact, treated me with the utmost dignity and respect. All were knowledgeable, helpful and caring. Everyone showed empathy and support in both deed and word.

Joan Alles
Whitby

An occasion to remember

Anniversary during difficult times a cause for reflection

My wife and I just celebrated our 18th wedding anniversary. We spent the day lavishly treating ourselves to a visit to the Oncology Ward in Oshawa for chemo cocktails, and later we enjoyed a romantic interlude at Sunnybrook's Radiation department.

You may not think there's anything sexy about having two female lab technicians hauling your drawers down and x-raying your patootie, but some people pay big bucks for that kind of stuff. Here I was getting it for free. I didn't even have to fly to Thailand.

The evening was capped off perfectly by a gourmet dinner for four (kids in tow) of burgers and fries. Does it really get any better than that?

As Suzanne and I lay in bed that night, accompanied by the mechanical whirring of my newly attached chemo pump, which lay between us like some kind of high-tech chastity belt, I asked her if, 18 years ago, she'd ever thought we'd be spending our anniversary like this. She laughed, mumbled an exhausted something or other, patted my pump and drifted off to a



Neil Crone

enter laughing

much deserved sleep.

But as I lay there thinking in the dark, the events of the past 14 hours or so playing themselves over in my head, it occurred to me just how nice a day it had been and how truly lucky we were to have one another.

We had spent the day, as we spend most of our days these days, talking and laughing and listening to one another, sharing each other's thoughts on everything from bowel movements to crossword puzzles (what's a four-letter word for chemotherapy...it starts with F).

I also thought about how much we touch each other during a day - a hand squeeze, a light rub on the back in passing, fingers through my hair (what's left of it), a bare foot on top of a bare foot under the breakfast table.

There are a million ways to tell someone you love them, from a passionate kiss to the changing of a dressing or the

draping of a warm blanket over cold feet. And finally, I thought of our children, the real fruit of those 18 years.

I thought about their patience and good humour throughout every one of these strange days and their simple unbridled joy over nothing more than burgers and fries in the car.

They are wonderful, fine little people that I cannot ever spend too much time with.

Finally, I thought about how all these pieces fit together so perfectly into the puzzle of my life. The puzzle that, day by day, piece by piece, shows me more of why I am here and what it is I am supposed to be doing. Eighteen years ago, I found that puzzle almost indecipherably difficult.

And so, with my beautiful friend and partner snoozing beside me, my chemo pump buzzing along like some tiny, malevolent sidekick, and my boys deeply dreaming down the hall, I found I was able to answer my own question. No, there is no way in heaven I could ever have foreseen being so blissfully happy 18 years ago.

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

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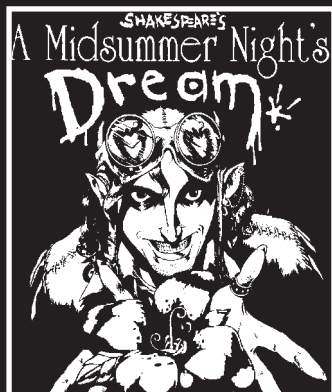


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Class Act Dinner Theatre launches its new show 'Love and Sex and the IRS' tomorrow night. Among the stars of the show are, front from left, Cari Haim, Robert Calvert, Daryl Marks and Chris Cole.

Taxman cometh

'Love and Sex and the IRS' comes to Class Act stage tomorrow

DURHAM - This summer is a farce, as far as Class Act Dinner Theatre is concerned.

An American farce, to be exact. The theatre's last production, 'Love and Sex and the IRS,' opens July 15 and runs through to Aug. 14 in the air-conditioned facility.

Written by William Van Zandt and Jane Millmore, the play is filled with twists of fate, sight gags, mistaken identities and comic lines. Two men, Jon and Leslie, are roommates. Unknown to Leslie, Jon has been saving money by filing tax returns listing Leslie as his wife.

The IRS sends out a Mr. Skinner to investigate, meaning Leslie ends up masquerading as a housewife,

with help from Kate, Jon's fiancé. Throw in a nosy landlord, Jon's mother, Leslie's ex girlfriend and a preacher, and chaos and comedy reign.

