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[Briefly]

Women and girls come together: A creative mind, and helping hands are needed.

Girls Inc., serving Ajax and Pickering, is working with The Weekend to End Breast Cancer and Herizon House on a month-long charity fundraising craft sale.

There is plenty of space for home crafters to sell their products and volunteers are needed to help with face painting and a kids' crafting corner. It's an opportunity for high school students to obtain community service hours.

The fund-raiser begins July 3 and runs each weekend in July at The Pickering Market at Bayly Street and Squires Beach Road.

For more information, call Darlene, evenings at 905-426-7802 or weekends at 905-426-3387.

Spanish classes: Durham's Catholic school board is offering a free Spanish camp for youngsters next month.

Intended for kids six to 11 years old, the camp runs July 5 to 30 at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School, 1166 Finch Ave., near Dixie Road. It runs Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Children are taught to read, write and speak the language, and about Spanish culture.

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[What's On]

Long-horned information: The long-horned is on the loose and residents are being warned to be prepared for the tree killer.

A large number of trees are being destroyed by the Asian longhorned beetle in Ontario. The beetles predominantly favour maples, but infestations have also been discovered in horse chestnuts, poplars, willows, elms and mulberries. There is no known chemical or biological defence against the beetle and in North America.

In all cases of infestation the affected trees are cut down and the wood destroyed.

Pickering is raising awareness to the problem by holding a public information session Thursday, June 24, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. Guest speakers



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That sinking feeling

 $\mbox{PICKERING}$ — Grade 5 teacher Kathleen Carroll emerges from a rather icy dunk tank after being deposited there during the recent William Dunbar Public School fair fair.

Excellence in action

Pickering Museum

awarded the Museum Award Backwoods Players (theatre

School against school

Trustees hear untwinning could mean loss of other renovation projects

By Mike Ruta Staff Writer

DURHAM – Untwinning two Scugog schools comes with a price - and it's more than the \$24,000 cost for R.H. Cornish Public School to get its own daytime custodian.

If Durham District School Board trustees agree to the move, facilities staff is recommending dropping a Pickering High School gym floor-refinishing project from this year's budget. Ironically, PHS students and its school council chairman had addressed trustees earlier in a Monday budget meeting, outlining a host of problems with their facility that require urgent attention.

Scugog Trustee Steve Martin for about six months has been pressing his colleagues to untwin Cornish and Prince Albert public schools. Cornish has roughly 700 students and shares a daytime custodian with the smaller Prince Albert. The schools' community council chairmen have said that combined, their schools are too large to share a custodian.

A decision to untwin all 16

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Police chases lead to arrests and charges

Three pursuits keep police busy Saturday

urday, when it seemed no one wanted to co-operate with cops on the beat.

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Village recognized for community services

By Danielle Milley Staff Writer

PICKERING – The Pickering Museum Village has been recognized for its services to the community.

The village was recently

of Excellence from the Ontario Historical Society in recognition of its work in community involvement and programming.

Pat Dunnill nominated the museum on behalf of the Pickering Museum Village Foundation.

"They've really done a number of things that have been helpful in the community - the development of the group) is one of those things," said the foundation chairman.

He said the foundation nominated the museum because over the past few years it has really put a focus on programs to reach out to the community, including the Backwoods Players and the Canadian Tapestry event

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By Jeff Mitchell Staff Writer

DURHAM – Here's a recipe for a wild night on Durham's roads: three police pursuits, a stolen vehicle, an attempt to flee cross-country in that stolen vehicle, a dog bite, and a police helicopter thrown in for good measure. Durham Regional Police

were engaged in no fewer than three chases in the early morning hours of Satand a stolen car was recovered, said Sergeant Paul Malik.

Here's a rundown of what happened:

• At about 12:45 a.m. Saturday a police officer approached a man in a vehicle in a parking lot on Bloor Street near Stevenson Road in Oshawa, Sgt. Malik said.

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Students pick their parties

High school voting program puts choice in their hands

By Mike Ruta Staff Writer

DURHAM – The federal election is over at Dunbarton and many other high schools in Durham.

Thousands of Ontario students are taking part in Student Vote 2004, designed to foster interest and participation in the electoral process. Staff and students brush up on local candidates and parties and use voting booths and ballots to conduct their own parallel election. The results are announced on television on election night, June 28.

But, while participation and media attention was high last fall in the first stu-



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dent vote, for the Ontario election, the federal vote is a different story. Not only is it a short campaign, but it's also the busiest time of the school vear.

"It's probably the worst time of year for teachers to be doing this, and we're just crossing our fingers and hoping as many students can participate as possible," says Lindsay Mazzucco, Student Vote 2004 chief operating officer.

She says about 2,200 Canadian schools, including 35 in Durham, registered to take

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Sheneil Black and other students at Dunbarton High School took time out from preparing for final exams to cast their vote for the federal party that best represents their views. Students from across Durham Region are taking part in Student Vote 2004, which is fostering a greater understanding of the electoral process.



Program has students thinking election

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part in the vote. However, she notes many signed up in March or April, suggesting that the June crunch might mean the number of schools taking part will turn out to be quite a bit lower.

"It's a tough go because it's a short timeline and ideally you run it on the same day as the actual election, but we can't," says Oshawa teacher Pam Callus, noting students "have their minds on other things" at this time of year.

She teaches Grade 10 civics at O'Neill Collegiate and Vocational Institute and says despite the hurdles, the school went ahead with a vote involving all of the roughly 1,200 students. They cast ballots during homeroom.

Each Dunbarton student could take part as well, but voting was in the gym. The youngest of them, Grade 9 pupils, admitted they're not very informed voters.

"No, not really," replied Camarran Downey-Brown, who voted for The Green Party. "The way I see it, I'm just a kid."

Lucas Vanvoorden voted Conservative and says the exercise makes students think about who they support and why.

"I just kind of picked one," admitted Laura More, who voted Liberal. "I think it's cool because we get a chance to make choices."

Andrew Goldsmith, a Grade 11 student who co-ordinated the vote, says Student Vote 2003 was a huge success at the school. One of the candidates. The Green Party's Adam Duncan, was a recent high school graduate, and an all-candidates' assembly was held at the school.

"After the assembly everyone was excited about it because they knew the candidates directly," he says.

