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PICKERING — Dunbarton Spartan Rayon Segree is intent on getting past the St. Mary defence during senior boys basketball action at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School on Tuesday. Dunbarton held on for a close win, 50-48.

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Pickering OK with delays on greenbelt

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Responding to requests from the public, municipalities and the opposition, the Province has decided to delay the passing of its greenbelt legislation.

The deadline for comments had been Dec. 12 and the legislation regarding a Golden Horseshoe greenbelt was to be passed before the one-year moratorium on urban development ended Dec. 16. Late Thursday afternoon the government announced the development freeze in the greenbelt study area has been extended to March 9, while the deadline for submissions is now Dec. 20.

"We've determined to extend the development freeze to provide an opportunity to ensure all the comments received would have time to be reviewed before the government decision is made," said Wayne Arthurs, Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge MPP. "We want to ensure we get it right and the best way to do it is to have adequate comment."

John O'Toole, MPP for Durham Riding, said the Conservatives pushed for the delay.

"All we were calling for was for them to listen to the public and take the time to get it right," he said.

He said it took his government a number of years to finalize the Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act so the Liberals should take time to

get the greenbelt legislation right. Mr. O'Toole said he is supportive of the idea of the greenbelt.

"I don't think anyone disagrees with greenspace and the need to have some assurance that valuable farmland isn't paved over," he said.

Mr. Arthurs said he has heard many positive comments about the initiative.

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Dickerson sounds off on nuclear sirens

Pickering residents don't want the units, he says

By Danielle Milley
Staff Writer

PICKERING — Doug Dickerson doesn't want to hear there are going to be less alerting sirens installed in Pickering, he wants to hear there won't be any.

The recently elected Ward 2 City councillor reiterated this week what his constituents have said repeatedly.

"The people of Bay Ridges clearly do not want sirens, period, end of conversation," he said.

Coun. Dickerson made his comments at Monday's management forum meeting where Tom Melymuk, division head of corporate projects and policy, updated councillors and the

mayor on the nuclear alerting system.

"We have made some very good progress on the review of public altering with Durham Region," Mr. Melymuk said.

Provincial policy requires that an alerting system be erected within a three-kilometre radius of a nuclear station. The Region purchased the equipment (which was paid for by Ontario

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Ryan pleased to have more time with greenbelt legislation

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us for," he said.
 But Mr. Arthurs added there are also landowners who have expressed concern about losing out on possible development without any compensation from the government.
 "(Compensation) is not something the government has been giving any consideration to," he said.

Mr. O'Toole said many people from this mainly rural riding have concerns. "By and large agriculture people were surprised and felt powerless and felt they needed much more time to make sure the boundaries and geographic areas of the greenbelt make sense," he said.

In its discussion of the greenbelt, one of the City of Pickering's concerns was about how little time was being given to review comments before a decision would be made.

Mayor Dave Ryan saw the delay as a positive step. "I'm pleased that they've extended the deadline, it's what we've been telling them all along," he said.

He said he hoped the extra time leads to meaningful consultation and review of comments.

Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner echoed his sentiments.

"It was a very positive step to allow for more open and inclusive consultation... Also, it's a wise step for them to allow time for views of stakeholders to be considered," he said.

He had no concerns with development being frozen for an additional three months, since the City has been restricted regarding development.

"For the City of Pickering it is pretty well status quo because we've been under a minister's zoning order and Ontario Planning and Development Act for some time," he said.

In its recommendations to the minister of municipal affairs, Pickering has requested the southern portion of the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve be removed from the greenbelt plan. Under the City's growth management study the southern portion of the pre-

serve is slated for development for 38,000 people.

When asked if he believes the preserve should be included in the greenbelt, Mr. Arthurs, the former mayor of Pickering, said, "that's an ongoing difference I have with my government.

"I agree with the City's recommendation that their growth management study should proceed to its conclusion."

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Police Food and Toy Drive in full swing

Officers hope to help more than 1,000 families

By David Nusair
Special to the News Advertiser

DURHAM — The Durham Region Police Service Christmas Food and Toy Drive is underway, now in its 16th year.

The drive got off to an impressive start, following the presentation of a \$5,000 cheque by the Police Appreciation Night committee representative Allyson Allin. The funds were raised during October's Police Appreciation Night, which was held at the Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility.

"You always hear stories about families that are in need, so it's

just a wonderful feeling to be able to help out," said Ms. Allin, who has been a part of the Food and Toy Drive for seven years.

Drive organizer Stephanie MacDonald is anticipating that the goal of helping more than 1,000 families will be met, noting that donations have already started pouring in. "We're hoping for a very successful year once again," she said. "It's a lot of work, but knowing that we've helped the families we have (makes it worthwhile)."

The drive counts on the support of both police and civilian volunteers, along with local car dealerships which donate the use of their vans for delivery purposes. Over 400 businesses have pledged their support, while 38 agencies (a number that's always on the rise) ensure that needy

families receive the donations. The hand-off of the toys and food is done quietly throughout the month, but volunteers are rewarded for their efforts with a reception in January.

Police Chief Kevin McAlpine expressed his confidence that this year's drive will be just as productive as those that have preceded it.

"We're very proud of the organizers and volunteers who have organized this event for the last 15 years," he said. "Certainly in our community we have our fair share of people that need it."

Donations of food and toys will be accepted at the Durham Regional Police Service Christmas Food and Toy Drive Depot at 650 Rossland Road East or at any police or fire station until the morning of Dec. 24.

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Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food or money donations to support the families, while taking part in ball hockey fun against staff members.

It is in the front parking lot of the Fox and Fiddle Mansion, at the corner of Liverpool and Kingston roads on Sunday, Dec. 19 at noon.

For more information, call 905-831-1000.

Pickering community groups getting a board budget break on the rental of school buildings

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — The public school board is slashing the rates it charges to non-profit groups that rent school facilities — and some will receive a rebate as the change is retroactive to Sept. 1.

Single gymnasiums will be reduced from \$12 per hour to \$6. Double gymnasiums from \$22 to \$11, and classrooms from \$6 to \$3 per hour, reported Durham District School Board's business superintendent Ed Hodgins at Monday's board meeting.

As well, rental cost for an auditorium has dropped by 25 per cent, and renters will pay less to have a board custodian on duty after hours.

Custodial overtime rates for non-profit groups go from \$30 to \$21 per hour, Monday to Satur-

day, and from \$40 to \$28 Sundays. Weekend start-up premiums, generally covering the cost of re-starting a school's heating system, fall from \$30 to \$21 on Saturdays and from \$40 to \$28 on Sundays.



Ed Hodgins

Sixty-six Durham schools will be available for rent later on Fridays, until 10 p.m., as custodial hours are being extended.

In July, the ministries of education and tourism and recreation announced funding for a Community Use of Schools initiative. The idea is to encourage more

community use of schools, and to make it cheaper for non-profit groups to rent them. The board is receiving about \$603,000, but had to enter into an agreement with the Province in order to access the money.

"The intent would be to add custodial hours supported by this grant," Mr. Hodgins told trustees. In an interview, he said no new staff would be required as custodial hours would be extended later into the evening.

"It makes so much sense for the school boards to share the facilities with the community at large," Oshawa Trustee Kathleen Hopper said.

She noted the Durham board owns millions of dollars worth of facilities that should be available

to groups when students aren't in school.

Fellow Oshawa Trustee Susan Shetler asked for an estimate on how much the rebates would cost the board. Mr. Hodgins responded approximately \$100,000 would be returned to school user groups.

Noting the agreement is in place for just a year, Whitby Trustee Elizabeth Roy wondered how groups could be made to understand why there's a rate increase a year from now if the initiative isn't extended. Mr. Hodgins said those receiving a rebate would also get an explanation.

Last year, Mr. Hodgins said board facilities were rented for more than 37,000 hours.

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Pickering working on solution that minimizes number of sirens

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Power Generation) but Pickering council and residents have expressed concern and outrage over the system — 45-foot concrete poles with a siren on top.