Director Glenn Ottaway, a stand-up comic for 30 years, said the farce is good fun and prime summer fare. It's his first stab at summer theatre and his second at directing after a hiatus of 30 years.

"It's a very fun play," he said. "It's a very physical play for the actors, especially for Jon and Leslie. There are a couple of fights, a couple of near fights and people falling out the windows."

Jon is played by Daryl Marks, Leslie by Robert Calvert, Mr. Skinner by Chris Cole and Kate by Cari Haim. The other cast members are Ross Libbey as the landlord, Carol Laing as Jon's mother, Stephanie Kokton as Connie, Leslie's former girlfriend, and Bill Clarke as the preacher.

The cast members, who come from communities from Scarborough to Bowmanville, including Ajax and Pickering, have been rehearsing since the end of May.

"I'm pretty happy with it," Ottaway said.

"I'm being reborn into the theatre," he added. "I'm a stand-up comedian and I have been for 30 years."

Before that, he'd been involved in community theatre for 12 years, running a theatre group in East York. His travelling as a comedian meant he had to give up the theatre. He missed it and is happy to be back at it now.

"Things have sure changed," he said. "First of all, I was 30 years younger. Second, maybe I don't take it as seriously as I used to. People are putting out a great product but they're having a good time doing it."

He's also noticed people are more dedicated. While Class Act is professional theatre, the actors "are still doing it for the love of it." He pointed to the fact the actors have given up their summers to stage the play, which runs until the middle of August. Vacations have been changed and delayed and one actor will be driving to and from his camping holiday to be on stage, Ottaway said.

"That's part of the dedication," he said. "There's a lot of thanks to the families in this one."

For ticket and show information, contact Class Act at www.ClassAct-DinnerTheatre.com or call 905-668-2229.

Shakespeare comes to Pickering tomorrow

Ajax show also has interactive session

DURHAM - Residents can enjoy some mid-summer theatre in the park Thursday.

The Driftwood Theatre Group presents William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' July 15 at 8 p.m. in Esplanade Park in Pickering, located across from the Pickering Civic Complex.

The play involves two sets of couples (Hermia and Lysander, and Helena and Demetrius) whose romantic cross-purposes are complicated by their entrance into the play's fairyland woods where the King and Queen of the fairies (Oberon and Titania) preside and the impish folk character of Puck plies his trade.

Another set of characters - Bottom the weaver and his bumptious band of rude mechanicals - stumble into the main doings when they go into the same enchanted woods to rehearse a play.

Theatregoers should bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit back and enjoy the show. Donations for the Driftwood Theatre Group will be accepted at the event. This is the theatre group's 10th anniversary season.

And, this summer, Driftwood Theatre Group is offering you a special Shakespearean experience.

With funding from McDonald's Restaurant Canada, Driftwood is presenting several behind-the-scenes views of its summer production of the bard's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

After some performances this summer, audiences can enjoy a Late

Night Chat with Driftwood members. Talk with the performers and creators of the production about the play, the characters or theatre in general. Shakespearean experience will take place at 5:30 p.m. before the July 22 Ajax performance in Rotary Park.

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DURHAM - Durham Region is looking for the next pop idol.

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The first 100 performers to register that day starting at noon earn a spot to sing karaoke-style at the Gardens' outdoor theatre in front of the public and a panel of judges. Solo performers, duets and groups are all eligible, however single artists

must be older than 6 years old.

A list of songs performers must choose from can be found at Cullen Gardens' Web site, or at the Main Gate. Performances will occur July 18 between 1 and 3 p.m., and the event will also feature an appearance by guest singer Faith McMillan, a finalist from the television show Canadian Idol in 2003.

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Sports Briefs

JULY 14, 2004

Area riders hope to get the jump on competition

DURHAM — Area pony club members will arrive on the central Ontario show jumping team at the second of three qualifiers in Ajax this Sunday.

The Ajax Pony Club hosts the central regional qualifier July 18 at Audley Road Stables, with riders from 15 pony clubs represented at the event.