This time around, he and other students went from class to class and did presentations on all the parties to foster interest.

It was a slimmed-down vote at

Election polls open Friday

Voters have their say at advance dates

DURHAM – Voters can get a jump on choosing a federal election candidate by heading to the polls early.

Advance polls for the June 28 election are open from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, Saturday, June 19 and Monday, June 21.

Check with the returning officer for Ajax-Pickering Riding by calling 1-866-234-2474 for the locations of advance polls. Candidates are Mark Holland of the Liberal Party, and he can be reached at 905-426-6808, Karen MacDonald of the Green Party at 905-427-3771, Kevin Modeste of the New Democratic Party at 905-426-8541, and Rene Soetens of the Conservative Party at 905-686-0278. In Pickering-Scarborough East Riding, advance polls are the same dates and times at the Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade North. For more information about voting, call the returning officer at 1-866-275-1592. Candidates running in the riding are: Gary Dale, NDP, who can be reached at 416-505-1483; Tim Dobson, Conservative, 905-837-7557; Dan McTeague, Liberal, 905-421-8787; and Matthew Pollesel, Green Party, 1-866-868-3447.

Henry Street High School in Whitby Thursday, with only about 50 Grade 10 civics students having the chance to vote, said teacher Jennifer Boudreau.

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Mr. Goldsmith notes the student results in the provincial election received a lot of attention, and says the federal parties and politicians would do well to keep track of where

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The workshop will be led by an internationally recognized team of urban planners and designers, including John van Nostrand (Planning Alliance), Anne McIlroy (Brook McIlroy) and Bob Lehman (Meridian Planning).

Topic: The workshop will examine critical issues related to the future of the provincially owned Seaton lands and that portion of the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve that falls within the City of Pickering.

The purpose of the proposed land use and development plan is to lay the foundation for a well planned and progressive new community in Pickering one that would support plans for a Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt and be a model of smart growth for the 21st century.

Agenda: The agenda for the workshop is as follows:

Open House Introductory Presentation Small Group Discussions Plenary Session

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

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Undecided voters weigh in on debate

Conservative message worries Durham men

By Keith Gilligan Staff Writer

DURHAM - Alton Atkinson heard what he expected to hear, while Jack Syme didn't hear anything that would sway him.

Both were reacting to the Englishlanguage federal leaders' debate held last night. The Ajax men identified themselves as undecided voters prior to the debate, and were asked by the paper to offer views on what did or did not appeal to them from the discussion.

Mr. Atkinson said he and other visible minority Canadians should be "very concerned" with the message from Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper.

"All minorities should be very scared if Mr. Harper brings free votes to the House of Commons. He proposes to take rights away," Mr. Atkinson said.

"He and his riding are based in the west, the very conservative west. Free votes that could be on anything, that policy scares the heck out of me."

On health care, Mr. Atkinson said, "I heard what I expected to hear."

He noted Liberal leader Paul Mar-



tin would attack waiting lists, but Mr. Atkinson asked, "After diagnosis, what happens then?"

Mr. Atkinson also felt Mr. Harper didn't put forward a policy on family or child care

He also dismissed the Conservative plan of a \$2,000 tax credit for each child. "It makes no sense. If a family makes \$200,000, they have no need for the credit. It's peanuts. It ties in with his policy of privatization."

More money should be put into child care to make it easier for people to get back into the workforce, Mr. Atkinson stated. "It's easier to manage that way."

Mr. Atkinson said the debate convinced him not to vote for the Conservatives.

He also dismissed concerns about Liberal scandals and mismanagement.

"I'm not happy with the scandal and the loss of money, but it's what happens with democratic govern-

The Conservative plan to increase military spending didn't sway Mr. Atkinson either.

"We've never been a country based on military might. I'm happy with that. I agree with Martin and Layton on that. I don't agree with increased military spending."

Mr. Syme came away from the debate as uncommitted as he was before. "No one came out on top as far as I'm concerned."

Actually, he came away with a positive impression of Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe. "He was the only one who actually knew what was going on. He answered their questions and he asked them questions and they didn't answer.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's still tossed up," Mr. Syme added.

Mr. Martin was challenged, and Mr. Syme felt he handled the situation well. "They did push him pretty good and I think he held his own."

Mr. Syme liked the Liberal leader's answers for health care, but didn't feel Mr. Harper provided any answers. He's predicting a minority government and Canadians heading back to the polls in fall. "I don't think anyone came out on top," he added.

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Hop, skip and a jump

AJAX - Students at Blaisdale Montessori School's Westney Campus were skipping to their hearts' content as part of the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart fund-raiser. Four of the school's campuses combined to raise \$25,931.90. Doing there part were, front from left, Jessica Gervais and Fiona Corless, middle from left, Melissa Gervais and Chloe Typert-Morrison, and back from left, Michelle Rai and Kallisti Sipidias.



Leslie Nielsen hits the links for March of Dimes support in Durham

DURHAM – Hit the links with a world-renowned Canadian actor and help support people with physical disabilities.

Ontario March of Dimes is holding its annual Classic Series golf tournament at Whitby's Royal Ashburn Golf Club on June 22, starting at noon.

More than \$33,000 was raised at last year's event, with the proceeds earmarked for the March of Dimes'

assistive device program.

This year — with the help of actor Leslie Nielsen - the organization hopes to go beyond that fund-raising mark, again with funds going to the assistive device program.

"Ontario March of Dimes is thrilled to have Leslie Nielsen come out and support our golf event," said Judy Quillin, Ontario March of Dimes' central region director.

"This tournament raises muchneeded funds."

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Superintendent stresses board faces funding crunch

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of the board's twinned schools, proposed in March by Oshawa Trustee Susan Shetler, was deferred to budget talks.

PHS students Amanda Canavan Catie Sahadath showed and trustees a video of rotting window frames, crumbling brick and water fountains that don't work.

"We are still here. We still care. And we will not give up," said Ms. Canavan. Asked to describe their school in a word, PHS students in the video used terms such as "nasty," "budget" and "run down."

Later in the meeting, the notion of dropping the PHS project was proposed. By that time, the PHS group had left the meeting.

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Trustee Paul Crawford. "I didn't know they were coming," replied facilities superintendent Jack Massie.