"No one right now is looking at an alternate solution until we come up with the best option with this solution," Mr. Melymuk said.

There were to be 27 sirens in Pick-

ering and two in Ajax but through discussions between City and Regional staff, as well as consultants, that number has been reduced.

"Immediately (the consultants) said if you ask different questions we can reduce it by 20 per cent," Mr. Melymuk said. "Our objective is to find a solution with the least amount of sirens and hide them as best we can."

Coun. Dickerson was not happy

to hear staff is working on finding a solution with the current system.

"What we're talking about is no different than what was used in London on towers in air raids," he said.

Mr. Melymuk said a report on the new proposal should come back to council a few months into the new year.

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EDITORIAL

We have to save our greenspace

Our natural areas deserve full protection from future development

Regeneration, protection and new opportunities are at the centre of a new management plan for the Greenwood Conservation Area.

Located in north Ajax and stretching across into Pickering, the 283 hectares that make up the area have provided residents in the two communities with a unique environmentally-sensitive area for a number of years.

The management plan was created by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, which owns the entire area, but only manages the portion (about two-thirds) that falls within the Ajax boundaries.

The plan takes an environment-first approach, using eight 'management zones' in areas such as restoration, public use, and natural environment.

Among the key pieces of the plan for the Pickering portion is the restoration of old fields and meadow areas, and helping to accelerate the process that will get more forest cover. In addition, while a trail already exists, it will become part of the greater Trans-Canada Trail and signage will be added to designate the path as such.

In the Ajax portion, among the plan's targets is the restoration of a former gravel pit, which is now used as an off-leash area for pets. Restoration will take about 18 months, with native plants eventually ending up there. Work will also be completed on the Duffins Creek system, which will mean re-routing some walking trails to ensure the waterways thrive.

Finally, the Town will establish a stewardship committee to help implement the plan, a public participation exercise that has worked well in other areas.

Taking care of our natural areas can't be an option, it simply must happen. Projects such as this, along with others like the watershed plan for the Duffins and Carruthers creeks, and efforts by groups such as the Frenchman's Bay Watershed Rehabilitation Project are vital to sustaining our sensitive ecological resources.

Our environmentally-sensitive lands must have the support of all levels of government, along with all residents.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Politicians should pay for garage

To the editor:

Re: 'Region OKs \$14m parking garage,' Nov. 12.

The politicians and bureaucrats responsible for this situation should be required, along with the potential users, to raise the funds for it personally. There is no way the taxpayers of Durham Region should be picking up this outrageous tab to park cars. If they don't like that idea then tell them they can always use public transit to get to work. I'm sure the bus operators will be only too pleased to expand their services.

The vast amount of tax dollars involved in the Regional Headquarters project could have been better used to produce something more attractive. The whole project appears to have taken on a life of its own and is out of financial control.

How about all you other Durham taxpayers adding your voices to let our political servants know that we are out here watching their activities and that they have to remember that it is our money they are spending - not theirs. Apathy is not acceptable.

John Townsend
Whitby



Barrett the right choice for board

May be trustee rookie, but education experience is extensive

With six children and a busy job, one would think Michael Barrett has enough on his plate.

But the Oshawa trustee heaped on a lot more Monday, when he became chairman of the Durham District School Board. Mr. Barrett is a rookie trustee, so one would think he's not qualified for the position. In fact, the opposite is true, and he's a good choice.

As he noted in an interview, Mr. Barrett has attended board public meetings for six years. He is a former school community council and regional parents' advisory council chairman. Most recently, he was one of two board representatives on the Ontario Public School Boards' Association. Mr. Barrett knows the issues and, as a vice-president of human resources, is accustomed to working with and training people.

He's clearly committed to hard work and that's a plus to the board and parents. After losing two trustee elections, Mr. Barrett could have given up, could have stepped back from school-related stuff. But in the contentious and often surreal term preceding this one, he saw first-hand a dysfunctional group and was determined to help get it back on track.

Mr. Barrett is someone who speaks his mind. He is one of a few trustees who acknowledged they didn't fully understand the impact on parents and students of the board's new transportation policy. In March, as the board approved a new school building plan, he warned that the needs of older school communities



Mike Ruta
staff writer

and high-growth areas would cause "a socioeconomic war of the north and the south."

As for the outgoing chairwoman, Whitby Trustee Elizabeth Roy earned a lot of deserved respect from her colleagues and constituents in her four years as board leader. She faced a trustee rebellion at one point and her share of controversies. Trustee Roy's experience is a huge asset to the board, and Mr. Barrett will certainly benefit from her good counsel.

The chairman's job is an important one. Remember, this is a large school board, with almost 70,000 pupils, more than 6,000 employees and a half-billion dollar budget. True, staff does virtually all of the work of running it, but the chairman is the face of the board. With Mr. Barrett, trustees have chosen someone who is smart, forthright and equipped with a sense of humour.

He'll likely need the latter in the coming months.

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Follow the leader

AJAX — Daniel Robertson moves around his little brother Jordan during a game of soccer at the ball diamond next to St. Patrick Catholic School. Paul Robertson had his four kids out for the friendly game recently.

Lamaze group offers free seminars

DURHAM — A local Lamaze group is offering free early pregnancy workshops across Durham.

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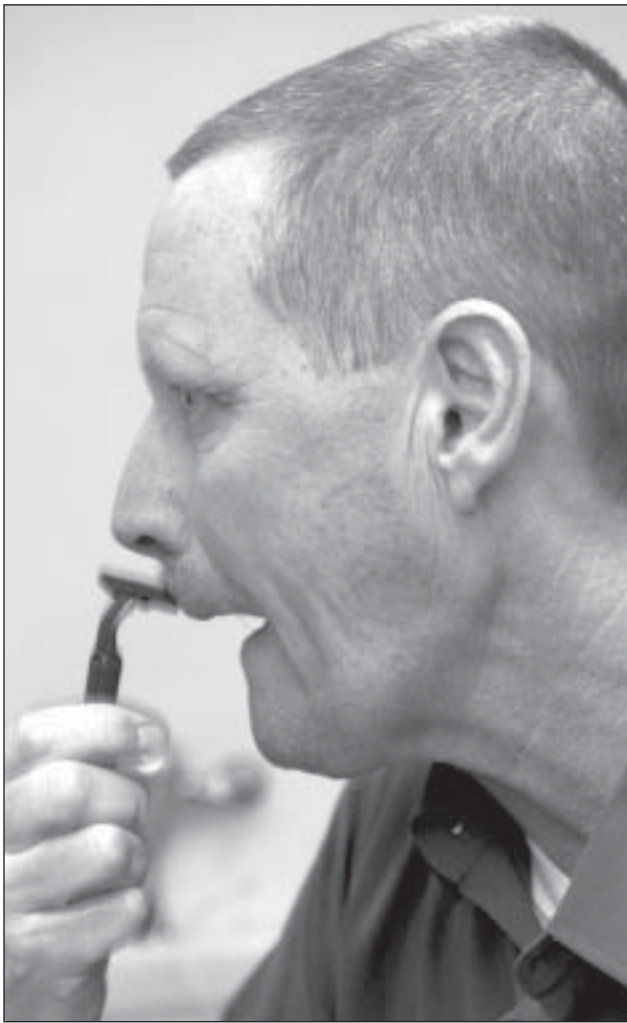
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Clean-cut image

DURHAM — Garth Johns, Durham Region's commissioner of human resources, has a new look after his staff raised \$2,700 for the Durham Children's Aid Society. Mr. Johns shaved off his moustache of 32 years. In addition, he received a new haircut from Tim Oke, who also had his hair coloured red.

Grief support available at Ajax-Pickering hospital

Group for those dealing with a death more than two months ago

AJAX — Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital is relaunching its grief support group.

The group is specifically designed for those who have experienced the death of a parent, partner, child or friend more than two months ago.