Results at this show, along with those from two others, will determine the Central Ontario team that will take on entries from the Western Ontario and St. Lawrence-Ottawa Valley regions at the Central Canada Zone Championships. St. Lawrence-Ottawa Valley is hosting the championships Aug. 28 and 29 near Ottawa.

Audley Road Stables is at 777 Audley Rd., between Rossland Road and Hwy. 2. The show starts at 8 a.m. Spectators are welcome without charge.

Ajax motorcycle racer leads rookie standings

AJAX — An Ajax motorcycle racer may have stepped up to a higher calibre of competition, but he has so far been able to deliver the results.

This summer, Stuart Nodell, of the Nodell Motorsports racing team, moved up to the Pro Super Bike Championship national series as well as the regional racing series, both based at Shannonville Motorsport Park.

Racing in the Pro Super Bike series aboard his ZX6-R 636 cc bike, Nodell finished third in both races at Shannonville recently.

Nodell also raced in the 600 cc class aboard his ZX6-RR in the regional series, finishing fourth, on the same weekend.

Nodell is currently leading the rookie of the year standings in the Parts Canada Pro Super Bike Championship.

The next race for the Nodell team is at Mosport International Speedway in Clarington July 15 to 18.

For more information, log on to www.nodellmotorsports.com.



Panthers back in black

PICKERING — The times, they are a changin' for the Pickering Panthers.

The OHA Ontario Provincial Junior 'A' Hockey League team recently announced it will have a new uniform, complete with new logo and colours for the 2004-05 season.

The club is returning to its former red, black and white colours, abandoning its previous blue and red colour scheme.

The management team has also appointed Northstar Communications Group as its marketing and event management agent.

The Panthers enter the season under new ownership after being sold in March by car dealer Michael Boyer to a group of Toronto businessmen headed by longtime Ontario Hockey League coach and Markham resident Rick Cornacchia. The ownership group also includes Toronto residents Paul Fenwick and Randy Hebscher and John Porco, also of Markham.

The club has also announced a nine-game pre-season schedule. The Panthers start main training camp Monday, Aug. 23 at the Pickering Recreation Complex. The first pre-season contest is against the Wexford Raiders at the complex on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at 8:30 p.m.

The team's final pre-season contest is against the CD Selects of the U.S.-based Empire Junior Hockey League. The Selects are from the Troy, New York area. That game is Thursday, Sept. 9 at the complex at 8:30 p.m.

Other games on the exhibition schedule:

- Thursday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. vs. Streetsville Derbys at Streetsville;
- Tuesday, Aug. 31, 8:30 p.m. vs. Streetsville Derbys at Pickering Recreation Complex;
- Wednesday, Sept. 1, 8:30 p.m. vs. Lindsay Muskies at Pickering Recreation Complex;
- Thursday, Sept. 2, 8 p.m. vs. Ajax Axemen at Ajax Community Centre;
- Sunday, Sept. 5, 1:30 p.m. vs. Lindsay Muskies at Lindsay;
- Tuesday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. vs. Wexford Raiders at Wexford; and
- Wednesday, Sept. 8, 8:30 p.m. vs. Ajax Axemen at Pickering Recreation Complex.



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Nailed at second base

PICKERING — The Pickering Red Sox second baseman applies the tag on a Mississauga Majors baserunner during action at the Oshawa Legion Midget Baseball Tournament on the weekend. The runner was out on the play. The contest was played at E.A. Fairman Park in Whitby on Saturday.

On to Athens

Felicien cruises to another Canadian hurdles title

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

PICKERING — A bit of nostalgia awaited Pickering's Perdita Felicien at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in Victoria last weekend.

The University of Victoria's Centennial Stadium track was the site of Canadian championships that yielded the 23-year-old hurdler's first trip to the Sydney, Australia in 2000.

Four years later, the two-time world champion, who already has a berth locked up on the Canadian Olympic team to Athens next month based on her performances so far this year, just wanted to run a solid race on Canadian soil and continue her magnificent season in the 100-metre hurdles.

"Mission accomplished. I just wanted to run at home," says Felicien Tuesday morning. "I haven't run up to my standards here,



PERDITA FELICEN
Canadian champion.

so I wanted to run around 12.60 (seconds)."