"Please, don't put me between a rock and a rock," said Trustee Crawford.

At that, Mr. Massie lost his composure and asked trustees to tell him what project should be dropped from the budget, adding money is so tight the board is not going to be able to pay its utility bills this year.

Ajax Wards 1 and 2 Trustee Marilyn Crawford was incensed at the

"I am disgusted to even see this in a report," she said. "I can't believe you are pitting one group of students against another. I'm boiling.

Mr. Massie said he doesn't believe trustees understand how few dollars he has with which to work.

"We count toilet paper going into schools," he said. "We're running this school board as tight as any school board in the province... and yet there's not enough money."

This year's draft budget includes \$4.7 million in maintenance projects, more money than usual thanks to

cannot be done.

"I don't know where you expect to get the money from," Mr. Massie said, noting the board's finance superintendent for three years "has had to bail me out" with an additional \$1 million to his budget.

Trustee Martin again motioned to untwin the two northern schools.

Whitby Trustee John Dolstra said he didn't support the move, but suc-

cessfully called to defer the issue to the June 23 budget meeting, when trustees hope to approve the final budget.

Mr. Massie's report states if all the schools are untwined, the price tag is \$277,000, and if trustees want to do that, he recommends removing from the budget the parking lot resurfacing project at Port Perry High School.





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Museum's excellence helps it earn provincial honours

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that took place last weekend.

"That is something that is really reaching out to a lot more of the community," Mr. Dunnill said, adding the multicultural Tapestry event makes more people in the community feel welcome.

Dave Marlowe, education and collections officer with the museum, said being named one of the best in Ontario means a lot.

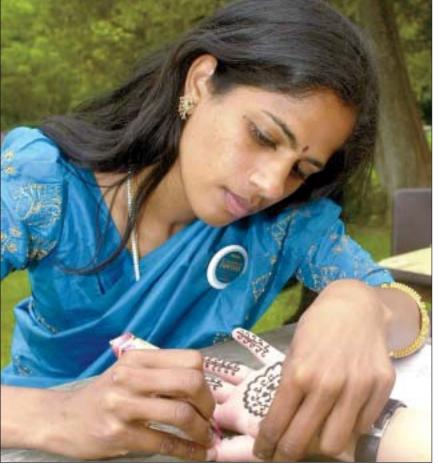
"It gave me a really good feeling, that all of the work we do... It's good to be recognized in your community and it's good to be recognized by the larger group," he said. "It means that we've been recognized as really having something special in terms of what the award is about."

Mr. Marlowe said because of the changes to community programming in the past few years they've been able to raise the museum's profile.

"We're finding there are fewer and fewer people who look at you with a glazed look when you say museum because they know there is a museum," he said. "More and more people know we exist."

Mr. Marlowe said programming wouldn't be possible without the hard work of both the staff and many volunteers.

The museum also connects with the community through special events, public workshops, collecting and caring for the collection of buildings and other artifacts, and through the education program that reaches thousands of students each year.



Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo Geetha Gollapudi applies Henna Art during the Canadian Tapestry event held at Pickering Museum Village. These cultural events are among the reasons the museum has received a Museum Award of Excellence from the Ontario Historical Society.

Chases keep police busy

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The suspect slid into the driver's seat and took off, leading the officer in a pursuit on the eastbound Hwy. 401 to Bowmanville.

The car, which turned out to be stolen, exited the freeway at Liberty Street and went north. The driver made his way to the end of Lamb's Road, a dead end. Undeterred, the driver tried to churn his way across a field until the vehicle became stuck. He then took off on foot.

The officer chasing him happened to be a canine unit cop who had his dog on board; he dispatched the dog, which quickly tracked the suspect down. The suspect sustained a minor dog bite while being apprehended, Sgt. Malik said.

Charged with flight from police, dangerous driving and possession of stolen property is Christopher Robinson, 40, of Bowmanville.

• At about 2:30 a.m., officers on patrol in Ajax saw a Pontiac driving north on Church in an erratic

fashion, Sgt. Malik said. The cruiser did a U-turn and attempted to pull the car over.

Instead of stopping, though, the driver accelerated, passing a vehicle and continuing north. The police helicopter was called in to help track the car, which ran a number of stop signs and red lights through Pickering. Police finally called the chase off when the vehicle reached Concession 8 and continued to flee.

But using information gathered during the chase, officers were on a Scarborough doorstep at 8:30 Saturday morning. They charged 29year-old Michael Fitzgerald with dangerous driving, flight from police and breach of probation.

• Police called off another Ajax chase, which began around 4 a.m. the same day, Sgt. Malik said.

An officer on patrol attempted to pull over a black Acura that was seen driving with no headlights.

The driver sped up and made a run for Highway 401, taking off westbound. Police called that chase off, Sgt. Malik said.





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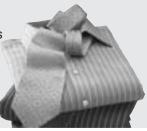
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Editorial Leaders lay it all on the line

Martin survives, Layton is strong and Harper looks prime ministerial

Tith millions watching and hanging on their every word, the four federal leaders squared off last night in English after taking each other on in French on Monday.

Who won the debate?

Clearly, the stakes were highest for Liberal Paul Martin and Conservative Stephen Harper, one of whom will be prime minister June 28.

But NDP leader Jack Layton and the Bloc Quebecois's Gilles Duceppe also have much to gain because the polls, at this point, strongly suggest a minority government, the first federally in Canada since 1979.

Mr. Duceppe took himself out of the debate off the top when he declared unequivocally in his opening statement that he would not join a coalition of the Conservatives or Liberals.

He passionately defended Quebec's interests during the rest of the debate, but clearly earned his spurs in French on Monday.

That left Mr. Layton, Mr. Harper and Mr. Martin to spar and joust for nearly two hours on four distinct topics: leadership and accountability; Canada-U.S. relations; the cities and provinces; and health care.

All three showed off solid debating skills. Mr. Martin was put on the defensive most often and had the difficult task of defending the sins of 11 years of government, including the Quebec sponsorship scandal, and cutting federal spending while he was finance minister. Mr. Harper had to contend with jabs from the other leaders over aspects of his platform - large tax cuts and increases in defence spending - in addition to questions about abortion and gay rights. Mr. Layton was criticized for the perception that his policies are anti-American and too expensive.