There are two sessions each week, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 8. One runs from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the other from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The

group runs for six weeks and has a limited number of spaces. The other five sessions run from 3 to 4 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The group explores topics such as, accepting a death, coming to emotional terms, creating a new identity, incorporating the loss, dealing with anniversaries, and

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The group meets at the hospital on the third floor of the west wing in the mental health outpatient department. Applications are available from the department by calling 905-683-2320 ext. 3263 or at McEachnie Funeral Home at 905-428-8488.

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Cost of bike path plan raises eyebrows at Region

By Jillian Follert
Staff Writer

DURHAM— Local politicians are in agreement that a system of regional bicycle paths would benefit the environment, promote an active lifestyle and complement the amalgamated transit system currently in the works.

What they don't agree on, however, is the cost of getting the wheels rolling.

A report presented at Wednesday's joint meeting of the Region's planning and works committees, put a \$121,500 price tag on hiring the firm of Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited to develop the ambitious plan, which would link existing municipal bike paths and create new ones throughout the region.

one with bike path planning expertise," he said. "And we need a comprehensive plan before we take on a project of this size."

The firm is expected to complete the project in three phases; a working paper that determines goals and objectives, a plan that develops cycling related policies and programs, and an implementation strategy that details actions and administrative tasks needed to begin actual construction of the path system.

Mr. Georgieff said consultation with individual municipalities and user groups will be a key component. A municipal advisory committee and stakeholder

workshops will be established during phase one, and a public information centre will be held at the end of phase two.

"If we want to address issues of gridlock in the region, this is exactly what we need. It's not enough for us to just amalgamate the transit systems," said Ajax Mayor Steve Parish. "I would like to see us spend \$121,500 on



Steve Parish

something I can see and touch, but I also understand the importance of having a master plan."

Oshawa Regional Councillor Cathy Clarke pointed out that some municipalities have already poured funds into creating their own master plans, and asked why the firm is spending money to create new ones from scratch.

"We have met with area municipalities and we're aware that some have their own plans already... those will be used as a foundation for this larger plan," assured Mr. Georgieff. "We're not abandoning them at all, we're building on them."

The \$121,500 needed for development of the plan, will be comprised of \$65,000 from the Planning Department's 2004 Operating Budget, and \$56,500 from the Works Department's 2004 Roads Capital Budget.

A motion to finance that amount and authorize the firm to begin work was carried despite outstanding concerns about the cost.

"I still have a real issue with how much we're spending for an office exercise," said Mayor Brunelle at the close of a lengthy debate. "Should it be done? Absolutely. Should it be done at any cost? I don't think so."

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"We're talking about spending over \$121,000 and we're not going to build one yard of pavement for that," said Whitby Mayor Marcel Brunelle. "It's a great idea, I support the idea... but that's a lot of money for people to sit in an office somewhere putting numbers together."

Commissioner of Planning Alex Georgieff defended the cost, noting that other municipalities have spent roughly the same amount on similar plans.

"This isn't something we can do ourselves, we don't have any-

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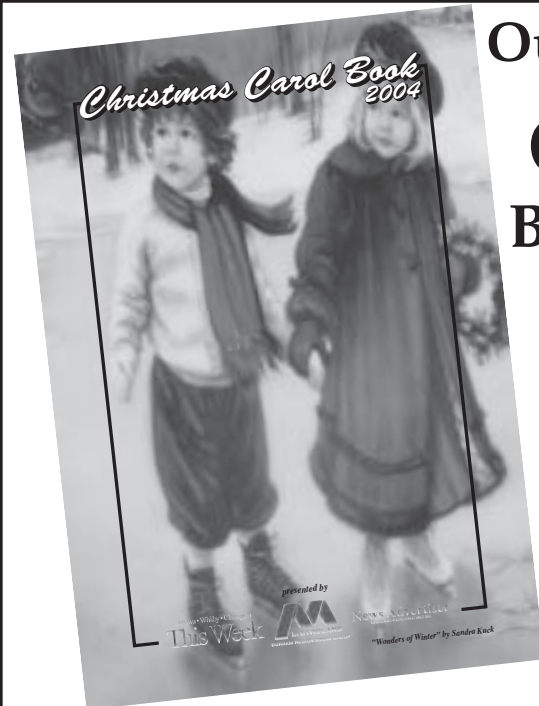
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The campaign ran from Oct. 19 to Nov. 29, with West 49 and its 58 Canadian locations joining Punk Band 'Rise Against' to challenge customers to bring in coats, in return for \$30 off a new coat. Last year the campaign collected 780 coats.

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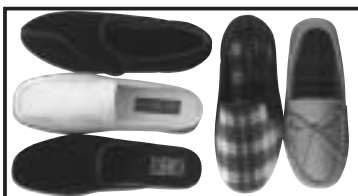
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O'Toole proposes increased tax credit for medical services

By Jennifer Stone
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Durham MPP John O'Toole wants Ontarians to get a bigger tax credit to help cover increasing medical expenses.

The MPP has introduced a private members' bill calling for elimination of the current threshold for tax credit, which stands at \$2,000, or 6 per cent of income, whichever is lower.

"The intent is to respond to the (current) government's budgetary measures, which de-listed chiropractic, physiotherapy and optometry, as well as instituted the health tax or the health premium," said Mr. O'Toole.

The health premium was introduced by the Province last spring, and collection of the tax began July 1.

Under the legislation, those with a taxable income of less than \$20,000 a year pay nothing, while those with incomes over that amount will pay based on income, to a maximum of \$900 a year.

If passed, the legislation, could "give people of Ontario a chance to choose the appropriate health therapies for their own individual situations," Mr. O'Toole noted.

"Think of the people who are paying for dental services," he said. "Oral health is extremely important."

A list of acceptable services could be part of any legislation stemming from the bill, said Mr. O'Toole.

A move to help patients recoup some of the money they pay out for service is welcome, said Geoffrey Smith, a chiropractor who practises in Bowmanville and Oshawa.

"Anything that's going to allow them to claim more money on their return is going to be a benefit," said Dr. Smith, who, along with all of Ontario's chiropractors, saw his services de-listed by the Province effective Dec. 1.

The bill has been introduced, though it's up to the Liberal government to determine when or whether it will be debated, said Mr. O'Toole.

"I would be pleased to relinquish my control" and allow the government to take it over and pass it into legislation, he said.

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Catholic services offering support to families in need

Santa Fund brings presents to Ajax and Pickering children

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Many local families aren't doing the mall crawl this month because, in an economic sense, the gift-giving season is a luxury they can't afford.

Women leaving abusive relationships without an income source, or families crippled by an earner who lost a job, focus on the day-to-day essentials, namely food and shelter, says Derek Wright, a family counsellor at Catholic Family Services of Durham, Ajax. So the gift boxes being



delivered through the News Advertiser Santa Claus Fund this month contain presents that would otherwise not be there on Christmas morning.

"I think it's really nice to be able to have the support and provide something extra for families that don't have something extra," he says.

The family-counselling organization serves Durham families and individuals from all religious, cultural and racial backgrounds in a variety of situations such as

a rocky marriage or a conflict at home that is spiralling out of control and could lead to violence. The Ajax office, which covers Ajax, Pickering and part of Whitby, and its Oshawa counterpart, handling the rest of the region, in 2003 assisted 2,140 people.

"We're pretty eclectic in a sense in that we provide a lot of services to different populations," Mr. Wright says, adding a large part of the work concerns family violence.

CFS receives referrals from schools, the Durham Children's Aid Society and sometimes from clients themselves. And while it's not always visible, Mr. Wright says there's a great deal of poverty in the Durham area.

To help make the holidays brighter, agency clients who applied for gifts for children receive help from the Santa Claus Fund, which the News Advertiser has joined this year, partnering with the Toronto Star, Mississauga News and Brampton Guardian.

In its 99th year, the fund provides children with a gift box containing a sweater, socks, mittens, a hat, a book, a toy and candy. The merchandise is all new and pur-



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Derek Wright, a family counsellor at Catholic Family Services of Durham, says the Santa Claus Fund fills an important void for some families.

chased directly from manufacturers at substantial cost savings. It is estimated that 1,000 gift boxes will be delivered to kids in the Ajax and Pickering communities.