Felicien won her heat handily, crossing the finish line in exactly that time, which was a meet record for the Canadian championships. She saved her best for the final, running comfortably to the win in a new Canadian

record time of 12.45. The record, however, won't be recognized as the wind was clocked at 2.1 metres per second, just over the legal limit of 2.0.

But, having the record nullified, says Felicien, was not as important as running a strong race.

"Yeah, I didn't feel too pressured at the end," she says. "It was wind-aided, but I was definitely pleased with the race. I felt I had a lot left in the tank."

And, the championships came with an added bonus for Felicien: Two other Canadians -- Angela Whyte, of Edmonton, and Priscilla Lopes, of Whitby -- will accompany her to Athens. It's the first time in Canadian athletics history that three women have qualified for the Olympics in the 100m hurdles.

"It's definitely encouraging," she says. "I'm so used to going to big competitions alone. To have two others coming along with me is exciting. They'll be in the same preliminary as me and I'll have someone to hang out with, go to the track with and joke around with. They'll get the same nerves and jitters as well."

Felicien says her confidence is "super high" in the countdown to the

Athens Olympics. Not only does another Canadian hurdles title -- her fourth overall and the past three in a row -- give her confidence, but being ranked as the number-one hurdler in the world is a big boost as well.

She heard about his world number-one ranking -- displacing American Gail Devers who's held that perch for the past two years -- through her coach and was disbelief at first.

"I heard it from Gary (Winckler, her coach) and he told me, 'Your ranking has shifted'. I said, 'Did I drop to number 10?' When he told me I was surprised and happy."

But, she admits the ranking is much less important than what will transpire on the track in Athens.

"There's a more important goal that I want to get," she says, eluding to Olympic gold.

Felicien will leave for Europe next week where she will compete in Paris and in Stockholm. She'll return to North America later in the month before heading back to Zurich, Switzerland for a meet on Aug. 6.

She'll attend a Canadian training camp in Italy prior to heading to Greece for the Olympics.

Record-breaking and heartbreaking

Pickering swimmer sets event marks but doesn't qualify for Olympics

DURHAM — Athens was agonizingly close for Laura Nicholls.

The 25-year-old swimmer from the Pickering Swim Club had a record-breaking weekend in the pool at the Canadian Olympic Trials at Toronto's Etobicoke Olympium Pool on the weekend, winning two gold medals in the process.

But, in the end, there would be no spot on the Canadian team heading to the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece next month.

Use any adjective — heartbreaking, disappointing — and it would sum up accurately the range of emotions felt by Nicholls in the wake of her performances at the trials. This year, the Waterloo native changed her coach and club — coming over to the Pickering Swim Club under Lucie Hewitt-Henderson — in a bid to reconnect with her career and earn a third Olympic berth.

"I put together everything I had in both sprint freestyles and it just didn't happen," Nicholls, an Olympian in Atlanta and Sydney, told the Swim Canada Web site. "I knew what the standards were and I knew I had to break Canadian records. The bar was raised and I didn't rise to it."

In her specialty, the 50-metre freestyle, Nicholls won the prelimi-



LAURA NICHOLLS
Olympics bid falls short.

nary event in a Canadian record time of 25.68 seconds, breaking her previous Canadian mark of 25.78. In the final, she placed first in a time of 25.60, breaking the record a second time. She finished, however, eight one-hundredths of a second off the Olympic qualifying time.

Nicholls also competed in the 100m free, winning gold in 56.43 seconds. She finished second in the preliminary swim, posting a time of 56.95. Again, her times weren't fast enough to push her on to the Canadian Olympic team.

Nicholls wasn't the sole swimmer looking to hitch a ride with the Cana-



JEN BECKBERGER
Makes two event finals at trials.

dian team to Athens. Jen Beckberger, 18, of Ajax, and Colin Ackroyd, 17, of Pickering, represented the Ajax Aquatic Club. Meanwhile, Pickering residents Kurtis Miller, 18, and Warren Barnes, 19, represented the Scarborough Swim Club. Jessica Ward, 15, represented the Pickering Swim Club.