All three held up well under fire, with Mr. Martin showing passion and drive in his answers, and Mr. Harper, as always, very calm, cool and collected. But Mr. Layton virtually never wavered or back-pedalled in spite of tough arguments presented by his opponents, and was very smooth.

This debate proved several things: Mr. Martin has much to answer for, and given the pressure he is under, came out a survivor.

Mr. Layton showed he deserves a solid look by Canadians and will prove a tough, formidable leader in any balance-of-power scenario.

And Mr. Harper clearly has clear, well-thoughtthrough policies and an indefatigable nature, which make him prime ministerial material.





Letters to the Editor

Dragonboat event was the perfect guest

To the editor:

As a West Shore resident (bordering Bruce Hanscombe Memorial Park) I would like to commend the organizers and participants of last weekend's dragonboat event on a job well done.

After hundreds of people used the park Saturday and Sunday, together with lots of tents and equipment, it was left spotless by Sunday afternoon.

Also the parking problems that had plagued us in previ-

ous years were practically eliminated, except for a couple of isolated incidents.

On Monday morning at 9 a.m., City crews already started to remove the extra picnic tables.

Also the toilets were not brought in until the day before the event, much better than previous years when they were set up several days early, which is not only unsightly, but also invites vandalism.

Hopefully they will be removed just as promptly. If all events were run this well there would be no objections from the local residents when large groups of people want to use the parks and the bay.

Fred O. Wolfel Pickering

Lies make elections hard to stomach

To the editor:

Another election is upon us and trying to pick the party that will tell the least amount lies is going to be hard.

The lies that the Ontario Liberals (Dalton McGuinty) told during the last election have really made me think that all candidates will lie just to get elected. Then, when they are elected, they just sit back and collect their pay.

I would like to know how Paul Martin, being finance minister at the time money was going to the sponsorship fund, could say he didn't know about it. If you are fi-

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If the election were held today, would you vote:

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- Green Party
- Liberal
- □ NDP
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Last week's question:

Will the recent provincial budget be a factor when you choose whom to vote for in the federal election, June 28?

🗅 No, it's not a federal issue	61.8 per cent
🖵 Yes	36.6 per cent
Still undecided	1.6 per cent
Votes cast: 487	

In our community



They really cleaned up

Sean Malone snapped this photo of his 16th Ajax Cub pack after it had spent hours cleaning up Hermitage Park recently. It's the second time a local Scout or Cub pack has cleaned the park and Mr. Malone says leaders hope to do it again when the need arises.

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.

our current government?

Since it works, why change

To the editor:

The old adage "if it works. why fix it?" seems appropriate to clear up a politically confused electorate. Having emigrated to Canada 38 years ago, I am in a position to say from first-hand experience and, according to international surveys, that Canada is presently the greatest country on the planet to live in.

Why, at this time, do we want to fix it? It's time for a change, they say.

Is this simply because of a

dishonest individuals few whose activities are being exploited by the opposition parties, in what is now known as the sponsorship scandal?

Are we forgetting that dishonest people are found in all political parties and all segments of society?

I believe Canadians are not so dumb as to want to change or fix a government that has one of the best track records of all the nations in the world.

Basil van Dieman Pickering nance minister, isn't it your job to know where the money is going?

An item by Karen MacDonald, the Green Party candidate in Ajax-Pickering Riding, that I would like to see made into law, is that a financial report be done and published every quarter, the way big companies have to. I'm sure there are enough civil servants to handle it. If that was done then the parties would not be able to say they didn't know there was such a big deficit.

Plus, I think the country has a right to know how far in debt we are.

Ray Johnston

Ajax Hope for a healthy delivery

Chemotherapy has all the emotions of a pregnancy

"m starting to believe that being on chemotherapy is a lot like being pregnant. In my case, I get chemo every day for five days in a row. Then I get three weeks off to rest and let the body rebuild itself. The whole cycle takes about 30 days. Like a pregnancy I can actually break my treatment down into trimesters. And the similarities are startling.

At the outset I am bubbling with enthusiasm, eager to read every book and Internet article I can get my hands on regarding the wonderful process going on in my body. I eat all the right things, exercise diligently and take good care of myself. I can't wait to hear the pitter-patter of little toxic feet. Not having been through this before I am, of course, a little nervous too. Will it hurt? Don't be silly, I tell myself. Why, killing cancer cells is the most natural thing in the world. People have been doing it since the world began, you ninny.

In my second trimester things aren't quite as rosy. The wonderful process begun in my first weeks has now become, quite



enter laughing

frankly, a royal pain in the ass. I don't like my body so much anymore. I think I look awful. I feel nauseous a lot and I rarely get off the couch. I'm bitchy. I wear pyjamas all the time, my version of maternity wear.

Feeding me becomes an arduous guessing game. I may say I feel like eating one thing, and then the minute I sit down to a plate of it, the smell makes me gag. I am plagued by cravings, usually for things that are not at all good for me. After one chemo session I make my wife pull over so I can get a huge plate full of steak and eggs and homefries. Nothing on the plate even remotely green. I inhale it, my wife staring in shock and smiling weakly. She knows better than to object. Believe me, you don't really want to get into it with a man in his second trimester of chemo.

By the time the third trimester rolls around, chemo patients,

like their pregnant female counterparts, are fairly glowing. This is, however, nothing to do with hormones or the bliss of a prospective newborn. It's just the radiation treatments. Once you've been blasted with enough x-rays, you can read without a light on.

Finally delivery day arrives and my I.V. tube is pulled out of me as I kick and scream. My jubilant wife and I beam with pride. They let me hold it for a while before taking it away.

The weeks go by and soon, I am feeling better, more myself. After a while, remarkably, the pain and suffering of the first delivery are forgotten. And then as time passes, I find myself yearning for a second treatment. After all, I'm over 40 now and there is some urgency. My biological clock is ticking away loudly.

So, before we know it, we're happily doing it all over again, blissfully unaware of what's coming: the discomfort, the nausea, the cravings, the paralyzing fatigue. Why do we do it? For the same reason people get pregnant I guess. We're in love.