This year's goal is to raise \$1.3 million and every dollar donated is used to buy the

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Winterfest opening ceremonies bring Santa and Mrs. Claus out for an early visit to Pickering

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Upon his arrival, Santa Claus suggested that Inspector Jim Douglas of the Durham Regional Police might not have been nice.



Kelsea Madden goes through a bridge made by Melissa Anne Hall, left, and City employee Kailey Lynch.

Madison Taylor had fun accompanying a clown band during the City of Pickering's opening event for its annual Winterfest at the gazebo in the civic square. There was music, fireworks, the annual tree lighting and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus (top photo).



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Eleanor and Bruce Doney get into the City's Winterfest activities building snow artwork for the Snow Sculpting in the Park in the courtyard of the Pickering Civic Complex Saturday. Snow was brought in specially for the event.

Winners were a cut above at Winterfest sculpture contest

PICKERING — City residents carved their place in Winterfest history last Saturday at Pickering's Civic Complex.

Snow Much Fun was Winterfest's sculpture competition and attracted 17 groups. Snow was brought in for the event.

Susan Lindo took first place in the adult category with her work. Earning first place among youth sculptors were Lisa and Adam Courneya.

The first-place entry in the family category was by the Jaciw-Zurakowsky clan.



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They call it puppy love

AJAX — Pat Handley's Grade 2-3 class at Westney Heights Public School was just begging for a chance to name their teacher's new dog. So when she offered them the job as part of a creative writing contest, Stephanie Lane and Muhammad Arhann both suggested Sasha which received Sasha's lick of approval. Others at the school have been busy in recent weeks as well with the Grade 5 classes raising \$1,700 for four-year-old Hayden MacIntyre of Whitby, who was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, and needed financial assistance to go to the United States for medical surgery. The students held food sales and some even raked leaves in the rain teacher Hillary Parker said.

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Durham SciTech lectures in Whitby

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Pickering Trustee Paul Crawford missed the most meetings, attending 20.

Compared to last year's attendance report, trustees' 2004 record is sterling. Of the 22 meetings represented on the 2003 report, one trustee attended eight, another nine and a third 13. None of the three ran for re-election after serving one term.

DURHAM — Public school board trustees chalked up a good attendance record over the past year, their first on the job for six of the 11 board members.

The Durham District School Board at Monday's board meeting released the 2004 attendance record, covering 25 board, special board and standing committee public meetings.

Uxbridge-Scugog-Brock Trustee Gord Baxter and Oshawa Trustee Kathleen Hopper were a perfect 25 for 25. Four trustees, Scugog Trustee Steve Martin, Ajax Wards 3 and 4 Trustee Lisa Hill, Whitby Trustee John Dolstra, and Pickering Trustee Sherry Croteau, missed just one meeting. Oshawa trust-

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AJAX — Over the past 20 years, Phyllis Desjardins has held just about every job with the Pickering and Village Seniors' Club.

For all of her "exemplary and dedicated service," Mrs. Desjardins has been recognized as the Ajax Senior of the Year.

A Pickering resident for 40 years, Mrs. Desjardins has been active with the seniors' club for the past two decades. In that time, she's been president for four

years, secretary for two and treasurer for six. Also, Mrs. Desjardins has been trip convener and bazaar director. Currently, she's on the executive as a member-at-large.

"It's a great pleasure to accept this prestigious award," said Mrs. Desjardins at a recent Ajax council meeting.

"I've been a member of the Pickering and Village Seniors' Club for 20 years and it's an opportunity to make many friends. I share it with them. It's a team effort. We're very fortunate to have this club to come to."

Mayor Steve Parish noted, "This award is designed to celebrate the countless

experiences, accomplishments and contributions of our seniors and Phyllis is truly a worthy recipient."

Mrs. Desjardins is also a talented artist, with her works having been displayed at several shows. She's a member of the Ajax Creative Arts Council.

She also enjoys travelling, is very involved in her church and, the mayor said, "she's always ready to help in any capacity."

The Senior of the Year Award was started by the provincial government in 1994 to recognize an individual who has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of a community.



Phyllis Desjardins was named Ajax Senior of the Year by the Town for her years of volunteer work in the community. News Advertiser file photo

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AJAX — The Gift of Giving has returned to Magwyers Pub in Ajax.

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This year, the pub is trying to reach out to more

people in need. It's holding its first 'Christmas Auction and Dance,' including a dance, on Saturday. The auction begins at 7 p.m. with the dance to follow.


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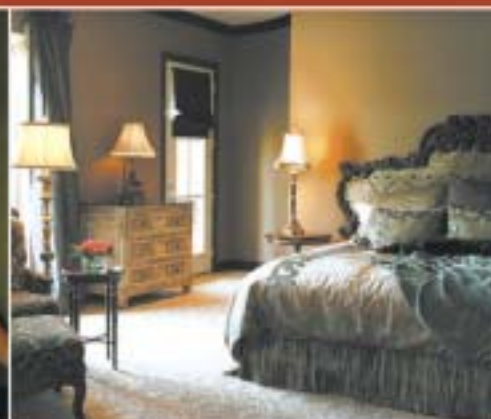
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mould problems. It's always best to speak to a professional first if you're considering this type of work.

Every time we use energy from fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, we produce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change and harm our environment. As part of Canada's effort to help the

environment, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has developed the EnerGuide for Houses service (EGH), which can provide a wealth of unbiased, expert advice on every aspect of home energy efficiency. An EGH energy advisor will help you make better decisions about your home.

Recently, the Government of Canada announced grants to homeowners who

complete energy retrofits. The incentive is intended to provide Canadians, especially those with older homes, with extra motivation to improve the energy efficiency of their home. For more information on EnerGuide for Houses grants for homeowners, or to find the name of an advisor in your area, visit energideforhouses.gc.ca/grant.



Here are some things you can do to put together an energy-smart renovation project:

- If you're replacing your furnace, consider a high-efficiency model. It's likely that the additional cost will be covered by the energy you save over its life span. You might also consider air sealing or adding attic insulation before you change your furnace. By amortizing the cost of renovations against the money you'll save with lower heating bills and the reduced cost of a smaller furnace.

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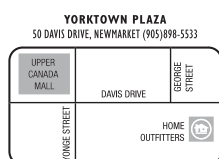
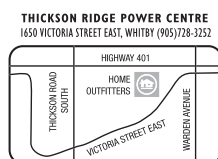
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The do's and don'ts of decorating with colour

Decorating is a world of personal choices. There are no hard and fast rules. Some broad principles, however, can help you to ensure continuity and harmony across your home decor. The pointers below from Dominique Pépin, senior brand manager at Sico and member of the Colour Marketing Group, can help you to use colours in your decor more effectively.

• Before you begin the paint selecting process it is always recommended to choose textiles, fabrics and furnishing first. It is easier to find a shade of paint than a shade of a fabric.

• Backgrounds should enhance what is in the foreground without being obtrusive. A good table setting looks best against a stark white background

• Keep continuity among rooms with a common colour in furnishing or woodwork.

• One colour should always dominate a colour scheme. Avoid using two colours of the same strength together.

• Cool colours recede and increase the apparent size of a room whereas warm colours advance and decrease the size of a room.

- Every room should have a focal point of interest. It can be an accent colour, a piece of furniture or an object of art.
- Use warm colours in rooms that do not face the sun and cooler colours in rooms that receive ample sunlight.
- Darker colours work well for skirting and trims. They are also strong accents.

From the calming tones of the sea to the urgency of a warning sign, colours affect our daily lives. Understanding how colours act can help you choose the scheme and achieve the effect you desire.

Once you've decided on the colours that you want to add to your rooms, you must know how to add these most effectively.

What mood do you want to set? For example, all neutrals in a room provide for a calm, quiet environment, while related colors make for a relaxing effect. On the opposite end of the spectrum, strong contrasting colors create a lively, stimulating mood.