Beckberger swam to fourth place behind Nicholls in the 50m free in a time of 26.16. She finished sixth in the preliminary heats in a time of 26.39. She also made the event final of the 100m free, finishing sixth in 57.22. She placed eighth in her heat in 57.50. She also placed 19th in the 200m free (2:05.57), 33rd in the 100m backstroke

(1:07.01) and 35th in the 400m individual medley (5:11.38).

Barnes made event finals in two of his three events. He placed sixth in the final of the 100m breaststroke in 1:04.03. He was seventh in the 100m breast preliminary heat in 1:04.60. He also made finals in the 200m breast, placing seventh in 2:20.76. He was also seventh in his heat in 2:21.95. He finished 43rd in the 200m individual medley in 2:19.31.

Barnes noted this year's Olympic trials should serve as valuable experience for a push to make the Canadian team for the 2008 Games in Beijing, China. In the interim, he'll attend the University of Pittsburgh on a four-year athletic scholarship.

Barnes' Scarborough teammate Miller competed in the 50m free, finishing 31st in the preliminary event in a time of 24.50. Miller, too, is looking toward fulfilling his Olympic dream in 2008. He's also headed to the U.S. on a swimming scholarship, attending the University of Hawaii in the fall.

Ackroyd swam five events, falling short of the finals in all of them. His best result was a 14th-place performance (sixth in the consolation swim) in the 100m backstroke. He also finished 24th in the 200m back, 60th in the 100m butterfly and 26th in the 200m fly. He's headed to the U.S. on a scholarship to Clemson University in South Carolina in the fall.

Ward made the consolation finals of the 200m breast, finishing 14th overall (sixth in the consols). She was also 39th in the 100m breast.

Rock are cup bound and determined

Lacrosse squad not taking first-round playoff opponent for granted

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor
DURHAM — It's the President's Cup or bust for the Ajax-Pickering Rock senior 'B' lacrosse team.

With a reconstituted lineup after several bold roster moves completed prior to the league's trading deadline last week, the Rock brain trust believes the table's set for a deep run through the playoffs.

"We've put a team on the floor that we feel can compete for a Canadian championship," declares Rock head coach and general manager Paul St. John.

But, before the club can make plans to compete for the President's Cup, symbolic of senior 'B' supremacy in Canada, there's a little matter of a first-round playoff series against the Arthur Aces.

Ajax-Pickering (8-7-1 for 17 points,

fourth place) kicks off the best-of-three opening-round series against the Aces (7-9-0 for 14 points, fifth place) at the Pickering Recreation Complex on Friday at 8:30 p.m., with Game 2 set for Arthur on Saturday night at 7 p.m. Game 3, if necessary, is slated tentatively for the complex on Tuesday night.

St. John admits his club is ready and itching for the playoffs. He's hopeful his squad won't be looking past the Aces toward the second round.

"We're confident we can come out of the first round. If Arthur beats us, it will be a huge upset," says St. John. "We're going to have to be physical. Arthur doesn't have a lot of size and they don't like to play a physical game. We have two lines that match up well against any team in the league and we have the top-three (ranked) defence in the league, so we feel confident going in."

The team, which has struggled for much of the regular season with a dearth of scoring, has alleviated that problem in a major way with recent trades and acquisitions. Prolific scor-

er Nick Trudeau -- who joined the Rock last season in their playoff run -- is back for another playoff session after agreeing to join the team last week. He'll also continue to play for the Windsor Warlocks of the OLA Major series.

The Rock also snared two players from their favourite trading partners, the Brooklin Merchants. Joel Johnston was brought on board for future considerations, and Brad Reed came over to Ajax-Pickering in a deal that sent former Rock captain Brad Cann to the Merchants.

St. John is especially high on Reed, calling him "a phenomenal ball player" and saying he brings a multiple skill set to the floor.

"We really needed to make that trade," says St. John, adding the deal got done 10 minutes prior to the trade

deadline. "(Reed) can play defence, play offence, he can fight, check, he's got size -- he's 6-foot-4 inches and 230 pounds -- so he's a big boy and he can run the floor."

And, the offensive firepower of the new-look Rock was on display in the team's final regular-season game against Mohawk at the Pickering Recreation Complex Friday night. The Rock opened up a nine-goal lead in the second period en route to a 14-6 whipping of the Stars.