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

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering will hold a public meeting on Monday, June 21, 2004 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers, Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, Ontario, pursuant to Section 12(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, to consider development charges that may be imposed against land undergoing development within the jurisdiction of the City of Pickering. The City of Pickering is undertaking an Environmental Assessment for the replacement of the existing Sandy Beach Boad Bridge over Krosno Creek. The structure is located

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public generally about the proposed development charges and to solicit public input. Any person who attends the meeting may make a representation to the Council in respect of the proposals. The Council will also consider any written submissions.

The Development Charge Background Study required under Section 10 of the said Act setting out the development charge proposals will be available on or after June 4, 2004 during regular business hours.

Any comments or requests for further information regarding the proposed development charges may be directed to Mr. Gil Paterson, Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer, at 905.420.4640 or gpaterson@city.pickering.on.ca.

Dated at the City of Pickering this 26th day of May, 2004.

Bruce Taylor, AMCT, CMM City Clerk

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In January 2003, a Fill and Topsoil Disturbance By-law No. 6060/02, was passed by Council to control filling operations and land disturbance activities within the City of Pickering.

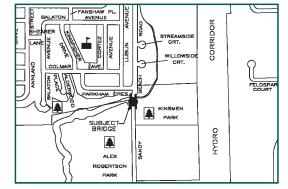
SO, prior to doing any work within your property that requires placement or removal of material that will exceed 20m³ (()), contact the City of Pickering, Planning & Development Department at 905.420.4617 for information and/or a copy of the By-law.

By-law No. 6060/02 is also available on our website cityofpickering.com



between Parkham Crescent and Montgomery Park Road (see Key Plan below). The existing bridge does not meet current design standards, nor is it wide enough to accommodate two lanes of traffic with sidewalks.

This study is being conducted in accordance with the Schedule B requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.



You are invited to attend a Public Information Centre, where the Project Team will provide you with information regarding the project. Members of the Team will be available to answer questions you may have related to the project. The Public Open House has been scheduled as follows:

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Pickering Central Library – Upstairs Auditorium One The Esplanade

We welcome any comments you may have about this study. For further information please visit the website cityofpickering.com or contact either of the following persons:

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Public Information Session Asian Long-horned Beetle



Thursday, June 24, 2004 7:00 pm Pickering Civic Complex Council Chambers

Howard Stanley, Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALHB) Project Officer with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will speak to the public regarding this exotic pest June 24, 2004 at 7:00 pm, in the Pickering Civic Complex council chambers. For further information please contact the:

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Sports & Recreation

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Leg injury can't keep Shamasdin from gold

Dunbarton High tennis player battles pain, strong opponent to secure OFSAA title

By Al Rivett Sports Editor

PICKERING — After bowing out in the semifinal of the provincial high school tennis championships a year ago, Pickering's Irfan Shamasdin was keen to take the next big step. This year, the Grade 12 Dunbartop High School student put it of

ton High School student put it all together on the court. But, it didn't come without some difficulty.

Shamasdin, 17, defeated Jordan Talbot of Thornhill 8-6 in the men's singles championship to capture his first ever Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship at the Mayfair West Club in Toronto last week. Shamasdin battled through leg cramps in his right hamstring during the final match. Even though playing in pain, defaulting was something he was loath to consider. "I just trying to play through it; I just tried to put the ball in play," says Shamasdin. "I didn't think about defaulting. I knew I could beat him. I tried not to think about the cramping in my leg."

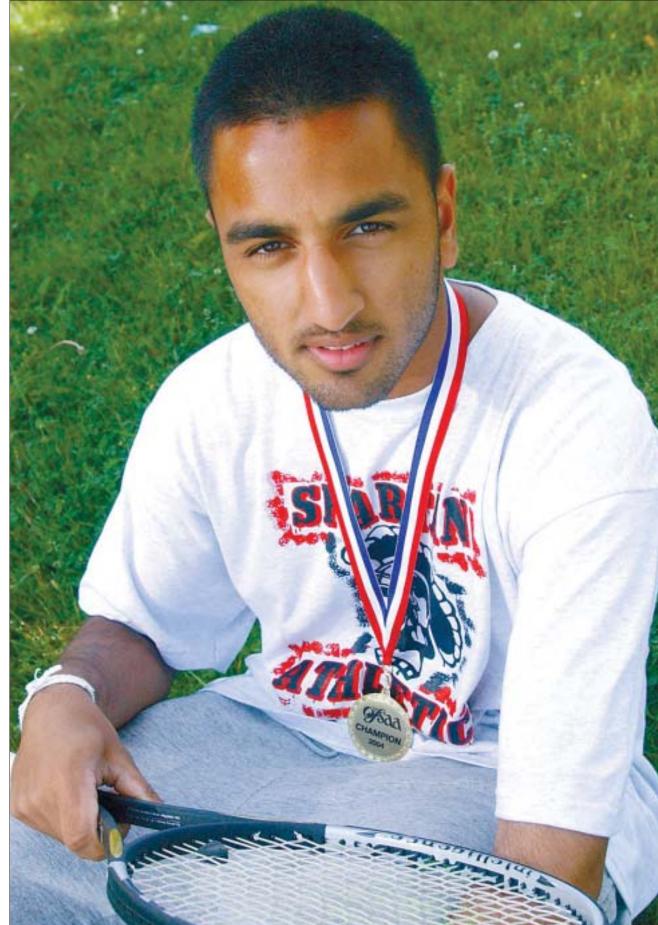
Talbot, says Shamasdin, is a player he's familiar with, having played him three or four times at Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) events. He defeated Talbot in the second round of 2003 OFSAA Tennis Championships, but admits this year his opponent represented a stern test.

In fact, Talbot led 5-3 at one point in the match, with Shamasdin tightening up when it counted in order to take the pivotal contest and earn the provincial title.

Shamasdin notes winning the OFSAA title was a fitting end to his high school career.

"For sure, I wanted to beat last year's performance and I wanted to leave high school tennis on a good note," he says.

In total, Shamasdin played four matches against the top high school tennis players in the province. After sidelining his first opponent 8-5, he



Sports Briefs

JUNE 16, 2004

Heat bantam girls hot in fast pitch tournament play

PICKERING — The Pickering Heat bantam girls' rep fast pitch team captured gold medals in back-to-back tournaments recently.

In their most recent event in Brantford last weekend, the Heat, sponsored by the Pickering Men's Slo-Pitch Association, played an outstanding defensive game en route to a 3-1 win over Ancaster in the final.