One of the latest trends in paint involves monochrome colour schemes. That is the use of one dominant paint colour on the walls in a room. Complimentary tones or different colours are now added through the addition of accessories. For more information on home decoration and the latest colour trends visit sico.ca.



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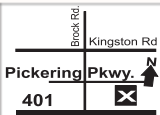
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'Everybody knew everybody,' recalls Bill Parish of Ajax' first election

Ajax: 50 years later

Tomorrow marks golden anniversary of important first

By Keith Gilligan
Staff Writer

AJAX — Fifty years ago, Elvis Presley was an unknown truck driver, Louis Saint-Laurent was prime minister, a computer filled an entire room, and televisions, for those who had them, were black and white.

Tomorrow, Dec. 11, marks the 50th anniversary of the first municipal election for a community that had a name, but wasn't incorporated. On Dec. 11, 1954, a record turnout of 76 per cent of Ajax residents went to the polls to elect their first council.

The population of Ajax was a fraction of today's and most residents lived within earshot of Hwy. 401. Voters selected a mayor, a reeve, a deputy reeve, six councillors and six school board trustees, all at large. They also picked local hydro commissioners.

In 1954, Bill Parish was elected a councillor and he later went on to become the mayor, a job his son Steve now holds. He recalls a different town than today.

The population "wasn't any bigger than probably 6,000. It wasn't any more than that," he said.

"Most of the single men and the single women, not all of them, had left. There were 600 houses up north (of the 401)."

Ajax had been the site of a munitions factory during the Second World War, drawing young men and women from across the country. The factory was run by Defense Industries Limited, or DIL.

During the Korean War, building began in the Admiral and Forest road areas. In 1955-56, construction of the Lakevista Gardens subdivision began. These are the homes

surrounding Ajax High School, in the Burcher and Emperor roads area.

Prior to the Town being incorporated, the community was called the Improvement District of Ajax and, while owned by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, was administered by a provincially-appointed board of directors.

The directors were Benjamin de Forest 'Pat' Bayly, John Mills and William Rideout. Mr. Bayly would go on to be the first mayor of Ajax, while Mr. Mills also served on the first council, filling the position of reeve until 1960.

Residents petitioned the Ontario Municipal Board in 1954 for the community to become a town. The petition was granted and the election set for Dec. 11.

"The Improvement District Board had done a good job," Mr. Parish says. "Most people felt we had moved to the point to elect our own council and school board. Ajax was growing and people wanted to come out from an appointed board."

During the war, "DIL made the rules and there was no municipal government then. People were feeling it was time they had an elected government," he adds.

And vote they did, as three-quarters came out to cast a ballot.

"When other municipalities were having 33, 30 or 35 per cent, we had a record turnout. That shows the enthusiasm of the people," Mr. Parish states.

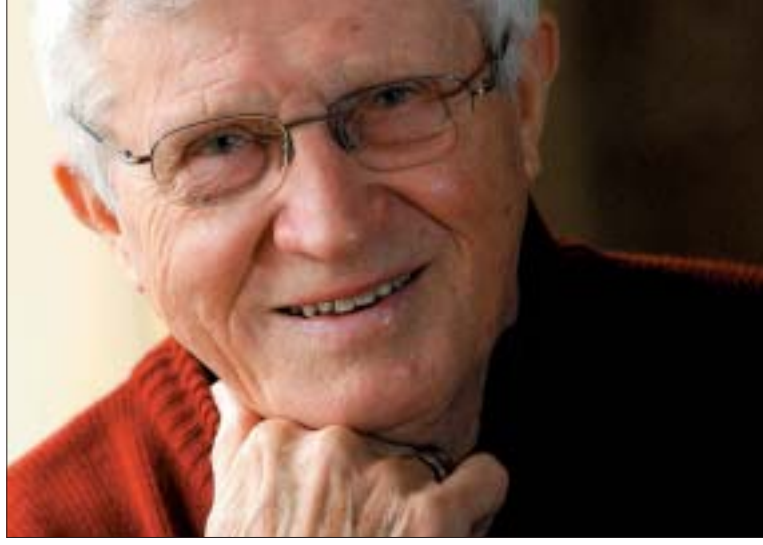
"Everybody knew everybody. They knew (the candidates) personally," he says. "I don't think we've matched it since. It's really marvelous when you think how it's slipped federally, provincially and municipally."

Mr. Parish recalls Mr. Bayly as "a brilliant man, a brilliant leader, a man of great integrity."

"He always wanted to do the right



Photo courtesy of Heritage Ajax Advisory Committee
Following the Second World War, many of the employees of the Defence Industries Limited stayed behind to build lives in what is now Ajax. The large influx of people from DIL played a significant role in the Town's first election 50 years ago tomorrow, and its incorporation on Jan. 1, 1955.



Jason Liebrechts / News Advertiser photo
Things have changed plenty since Bill Parish sat on the first-ever Ajax council. Mr. Parish recalls the initial election, 50 years ago tomorrow, attracted a turnout of 76 per cent of voters — a statistic any level of government would be pleased to achieve today.

thing for the community. He was a great person, but he wasn't one of those going around saying he was a great person. We were lucky to have him."

Mr. Bayly had been a professor

of electrical engineering at the University of Toronto when the war broke out. He was recruited by William Stephenson, also known as 'Intrepid', to head British Security Co-ordination (BSC). Mr. Bayly split his time between BSC headquarters in Washington and Camp X, the secret training facility between Whitby and Oshawa.

Mr. Bayly only served a single one-year term, deciding to focus his energy on his engineering and electronics business.

Mr. Parish stayed in elected office until 1963.

On Monday, Mayor Steve Parish presided over the final meeting in the current council chambers. Town Hall is undergoing an extensive renovation and during 2005, council meetings will be held at the Ajax Community Centre.

Both Town Hall and ACC were opened in 1967.

"Major growth had taken place in

Ajax and they had outgrown the old buildings," Mr. Parish.

People wanted what the new facilities, including the library, provided.

"It was time to move forward. It was the centennial year and it was a fitting way to celebrate the centennial," Mr. Parish notes.

There had been significant growth in the Lakevista and Southwood areas.

Once the CMHC sold its land to developers, "It really started to move. We began to move ahead," he said.

"There was an explosion of population after the war and they needed a place to live," he says, adding people wanted to be near Toronto. "It's the same thing today."

The current council chamber has been in use since 1967. Before then, Town Hall was the DIL administrative building. The new building opened on June 24, 1967 and the Ajax Municipal Complex was home to Town Hall, the public library, and the Ajax Police and Fire departments.

In 1974, the Ajax Police Department was folded into the newly-created Durham Regional Police Force.

Ajax became a Town Jan. 1, 1955 and the first council meeting was Jan. 10, 1955, starting at 11 a.m.

Mayor Parish said Monday that on Jan. 10, 2005, the present Ajax council will meet for the first time in the new year.

The bell from the HMS Ajax has been rung ceremoniously before the beginning of every council meeting.

It was presented to the Town in 1985, when the eighth HMS Ajax was retired.

During the renovations, the bell will be stored.

A year of celebrations is in the works

Committee planning includes gala, youth events, grand finale

AJAX — As with any 50th anniversary, a celebration is planned for the Town of Ajax's significant milestone.

This one is a little different, in that it will last a year.

A committee has been set up, headed by Ajax Ward 4 local Councillor Pat Brown, to plan the celebrations.

Planned events include the

mayor's levee Jan. 2, with a gala dinner and dance on June 11 at the Deer Creek Golf Club, and special Canada Day activities on July 1.

A youth event is set for Nov. 19 and will include a talent showcase.

It all wraps up Dec. 31 with a finale event.

Other events being worked on include a legacy project, which will focus on creating a lasting item, such as a sculpture or similar-type of artwork dedicated to the Town's anniversary.

A golden memories committee, headed by Louise Johnson, is planning

appropriate displays of memorabilia to be used at events.