Most impressive was the Rock's power play unit, which converted on its first three man-advantage opportunities, scoring three goals in a combined 25 seconds.

Trudeau led the way in his debut, notching an impressive seven-point outing with five goals and two assists. Captain Jim Veltman was equally im-

pressive, scoring a goal while adding six assists. Reed scored a hat trick and added an assist. Johnson chipped in with two goals and an assist. Marty O'Brien, Cody Laforme and Jaime Lumsden added one apiece. Other assists went to O'Brien with three, Mark Craig with two, and Mike Miron, Bill McLean, Laforme, Lumsden and Ed Fines, all with one.

PEBBLES: To make room for the new acquisitions, the Rock released **Tim Holland, Gary Gould** and **Chad Martin**... Other first-round playoff series include the first-place **Owen Sound Woodmen** against the eighth-place **Brooklin Merchants**, second-place **Kitchener-Waterloo Kodiaks** against the seventh-place **Ennismore Shamrocks** and the third-place **Barr Lakeshores** against the sixth-place **Mohawk Stars**...

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TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PCT.	GBL
Can-Truck	1	1	0	0	1.000	0.0
Franklin Templeton	3	1	0	2	0.667	0.0
Cherrywood Roofing	2	1	1	0	0.500	0.5
Mulberry Bush	2	0	0	2	0.500	0.5
Bunnies, Bears & Baskets	2	0	1	1	0.250	1.0
Sporting Images	2	0	1	1	0.250	1.0

RESULTS

June 28: Cherrywood Roofing 15 vs. Sporting Images 13 (Aiden Maxwell);

June 16: Franklin Templeton 10 (Kirkland Morrison-Wo) vs. Bunnies, Bears & Baskets 9 (Emily Spicer);

June 9: Bunnies, Bears & Baskets 10 (Joshua Dickson) vs. Mulberry Bush 10;

June 7: CAN-Truck 15 (Riley McMulkin) vs. Cherrywood Roofing 11 (Sabrina Fanelli); Sporting Images 20 (Matthew Smith) vs. Franklin Templeton 20.

FRIENDLY PITCH MIXED STANDINGS as of June 30

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PCT.	GBL
Air Plus	4	3	0	1	0.875	0.0
DeBoers	4	1	2	1	0.500	1.5
Hazmasters	4	1	2	1	0.375	2.0
Knights of Columbus	4	1	3	0	0.250	2.5

RESULTS

June 17: DeBoers 10 (Salim Walji) vs. Hazmasters 10 (Nicholas Wheeler); Hazmasters 11 (Nicholas Wheeler) vs. DeBoers 11;

June 15: Air Plus 14 (Shayne Lillcrop) vs. Knights of Columbus 13 (Dillon Suresh); Air Plus 14 vs. Knights of Columbus 12 (Dillon Suresh);

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MITE BOYS STANDINGS as of June 21, 2004

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PCT.	GBL
SKF	3	3	0	0	1.000	---
S&R Carpentry	4	3	1	0	0.750	0.5
Knights of Columbus	3	2	1	0	0.667	1.0
Ontario Power Generation	3	1	2	0	0.333	2.0
Dr Warren Cohen	2	0	2	0	0.000	2.5
Papps Restaurant	3	0	3	0	0.000	3.0

RESULTS

June 28: Ontario Power Generation 19 (Blake Mysko) vs. Dr Warren Cohen 12 (Adam Vranji); SKF 21 (Yazin Joseph) vs. S&R Carpentry 13; Knights of Columbus 12 vs. Papps Restaurant 11 (Kyle Tranchelli);

June 16: SKF 18 (Jonathan Cardoso) vs. Knights of Columbus 10 (Nicholas Gupersaud); S&R Carpentry 15 (Kevin Donaldson) vs. Papps Restaurant 11 (Jordan Stewart);

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MITE/SQUIRT GIRLS STANDINGS as of June 28