Earlier in the semifinal contest, the Heat faced Niagara Falls, who came into the tilt undefeated. Pickering unleashed a flurry of hits to post a 12-6 win to arrive in the final.

The bantam Heat posted a 2-1-1 record in round-robin play to earn their way into the playoff round.

The Heat bantams (girls ages 15 and 16) also captured the tournament crown at the Stratford Tournament late last month. Pickering edged Palmerston 5-3 in the gold-medal game.

To get there, the Heat beat the previously undefeated host Stratford squad 6-0 in the semifinal. Pitcher Jenn Lamonica struck out 14 in a superbly pitched game.

In round-robin play, Pickering posted a 3-1 record to move into the playoffs.

The Heat continues to work toward the Provincial qualifiers, to be held in late July.

Team members are Renée Bonneau, Heather Bowes, Michelle Deidun, Melissa DeSouza, Jayme Doughty, Laura Fujita, Jenn Lamonica, Andrea McGibbon, Stephanie Nakamura, Sam Puddister, Alysha Ripley and Jenn Valentini.

Dennis Bowes, Kathleen Bowes and Tracey McGibbon coach the team. The manager is Mark Fujita.

Devers slips past Felicien for gold in Norway race

PICKERING — The Gail Devers-Perdita Felicien rivalry was rekindled once more on the track in Norway last Tuesday.

This time, however, it was the American who slipped past Felicien in the 100-metre hurdles final at the Bislett Games in Bergen, Norway.

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won the event

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went on to defeat Craig Smith 8-7 in the second round. He then defeated Shawn Steward of Lucas High School of London 8-1 to earn a trip to the final.

In addition to high school, Shamasdin continues to play OTA events. At the recent indoor provincials, he finished sixth in singles and fourth in doubles with partner Robert Rotaru of Waterloo.

This fall, Shamasdin will attend the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC) on an athletic scholarship, signing his letter Jason Liebregts/ News Advertiser photo

Dunbarton High School's Irfan Shamasdin overcame leg cramps to capture the men's singles crown at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) Tennis Championships at the Mayfair West Club in Toronto recently. Shamasdin is headed to the University of Maryland Baltimore County in the fall.

of intent in April.

He had offers from Duquesne University in Pennsylvania, but says UMBC was a better fit, both athletically and academically.

"The academics are very high.

The balance between academics and athletics is really good," says Shamasdin, who'll study economics.

The men's tennis team at UMBC is perennially strong, he says, pointing

to the team's winning of the Northeast Conference title four years in a row. This year, however, the Retrievers tennis team will compete in the America East Conference for the first time.

Thorley's headed south

Ajax goalkeeper earns soccer scholarship to Northern Iowa

By Al Rivett Sports Editor

AJAX — Canadian content definitely factored into Krista Thorley's decision to play soccer at a university in the U.S. Midwest.

But, that's not the entire story. Being part of a small, personable campus at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) in Cedar Falls was also an appealing trait that drew her to the school and the Panthers' soccer program.

"Two of the three coaches were from London, Ontario which should make the transition a little easier," says the 17-year-old Grade 12 student at J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate in Ajax. "The campus is in a small community, so it won't be too overwhelming for me."

And, during her recent visit to the campus, she says the coaches and the players were uniformly friendly and welcoming, which also cemented her decision to continue her soccer career in Iowa.

"It seemed like a school that would care about me; I wasn't just a number," she says.

It didn't hurt that the women's soccer program at the school is a strong one, finishing fourth in the Missouri



Celia Klemenz/ News Advertiser photo Ajax goalkeeper Krista Thorley will play for the University of Northern Iowa this fall.

Valley Conference (NCAA Division 1) last season. It was the best seaon the school has had in its four years of women's soccer.

"They're hoping to move up with the addition of new players," says Thorley, a goalkeeper, who was signed on as the Panthers' former starting keeper, Anne-Marie Witco, graduates this year.

Thorley sifted through a number of scholarship offers before settling on UNI. She paid official visits to Charleston Southern University and to the University of Toledo in Ohio, before deciding UNI was the best fit. In order to get ready for the fall collegiate schedule, Thorley will continue to start with the Pickering Eagles Ontario Women's Soccer League entry. Currently, the team is off to a 2-0 start in league action.

She played most of her minor soccer within the Ajax and Pickering soccer clubs. Last year, however, she signed on to play with the Oakville Explosion of the Ontario Youth Soccer League's under-17 squad.

Apart from club play, Thorley also played with the provincial team and also trained at the national level last year.

Thorley won't have long to wait to get into action with the Panthers. She leaves for Iowa Aug. 8, with training camp beginning Aug. 10. The Panthers play their first exhibition game against Winona State on Aug. 18, followed by another friendly against Minnesota State Aug. 21.

NOTES: Thorley is a well-rounded athlete, playing on the senior girls' basketball and volleyball teams at J. Clarke Richardson. Ironically, she didn't play soccer, as the school didn't field a senior girls' team this year... She was named the 2003 senior female athlete of the year at Richardson... The honour roll student is also musically inclined, playing the tenor saxophone in the school's senior band and senior jazz band... In addition to playing soccer, Thorley's also a Class 3 soccer referee. PERDITA FELICIEN Second behind Devers in Norway.

The Norway De meet represent-

ed the second time Devers, 37, has defeated Felicien, 23, this summer. At the Home Depot Invitational in Carson, California, last month Devers finished first, with Felicien ending up third.

Three days prior to the Norway race, Felicien won the 100m hurdles event in the Grand Prix Golden Spike Meet in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

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 title.

Young takes on experience in charity basketball matchup

PICKERING — An evening of hoops later this month will hopefully benefit two worthwhile causes.

Former high school players in Durham Region are playing a group of current senior players in an exhibition contest at Dunbarton High School, 655 Sheppard Ave., in Pickering, on Thursday, June 24.

Presented by Chosen One Entertainment, the evening of basketball begins at 7 p.m. with a slam dunk contest, followed by the exhibition game at 8 p.m.

The doors open at 6 p.m., with those in attendance having plenty of chances to win prizes through a variety of basketball-related contests.

All proceeds from the event are split between the Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital and for the family of Makiri Alonzo, a former Dunbarton High School student who passed away recently.