Volunteers are also being sought to help plan activities, including souvenir development and publicity.

The committee goals for the anniversary celebrations are to create fun events that nurture civic pride while involving as many people as possible, creating a lasting legacy to the anniversary, and providing a chance to reflect on the past, including the period prior to incorporation.

For more information or to volunteer, e-mail 50thanniversary@townofajax.com or call 905-619-2529, ext. 335.

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Sam Beninato of Plumbing Mart said that a home renovation project should be a well-thought out decision. It could cost thousands of dollars and will affect your family for many years — enlisting the help of an expert is key.

The first step is information gathering. Visit showrooms, websites and publications to learn what products are available on the market. Get an overview and then narrow it down to what you really want.

"The next step is having a face-to-face meeting with a specialist, not a generalist," Beninato said.

It's important to work with a person you feel comfortable with. A rapport has to be established as well as a bond of trust.

HIRE A SPECIALIST

General contractors usually have the skill to oversee an entire project and often contract out specific parts of it.

Specialists focus on one trade. They do it day-in, day-out. They usually work faster because there is no learning curve and they are dedicated to the work at hand.

Beninato said that consumers should look for specialists such as those at Plumbing Mart, who can give them exact start dates, progress time and a substantial completion date.

"Buyers should be careful about vague timelines," he said. "If you're told that a contractor can start work in March, does that mean at the beginning of March or at the end of that month? Your life could be turned upside down for a whole month."

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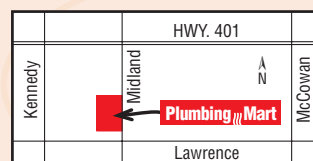
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FRIDAY, DEC. 10
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SATURDAY, DEC. 11
DANCE: The Ajax-Pickering One Parent Families Association holds a dance at the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Rd., Pickering at 8 p.m. Dress code in effect. All are welcome. Tickets are \$11 for members and \$13 for non-members and available at the door. 905-666-9262 (Sandra) or visit www.opfa.net.

GIFT WRAP: Have your gifts wrapped this holiday season every Saturday and Sunday before Christmas at Pickering Markets. The proceeds from the wrapping will go to United Way of Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge. The cost of the wrapping is subject to the size of the parcel. 905-686-0606.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12
CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church choir, under the direction of Mark Stephens, holds its annual Christmas concert Bethlehem Alleluia, starting at 7:30 p.m.. It will feature a wide variety of seasonal music from the

choir and other members of the congregation, as well as guest musicians. A goodwill offering will be taken to assist with the Ministry of Music at St. Timothy's, followed by refreshments. It's at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 97 Burcher Rd., Ajax. 905-683-6122.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Amberlea Presbyterian Church, 1820 Whites Rd. N., Pickering, holds a Christmas Celebration Concert at 7 p.m. The senior choir will perform Christmas music. Special appearances by the junior choir and the 7th Pickering Scout Choir. Free-will offering. Refreshments will be served following the concert. 905-839-1383.

FUN RUN: The 2nd Annual Snowflake Fun Run will take place at Rotary Park, Lake Driveway West, Ajax (at the pavilion) at 10 a.m. Registration is between 9 and 10 a.m. There's a 10-kilometre run and a 5k walk. It's free, but all participants are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to the Salvation Army's Toy Drive, as well as a food item for the potluck following the event. Call the Running Room at 905-420-4868.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14
PARENT SUPPORT: A support group meets in Ajax every Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. for parents of kids involved in drugs, alcohol, running away, dropping out of school, crimes and parent abuse.

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MEDITATION: A meditation group tries to achieve stress relief with relaxation, visualization, and mindfulness techniques, at 750 Oklahoma Dr., Pickering. It meets Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$5 to go to charity. Space is limited. 905-420-1248.

TOASTMASTERS: The Pickering Powerhouse Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday to work on public speaking, presentation and other communication skills. Sessions run from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium at the Pickering Public Library's central branch, One The Esplanade. 905-509-6769 (Sherrif Karamat).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15
HEAD INJURY: The Head Injury Association of Durham Region holds a Christmas Party at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 112, 117 Byron St. S., Whitby. People are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate, plus a gift value up to \$10 for gift exchange. Reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. sharp. For more information or transportation assistance, call 905-723-2732.

SINGLE PARENTS: The

Ajax-Pickering Chapter of One Parent Families Association meets at 8:30 p.m. at the Ajax Cricket Club, at the northeast corner of Monarch Ave. and Clements Rd., Ajax. Meeting is for both custodial or non-custodial parents, with children of any age. 905-666-9262.

HEAD INJURY: The Head Injury Association of Durham Region group, Connections Ajax-Pickering, meets in the Duffins Room of the Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd., from 1 to 3 p.m. Games, cards and conversation. 905-723-2732.

THURSDAY, DEC. 16
CAW RETIREES: A Christmas dinner for CAW Local 1090 retirees is being held at the Ajax Royal Canadian Legion branch, 111 Hunt St. Doors open at 5 p.m. 905-683-3510.

MORNING COFFEE: The Ajax-Pickering Christian Women's Club meets for morning coffee and more from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m., at the Annandale Golf and Curling Club, Church and Bayly streets, Ajax. In addition to music by Janice Beurling, Lori and Rebecca from A Stone's

Throw have suggestions for getting decked out for Christmas and Carol Rodgers shares a story of peace. The cost is \$8 at the door, \$5 for first-time guests. Complimentary nursery available by reservation only by calling Janet at 905-427-3072.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17
EUCHRE: The Autism Society, Durham chapter, holds a euchre tournament at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Ajax Branch, 111 Hunt St. Cost in advance is \$10 per person or \$15 for two, or \$15 at the door. 1-866-495-4680 (Leah).

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Busing seat decision to be considered early in the new year

Committee chairman says trustees making progress on review

By Mike Ruta
Staff Writer

DURHAM — Trustees are making gains in their review of the public school board's busing policy, and Durham parents could find out what they've come up with in about two months, says Trustee Susan Shetler.

The chairwoman of the board's ad hoc transportation committee

made the comments in an interview following a recent meeting of trustees, where board members discussed the policy.

"I think we're making good progress," Trustee Shetler said. "It might not be quick enough for the public, but trustees are beginning to understand all the different pieces when you review transportation."

Trustees have been examining components such as French immersion busing in their review of the policy, she says, adding trustees could be finished the process by late January or early February. Board members next plan to dis-

cuss the policy on Dec. 15.

The seven-month-old transportation policy provided extra busing services for working parents who count on day care. However, it also eliminated surplus seating for hundreds of students, and for months parents pressed the board to change it, arguing that children who had a seat on the bus are now out of luck, even though in some cases a sibling can ride and the vehicle has many empty seats. Board officials say the Ministry of Education directed the DDSB to pursue a transportation consortium, a move discussed for several years in Durham.

The former Conservative government, as it worked on a new provincial transportation model, had told boards they must be in a consortium to qualify for funding.



Denise Barrett

in a recent interview said when the model is introduced, boards

won't have to be in a consortium, although "it is implied by efficiencies in the model."

Questioned recently in the legislature about the transportation cuts the board made this year, he said, "they shouldn't have made them."

Denise Barrett, an Ajax parent who has gone to Queen's Park in an effort to have the board reverse course on the policy, suggests the minister is right on the money, noting the board received about \$18 million from the government for student transportation, but "has chosen to take this money and spend it elsewhere."

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Joyful noise permeates Pickering

City marks seasonal celebration with free concerts from 'idols'

PICKERING — The City of Pickering is celebrating the music of the season as part of its Winterfest celebrations.

During 'Make a Joyful Noise' music nights, the City has invited local choirs and musicians to play traditional holiday tunes for audiences at free concerts in City Hall's council chambers.

'Make a Joyful Noise' gives local musicians a chance to showcase their talents. The next set of performances are on Tuesday, Dec. 14 and features an opening set by the St. Monica Catholic School choir. Following that will be Alysha Harris, one of the 2004 Pickering Idol finalists. Then Valley Farm Public School Choir takes centre stage, followed by Priscilla Addo, another Pickering Idol finalist. The evening's final musical guest is 'Touch' - a five-member group singing festive tunes.