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PCT.	GBL
Herongate Barn Theatre	3	2	1	0	0.667	0.0
Roy Foss Pontiac Buick	4	2	2	0	0.500	0.5
Century 21	4	2	2	0	0.500	0.5
W. Pick. Ladies Slo-Pitch	3	1	2	0	0.333	1.0

RESULTS

June 28: Roy Foss Pontiac Buick 15 (Paulina Minoia) vs. West Pickering Ladies Slow Pitch 8 (Kiah Reid); Herongate Barn Theatre 15 (Paige Haley) vs. Century 21 14;

June 16: Roy Foss Pontiac Buick 11 (Tori Burt) vs. Century 21 7 (Megan Dickson);

June 9: Herongate Barn Theatre 13 (Sarah Neault-Hebert) vs. Roy Foss Pontiac Buick 8 (Arianna Findlay); Century 21 22 (Kayla Allen) vs. West Pickering Ladies Slow Pitch 12 (Melanie Cruise);

June 7: West Pickering Ladies Slow Pitch 21 (Caitlyn Halbert) vs. Roy Foss Pontiac Buick 9;

June 2: Century 21 22 (Caitlyn Mancini) vs. Herongate Barn Theatre 20 (Samantha Mikicic).

SQUIRT BOYS STANDINGS As of June 29

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PCT.	GBL
Annandale Dodge	5	5	0	0	1.000	0.0
Dr Comlekci	5	4	1	0	0.800	1.0
Amitous Travel	4	2	2	0	0.500	2.5
OJ Muller	5	1	4	0	0.200	4.0
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RESULTS

June 17: Annandale Dodge Chrysler 13 (Sean Naynes-Northover) vs. Dr. Comlekci 7 (Michael Osko); Annandale Dodge Chrysler 12 vs. Dr. Comlekci 8 (Michael Osko); Amitous Travel 12 vs. O J Muller Landscaping (Ryan Jolly);

June 15: Dr. Comlekci 12 (Mark Edwards) vs. Amitous Travel 7; Annandale Dodge Chrysler 10 (Alex Darling) vs. DISTICOR 9 (Shafiq Mohamed); Annandale Dodge Chrysler 11 vs. DISTICOR 10 (Shafiq Mohamed);

June 10: Dr. Comlekci 16 vs. O J Muller Landscaping 9 (Ishaan Ramroop); Dr. Comlekci 15 vs. O J Muller Landscaping 9 (Ishaan Ramroop); Amitous Travel 11 vs. DISTICOR 6 (Jake Taylor);

June 8: O J Muller Landscaping 22 (Ben Goldenthal) vs. DISTICOR 15 (Roger Waltoo); Annandale Dodge Chrysler 13 (Alex Melvin) vs. Amitous Travel 7;

June 3: Annandale Dodge Chrysler 13 (Bobby Prentice) vs. O J Muller Landscaping 7 (David Kierstead); Dr. Comlekci 20 (Zachary Adams) vs. DISTICOR 11 (Humza Husain).

SQUIRT/NOVICE GIRLS STANDINGS As of June 29

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	PCT.	GBL
Almost Doesn't Count	5	4	1	0	0.800	---
Ellis Packaging	5	3	2	0	0.600	1.0
JLL Janitorial Services	5	3	2	0	0.600	1.0
Royal LePage	5	3	2	0	0.600	1.0
Canada Cutlery	5	2	3	0	0.400	2.0
Suburban Auto Glass	5	0	5	0	0.000	4.0

RESULTS

June 28: S&R Carpentry 13 (Cristin Neville) vs. Century 21 - Percy Fulton 10;

June 23: T. B. S. O. 14 vs. S&R Carpentry 5 (Sasha Almeida); Century 21 - Percy Fulton 17 (Katie Fulton) vs. Class A Electronics 7 (Victoria Thompson); Century 21 - Percy Fulton 17 (Katie Fulton) vs. S&R Carpentry 7;

June 21: Century 21 - Percy Fulton 8 (Paige Fulton) vs. T. B. S. O. 7; Century 21 - Percy Fulton 14 vs. T. B. S. O. 13;

PEEWEE BOYS DIVISION

RESULTS

June 28: Radom Insulation 20 vs. HMF Construction 6 (Brendon Procter); Northex Custom Brokers 20 (Chris Chapman) vs. HMF Construction 6;