Tickets, at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with student identification, are available at the door.

For more information, call Dwayne Delves at 905-426-5990 or 416-316-7844.

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Late goal keeps local senior 'B' lacrosse squad from weekend road sweep

By AI Rivett Sports Editor

DURHAM — Nine seconds.

That's all that separated the Ajax-Pickering Rock from two important road victories in Ontario Lacrosse Association senior 'B' league.

As it was, the Rock had to be content with a split of its weekend games.

The Rock (3-6-1, tied for sixth with Brooklin) finished a twogame road trip to southern Ontario with a disappointing 8-6 overtime loss to the last-place St. Clair Storm (2-9-0) in Wallaceburg on Sunday. The host Storm tied the game at 6-6 with a mere nine seconds remaining. St. Clair put the game away with two goals in extra time, including one on the power play.

"You could feel the wind go out of us," says Rock head coach Paul St. John of the goal in the dying seconds. "We got kicked in the stomach and never recovered."

Most disappointing for St. John was his club's regression in terms of its offensive performance, with numerous shots missing the net and good scoring chances going for naught.

"We dominated them, but we couldn't score goals. We definitely struggled and I don't know why," says St. John.



BRAD CANN Hat trick against Mohawk Stars.

travelled to Brantford to play the Mohawk Stars (3-5-0, seventh place), returning with a narrow 9-8 victory.

In his blunt assessment, St. John says the game officials turned what should have been a rout into a close match, due to questionable penalty calls that put the Rock in the box for 49 minutes compared to 24 minutes against Mohawk.

"Unfortunately, the referees dictated the game. We had to fight right to the end because of that. If they had called the game the way they should have called it, we would have been winning by 10 goals," says St. John.

In fact, the Rock jumped out to a commanding 4-1 lead at the five-minute mark of the On Friday night, the Rock contest. Ajax-Pickering led 9-7



PAUL ST. JOHN Tough loss to St. Clair.

with two minutes to go, with Mohawk scoring the final goal in the last minute.

Scoring for the Rock against St. Clair were John Derochie with two, Cody Laforme, Paul O'Grady, Pat Vanhooser and Bill McLean. Assisting were Brad Cann, Laforme and Mark Craig each with two, Graham Passmore and Shawn Summerfield.

Ajax-Pickering markers against the Stars came from Cann and McLean each with three, Steve Dunn, Passmore, and O'Grady. Assisting were Craig with three, Mike Miron, Cann, Jim Veltman and Laforme each with two, O'-Grady and Jaime Lumsden.

The Rock return to the Pickering Recreation Complex for a two-game home stand on the



Three goals in winning cause.

weekend. Ajax-Pickering hosts the Ennismore Shamrocks Friday at 8:30 p.m., while on Saturday, the Barrie Lakeshores are in the city for a 7 p.m. contest

NOTES: Veltman was not in the lineup for Sunday's loss to the Storm... Scott James has rejoined the Rock for the rest of the season after leaving for his native England for two weeks for personal reasons... The **Rock** is still in need of golfers for its tournament at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club on Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$100... Saturday's game against **Barrie** has been dubbed 'Minor Lacrosse Night'. Youths wearing their minor lacrosse jerseys get into the game free of charge...



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Ajax 89ers top Virginia Cup event

under-16 boys' rep soccer team emerged as champions from a prestigious U.S. tournament recently.

The Ajacians travelled to Fairfax, Virginia to compete in the annual Virginia Cup tournament -- one of the largest soccer events on the east coast with approximately 700 teams competing. The Virginia Cup included teams of the highest calibre, with the highest division normally reserved for state champs and state final-

AJAX — The Ajax 89ers tise, opted for the highest level of competition.

Showing great determination and effort in the final against Merrick NOGA Hurricanes from New York, the 89ers eked out a 1-0 victory.

In the semifinals, Ajax defeated a physical MCSA Hotshots squad from Virginia 2-0.

Ajax played its first game against Cherry Hill United from New Jersey, with the game ending in a scoreless draw. The 89ers dominated the game but were unable to conchances.

In Game 2, Ajax defeated the Merrick NOGA Hurricanes 3-1. The Hurricanes effectively used the offside trap to slow down the Ajax attack, but were ultimately unsuccessful in keeping the 89ers off the scoresheet.

Ajax defeated the Buckingham Bucks from Pennsylvania 3-1 in Game 3. The victory enabled Ajax to finish atop its division with a mark of 2-0-1.

Weeks earlier the Ajax 89ers travelled to Wheeling, West

where they played three games at the Wheeling Jesuit University, winning all three games handily.

Team members are Dane Roberts (captain), Evandale Black, Brilyn Colaco, Anner Cruz, Kashiff DeJonge, Ryan Dumpfrey, Geren Ellis-Gittens, Ian Gibson, Christopher Gour, Che Gray, Saijith Loganathan, Stephen Martino, Christopher Mitchell, Christopher Morris, Colin Francis, Brendon Chan and Kamall Campbell.

John Gibson and Jeff Wag-





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St. Mary Monarchs honoured

PICKERING — St. Mary Catholic Secondary School handed out its awards to the school's top athletes at the annual athletic banquet recently. Winners were, from left, Matt Thompson (senior boy), Ameer Barbara (midget boy), Terra Thomas (senior girl), Gillian Daues (junior girl), Chloe Masse (midget girl) and Nick Smith (junior boy).

Power soccer girls capture COVI Cup

Saturday, August 28, 2004

a chance to

Pickering under-17s tame Panthers, despite being short-handed

PICKERING — The Pickering Power under-17 girls' rep soccer team didn't let being short-handed stand in the way of a championship at the City of Vaughan International (COVI) Tournament recently.

With only 12 players available for the championship game against the North Mississauga Panthers, the Power was still able to play their

Pickering edged COVI hosts, the Glen Shields Sun Devils, 3-2 in the tournament opener. Munsie, Kerry Andrusiak and Stephanie Taylor scored for the Power.

In Game 2, Pickering powered past the North Mississauga Panthers 3-0. Katie Macina scored twice, while Melissa Egan added a single marker. In a hard-fought contest against the Oakville Storm in Game 3, Power

settled for a 1-1 tie. Vanessa Robinson scored the lone Pickering goal.