The third and final evening of the music event is on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The Westcreek Public School



Pickering Teen Idol winner Nicole Ponte entertains the crowd as part of the Winterfest celebration at the Pickering Civic Complex.

Choir will kick off the evening of music. Sophia Mangov, Kendra Armstrong, Alysha Harris and Kimberley Garret, all Pickering Idol contestants, will follow. The Justin Pilon Band and, finally, the Pine

Ridge Secondary School choir will also be on the musical bill of fare.

'Make a Joyful Noise' was launched on Dec. 7 with a performance by Nicole Ponte, the winner of Pickering's 2004 Teen Idol. Har-

ris, Addo and Lisa Manis were also on the bill.

After a second performance by all four girls, the Holy Redeemer Catholic School choir took the stage to wrap up the show.

Briefs

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[Film]

Lights, camera, action can mean prestige, cash

DURHAM — Amateur video makers can win big with their original productions.

The National Screen Institute — Canada is looking for five-minute movie submissions for its National Exposure Amateur Movie Contest 2005.

Filmmakers can win cash and prizes, and a premiere showing during the NSI FilmExchange Canada Film Festival on March 5. A panel of specialists from the television and film industries will choose 12 finalists.

Awards of \$100 will be awarded in seven categories: best director, best actor, best screenplay, best film under 18, best film from Manitoba, best film from Western Canada, and best film from Eastern Canada. The first-place winner earns \$1,000, while second receives \$500.

To enter the contest, filmmakers must fill out an application with their five-minute movie. The closing date is Jan. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

To enter, visit www.nsi-canada.ca.

[Choral concerts]

Durham Girls' Choir sings Saturday

DURHAM — The Durham Girls' Choir presents its Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 11 in Oshawa.

'Snow' will be held at 7 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, 51 Centre St. S. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and are available at the door.

The choir will also hold a dinner dance gala Feb. 5 and its spring concert April 30.

Adventist Choir sings Yule music

DURHAM — Contemporary and traditional Christmas music will be presented at the Dec. 18 concert by the 60-voice Durham Adventist Choir.

Among the selections will be Mark Kayes' new arrangement of 'Silent Night,' 'An African Celebration' and Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus.'

The choir is directed by Sharon Janes-Foreman and accompanied by Greg Foreman.

The free concert will be presented at 4 p.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2850 Hwy. 2 E, Bowmanville.

A freewill offering will be collected.

Pitt, Clooney jump back into the Oceans again

Hollywood who's who cast reunite

The following movies open in local theatres this weekend.

Oceans 12

Directed by Steven Soderbergh
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Three years after the gang of Oceans 11 hit it big with their \$160 million grab from the Bellagio, the Mirage and the MGM Grand casinos, the group tries to lay low.

But, as time moves on it becomes impossible when someone breaks the cardinal rule and rats them out to ruthless hotel owner Terry Benedict. Going straight goes out the window as Benedict demands his money back, with interest, or else.

Now they need another big heist and head to Europe to find it.

Blade Trinity

Directed by: David S. Goyer
Starring Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson, Ryan Reynolds and Jessica Biel. Rated R



Brad Pitt and Catherine Zeta-Jones are together in Oceans 12, which opens this weekend.

For a third time, the half human-half vampire bad boy Blade is back to fight the forces of evil.

The forces of the underworld frame him and add complications with local police and FBI, which arrest the dark caped vampire hunter,

forcing his rescue by Abigail, the daughter of Whistler, Blade's mentor. Forced into the underground by the new attention from local authorities, Blade joins the Nightstalkers, a clan of human vampire hunters as he draws closer to the vampire

legend Dracula.

Also out are 'Born into Brothers,' 'Dolls,' and 'Beyond the Sea.'

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THIS WEEKEND

Annual Lisa Flood Christmas Classic Swim Meet at the Pickering Recreation Complex pool from Dec. 10 to 12.

A soccer season to remember for Ajacian

It's still sinking in that Chapman and Irish are best in the U.S.

By Al Rivett
Sports Editor

AJAX — Several days after winning a national collegiate championship, Ajax's Candace Chapman is still in disbelief.

The 21-year-old forward with the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish women's soccer team still hasn't come down to earth from the high of winning the NCAA Division 1 championship over the UCLA Bruins in North Carolina on Sunday.

In a final that featured high drama at every turn, the Irish pulled out the improbable victory, after having an own-goal scored on them, and then, in the latter stages of the game, rallying to tie the contest. After overtime failed to provide a winner, the game proceeded to penalty kicks -- a first for an NCAA women's soccer championship game. In the end, Notre Dame edged UCLA 4-3 on penalty kicks.

"It feels unreal right now. It hasn't sunk in yet even though it's been two days since we won," says Chapman, a senior at Notre Dame, with one final season of eligibility.

"It's an amazing feeling." Also amazing was the reception the team received upon arrival back at the venerable South Bend, Indiana campus on Monday. It's one she'll never forget.

"Coming back to the campus was awesome. An escort drove us to the Main Circle (at the university) and there were tons of people to greet us off the bus. It was an awesome feeling."

The championship game, she says, was a "roller coaster" as her emotions ran the gamut, from the low of having an own-goal, to the high of praying for her teammate and Canadian Katie Thorlakson on a penalty kick in the second half, which sailed past the UCLA goalkeeper, giving the Irish new life.



Photo courtesy of the University of Notre Dame
Candace Chapman dribbles past a Santa Clara defender during the NCAA semifinal last week in North Carolina. She scored the lone goal of the game.

"It definitely was a roller coaster," she says. "From the moment I saw the ball roll into our net, I said 'it can't end like this.' On the TV timeout, we all got together, we all said we have to win because it can't end like that. When we got that penalty call and Katie put it in the net, I knew it was our game."

When the game went to penalty shots, Chapman acknowledged that it was a nerve-racking time for her and her teammates.

"I was nervous, though. I knew anything could happen on penalty shots. We practised them before the (final four) tournament," she says.

During the match, Chapman surely saved the Irish from defeat

by keeping a potential goal out of their net.

"They had a corner (kick) and one of our defenders went up for the ball. One of the UCLA players headed it to the side of the net and I was right there," she recalls. "I put my leg out and stopped it. I just saw it hit me and I said to myself 'I've got to get this out of here' and I kicked it out."

One of her finest moments in her collegiate career came in last Friday's semifinal victory over the University of Santa Clara Broncos of California. The Irish won 1-0 on a goal scored by Chapman.

"There was about 15 minutes left in the semifinal and I got the ball at midfield and I dribbled up the field.

The defenders were running back but when I hit the 18-yard box they came at me. I deked a player and passed to Katie (Thorlakson) who one-touched it back to me. All the defenders went to her and left me wide open."

Chapman says there was a certain chemistry and magic that surrounded the Irish this season, coming to the fore at a pre-season training trip to Brazil and ending with a national title last Sunday. In four years at the university, she had experienced only one playoff run, with the Irish ending its season in the "Sweet 16" in her sophomore season. But, this go-round was different right from the start.

"The team chemistry this year was so amazing. We had so many good players this season. For the players who started and the players who come off the bench, there was no drop-off in the level of play throughout the season. We were still competitive," says Chapman, one of three Canadian starters on the Irish, along with Melissa Tancredi, of Ancaster, and Thorlakson, of Langley, B.C.

The Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic High School graduate says the championship victory was especially sweet considering the long road of recovery she endured since injuring her anterior cruciate ligament in her knee last year, while attending a training camp with the Canadian national women's soccer team. It kept her out of the World Cup last year, as well as missing an entire season with the Irish.

She says the whirlwind of activity surrounding the national championship win has prevented her from considering next season. She has one more year of eligibility remaining with the Irish, and acknowledged it will be a different roster with many senior players graduating this year. She's also committed to resuming her career with the Canadian national women's team, with two camps in the new year. With Notre Dame, there's the spring season, with several practises as well as several exhibition games.