June 16: OJ Muller Landscaping 19 (Marco Romangueno) vs. Northex Custom Brokers 8; HMF Construction 13 (Sammy Misseri) vs. Ontario Power Generation 13;

June 9: Radom Insulation 22 vs. HMF Construction 9; Northex Custom Brokers 12 vs. Pickering Mens Slow Pitch 8;

June 7: Ontario Power Generation 19 (AJ Collie) vs. OJ Muller Landscaping 6 (Josh Brown);

June 2: OJ Muller Landscaping 16 (David Harrington) vs. Radom Insulation 12; Northex Custom Brokers 8 vs. Ontario Power Generation 3.

BANTAM/MIDGET GIRLS DIVISION

RESULTS

June 28: S&R Carpentry 13 (Cristin Neville) vs. Century 21 - Percy Fulton 10;

June 23: T. B. S. O. 14 vs. S&R Carpentry 5 (Sasha Almeida); Century 21 - Percy Fulton 17 (Katie Fulton) vs. Class A Electronics 7 (Victoria Thompson); Century 21 - Percy Fulton 17 (Katie Fulton) vs. S&R Carpentry 7;

June 21: Century 21 - Percy Fulton 8 (Paige Fulton) vs. T. B. S. O. 7; Century 21 - Percy Fulton 14 vs. T. B. S. O. 13;

CLASS A ELECTRONICS

Class A Electronics 7 (Al Siraod) vs. S&R Carpentry 2; S&R Carpentry 13 vs. Class A Electronics 8;


June 9: Class A Electronics 12 (Melissa McCaig) vs. T. B. S. O. 3; Class A Electronics 13 vs. T. B. S. O. 4; S&R Carpentry 15 vs. Century 21 - Percy Fulton 7; T. B. S. O. 7 vs. S&R Carpentry 0;

June 7: Class A Electronics 9 (Alana Anderson) vs. S&R


CARPENTRY

Class A Electronics 16 vs. S&R Carpentry 8; T. B. S. O. 22 vs. Century 21 - Percy Fulton 7; Class A Electronics 7 vs. Century 21 - Percy Fulton 0;

June 2: S&R Carpentry 16 (Lindsay Ellicott) vs. Century 21 - Percy Fulton 10; Class A Electronics 9 (Alana Anderson) vs. T. B. S. O. 9; Class A Electronics 11 vs. T. B. S. O. 3.



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PET SUMMER CARE AND SAFETY TIPS

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IF YOU LEAVE YOUR PET OUTSIDE FOR ANY AMOUNT OF TIME, MAKE SURE IT HAS ACCESS TO PLENTY OF CLEAN, FRESH WATER, PROPER SHELTER AND LOTS OF SHADE. It is not advisable to leave your companion animal outside for any extended period of time.

IF YOU ARE GOING ON VACATION, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR COMPANION ANIMAL TO FEND FOR ITSELF. Arrange for a responsible pet sitter or a responsible boarding kennel to care for your pet. If you take your cat or dog with you, make sure it always wears a collar with current I.D.

EXERCISE YOUR PET MODERATELY IN THE MORNING OR EVENING WHEN IT IS COOLER OUTSIDE. Use common sense and do not make your dog run behind your bike or roller blades. Don't let your dog ride in the open back of a pick-up truck. The risk is too great for both your dog and other motorists.

GROOM YOUR PET ON A REGULAR BASIS. Regular grooming will keep your cat or dog free of mats and excess hair, while also helping to detect fleas and ticks. Shaving an animal is not a good idea as fur actually insulates and protects the skin from sun and insect bites.

DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CAT OR DOG TO RUN AT LARGE. Warm weather means an increase in roaming animals. Make sure your companion animal is confined to the indoors or to your yard.

SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO WELCOME A NEW ANIMAL INTO YOUR HOME. Make sure you are ready and committed to bringing an animal home for the rest of its life - not just the duration of the summer. If you are able to accept the responsibilities of being a pet owner, please visit the Pickering-Ajax-Whitby Animal Services Centre where there are many wonderful animals needing a loving home.

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