The under-17 Power will be training hard for upcoming Ontario Cup games in Niagara Falls July 16 to 18.

Other team members are Jordan



game, despite no bench strength. The Pickering girls prevailed 3-1 to capture the COVI Cup.

Aileen Verkuyl, Allison Fulton, Kristy Munsie scored for Pickering. Power goalkeeper Adrienne Milne was the tournament's most valuable player.

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Award-winning **News Advertiser** photojournalists highlight new show

AJAX – No paintbrush, no canvas, just life through the eyes of a camera lens.

The Durham West Arts Centre has some startling images to check out this month with the opening of 'Photography and Photojournalism.' The four featured photographers are the News Advertiser's own crew of professionals.

A.J. Groen, Jason Liebregts, Walter Passarella and Ron Pietroniro are provincial, national and North American award winners in their field. DWAC executive director Angie Littlefield recruited the photographers for the show.

"Their photos show the need for a quick eye, a ready camera and a keen compositional sense," she says.

Liebregts, who this week earned a Canadian Community Newspapers Association first-place award for best photo feature, also earned photographer of the year from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association this spring. His work has garnered a lot of attention, but working for a newspaper presents interesting opportunities.

"What I really prize most is meeting diverse and new people every day on the job," he says.

Passarella, photo chief for the News Advertiser and its sister papers in Durham Region, has earned many newspaper awards for feature, news and sports photography. But, he says his most important achievement was the successful transition of the photo department from film photography and dark rooms to digital photography and computers.

His most prized photo isn't one that won him accolades in the industry though.

"My favourite photo is the one featuring the birth of my first child," he says.

Groen does his best work when pursuing his love for photography with lots of time to develop his ideas.



year veteran with Metroland, has numerous awards in Ontario, Canada and North America. He can't picture doing any other job.

"Very few people get to do what they love on a daily basis, I do," he says.

"My father once told me that I should have become a plumber because they make more money. But, I don't think they ever give awards for great plumbing."

Littlefield says 84 photographic works are on display in the centre's First Juried Photography Show, which opened last night (June 10). The works represent 30 individuals ranging in age from eight years and

They are from Hamilton, Whitby, Scarborough, Uxbridge, Ajax and Pickering and represent a broad range of photographic talents.



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They're a true de Lites as they sing up a storm

Auditions being held for youth singing group

DURHAM - The Choral de Lites have capped off another successful singing season.

At the end of their third year, the group now has 50 young singers from Port Perry, Blackstock, Enniskillen, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Uxbridge, Sunderland and Seagrave. There are intermediate and senior groups for those ages 8 to 17.

Performances include regular concerts and special appearances. This past season, the de Lites took part in the Brant County Childrens' Choir Festival in Paris, where guest clinician, Jean Ashworth Bartle, founder and music director of the Toronto Children's Choir, said she was impressed with the choir.

This year, the de Lites are undertaking a musical theatre project.

"It has been a dream of ours to offer young people training and opportunity in musical theatre," said past president Nancy Forrester. "We are very pleased to have Liz Auston teaching our seniors a program that is developing their talents as well as providing lots of fun."

Auston is a local actor, writer and director who co-wrote and co-directed the Scugog Choral Society's 'Dynamite Dames.'

The de Lites recently presented the spring concert, 'Jumpin' in June!' with Canadian and American folk songs and 1950s music, choreographed by local dance teacher Carey Nicholson.

Auditions are now being held for the September choirs. Call Judy Anderson, choir manager, at 905-985-

"My photographic education came from desire and trial and error," he says. "Believe me - it was a lot of trial and error."

Although he was asked to be part of the show for his award-winning work, he doesn't concern himself with accolades.

"Awards and recognition are nice, but to me, they are not the only measure of one's ability," he says. "Consistency is the key. Do what you do well and do it everyday."

At the opening reception, the choices for the many contest categories were presented based on the evaluation of judges Mary Cook and Dianne Horvath.

The centre is at 72B Old Kingston Rd. in Pickering Village in Ajax. The show continues until July 2.

A.J. Groen/ News Advertiser photos News Advertiser photographer Ron Pietroniro, left, congratulates Shirley Heard on her winning entry in the nature category of the Durham West Art Centre's Juried photography exhibit. Above, the exhibit's youngest entrant, Willow David, shows her work, a photo of the dome at the Royal Ontario Museum.

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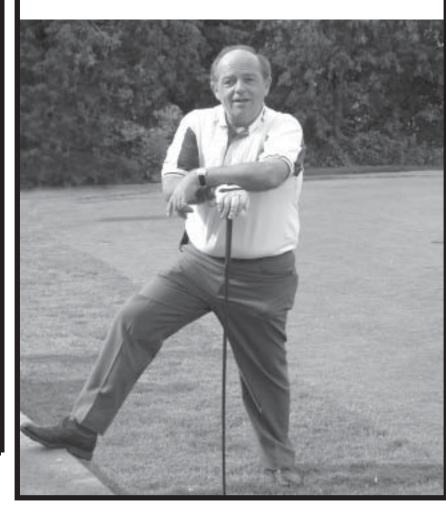
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Ron Pietroniro/ News Advertiser photo

The entries were wide and varied Saturday as the Ajax Home Week parade wound its way through the downtown core. Above, James Rim, a member of Rim's Tae Kwon Do, delivers a kick, while, at right, that fun-seeking clown Joe Dickson gives the parade judges a squirt. Above middle, Ajax Comet Baton Club member Miranda Stewart spins her baton, and far right, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322 in Ajax show their colours.

Canadian, Chinese cultures come together

AJAX – Durham resident James Lee is showcasing his artwork at the Ajax Public Library this June.

The Canadian and Chinese Art Exhibit is in the main branch of the library's Rotary Room from June 1 to 30.

Lee combines traditional Chinese training with portrayals of the Canadian landscape in a unique manner.

Foundation meets tomorrow

The Pickering Museum Village Foundation talks annual business tomorrow.

The foundation holds its tea and annual general meeting Thursday, June 17 at the Petticoat Creek Community Centre.

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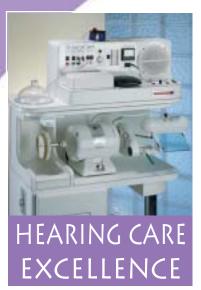
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