Big payday for Pickering curler

Richard Hart and mates curl up with \$21,500 in winnings

By Jim Eason
Special to the News Advertiser

AJAX — A Pickering resident and Olympian swept up a large chunk of money at the McCain TSN Skins Game at the Bathurst Curling Club in New Brunswick on Dec. 4 and 5.

Richard Hart, a member of the Glenn Howard rink, which curls out of Coldwater, Ontario, along with teammates Brent Laing and Craig Savill, chalked up \$29,500 in winnings at the prestigious event. The Howard foursome collected \$21,500 after Saturday's semifinal win over Nova Scotia's Mark Dacey. Despite losing to Kevin Martin in the final, Howard and company still managed to bank another \$8,000.

Next weekend, the Howard team takes the first step toward the right to represent Ontario at the Tim Hortons Brier. They're entered in the Zone 10 Ontario Curling Association Kia Motors playdowns in Gravenhurst. Two teams will advance from this double-knockout event to regionals in Milton on Jan. 8 and 9.

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An Annandale Curling Club team is also looking to curling for the opportunity to represent Ontario at the Tim Hortons Brier. Skip Gord Norton and teammates are headed for the Zone 6 Kia Motors zones in Unionville from Dec. 10 to 12. Two teams will advance from the double-knockout playdown to the regional slated for St. George's on Jan. 8 and 9.

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Three-time Canadian seniors' champion Bob Turcotte of Ajax captured the senior zone event in Richmond Hill last month. This season, however, his run ended at the regionals at the Omeme Curling Club on the weekend. He represented the Scarboro Golf and Country Club with teammates Roy Weigand, Wayne Lowe, and Steve McDermot. Turcotte says that is the end of his competitive curling for this season.

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Curling at Annandale will take a rest for the Christmas break between Dec. 22 through to Jan. 4. The next bonspiel on the books is a youth bonspiel planned for Saturday, Jan. 8.

Ajax judokas take down foes at Ontario Open

Budokan club returns with eight-medal haul

AJAX — Ajax Budokan Judo Club athletes enjoyed success at an elite-level competition in Toronto last weekend.

Thirty judokas with the club joined the more than 800 other

combatants from across Ontario and the U.S. at the Ontario Open Judo Championships at Downsview Park. Club members returned with eight medals, including three gold.

David Ancor led the way in the juvenile boys' category with a gold-medal performance in the minus-42 kilogram division. David Lan-

glois earned a bronze medal in the same weight class.

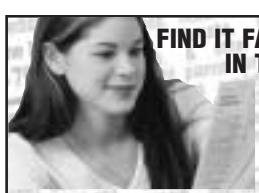
Matt Welsh was the silver medalist in the juvenile boys' minus-48 kilogram division.

Meanwhile, in juvenile women's category, Renee Guggino won the gold medal in the minus-48 kilogram division and Jessica Szabo was the silver medallist in the

minus-39 kilogram class.

In the IJF (16- to 19-year olds) junior male division, Johnny Bodenstein captured a gold medal at minus-55 kilogram bracket. Patrick Tremblay earned the bronze medal in the minus-60 kilogram division.

Jakub Majka was the bronze medallist in the IJF junior male minus-81 kilogram division.



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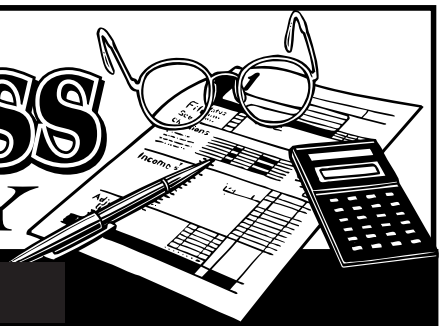
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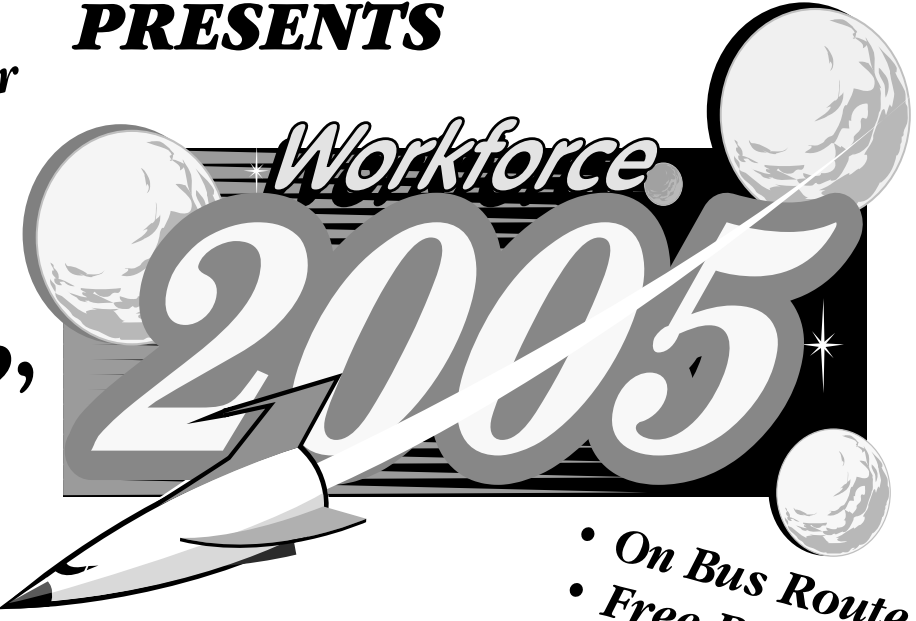
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AJAX — Riding the wave of its 11-0 regular-season record, the Ajax Knights MacMillan's Orchards/Eagle Ridge Roofing juvenile 'AA' rep hockey team swept its way to victory at the recent Mississauga Hornets Fall Classic Tournament.

In the 12-team event that featured teams from the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL) and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), the Knights crowned the Vaughan Kings in the final, earning a decisive 10-5 victory.

The Knights skated past the Streetsville Derbys 7-4 in the semifinal.

In earlier games, the Ajax juve-

niles posted an 8-1 win over the Goulding Park Rangers, 5-4 over the Scarborough Young Bruins and 10-5 over the Humbervalley Sharks.

Solid goaltending by Bryan Eustace and Dan Tavaris was supported by all players, with every team member showing up on the scoresheets.

Other team members are defencemen Jason Winder, Mike

Baker, Ryan Brogan, Kevin Bandola and Derek Kelloway and forwards John Foster, Dave Dwight, Sean Mensour, Ryan Gregorack, Kyle Tate, Stave Balvers, Alex Paddon, Josh O'Dea and Craig McDonald. Forward Andrew Sawyer was injured and didn't play.

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Jorken, Patchett win 12 medals

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Justin Jorken, of Pickering, and Julian Patchett, of Ajax, joined their Durham Dragons teammates at the International

Youth Meet of Champions at the indoor track facility at York University on Dec. 3 to 5. Jorken and Patchett each captured six medals, three gold and three silver apiece, to lead the Dragons.



Julian Patchett

In his return to the track, Jorken capped his weekend with a personal-time while running to gold in the juvenile men's 3,000 metres in a time of 9:48.33. He also earned gold in the 1,500 metres in 4:35.33 and silvers in the 400 metres (54.82) and in the 800 metres (2:08.18).
 Meanwhile, Patchett also set three personal best times in winning the bantam boys' 3,000 metres (10:36.50), the 1,500 metres (5:00.10) and while finishing second in the 800 metres

(2:24.19). He also came second in the 400 metres (54.84).
 Both Jorken and Patchett earned medals while competing with the Dragons' relay teams.
 Claremont's Harrison Wood also made great strides, earning a gold medal in the tyke boys' 400 metres (1:11.19) and finishing second in the 800 metres (2:55.21). He was also fourth in the 200 metres.
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